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NGTON, Jan. 25—(AP)—the armed forces made a r report to congress to- backers promptly big boost for national islation.

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INCENTIVE—The class in investigative methods of editing at the University of Oregon school of journalism is gathered around the table in their classroom while their instructor, Acting Dean George Turnbull, tells them about a letter with $250 check enclosed which he is holding up. The sender is T. Neil Taylor, journalism graduate in 1931, now an Oakland, Calif., business man, who for the last decade has been sending prize money along to be awarded for the best theses written each year on some problem of current, local, state, national or international interest. First prize money last year was won by Jean Wallace, Portland, now a member of the SPARS; the second prize was divided between Marjorie Major Goodwin, Eugene, now with her husband Lt. A. T. Goodwin, at a California army camp, and Margie Robinson, Eugene, now with the Associated Press in Portland. The size of the prize varies with the judges merits of the theses. Left to right, Phyllis Churchman, Altadena, Calif.; Ariiss Boone, San Francisco, Calif.; Ruth Kay Collins, Fresno, Calif.; Jeane Taylor, Portland; Dean Turnbull; Charles Politz, Edith Newton, and Anne Craven, Portland; Carol Cook Sibulsky, Salem, and Barbara Younger, Woodland, Calif.

Here Are Figures—

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where need is greatest.

Q. If I live in one of the suburbs, how would consolidation or federation affect my taxes?

A. If you live in one of the very few high value suburban districts, your school taxes would probably increase slightly, but no matter where you live, when your district has to build something, your taxes go up, no matter whether you use cash or bonds. If you live in one of the purely residential districts, you might get a slight decrease, but the net effect for the entire area over the next few yars is to equalize, and probably with better and more permanent schools at less cost than if you go it alone.

Q. If I live in the present Eugene school district, how does consolidation or federation affect my taxes?

A. In the first year or two it might bring a slight increase but probably not more than the increase which must be made if Eugene builds what must be built whether the suburbs join up or not. In the long run there should be very large savings through having new buildings well planned, without duplication or waste, and this will show in all tax rates.

Q. If consolidation should be voted both in the suburbs and in Eugene, how would they go about determining the tax rate for each of the old districts?

A. Appraisers are appointed to determine the value of physical plant and other assets turned over to the new district. This is a "credit." From the agreed figure a deduction is made for any outstanding and uncovered debts. In those districts which make a substantial contribution in relation to their comparative valuation, there would be substantial offsets spread over the levy for three to five years by agreement.

Q. Would suburbanites still have to pay that 3.3 mill non-high or tuition tax?

A. No. Their children would then be eligible for all Eugene schools without tuition charge.

Q. Would suburbanites have to pay the seven mills special levy which Eugene has voted for the new high school?

A. Not retroactive, nor would the high school project levy to raise $100,000 a year be more than 4.8 mills against a consolidated valuation in excess of $21,000,000. Dr. Huffaker points out that a supplementary special levy to finance the junior high and the new primary schools up to a total cost of $300,000 could be handled with an additional five mill levy in three years of three mills in five years. The aggregate of operating and construction levies against the proposed consolidated district should not produse a school tax very much greater than Eugene and most of the districts are already paying.

Q. Could Eugene's accumulated $200,000 cash reserve for high school be diverted to the new junior high and primary projects?

A. Only by vote of the taxpayers to alter the overall program of construction reserves.

Q. Can a sound cash program be maintained if the consolidated or federated district is accomplished?

A. That should always be the aim.

Q. Would suburban areas be represented in the board of the consolidated district?

A. As vacancies occur in the Eugene board, it is to be expected that candidates would appear and be elected from the suburban areas.

Q. Will suburban schools lose their identity in the big consolidated system ?

A. Not at all, especially where there is an active and alert community and P-TA.

Q. Would a consolidated district produce a broader and better playground and recreation program?

A. Eugene Superintendent Gunn says that is a primary aim for all Eugene schools, and big things are hoped for in the Park and Playground Fund program.

Q. What would happen to present teachers in the suburban schools?

A. The new district would need all the good teachers it could get. It is not policy to shift teachers from schools where they are doing well. Eugene salary scales would apply in all ratings.

Q. Would methods of instruction be greatly changed?

A. No. The main difference would be that pupils coming up to high school would have uniform preparation and school experience, getting away from the awkward plan under which suburban pupils now enter the Eugene school in the last year of junior high school and then go on to the senior high schools.

