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AN AUDITORIUM IS NEEDED.

OF the many projects which have been suggested for Eugene in connection with the coming PWA program, an auditorium is most likely to return the city visible dividends. Eugene, next to Portland is the most natural traffic center in the state. With the completion of the new Willamette highway and the new Santiam-Clear Lake-McKenzie connection, Eugene will be accessible from every direction at every season. Eugene could be an important convention city but is not, mainly because it is surprisingly lacking in convention facilities. The armory is totally inadequate. McArthur court is difficult even for purely local activities aside from athletics for which the building was actually constructed.

Town and University by well planned cooperation could make an auditorium really profitable. This is not guesswork. Chicago for generations has built traffic and business out of conventions and is still doing so notwithstanding the modern competition which has developed with the building of immense auditoriums in Atlantic City, Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis. Nor is the field limited to the metropolitan cities. Springfield, Massachusetts, by reason of admirable facilities rivals Boston as the meeting place of New England.

The cost of an auditorium suitable to Eugene's needs and prospects has been estimated at $500,000, but this figure should be given new study because it was made years ago. Possibly the plans made at that time would not need a great deal of revision but the size and purposes of the building should determine the scope; not an arbitrary figure. An auditorium skillfully and intelligently planned will be a good investment whether the cost is greater or less than $500,000.

In any case the city by building now would receive 45 percent of the cost as a gift from Uncle Sam, borrowing the rest on limited time and low interest. The determining factor must be whether the city with its lingering debt can afford any new ventures. This debt is now $898,690.45 in general bonds and $948,958.32 in refunded improvement bonds. There is cash on hand to meet the remaining $21,080.62 in warrants. There is more than $150,000 in the general sinking fund. There is nearly $90,000 in the improvement bond sinking fund and large sums due from assessments. Roughly, we owe $768,000 to be retired between now and 1957 throurh generdl taxes and the question is can we afford to add another $275,000 for the city's share of an auditorium?

Or, as some see it, the question is can we afford to wait many years for such an important structure? The question deserves earnest and public discussion. Many of our suggested projects can wait. We can get along for many years with our city hall and courthouse and without an elaborate natatorium. Of the many possible and desirable projects, the auditorium comes nearest a civic necessity, in our situation. It is argued by some that Eugene has done more than its share for the University. Common sense dictates that University and town should share an auditorium, but town would probably use it most. Nor should we forget that virtually every PWA project so far has been financed exclusively by the University. Eugene so far has not participated except as the University has stepped out to build its new library, and infirmary and physical education plant—a program totalling more than $1,100,000.

We invite from our readers discussion of an auditorium.

ROUTE F OPENING ASSURED.

BY next spring, the much discussed short-road from Eugene to the Lane coast will be opened for traffic through the cooperative efforts of the county, WPA, and the resettlement administration which ties in with the CCC and the forest service. The plan is the result of the untiring efforts of Stanley Stevenson, Walter Ransom and Clarence Simon as the road committee of the Eugene chamber of commerce.

The federal authorities will provide some 300 men and they will also help the county in furnishing the necessary machinery and tools for the work. Up Knowles creek from the Mapleton side and up Turner creek from the Richardson turnoff they will build and rock modern grade to the site for the tunnel which will eventually eliminate the "hump". Across the ridge they will construct a road of forest standard to carry traffic till the tunnel can be built, and the winter crews may even be able to accomplish some tunnel work.

The Route F which will be opened to traffic next spring will not be the completed super-highway to the coast which is the goal of the planners, but it will open the route to effective use. This will be the most compelling argument for having the road taken over by the federal bureau and state highway commission for permanent maintenance, and improvement.

The new plan is particularly commendable because it avoids the mistake of pressuring state and federal road officials for the use of funds which they have no power to transfer. To say that Route F could never have been forced into the regular highway "program" would be overstatement because anything is possible politically and this sort of thing has been done. Portland and allied communities to the north forced their "short-roads-to-the-sea" onto the highway plan, but they haven't been completed yet and Lane county may be able to demonstrate effective use of Route F before the others are built.

