

Taxes Distributed To Cities, Schools

The eight cities of Lane county Thursday received a distribution of city taxes from County Treasurer Grace Schiska. In addition, the treasurer made a distribution of \$10,671.93 to a number of the school districts in the county.

The cities were given the following respective sums: Eugene, \$8398.77; Springfield, \$667.73; Creswell, \$43.18; Coburg, \$21.69; Cottage Grove, \$419.79; Junction City, \$100.75; Florence, \$37.01; Oakridge, \$49.88.

Aluminum Clay-

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In congress for the splendid fight they have put up for the construction of this plant in the northwest," McNutt said.

John W. Keely, secretary of the Oregon post-war commission, said that such a plant could be built in about 18 months. Three hundred men would be needed to build it, he estimates, and 150 men could run it after completion. Kelly pointed out that the plant could not be located in any large city because of existing labor shortages.

The demonstration plant as authorized by the war production board would be constructed by the Chemical Construction company of New York and would be operated by the Columbia Metals corporation of Seattle.

Of 50-ton capacity, the plant would demonstrate the process of substantial tonnages of clay from deposit sites in the northwest, thus making it possible to build a plant for the production of large tonnages of alumina from the most

economical site and using the most advantageous deposit. A total of \$4,000,000 has already been allotted for plant construction and equipment. The WPB and the defense plant corporation will have final say upon the site of the demonstration plant.

City Manager-

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a perfect form," Etter stated, continuing: "Its success or failure turns in large part on the manager; it places a heavy load on one person; there may be a lack of political leadership in a manager city; but, it has generally reduced the unit costs of services and has been abandoned by few cities."

Earlier in his talk he discussed the history of forms of city government, going back to colonial forms and the varied set-ups that followed the American Revolution on down through times since.

By 1916, the manager plan had started on its way, he said. "It has grown quite steadily ever since. Few cities have abandoned it and along with the strong-mayor plan, it has continued the trend toward a strong, single executive," he added.

Discussing what has given rise to each form of city government, Etter said "As for the manager plan, the disadvantages of the commission plan, plus a desire to organize city government completely along business lines have contributed to bringing this form into prominence."

Following his talk, members of the league participated in a discussion. City manager form of government has been one point featured in the league's studies and activities for good government.

USES Announces Shift In Directing Staff

Shifts in personnel of the United States employment service, directly affecting the Eugene branch, were announced here today. The changes became effective Thursday, October 21.

George A. Belloni, field supervisor of Area 1, including field offices at Albany, Bend, Corvallis, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Lebanon, Marshfield, Medford, Roseburg, and Toledo, will leave next week for military service. His position will be taken by Guy W. Lang, former supervisor of Area 2, former superintendent of schools in Washington, who has been with the USES since 1937 and served as manager at McMinnville.

Eldon Cone, former manager at The Dalles, Ontario, and McMinnville, will replace Lang for Area 2, including USFS offices at Astoria, Baker, Hermiston, Hood River, La Grande, McMinnville, Ontario, Pendleton, Salem, The Dalles, and Tillamook. Joseph D. Wilson, senior employment officer at Salem, will become manager at McMinnville. Lang and Cone will maintain office in the Portland administrative headquarters.

New Polio-

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Dissatisfaction with the city health board's decision not to close the schools. Tuesday and Wednesday, parents gradually were sending their children back, many of them bringing their children and reporting that they had been "misinformed."

"They said they had received telephone calls from unknown persons in many cases, according to Dr. J. F. Cramer, city schools superintendent. Some of these anonymous telephoned stated: "Edison school will be closed for the next two weeks. It will not be necessary for you to send your children to school."

Others called said over the wire: "This is the school nurse. Keep your children home."

When the parents asked, "What nurse is this?" the caller hung up.

These calls were not authorized either by the city health board or by the city board of education. Edison school has not been closed.

Dr. McCloskey, interested citizens for disagreeing with the city health board's decision not to close the schools.

