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THE PROBLEM OF THE JAIL

What the city of Eugene and our Lane county government should consider—along with temporary adjustments of the jail problem—is the erection of a well-placed, well planned building which will be the permanent headquarters of all public safety operations—state, county and city police; jail facilities and police courts; fire department, signal systems. Till money can be found and a financial plan devised for doing a proper job, the problem seems to be one of management and cooperation with the least waste of money.

From time to time we have had proposals for a modern county-city building to replace both the present, antiquated city hall and the equally antiquated courthouse. This, however, would be a project running into big figures. It is not as urgent as our need of some new school buildings, and it is doubtful if it could be carried out without impairing our present program of retiring debt and ultimate lower taxes.

Furthermore, there is a considerable body of expert opinion which holds that police and fire department and safety operations generally should be separated (although preferably nearby) from the center of civil activities.

Today we have three sets of police in three or four different places on different telephone connections and the fire department is another unit. It would be a stroke for efficiency to bring them under one roof, into one central night and day telephone hookup and to begin recognizing that all safety operations ought to be coordinated.

The city of Eugene may not be as "hard up" as it seems. The present city hall is one of the most valuable properties in downtown Eugene, and badly located with reference to the courthouse, the postoffice and other public buildings, badly located for motorized fire and police work. Sale of this property (and eventually the also obsolete library), relocation on the new super-highway and near the courthouse and the development of a grouping of public buildings—these things ought to be considered.

CLASSES FOR NEW CITIZENS

It seems a shame that with some 700 aliens registered at the Eugene postoffice only about 15 have been taking the course to prepare them for their citizenship examination which has been offered under WPA. That argues to begin with that there has not been enough effort to inform the future citizens that there is such a course.

From Nels T. Jorgerson, well known in this community for many years as a concrete contractor, we get some additional light on this matter. Mr. Jorgerson, born in Denmark, and his wife, born in England, have been among the 15 students studying American history and American institutions at the Odd Fellows hall every Wednesday evening in the class conducted by Warren M. Olney.

The members of the class were disturbed the other night to learn that Mr. Olney is to be transferred because the small attendance in his class does not warrant keeping him on this job. According to Dr. Robert T. Bailey, directing the WPA night classes, sufficient "hours" for Mr. Olney will be found at another town and a new and younger teacher put in his place.

But, the 15 men and women who have been studying with Mr. Olney think the small attendance is not his fault, and they think he ought to stay on at least till some effort is made to build the Americanization classes up.

There seems to be a little underlying question of the teaching methods. Mr. Olney according to Mr. Jorgerson is one of those old fashioned gentlemen who packs into the lessons a good deal in addition to what is prescribed in the manual for "getting by the court." He has taken them afield into all sorts of little inquiries into their own city and school and county government as well as the outlines of government in the United States. He has rambled at length discussing Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln and the Constitution and the Declaration and the wars.

"The new man told us," said Mr. Jorgerson, "that he wasn't going to bother us with a lot of unimportant dates and things like that, but we think those things are important. We could pass the examination just by reading what's in the manual, but we want more than that. We want to learn all we can about this country."

No doubt rules are rules and if WPA regulations require the transfer of one man

and the substitution of another, perhaps we should not interfere. We know little about "teaching standards" or "methods," but it seems to us that possibly this Mr. Olney might be one of those natural teachers you encounter now and then.

Anyhow, whether Mr. Olney stays or goes, whether the old fashioned history teaching is followed or dropped, we think these Americanization classes should be built up—without delay. As Mr. Jorgerson says: "It is an amazing thing that when the United States offers us citizenship and even offers to teach us what we ought to know, that every person seeking his papers isn't down there night after night."

ONE IN 1969

Of our population of something more than 130,000,000, one person out of every 1969 is in prison.

That is based on the Bureau of the Census' estimate of today's prison population as 66,000 persons in 108 prisons and reformatories in 46 states and 18 federal institutions.

It makes one think of the great-hearted Eugene V. Debs, who once said, "As long as a single person remains in prison, I am not free."

But there is this good side of it: all over the world, scores of thousands of men and women are in prison for opinion, for political non-conformity. In the United States, not more than a handful of these 66,000 imprisoned men and women are paying for political "sins."

In Miami the Professional Golfers' Association is planning a match in which they hope to include the Duke of Windsor. Make it polo and he'll fall.

The latest dope is that Hitler will start his English invasion the middle of February, at which time he is expected to change his mind again.

Germans can now get permits for stoves in air-raid shelters. We thought the R.A.F. was making it plenty hot.

People find out how foolish it is to stay up all night when it suddenly dawns on them.

Pull won't open the door to success nearly as well as push.

Now that Christmas is over for another year we can all settle down—and up!

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

"AIN'T IT WONDERFUL?"

(Astorian Budget)

An advertisement recently hit our desk, sponsored by Scribner's Commentator magazine, "dedicated to the millions of earnest Americans who are now working to keep this country from involvement in foreign wars."

The copy, exhibits a little, golden-haired girl holding a rag doll. Along side, in big type, reads "Her Daddy for Defense Only." Then the script continues: "The time has come when we must at last realize that there is no such thing as going one-quarter, one-half or two-thirds along the road to war. Going half-way to war is like trying to jump half-way over Niagara Falls."

