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EUGENE - SPRINGFIELD RATED
Both Eugene and Springfield qualify as "superior" cities by applying the system of measurements of community well-being and achievement laid down in the book, "Your City," by E. L. Thorndike, eminent scholar, who was employed a few years ago by the Carnegie Foundation to make a critique of American cities.

The formulae by which the scores are reached are intricate, and we shall not bother you with the process. Suffice to say that after applying the mathematical formulae to our records in public health, education and living standards, Eugene rates 730, and Springfield an even 700 in the Thorndike test.

This is much better than most of our large cities, especially the cities of the South, but we are not yet in the elite class with such cities as Grand Rapids, Springfield, Mass.; Oakland, Newton, Glendale and Evanston which score between 801 and 950 and are rated "very superior." And we are a long way from being among the select 1 per cent of "the world's best."

Here is the score sheet:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Eu	Sp
1. Infant death-rate reversed...	20	52	88	138	156	150	164	172	172
2. Expenditures for recreation...	11	5	8	11	14	24	40	4	1
3. Value of schools, parks, etc...	72	93	84	110	111	160	161	62	25
4. Property less debt...	10	18	17	36	39	38	46	66	6
5. Expenditures for schools...	23	33	24	29	32	46	56	24	25
6. High school graduates...	69	101	96	99	139	177	191	177	283
7. Library circulation...	11	12	38	37	40	46	84	24	2
8. Percentage of 16- and 17-year-olds in school...	55	52	54	57	87	92	91	81	100
9. Homes wired for electricity...	30	32	58	40	58	54	64	51	63

TOTAL... 328 431 527 628 736 860 990 730 700
A—Substandard D—Ordinary G—World's Best
B—Inferior E—Superior Eu—Eugene
C—Ordinary F—Very Superior Sp—Springfield
It will at once be noticed that both Eugene's and Springfield's achievements in community building have been very irregular. In some things they stand remarkably high and in others their showing is not very creditable as compared with other high grade cities.

In the calculations, we have not figured the post-war funds and preparations of Eugene and Springfield, because the improvements which those enterprises will bring are still in the future. Likewise the picture is probably distorted because of the impossibility of getting any accurate measure on "suburban fringes," in some of which conditions are very good and in others very bad. Nor does the Thorndike system give any way to measure the impact of growth.

In this area, it might be said that we have only "a superior start." What really will count will be what we do from here on out to make this community "the best."

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 7

More than ever before it will be true that those who fail to vote in this year's presidential election will have no right to complain, if the results do not suit!

If your inclinations are with Mr. Roosevelt, if you believe he really is the indispensable man to lead us to victory and a lasting peace, then certainly you should not want to take any chances on "those awful Republicans putting one over."

And certainly, if you are in the other camp; if you think 12 years too much for any president, let alone 16; if you think Mr. Roosevelt and his playmates of Sidney Hillman's CIO-PAC, have become dangerous; if you think the times call for Tom Dewey's youth and vigor, or if you are just "tired of bureaucrats," then you should vote.

Even if you say "a plague on both your houses" and want to "register your protest" with old Norman Thomas, or one of the other minor candidates, you should be prepared to vote.

To be prepared to vote you must be registered; if—

1. You have recently come of age.
2. You have moved into the state or community within the year.
3. Changed your legal residence in this community.

In this country we have reached a time of real decision. The Democrats tell us we can't win the war or make a peace without Mr. Roosevelt. The Republicans tell us we are going to wreck this country unless we have a change. Such an issue requires an overwhelming vote one way or 't'other.

In the next few days the Junior Chamber of Commerce will place special registration booths all through this city. County Clerk Walter B. Dillard is keeping the main office in the courthouse open every night

to serve those who want to be ready to vote. You couldn't ask for more in the way of service.

Incidentally we have many county and city offices to fill, many state measures, all of which require more than "a nominal vote." You have been told many times that this is what the men out there are fighting for, but that is an overworked line. If you flatter yourself as a citizen you are doing this for yourself.

FOOTBALL IS IN THE AIR

What our associate Mr. Dick Strite so often calls "the Little Civil War" is over. Once more the mighty Axemen of Eugene high have marked up a win against the Golden Tide of University high. Plucky young Dave Rodway of the Tide will spend the rest of the season nursing a broken leg and Axeman Bill Harber has some broken ribs for a souvenir—and thus is history made.

It is a rather unequal contest, this annual "big game" between our two schools, but a good deal of life is like that. Every now and then "the little team" will win, but win or lose, the little team has a fight to make. And in spite of all the risks and hurts the game is worth the playing.

There is something about this game of football, especially as it is played in the high schools. It is not the top grade of play that is provided by college teams—when we have college teams. But sometimes we get the notion that this is football at its very best, because it is so far from perfection. These youngsters go at the game with an enthusiasm which older players sometimes lose. Perhaps Eugene is lucky to have a few years to concentrate on its high school football.

