

Vocational School Needs More Space, Board Is Notified

If opportunities for training at the Eugene vocational school are to be kept abreast of the needs, additional training space must be provided, instructors at the school told the school board of district No. 4 at its meeting Monday night.

Dale Perry, director of the school; E. S. Gifford, automotive instructor; Roger Houglum, radio instructor; Ray Cornelius, wood-working and carpentry instructor; and C. B. Smith, instructor of aviation mechanics, reported to the board on future training possibilities in their respective fields and stressed the need for more space. Following the reports, members of the board toured the school and were conducted through each department by the instructor in charge.

Director Perry announced that classes in diesel mechanics would be started within the next three months. He reported a peak enrollment for 1944 of 471 students in November, as contrasted with the low point in the history of the school (125) which was reached in July.

Hamlow To Coach

The board approved the appointment of Dan Hamlow, math instructor in University high school, to assist with the coaching and sports program in University high. Hamlow is to coach the sophomore basketball team and either the baseball or track team next spring.

Request of the Eugene high school student body to play basketball games during the current season in the armory was granted. The request was made because of the limited seating facilities in the Eugene high gymnasium.

Dr. Madeline A. Marr, school physician and director of health education, discussed with the board the establishment of a policy covering her work in the Eugene schools.

Heating Inadequate

Dr. H. M. Gunn, superintendent, reported on heating facilities experienced in some of the elemen-

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Dr. R. H. Fields Dies At Gardiner

REEDSPORT—Funeral services for Dr. Reuben H. Fields, 71, of Gardiner, who died Saturday evening following an illness of two months, were held Tuesday at the Ugar mortuary in Reedport, with interment in Reedport Masonic cemetery, Aurora lodge No. 59, A. F. and A. M. had charge of the service.

Dr. Fields was born June 20, 1873, in McVeyton, Pa., the son of Nancy Cutman and Wm. Morrison Fields. He attended Atlantic Homeopathic Medical college, which name was later changed to Homeopathic medical university, in Baltimore, Md., graduating in 1897.

Following graduation he practiced medicine in Ruud, Rockford and Clarion, Iowa. On December 29, 1899, he married Mae F. Farnham, of Charles City, Iowa. Dr. and Mrs. Fields moved to Gardiner, Ore., in 1905 where he practiced until September 1917, when he entered the U. S. army, serving at Fort Lewis until June, 1919, leaving there for Siberia, where he served one year as a member of the American Red Cross medical unit. He was retired from the U. S. army reserve at the age of 64 with the rank of major.

Upon his return from Siberia in 1921 he established a practice in Eugene, moving from there to Cottage Grove in 1930. In 1932 he returned to Gardiner where he since had made his home.

Dr. Fields was a member of the Methodist church, of the Masonic Blue and Royal Arch lodges, of the Order of Eastern Star, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. He had been initiated into Aurora lodge 59, A. F. and A. M., in 1905 and has since served several times as master of the lodge.

Honorary pall bearers at the funeral were H. C. McCrea, Louis Seymour, Prentice M. Clark, Asa Henderson, Wilmer Lowe, and J. Mortimer Bailey. Active pall bearers were Tom Lillebo, Oscar Anderson, Harold T. Lewis, W. A. Burdick, Harold Walker and Walter Walker.

Dr. Fields is survived by the widow, of Gardiner; one daughter, Nancy Fields Cole, of Washington, D. C., who has been at the bedside of her father since he became ill, and one son, Lt. Richard Henry Fields, with the U. S. army stationed on the east coast.

Hunter Proposes—

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comes from the adjutant general's office. Approximately 50,000 men under the age of 26 are in the armed forces from this state. It is believed that at least 50 per cent of this group will be eligible for education benefits on the college level, Dr. Hunter stated.