This is extremely important because the completion of the Turner-Knowles creek road, even including the tunnel, will not give us the completed highway of the future. Only a few miles of West Eleventh west of Eugene have been rebuilt to modern standards and the completion of this work through Veneta and Noti and Walton to Richardson will be a $2,000,000 project in itself. Opening the line from Richardson to Mapleton will be the most practical argument for adoption of the rest of the project.

Route F follows the line on which the Siuslaw highway should have been built. No use moaning now because it wasn't. Lane county long ago recognized the opening of the route as "up to us". In the pre-depression days, the county with its own money built the entire grade to Richardson. Then funds ran out, controls were shifted, delays were encountered, misunderstandings developed, and that is why the new plan is so sensible. It drops arguments and gets results.

A Pittsburgh economic authority predicted Louis' downfall. Maybe a sports writer is the one to query on the comeback of Kid Prosperity.

An 87-year-old resident of Richmond, Va., says he keeps young by tap-dancing. It is a way to keep from growing old, if the people who live below you are irritable.

"Rings of Saturn are beginning to disappear." If they are replaced with iron ones, it is a testimonial of Il Duce's persuasive powers.

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, July 8.—President Roosevelt has a fine chance to start making good on his acceptance speech when he appoints the five members of the new Maritime Authority, which will plan, build up, regulate, and subsidize the American merchant marine.

But it will be practically a miracle if this commission is kept out of the hands of the shipping promoters who have been draining huge profits from federal subsidies ever since the war and have left the taxpayers with a pitifully inadequate merchant fleet.

The new ship subsidy act, latest of many efforts to expand the merchant marine, was a victory for those who sought safeguards against the predatory promoters who have dominated Secretary of Commerce Roper's shipping board bureau and continued the scandals of previous administrations.

The shipping lobbyists shrieked in anguish after frantic efforts to defeat it.

The victory will be empty unless an authority is appointed which will make those safeguards operative. The subsidy lobby seeks to pack the commission and its staff with as many friends, "plants," stooges, and pipe-lines as it can get in.

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LOBBY BOOSTS McINTYRE

Operators are said to be making a strong drive for appointment of White House Secretary Marvin McIntyre as one of the five commissioners. Big-hearted "Mac" has always been their pal.

Some who know Roosevelt's mind believe that McIntyre has been a sufficient embarrassment in his present job to cause the president to consider him seriously for one of the merchant marine posts.

If Shipping Board Director J. C. Peacock and Assistant Secretary of Commerce J. M. Johnson were also appointed, the set-up would be perfect for the promoters. Johnson once boasted of his merchant marine knowledge to a Senate committee by saying: "I can handle a small boat as well as any man in this room."

Senators and representatives responsible for the safeguarding features of the act are backing such men as Thomas M. Woodward, consumers' counsel for the coal commission and formerly with the shipping board; Solicitor Karl Crowley of the Postoffice Department; Congressman Edward C. Moran of Maine, prominent in the subsidy battle in Congress; Otto Praeger of the shipping board; and O. P. Brown, formerly of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

All these men have demonstrated a lack of subservience to shipping interests.

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HANDLES HUGE SUMS

The Authority will handle hundreds of millions of dollars in loans and direct subsidies, after outlining a policy as to just what's needed for a merchant marine.

The biggest innovation in the new act is its attempt to guarantee building of new ships through an authorization for the commission to construct and charter vessels, with wide discretion, if it finds that necessary.

Salary limitation of $25,000 and strict accounting systems are provided, plus recapture on profits over 10 per cent, and strict regulation of holding companies and subsidiaries which heretofore have siphoned off profits from subsidies.

Operating subsidies will be granted to cover difference between foreign and American costs. Construction costs are to be subsidized similiarly, the Authority paying full cost to the shipbuilder, charging the foreign differential t othe Treasury, and selling the ship to the operator for at least 25 per cent of the cost in cash and the remaining 75 per cent in 20-year notes.