Q. Is an additional senior high school contemplated in the program?

A. Not at present, but if the area maintains present growth trends an additional senior high would be inevitable. That is why Dr. Huffaker has stressed the need to make yearly studies and revisions, including senior high school needs as they develop. The location of a second senior high would depend on population drifts, but indications are it would have to be north or west since the Amazon site is south and east.

Q. How fast must people in Eugene and its suburbs reach a decision on these problems?

A. Sooner the better, according to Dr. Huffaker. If they adopt a plan requiring new legislation, it will have to be "in the hopper" at Salem in the next few weeks. If they decide for complete consolidation, it will take several weeks to arrange and hold elections. Under either plan, something in the way of additional housing will be badly needed in both Eugene and the suburbs before next September, and it will take time to get permits for men and materials, plans and sites prepared.

Q. Would it be possible to get federal aid under the Lanham act for this immediate school building program?

A. Probably, since this area has been declared "critical" in war production. However, Lanham act grants have been calling for "non-essential materials." Springfield's new nursery school is being done with concrete, despite the fact that concrete requires almost as much wood for forms as a school of native materials. Decisions would have to be made by the people in areas where immediate construction is indicated.

Q. Could temporary structures be used until the war is over?

A. This could probably be worked out. It would be a matter of deciding which plan is most practical.

These and other problems will be discussed fully at the district meetings, the first of which will be held next Monday night at 8 in the Magladry school, and a second Wednesday evening at 8 in the River Road school. Numerous meetings will probably have to be held in all sub-areas and districts before any plan can be in shape to put before the people at election.

ROTC Announces Cadet Appointments

The appointment of cadet officers and non-commissioned officers for the winter term in the University of Oregon ROTC has been announced by Major W. S. Averill, head of military science. The men who will report Thursday, January 25, with their stripes on, are:

Captain of Company A, Private Gilbert H. Roberts of Portland, who will be company commander. First Lieutenants are: Pvt. Milton C. Sparks, Estacada, platoon leader, 2nd platoon; Pvt. Robert C. Stiles, Portland, platoon leader, 1st platoon; Pvt. Robert G. Pittenger, Medford, platoon leader, 3rd platoon.

Assignments of non-commissioned officers for Company A during the winter term unless soon relieved are:

First Sergeant, Pvt. Fred L. Woods, San Francisco, as first sergeant. Technical Sergeants: Pvt. Samuel Venveniste, Portland, platoon sergeant, 3rd platoon; Pvt. Kenneth R. Hays, Waitsburg, Washington, platoon sergeant, 1st platoon; Pvt. Morrie Mink, Portland, platoon sergeant, 2nd platoon. Staff Sergeants: Pvt. Harry C. Gfanger, Eugene, platoon guide, 3rd platoon; Pvt. Larry W. Marks, Portland, platoon guide, 2nd platoon; Pvt. Elon H. Moore, Eugene, platoon guide, 1st platoon.

Sergeants: Pvt. Donald H. Byers, Portland, squad leader, 3rd squadron, 3rd platoon; Pvt. Floyd A. Fredrickson, Portland, squad leader, 3rd squadron, 2nd platoon; Pvt. Donald L. Helseth, Eugene, squad leader, 1st squadron, 1st platoon; Pvt. Henery S. Kinnell, Jr., Santa Barbara, Cal., squad leader, 1st squadron, 3rd platoon; Pvt. Robert R. Miller, Portland, squad leader, 2nd squadron, 2nd platoon; Pvt. Bob L. Moran, Milwaukie, squad leader, 2nd squadron, 1st platoon; Pvt. Wilber L. Sharp, Jr., Portland, squad leader, 1st squadron, 2nd platoon; Pvt. Merwin L. Spalding, Grants Pass, squad leader, 3rd squadron, 1st platoon; Pvt. Gordon P. Swan, Portland, squad leader, 2nd squadron, 3rd platoon.

Corporals: Pvt. Deane W. Bond, Eugene, assistant squadron leader, 2nd squadron, 1st platoon; Pvt. Robert E. Mass, Halsey, assistant squadron leader, 1st squadron, 1st platoon; Pvt. William L. O'Hearn, Eugene, assistant squadron leader, 3rd squadron, 2nd platoon; Pvt. Wallace K. Reid, Grants Pass, assistant squadron leader, 1st squadron, 2nd platoon; Pvt. Harold R. Schick, Jr., Portland, assistant squadron leader, 2nd squadron, 3rd platoon; Pvt. Floyd D. Stapp, Jr., assistant squadron leader, 3rd squadron, 1st platoon.

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