Regarding research programs, Chancellor Hunter told the board the people of Oregon were "fortunate in having a group of state-supported institutions united in a single educational program for the war and post-war emergency. . . . The people of the commonwealth maintain such an educational structure for the purpose of furnishing . . . most highly trained leadership in all phases of modern life. Secondary only to this major purpose is the full use of the ability of the staff and the advantages of the facilities for experimentation and investigation in the areas of the state's unique material and natural wealth."

State college research projects approved and in process deal with research in electro-chemical manufacture of chromium products, wood waste products, alcohol from wood, protein food from wood, alcohol from non-food grain, lignin plastics, plywood research, pine and zinc-copper ores. At the University of Oregon the laboratories in pure science have projected important fundamental researches, a special faculty committee is exploring on a broad regional basis the problems of the Pacific basin, and further expert planning in city and municipal problems has

been authorized by the board.

A faculty retirement plan designed to cover all the institutions to provide for optional retirement at 65 and automatic retirement at 70 is proposed by the state board. Dr. Hunter points out that an adequate and satisfactory retirement plan "could be inaugurated and maintained at an annual cost of little more than half what the present system of reduced services at 50 per cent salary would cost annually 15 years hence."

Builders Plan 11 More Homes Here

Better Homes, Inc., has taken out city building permits for the construction of 11 more new houses to help in alleviating Eugene's severe housing shortage, city records disclosed Tuesday.

The new houses, to be built at a cost of \$1900 each, will be located in the 2300 and 2500 blocks on Alder street. They will be frame dwellings of four rooms each.

Today's permits bring to about 50 the total of dwelling units which Better Homes are planning to build in Eugene. To date, about 22 have been completed. George Miltonberger, owner of Better Homes, has indicated plans for future construction of at least 13 more dwellings.

It is understood that part of the houses will be sold and others for rent.

Eugene Man Badly Hurt In Bus Crash

Alf Evensen, 53, of 1143 Chambers street, Eugene, was seriously injured in the wreck of a Greyhound bus 16 miles south of Bakersfield Calif., early Tuesday, according to an Associated Press report. He suffered lacerations of the scalp, which necessitated hospitalization at Kern general hospital, Bakersfield.

Of 22 passengers who were injured, only three were seriously hurt.

The bus, northbound from Los Angeles, spun around and overturned when the driver, William Hodge, attempted to avoid hitting a passenger car which appeared suddenly in the fog, he told investigating officers.

Russian Tanks—

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of Szob, in gains of up to seven

miles, the Russian front along the central Slovak border was extended to almost 30 miles. These advances put the red army troops within 85 miles of Bratislava, the Slovak capital, and 116 miles from Vienna.

On this front the Russians captured Hont, three miles west of the rail junction of Dregelypalank, taken Sunday, and also seized Varsany, eight and one-half miles southeast of Balassagyarmat, previously captured.

Council—

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serve. Since the city water department is extending its mains on High and Hilyard streets, more hydrants will be needed, it was pointed out.

The city will pay for repairs to sidewalk and driveway at the entrance to a parking lot owned by A. West Johnson on West Broadway, it was voted. The sidewalk was damaged by a convoy of army trucks which parked there some time ago on its way through the city. The driveway will be made one inch thicker, for which the cost will be divided between the city and Johnson.

Bids to supply the city with gasoline for 1945 were opened and council voted to accept that of the Union Oil company. The 18½-cent per gallon price includes the state tax.

Council accepted resignation of A. E. Hulegaard as city treasurer and treasurer of the city water board.

Purchase of as many as 20 chairs for city firemen's quarters and repairs to a davenport there were authorized.

Knights of Pythias Elect Officers

Helmet lodge, No. 33, Knights of Pythias, elected officers at its meeting Monday evening, as follows: Chancellor commander, Dale Rufford; vice-chancellor, Henry Quam; prelate, Harold B. Jensen; master of work, Ralph H. Warder; keeper of records and seals, C. A. Rickabaugh; master of finance, A. F. Bremer; master of exchequer, George J. Zebley; master at arms, E. E. Luckey; inner guard, Dr. V. L. Brooks; outer guard, Clarence Miller; trustee, three years, Vernon Poindexter.

Officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

Refreshments were served following the business meeting of the lodge.

Fort Warns—

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Perhaps there are some people who do not realize that the statutes against gambling prohibit the use of punch boards, whether they are money boards or merchandise boards.

"Recent investigation of the situation in this county shows that within recent months there has been a great increase in the number of punch boards and slot machines within the county and that the use of these devices is becoming increasingly widespread. Increased instances of the use of these devices by juveniles has come to our attention.

Asks Cooperation

"The sincere cooperation of the public is essential to the orderly enforcement of our laws. The law enforcement officials do not make our laws. They are made by the legislature and this office has no more right to determine which statutes it will enforce and which it will not, than a private citizen has to determine which laws he will observe and which ones he will violate.

"This office is not interested in reform, but it is interested in law enforcement, first, because it is the district attorney's duty to enforce the law, and second, because there is no point in having

laws if they are not enforced. It is the business of the people and of the legislature to determine whether or not gambling shall be legalized in whole or in part, and if it is to be legalized, under what form of regulation or supervision. But unless the legislature changes our present laws, they must be enforced.

"While no one can say with certainty the exact amount of money which is being spent upon slot machines, and punch boards, and in other types of gambling, it is readily apparent that it has become big business, running into hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in this county alone.

"Continual violation of any law or laws can only create disrespect for all law enforcement. On behalf of the law enforcement officials, I ask for and believe that we will receive the cooperation and support of the overwhelming majority of the people of the county in the enforcement of the gambling laws.

PARIS GETS LIGHTS

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The lights of Paris will go up again Tuesday night after four years of blackouts.

ESCAPES RECAPTURED

FORT LEWIS, WASH., Dec. 12.—Three German prisoners of war who cut their way out of the

stockade last night were recaptured after a few brief hours of freedom, Fort Lewis officials reported today.

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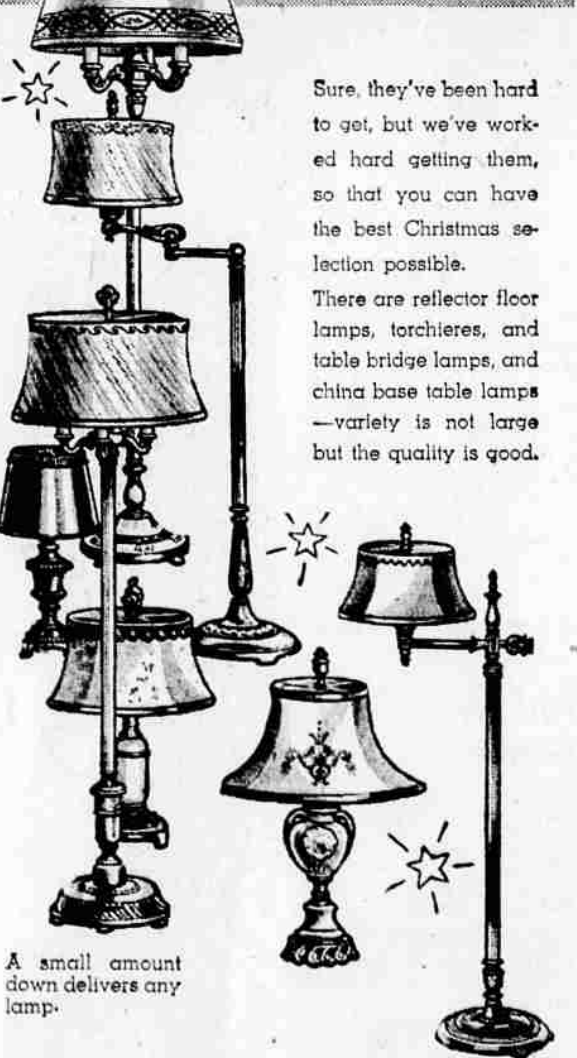


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