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The act, essentially similar to the bill Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania offred as a substitute for the Bland-Copeland bill favored by the lobby, was passed after Senators Black of Alabama and Clark of Missouri had filibustered against the billion-dollar Treasury-Postoffice appropriation bill which carried $26,500,000 in ocean mail subsidies.

Lobbyists, who had thought they had the Senate bill stopped in the House, were thrown into confusion. White House pressure resulted in House passage under a special rule, whereupon Black and Clark smilingly stopped filibustering.

It was one of the outstanding victories of the session for congressional liberals, who now hope it won't turn out to be an empty triumph.

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AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine.

THE sick baby or child must be suitably clothed, to provide for its temperature and to permit the necessary attention. In summer, the materials next to the skin should be thin, and the warmth of the body may be regulated by covers. In colder weather a night dress or gown, or simple pajamas, may be worn.

In the hospital it is customary to have a typical hospital jacket, which makes fairly easy frequent examinations of the chest.

In the case of a sick child, the doctor will want to listen repeatedly to sounds of heart and lungs. Arrangements must be made so the child will not be too greatly exposed to changes of temperature during this process.

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Many mothers fear bathing of the child during illness. However, a bath is of greatest importance, not only for cleanliness, but for control of temperature. When a baby is sick, it must be bathed frequently.

Sometimes, unfortunately, the baby will be so ill that it has to be bathed in bed, instead of a tub. When this is necessary, the first step is to see that the room is properly heated, that there are no drafts, and that an hour has passed since the child has had a meal.

Fresh bed clothing, towels, and wash cloth should be placed at the foot of the bed. The utensils used in washing should be on a table beside crib or bed.

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When everything is ready, the bath proceeds as follows: The sick child is covered with a blanket and undressed under it. The soiled clothing is placed either in a laundry bag or on sheets of paper ready for wrapping.

A bath towel is spread under the child's head and neck, which then are washed with the wash cloth wrung out of water, and with soap if desirable. After the face, neck, ears, and upper arms are washed, they are dried with the face towel, and the bath towel is removed from under the head. It is then placed lengthwise under the patient and chest and abdomen are washed carefully.

If turning does not cause pain, the child is turned to the side, and its back is washed while the bath towel is placed lengthwise, close to the back.

Then the bath towel is spread lengthwise under each leg separately, and the legs are washed and dried. The child must be well protected by being covered with the blanket during the procedure of changing.

After the bath, the child may be rubbed with alcohol, or, if too young for this, powder may be applied generously. Then the patient is dressed under the blanket in clean sleeping garments.

If the child has been having much fever, cold cream or vaseline may be applied to the lips to overcome dryness and crusting.

SIDE GLANCES

"Don't just stand there, doctor! Win him ever."

CLUB MEETING IN RIVERVIEW SET

RIVERVIEW, July 8.—The Women's club will meet Thursday afternoon at the school house with Mrs. Empex, Mrs. Lawrence Henderson, Mrs. Horsell and Mrs. Hogue as hostesses. There will be work and ladies are asked to bring needles, thimbles and scissors.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick of Montana visited at the Neave home last week. Mrs. Fitzpatrick will be remembered as a sister of Mrs. Riley Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dunn announce the birth of a 7½ lb. son, July 6, at the Eugene hospital.

Home from Tillamook

Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Johnson returned from Tillamook the last of the week. They were called there by the serious illness of Mr. Morgan's daughter, Cindy.

Mrs. Frances Krum, who has been at the M. J. Harper home for several months, was called to Portland by the illness of her daughter last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harper and family and Mrs. Mary Wing and family spent the Fourth at the coast.

F. D. Requests That Departments Have Funds Remaining

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—With a view to reducing federal expenditures, President Roosevelt said today he had asked all heads of departments to apportion this fiscal year's appropriations in such a way that they will have something left over.