"America senses this," the advertisement continues, "despite clever smoke-screens (and), public opinion polls show that we are still 84 per cent against active participation in Europe's struggles. Yet a shrewd, well organized and exceedingly busy pressure group works upon our natural sympathies for Britain and urges us to play an even more active role at her side."

Then the public is urged to "write" their congressmen "imploping them to beware each and every 'entangling step' that may lead to war... oppose repeal of the Johnson act (which bars loans to nations owing us money)... and in general it is all directed against repeal of Hiram Johnson's measure, which Henry Morgenthau said he would most certainly honor and which means England gets no loans until they pay their war debt, which of course is impossible in these times."

Without commenting pro or con on advisability of repealing the Johnson act at this stage of the proceedings, there is one magnificent illusion which should be spiked. And that illusion is that we are "giving" Great Britain anything right now, despite the fact that Britain is standing like a wall of humanity between rich America and hungry axis powers in Europe.

James S. Pope, managing editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, recently became fed up with the cant that puts the cause of democracy in terms of dollars. The blast appeared after RFC Chairman Jesse H. Jones had said, "Britain is a good risk for a loan." Editor Pope commented on our so-called "aid to Britain" very effectively.

"In heaven's high name," he cried, "how have we aided England? When? Whose sacrifice produced the aid? ..."

"We have SOLD England an indeterminate number of military airplanes. She has paid cash. She has come and got them."

"We have SOLD England, I understand, some old rifles and various shipments of ammunition. She paid cash. She came and got them."

"Finally, in a moment of benign generosity, we traded England some rotting destroyers for some air and naval bases so valuable to our defense that even Mr. Churchill had difficulty justifying the deal to his Parliament."

"We are going to sell her more and more planes, if our factories will just decide to produce them fast enough."

"We are going to sell England practically anything she wants—if we don't want it first. ..."

"And Napoleon called England a nation of shopkeepers!"

"Oh, America, thou valiant, thou strong! Land of freedom! Eternal foe of cruelty and oppression, defender of men's minds and men's properties—of men's rights!"

"What an inspiration we are. ... We are opening our hearts. We are opening our order books."

"We are in the throes of a pleasant national orgy of 'aid to England.'"

"Ain't it wonderful?"

Women Plan Activities For Benefit

By MARIAN LOWRY

THE women of Eugene are making their plans to help with the Lane county contributions to the president's birthday funds toward control of infantile paralysis. Saturday, January 25, has been set as the date for the benefit party to be given by the women.

MEETINGS MONDAY

Three sorority alumnae clubs are holding their meetings Monday evening.

Sigma Kappa alumnae are to meet at the home of Miss Jean Hewitt.

Alpha Gamma Delta alumnae are meeting at the home of Mrs. Glenn Byrnes.

The Delta Delta Delta Alliance is to meet with Miss Alice Hope.

Another meeting slated for Monday evening is that of Beta Sigma Phi, at the home of Miss Elma Doris Havemann.

P. E. O. MEETING

Chapter H of P. E. O. Sisterhood is to meet Monday evening at the home of Mrs. A. E. Caswell.

FOR MONDAY

Willamette Court of the Amaranth will hold a covered dish dinner Monday at six o'clock at the Masonic temple.

The business meeting will be at eight o'clock, and installation, at eight-thirty.

The sewing club of Women of the Moose will meet Monday at seven-thirty o'clock with Mrs. Cora Parker.

Harmony class of the First Baptist church will hold its monthly potluck dinner Monday evening at the church.

General Lawton auxiliary of the U. S. W. V. will install officers at the meeting Monday at seven-thirty at the armory.

Mrs. Creed Brattain, 1138 Jefferson street, will entertain the Philatelic club of the First Methodist church Monday at eight o'clock.

Women's Benefit Association will meet Monday at eight o'clock at Moose hall.

Maccabees will meet Monday at eight o'clock with Mrs. George A. Simon. Officers will be installed.

FOR TUESDAY

Mrs. H. A. Moore, Eighth and Polk, will entertain the Obsidian Princesses Tuesday at eight o'clock. Miss Margaret Thompson will be co-hostess.

The Women's Missionary society of the First Christian church will meet Tuesday at two-thirty o'clock in the white room of the church.

The Women's Union of Central Presbyterian church will hold its monthly luncheon Tuesday at one o'clock in the church chapel with North division members as hostesses.

OTHER MEETINGS SET

The executive board of the SEE SOCIETY PAGE 8

A. A. U. W. Tea and Program Draws Large Group Sunday

A large group attended the program and tea of the Eugene branch of the American Association of University Women, Sunday afternoon at Gerlinger hall.

Ernest G. Moll of the University faculty, and the 1940 winner of the Australian Commonwealth literary award, read selections from the volume of poetry on which he won the award. He also read others of his poems, some of them not as yet printed.

Tea was served. The meeting was a guest one.