The other evening a gentleman walking home from work, a bit late, heard drums rolling from the direction of University high and on Mother Murphy's front lawn on Alder street he saw a number of girls leaping and twisting in the rhythm of a strange chant, and when he was informed that these were merely preliminary symptoms of "the big game" he asked:

"What is to become of college football, if these high school kids take over all of its thrills including the bands and cheer sections?"

High school football has indeed progressed from the days 30 or 40 years back when it was almost an outlawed pastime for the secondary schools. In fact, a great deal of "college" has been adopted into the high schools. And there are some educators who believe that even the first two years of collegiate study should be relegated to the high schools and universities and colleges assigned to "more serious business."

We shall not attempt to read the future, most especially the educational future. We wish only to observe that high school sports have taken over something which collegiate sports to a large degree had lost. Their sports are still "of the people." There is no "athletic caste." The scrawniest teen ager may still aspire to win his letter, and often does.

And boy, how they can "take it"! We feel for John Warren pining away on a campus dominated by females, but Eugene does not lack for football. These high school games are worth watching.

It is not yet clear whether Frank Sinatra has been called to the White House to croon or to get an appointment as one of those special ambassadors. Perhaps to soothe the Polish question.

Man named Biggers down in Texas has been able to list 58 "alphabetical agencies" under the Nudal. He is just a poor printer. It will take an astronomer to chart them in their courses.

Sec. Morgenthau has scheme to turn Germany into agricultural nation—doubtless it will be "humanized" with liberal payments for "not producing."

Our Cong. Harris Ellsworth thinks our Congress should have the right to interrogate administration officials the way the British parliament does. We'd be content to make 'em fill out some of their own questionnaires.

In his talk to the Teamsters (AFL) Mr. Roosevelt explained all about Fala, but he did not explain "Clear everything with Sidney."

New report says Frank Sinatra has been invited to the White House to help with the fourth term campaign. McGurk says now we know what was meant when the Commander-in-chief said he would not campaign "in the usual sense."

Just got a letter from a soldier philosopher overseas who says:
"On reading about Eugene housing shortage, I feel better about the horrors of war. At least in my slit trench I have never had to double up with relatives."

RADIO BROADCASTS

KORE (1450) SUNDAY
7:00 a.m.—Bible Class
7:30—Rev. Percy Crawford
8:00—Radio League
8:30—Voice of Prophecy
9:00—Pilgrim Hour
9:30—Latter Rain Hour
10:00—News
10:15—Romance
10:30—Bobby Hookey
11:00—Band Concert
11:30—Rodger's Orch.
12:00—News
12:15 p.m.—Dairy Farmer
12:30—Floyd B. Johnson
1:00—Castle's Orch.
1:30—What's Name of Song
2:00—Our Town & Soc. Sec.
2:15—Forgotten Enemy
2:30—Shadow
3:00—Quick as Flash
3:30—Upson Close
3:45—Dick Brown
4:00—San Francisco Opera
5:00 p.m.—Mediation Bld.
5:15—Gabriel Heister
5:30—Radio Hootenanny
5:45—Cedric Foster
6:00—Columbus Boy Choir
7:00—Traffic Safety
7:15—Soldiers of Joy
7:30—Youth Courageous
8:00—Take A Look
8:15—Lanny & Ginger
9:00—Boake Carter
9:15—Variety Show
9:30—Fashion Show
9:45—Modern Music Box
10:00—News
10:15—House Party
10:30—Melody Time
10:45—Ravassa's Orch.

KOIN (970) SUNDAY
6:15—Organist
6:45—New Voices in Song
7:00—Church of Air
7:15—Wines Over Jordan
8:00—Sweeney, News
8:15—Blue Jackets Choir
9:00—Human Melodies
9:20—Tabernacle
9:45—News
10:00—Church of Air
10:15—Something for You
10:30—Merrill Youngs
11:00—World News Today
11:15—Songs of America
11:30—Philharmonic
12:00 p.m.—Paul
2:00—Family Hour
2:45—Shirley, News
3:15—Organ Melodies
3:30—I Was There
4:00—Kate Smith
5:00 p.m.—News
5:15—Stars of Today
5:30—Rhythm Inn
5:45—Bob Trout, News
6:00—Radio Reader's Dig
6:30—Star Theatre
7:00—Take It or Leave It
7:30—Tootsie's Tune
8:00—Crime Doctor
8:25—Song of Week
8:30—Blondie
9:00—Bill Lanza
9:30—Song of Columbia
10:00—Five Star Final
10:15—Variety Show
10:30—Berkeley Orch.
10:45—Trans-Atlantic Call
11:00—Eddie Garr Show
11:15—Jazz
11:45—Jones Orch.
12:00—Music & News