The president also announced that Daniel W. Bell, acting budget director, had sent out another letter to department chiefs requesting them to hold their estimates for next year's appropriations to an amount below the corresponding appropriations for the current fiscal year.

The president, in a letter to his executive aides, asked that they apportion their funds with a "kitty" left over. In the spring, he said, he would issue an order to them to show cause why this "kitty" should be spent.

Less than 1 per cent of the children in the elementary schools of London are poorly fed.

MARTHA CAMPBELL, graduate of "Hollywood Beauty College" now at City Shop.

Church Groups Plan Social Events

Church groups are active this week, planning several affairs for Sunday schools, aid groups, choirs, etc.

The choir of Central Presbyterian church is being entertained by Mrs. Bernice Zeller and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ingalls at their home, Wednesday evening, the group meeting for a potluck supper at six-thirty o'clock. Additional guests will include Rev. and Mrs. Milton S. Weber and family.

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church is holding a picnic Thursday, starting at two o'clock, the supper to be at six-thirty o'clock. The gathering is planned in Skinner Butte park. Ted Brown is general chairman. C. P. Devereaux is chairman for games. Frank Pattison is in charge of refreshments, and Mrs. A. D. George is chairman of the devotional service to be held while the group is at the table.

Two Aid Divisions Meet Tuesday

About twenty attended the picnic luncheon given by the Central division of Central Presbyterian Aid society, Tuesday, in Skinner Butte park, honoring Mrs. J. W. Kays, visitor from California. Mrs. H. C. Ormiston is chairman of the division.

Members of the North division of the Presbyterian Aid entertained for members of the South division at the Westminster house, Tuesday afternoon, thirty-four attending. An informal musical program was given. Miss Lucy Norton sang, accompanied by Mrs. J. D. Bryant, and Victor Bryant sang, also accompanied by Mrs. Bryant.

Auxiliary Group Going to Meet

A group of eleven will go from the auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars here to Albany for the state convention being held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The Eugene auxiliary is the largest in the state. Those going from here will be Mrs. Barney Miller, president of the local group; Mrs. Clinton D. Chezem, a state officer; and the following delegates: Mrs. John Quiner, Mrs. John Marshall, Mrs. Lester Hill, Mrs. Roy Peterson, Mrs. Arthur McChesney, Mrs. Harvey Veatch, Mrs. Loyal Adkison, Mrs. Herman Widman, Mrs. Claude Silkwood.

The local group held its meeting Tuesday evening, naming the delegates.

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ANNIVERSARY EVENT IS FRID

Dr., Mrs. Burnett Plan Informal Reception

AMONG social events for the late week will be the informal reception for which Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Burnett are entertaining at their home Friday evening in observance of their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. About two hundred friends and relatives have been invited to call from eight until eleven o'clock.

Assisting at the affair will be Dr. and Mrs. Burnett's daughters, Mrs. W. A. Dahlberg and Mrs. Victor Bryant and their son, Dr. Foster Burnett. Mrs. O. G. Murray of Olympia, Wash., sister of Mrs. Burnett, and her two daughters, Patricia and Beth, and Mrs. Juanita Jeffers, also of Olympia, will be here for the event, too.

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THURSDAY EVENTS VARY

Among gatherings arranged for Thursday will be the monthly luncheon of the Eugene Business and Professional Women's club at the Cafe Del Rey, Thursday noon. Miss Mozelle Hair, past state president of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, will be speaker for the day.

The larger affair for Thursday afternoon will be the reception to be given by the Women's Relief corps for all patriotic societies of Eugene and Springfield. The reception will be from two until five o'clock at the armory. Mrs. Ella Bray is chairman for the gathering.

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LODGE PLANS MEETING

The Eugene Neighbors of Woodcraft will hold their regular meeting Thursday evening at the W. O. W. hall. There will be entertainment and refreshments following the business session. Mrs. John Zimmer is chairman for the evening.

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CLUB PICNIC THURSDAY

A picnic has been planned by members of the Westover club for Thursday afternoon at one o'clock in Skinner Butte park.