"The Eugene board of health," he said, "is a sincere group of citizens doing what they think is best. It so happens that I differ with them on the handling of the poliomyelitis situation. Consequently, I seem to have precipitated myself into a public controversy with that board and also to have given the public the impression that at the meeting to which the board invited me, I had nothing to say. The following statement will, I hope, correct that impression:

"One of the most striking things about poliomyelitis is the absence of the fund of certain and verifiable knowledge which we possess in regard to other communicable diseases. Much experimentation and research are being carried on, but the authorities are not in unanimous agreement. Certain things are matters of fact; others are matters of opinion.

"It is generally agreed that poliomyelitis is an infectious disease; some writers refer to it as 'contagious,' although Black's Medical Cyclopaedia maintains that the distinction between infectious and contagious is purely artificial.

"Research has established the fact that infantile paralysis is caused by a virus. This virus has been isolated and experimented with in the laboratory. The virus has, experimentally, conducted the disease to mice and rhesus monkeys. Recent studies indicate that the virus may be found in water and on files and rodents. Studies within the past two years emphasize the fact that the virus is very prevalent in sewage and may be spread to human beings by files.

Investigations conducted in February of this year suggest that there might be a relationship between human poliomyelitis and an infectious agent carried by house mice. A publication of the American Medical Association in February, 1942, presents evidence that there are apparently healthy juvenile carriers of the disease, one fatal case having been traced with certainty to a child carrier who was himself immune.

"How the disease is communicated to human beings has not, however, been conclusively proved. The fact that the virus is found in sewage and is spread to human beings by files does not rule out the sneeze as a means of spreading poliomyelitis, says Hygieia for October, 1942. In the light of present knowledge, says this publication of the American Medical Association, poliomyelitis may be spread by contact, droplet infection, feces, polluted drinking water, polluted beaches or swimming pools, milk, food, and insects. No one has produced evidence to show which of these potential methods of infection, or which of the several possible ways the virus can get into the body, is the most common or the most important. The great discovery is that it can be sewage-borne. Faber and Silverberg suggest that poliomyelitis is probably acquired as a rule, by the alimentary route.

"What should be done? Frankly, it is, to a great extent, a matter of opinion, and I am simply exercising the right of an interested citizen in a democracy to express my dissatisfaction with the existing methods of control. Dr. D. W. Gudakunst, medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said in June of 1942: For the parent it is well to remember that infantile paralysis is a communicable disease; it is spread from person to person. During epidemics avoid all unnecessary contacts. . . . Leave no more to chance than must be. He said further: Coughing, sneezing, even breathing by virus-infected persons may create a spray of disease droplets which may bring on the horrible symptoms in some susceptible man, woman, or child in the crowd. This much we do know—the virus does not come

from out of the nowhere; it is spread by those sick with infantile paralysis, by those exposed to it, by healthy carriers who harbor the infection but develop no symptoms. It comes from and is carried by those persons and things infected with it." Margaret S. Arey, an assistant consultant in orthopedic nursing, said in September of this year: Keep your child away from crowds of any kind—at theaters, at picnics, and country fairs. Stay away from swimming pools. The list of such opinions could be greatly extended.

"In the light of the present uncertain state of knowledge, it seems to me wise to take every available precaution to check the spread of the disease. It is my opinion, therefore, that the experiment may well be tried for forbidding the congregating of children everywhere for the time interval required for a single incubation period of the disease. While it is true that I have read no authorities so far who bluntly say 'Close the schools,' neither have I read any who suggest that closing the schools is not a wise precaution. Those people who have been keeping their children home from school are not, I am convinced, panicky; on the contrary, they are following those dictates of common sense which motivate them to do what they think best for the protection of their children. It is my opinion, also, that our milk and water supply should be carefully scrutinized as possible carriers of the virus. Likewise, our sewage disposal system; in particular, the open privies in Hendricks park should be sealed shut for the duration and the park closed. I should like to hear that our health authorities have tested sewage to ascertain if the virus is present. I believe that the board of health should wage a vigorous campaign for the extermination of flies, mice, and rats. It is my conviction that the prevalence of flies in our food markets and restaurants is a civic disgrace. I believe, finally, that in the absence of certainty, any reasonable course of action is better than waiting for the future to give us that unpredictable certainty."