Announcement was made the local branch is cooperating with the national A. A. U. W. in the defense work program. Here the A. A. U. W. will canvass its membership to find those who are equipped to do certain things befitting that training for defense. The group took up a silver offer to be given over to aid refugee university women.

The next A. A. U. W. meeting will be a luncheon February 15 at the Osburn hotel.

SHOWER PLANNED FOR MISS WILLIAN

WALTERVILLE, Jan. 13.—(Special)—Invitations were issued last week for a miscellaneous bridal shower to be given in honor of Laurel Edith Willian. The shower will be at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Page.

SANTA CLARA CLUB PLANNING MEETING

Santa Clara Thimble club announces a meeting for Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Roy Overgard.

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Calendar

Monday

6:30 p. m.—Amaranth dinner, Masonic temple.

Monday evening—Harmony class dinner, First Baptist church.

7:15 p. m.—Chapter H of P. E. O. meeting, home of Mrs. A. E. Caswell.

7:30 p. m.—Alpha Gamma Delta alumnae meeting, home of Mrs. Glenn Byrnes.

7:30 p. m.—Sigma Kappa alumnae meeting, home of Miss Jean Hewitt.

7:30 p. m.—Delta Delta Delta Alliance meeting, home of Miss Alice Hope.

7:30 p. m.—U.S.W.V. auxiliary meets at the armory.

7:30 p. m.—Women of Moose sewing club meets with Mrs. Cora Parker.

7:30 p. m.—B. of R. T. auxiliary meets at Moose hall.

Monday evening—American Legion auxiliary executive board meets with Mrs. Ruth Johnston.

7:45 p. m.—Beta Sigma Phi meeting, home of Miss Elma Doris Havemann.

8 p. m.—Philatelic club of First Methodist church meets with Mrs. Creed Brattain.

8 p. m.—Maccabees meet with Mrs. George A. Simon.

8 p. m.—W. B. A. meets at Moose hall.

Tuesday

Tuesday afternoon—Circle meetings of W.S.C.S. of First Christian church as given elsewhere in this section.

1 p. m.—Women's Union luncheon, Central Presbyterian church.

1:30 p. m.—Madreitas club meeting, home of Mrs. D. V. Harber.

1:30 p. m.—Girl Scouts council party, home of Mrs. G. A. Metzger.

2 p. m.—Typographical Union auxiliary meeting at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Barber.

2:30 p. m.—Women's Missionary society meets at First Christian church.

6:30 p. m.—Santa Clara P-T. A. supper and meeting, schoolhouse.

6:30 p. m.—Justamere club dinner with Mrs. B. F. Stutzer.

6:30 p. m.—DeMolay Mothers' club dinner, Masonic temple.

6:30 p. m.—American Legion and auxiliary dinner, Moose hall.

7 p. m.—Mothers of Girl Scouts, troop 4, meeting at Scout center.

7:30 p. m.—N. O. W. Thimble club meets with Mrs. Arthur Lundstrom.

8 p. m.—R. N. A. meets at Moose hall.

8 p. m.—Obsidian Princesses meet with Mrs. H. H. Moore.

ALTAR DIVISION MEETING ON TUESDAY

A meeting of the Fourth division of St. Mary's Altar society will be held at the home of Mrs. Roland T. Burghardt, 1836 Harris street, Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Mrs. C. J. Crittendon will be co-hostess.

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Anniversary Observed On Sunday

THE twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Otto O. Olson was observed Sunday evening at a party attended by a large group of relatives and friends at the home of Mr. Olson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson.

A buffet supper was served to more than forty. A five-tiered cake, in pink and white, centered the table, while silver candelabra inset with white candles carried out the theme of the event. A complete set of silverware and other gifts were presented to the honored couple. Mrs. Olson was also given a corsage of white gardenias.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson were married at Shafer, North Dakota, on January 12, 1916. They moved to Oregon in the fall of 1921, and have lived in Eugene for almost fourteen years. They have two daughters, Mrs. Leonard M. Scroggins of Portland, and Mrs. Harold McDowell of San Jose, California.

Guests at the party included Mr. and Mrs. Nels Lassen, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. August Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jensen and sons Jimmy and Richard, Mrs. May Ecklund, Mrs. Hazel Eyer, Miss Lila McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Hasselroth, Mrs. Hannah Hasselroth, Mr. Glenn R. Hasselroth, Mrs. Anna Larsen, Mrs. Grace Kerley, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell and son Larry, Mr. S. H. Baker, Mr. Wayne Baker, Miss Phyllis Landsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wechsler, Betty Wechsler, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Olson, and the honored couple.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olson, Mr. and Mrs. William Lourer, Mrs. Cora Olson, all of Creswell; Mrs. Ellen Granberg of Sanish, North Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Scroggins of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Stone of Harrisburg.

Erickson-Farrow Wedding Announced

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Ina Farrow to Clifford Erickson, the ceremony being held December 9 in Reno, Nevada, Rev. William Moll Case, former pastor of the Central Presbyterian church here, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Scroggins of Eugene were present for the wedding. Mrs. Scroggins is Mrs. Erickson's mother.

Following a trip through California, Mr. and Mrs. Erickson are at home in Eugene at 361 West Broadway.

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