KGW (620) MONDAY
4:00 a.m.—Dawn Patrol
4:15—Commando 407
5:00—String Quartet
5:15—Highlights of Bible
5:30—Words and Music
6:00—Church in Home
6:30—World News
6:45—Carolyn Gilbert
7:00—News
7:15—News in Advertising
7:30—Stradivari
8:00—Layman Views News
8:15—Retail
8:30—Round Table
9:00—Thine We Love
9:15—Charles Thomas
9:30—World News
10:00 p.m.—Army Hour
1:00—Music Salvo
1:45—Memory Kasel
3:00—Symphony Orch.
3:05—News Headlines
3:15—Latter Rain Hour
3:45—News Telequiz
4:00—Jack Benny
4:30—Bandwagon
4:45—Tom Reddy, News
5:00 p.m.—Char. McCarthy
5:30—One Man's Family
6:00—Hurry—Go—Round
6:30—Familiar Music
7:00—Hour of Charm
7:30—Thomas Mc-Gleason
8:00—Gildersleeve
8:30—Symphony Hour
9:30—Jack Benny
10:00—News Flash
10:15—Mary Ann Mercer
10:30—Music America Loves
11:00—Ballade Hour
11:30—War News
12:00—Swing Shift

KEX (1190) SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.—Symphonic
8:30—Dr. Ralph Walker
8:45—Sunday Song Service
9:00—Builders of Faith
9:30—Message of Israel
10:00—John B. Kennedy
10:15—George Hicks
1:00—Sam Hayes
1:15—Radio Parade
1:30—Time Views
1:45—Buddy Tuck
1:50—Edward Jorgenson
2:00—What's Doing Ladies
2:45—Cliff Edwards
3:00—Hollywood News
3:15—McCall News
3:30—Rollie Truitt Time
4:00—Home Demonstrator
4:30—Musical Interlude

KOAO (1550) MONDAY
10:00 a.m.—News
10:15—Homemakers' Hour
11:00—School of Air
11:30—Concert Hall
12:00 p.m.—News
12:15—Farm Hour
12:30—Spot Markets
12:45—Farm Front in Home
1:00—Ridin' The Range
1:15—Chester Bowles
1:30—Variety Time
1:45—Homemakers
2:00—Memory Book
3:00—News
3:15—Music of Masters
4:00—Highlights of Week
4:15—Walt Lyles On
4:30—A to Z
4:45—Novatime
5:00 p.m.—Upbeat
5:30—Sammy Kaye
5:45—Magic Casement
6:00—News
6:15—Farm Hour
6:30—Music Czechoslovakia
7:30—A H Club
8:00—Allen Roth
8:30—Music That Endures
9:30—News
9:45—Meditations

KEX (1190) MONDAY
6:00 a.m.—Musical Clock
6:15—Farm and Home
6:45—Western Agriculture
7:00—Home Harmonies
7:05—Pipes of Melody
7:15—Agronomy News
7:30—James Abbe
7:45—Air Lane Trio
8:00—Breakfast Club
9:00—Glamour Manor
9:30—Breakfast at Sardi's
10:00—Tony Morse News
10:15—Stars of Today
10:30—My True Story
10:45—Aunt Jennie
11:00—Bankage Talking
11:15—The Mystery Chef
11:30—Ladies Be Seated
12:00—Morton Downey
12:15 p.m.—Star Time
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Narration by Paul Muni, The Last Four Words - Auslander-Rosen
Russian Soldiers' Dance - Gliere
Vocal Solo (to be selected) by Jeannette MacDonald
Symphony No. 5: First Movement - Beethoven
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Mailbag

MOTHER'S FAREWELL
I have heard from o'er the ocean,
Where my last farewell was said;
I have heard that darling mother
Is now numbered with the dead;
How she wept when last we
parted,
How her heart was filled with
pain;
When she said good bye, God
bless you,

We may never meet again.
Chorus:
But I'll meet her, yes I'll meet her,
In that fairer land on high;
Where there is no hour of parting,
Where we'll never say goodbye.

O, how well do I remember,
As the ship drew near the quay;
How she threw her arms around
me,
Saying, laddie write to me;
God will comfort, guide and keep
you,
Till your travelling days are o'er;
And in heaven I soon shall meet
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Where we'll never part no more.

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Top Service Nine Ends Star Career

BAINBRIDGE, Md., Sept. 30—Officials of the naval training station here revealed today that eight former major league baseball players had left the station and were en route to undisciplined assignments.

The players, while stationed here, served as physical instructors or in recruit training and were members of the Bainbridge Commodores, who won 56 and lost 15 ball games this year and claimed the eastern service championship. The nine played major exhibition games against major league clubs at won five.

Those transferred included Elbie Fletcher, former first baseman for the Pittsburgh Pirates; Bud Blattner, St. Louis Browns' infielder; Freddie Chapman, Philadelphia Athletics' shortstop; Sherry Robertson, Washington Senators' third baseman; Maxie Wilson, Philadelphia Phillies' pitcher; Mike Budnick, New York Giants' pitcher; Truck Fernandez, catcher, property of the New York Yankees, and Dick (Rowdy Richard) Bartell, shortstop for the Giants, Detroit Tigers and Phillies.



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