TO MEET FRIDAY

Eugene post, No. 3, American Legion, is to hold its regular semi-monthly meeting, Friday, 8 p. m., Knights of Pythias hall.

California's Central Valley Project will increase the state's vital war crop production by more than 1,000,000 tons annually.

War Contract-

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correction before they came to Warren's attention.

False Teeth Item
An item of \$225 for false teeth for an employe of a contractor, mentioned by Warren, involved the navy department, not the war department, Patterson said, and added: "But I make no point of that."

This case, he said, arose under a contract with an automobile company for the services of expert mechanics to repair engines in Russia, the government agreeing to furnish lodging, food, hospitalization, medical care and other necessities for the group. Patterson testified the navy wrote the company that items ordinarily in daily use were entirely unobtainable in the area and to suggest that "persons wearing glasses should bring more than one pair. Also those having dentures should have at least one spare set." "Following this instruction," Patterson testified, "The company furnished an employe going to Russia under the contract a spare set of false teeth. Since the government had agreed to furnish all the necessities for the personnel, this item was charged to the contract. This action seems to me to have been decent" under the circumstances and the terms of the contract. "Incidentally, I am advised that the employe broke his teeth in Russia and had to use the spare set."

Hitler Being-

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Africa's grand old soldier and statesman, Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, was throwing a different shot of the same picture on the screen. Said he:

"Hitler is no longer fighting for victory, but for time—for something to happen—for those accidents which so often upset the run of events. His only hope now is to prolong the war on the off chance of something happening; some new weapon; perhaps some difference among the allies; war weariness coming to his assistance and producing a stalemate and a compromise peace."

Certainly the complexion of the nazi conference would support that thesis. It was an extraordinary assemblage for war-time and spoke clearly of a great crisis. Perhaps the most significant fact of all, however, was that this big

meeting was called by Keitel and not by the Fuehrer who claims that he was divinely ordained to lead the German people.

Keitel is the mystery man of the high command—mysterious because he keeps his own counsel and lets others do the talking. Because of this characteristic he has been compared to Field Marshal von Moltke, generalissimo in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, who was known as "the great silent one." Keitel typifies the Prussian military tradition, although he is of Saxon descent.

Lane Schools Earn Model Plane Awards

Twenty-nine Oregon junior high and high schools, including two in Lane county, have been awarded certificates for completing their quotas in the scale model aircraft project.

Notification to Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, was made Thursday in Salem by the navy bureau of aeronautics, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

Lane schools which have completed their quotas include Cot-

tage Grove and Springfield schools. The schools made models for use in many centers. Oregon's quota is 100.

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October 18, 1943

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash and due from Banks \$8,662,843.81	Deposits \$22,671,638.00
U. S. Government Bonds and Certificates 15,533,433.85	War Loan Deposit 3,645,428.00
Municipal Bonds and Warrants 634,302.27	Total Deposits 26,517,066.00
Loans 2,477,446.71	Unearned Discounts & Reserves 33,382.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 24,000.00	Capital 200,000.00
Bank Building and other Real Estate 122,326.39	Surplus 600,000.00
Other Assets 10,325.19	Undivided Profits 114,222.00
Total \$27,464,678.22	Total \$27,464,678.22

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Be prepared to protect your home. Join The Fire Guards today and help keep Oregon fireproof. A Fire Guard Team is made up of from three to five persons and one team is required for every block. An essential unit of Civilian Defense, Fire Guards are trained to prevent and fight fire.

They are taught the correct use of equipment, the fundamentals of personal safety, and the method of identifying the various types of incendiaries. Each Fire Guard team is equipped with a pump can, which, with proper use, can extinguish a small fire or control a larger one until help arrives. Through the cooperation of these teams, many homes on your block may be saved.

Fires have wrought havoc throughout the world. The future of the fast-growing industrial cities of the Northwest depends on your ability to protect it. This is your job. It is up to you to reduce the loss of life and property in your community. Fire Guards receive instruction in combating not only incendiaries and bomb fires, but all types of everyday conflagrations. Under the supervision of the Block Wardens, Fire Guard Teams are now being organized. Both men and women are needed in this vital volunteer organization. It is the duty of every able-bodied civilian to contribute his full share of time and effort toward final victory.

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