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VISITORS LEAVE

Mrs. Albert E. Smith of Seattle has left for her home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas S. Wells.

Miss Dorothy Cooley of San Francisco, who also has been a guest of Mrs. Wells, has left for her home, too.

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HONORS VISITOR

Miss Celeste Campbell entertained at two informal affairs the past week, honoring Mrs. Fred J. Clark, former resident, who is here from Hancock, Mich.

On Friday afternoon, Miss Campbell entertained members of the Shakespeare club, of which Mrs. Clark was a member while here. Mrs. Clark sang a group of Shakespeare songs. Mrs. Carl G. Washburne and Mrs. Nelson F. Macduff assisted at the tea hour.

On Monday afternoon, Miss Campbell invited the alumnae of Mu Phi Epsilon for an informal tea. Mrs. Robert Lemon and Miss Wanda Eastwood assisted at the tea.

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VISIT HERE

Mrs. Ida Irish of Portland was a visitor over the week-end as guest of Mrs. H. Rehmen. Mrs. Irish's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tingley, accompanied her, then going on to the coast. All the visitors are former residents of Eugene.

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VISIT HERE

Mrs. Alice Robbins and daughter, Betty Grace, of Klamath Falls, have been visitors here as guests of Mrs. Nancy Towers and of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones in Springfield.

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LEAVE FOR SOUTH

Mrs. Keith Fennell and small son, Victor Dean, have left for Long Beach, Cal., to spend a month.

Calendar

Wednesday

3-5 p. m.—Pi Lambda Theta tea, Gerlinger hall.

8 p. m.—Catholic Daughters of America meeting, St. Joseph's hall.

Thursday

12 noon—Monthly luncheon for Eugene Business and Professional Women's club, Cafe Del Rey.

1 p. m.—Westover club meeting, Skinner Butte park.

2-5 p. m.—Reception sponsored by W. R. C. for patriotic orders, armory.

8 p. m.—Meeting of W. B. A., Moose hall.

8 p. m.—Neighbors of Woodcraft meeting, W. O. W. hall.

Mrs. Day Is Honored On Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Chase entertained Tuesday evening, honoring the birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Day, visitor from Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Day is leaving soon for the east after a visit of several months here with relatives.

During the evening the Springfield Baptist church men's quartet sang. Following were the guests for the evening: Mrs. Elizabeth Day, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Scott and son, Don, of Walterville; Mrs. Lulu Key, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibbons, June and Don Gibbons, Mrs. Alice Gibbons of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Iseminger, Miss Grace Iseminger, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Scott and son, Douglas, A. M. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Scott, Rolland Farnsworth, Stephen Rice, Leland Lawrence Chase, and Miss Gayle Chase.

Rev., Mrs. C[illegible] To Be Hon[illegible] At Picnic

Honoring Rev. and Mrs. Clark, former residents [illegible] who are here from Ha[illegible] as guests of A. E. Wh[illegible] bers of Chapter AM of [illegible] Sisterhood are entertaining [illegible] picnic supper, Thursday [illegible]

The picnic will be at [illegible] in Skinner Butte park [illegible] members of the chapter [illegible] families.

Mrs. H. L. Edmunds, [illegible] G. Talbot, Mrs. Charles [illegible] Mrs. S. A. Conner, Mrs. [illegible] nett, and Mrs. C. A. Br[illegible] the social committee in [illegible]

Alumnae Gues[illegible] Mrs. Marlat[illegible]

Zeta Tau Alpha alu[illegible] entertained at the home [illegible] Charles R. Marlatte for [illegible] and social gathering, Tu[illegible] ning. The affair was for [illegible] alumnae and visiting alum[illegible]

Those attending were [illegible] King, Miss Lucille Cotnum, [illegible] Lord, Miss Alice Gerot, [illegible] helmina Gerot, Miss Alit[illegible] Miss Margaret Sprague, M[illegible] Christie, and Mrs. Marlat[illegible]

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