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CENTRAL LANE PLANNING COUNCIL

In the first year of its existence, the Central Lane Planning Council has accomplished a great deal, but its big job of preparedness for the post-war and the future is only begun, not finished. For that reason, Monday night's first annual meeting is of prime importance not only to all of the 70 members of the Council but to citizens generally.

The Central Lane Planning Council simply represents common sense and good will applied to some very complex problems. In the Eugene-Springfield "urban area," approximately six miles in any direction from the center, we have more than 43,000 population, 35 separate agencies of county, city or school government, more than a score of distinct business, professional and labor interests—but the problems which have come with growth are common problems.

There is no central agency legally set up to deal with these common problems, but in forming the Central Lane Council each of these 35 local governments and each of the "bread and butter" interests was asked to be represented. In calling them together Fred Sticksels, first president of the Central Lane Council simply said:

"Let's just sit down together and see if we can find the facts about these problems and see what common sense tells us to do."

The Central Lane Council does not take the place, or seek to trespass on the authority of any of the existing legal agencies of local government. It is merely "a forum" in which they and certain advisory groups have come together. It tries to bring all separate programs to a common table and to put "first things first" in order of common necessity. It suggests. It does not command.

Its work has been arranged in three main divisions: A—private works; B—public works; C—veteran and personal adjustments. It has 13 major committees. Here is just a partial list of things accomplished, not by the Central Lane Council itself, but under the stimulus of joint discussion and agreement on common problems:

Private Works—detailed survey of existing business and private resources completed and this is now being integrated with an industrial development survey in which the Bonneville administration is co-operating.

Public Works—more than \$4,000,000 voted or accumulated into cash reserves for public projects of a highly essential character.

Veterans—registration of men and women in services made, personal letters of contact sent to Lane county service people in all parts of the world (these returns now being analyzed); central clearing house set up with USES and Service Officer Moriarty.

Area Planning—legislation drafted with help of Bureau of Municipal Research and other cities which if adopted in present legislative will make possible integrated planning of major roads, utilities and other facilities. Plans now ready to present for setting up a basic survey of area with a permanent joint engineering staff and expert consultant.

Schools—the program of consolidation or federation of the 14 districts adjacent to Eugene results from factual studies and a great deal of calm, careful analysis of school problems under the guidance of E. H. Silke and Laurence Moffitt.

Sewers—sanitation—proposals are ready for a combined engineering study on the needs of the entire Eugene-Springfield area. Unification of the Chambers-Westmoreland area with Eugene was a first step toward solving the problem for one suburban area.

Highways—combined state, county, city studies of the difficult "High street junction," bridge and grade separation problems have resulted in two detailed engineering plans on basis of which sound decisions can be made.

Parks—playgrounds—for the Springfield area, the new park district sets a pattern for the state; for the whole area, the new Park and Playground Fund under the Century endowment offers a means by which limited tax resources can be supplemented to preserve sites which otherwise might be lost.

This is only a very incomplete summary of the many problems which have been brought to the common council table. Not enough meetings of the entire council have been held due mainly to the pressures of time and necessity. Not any of the many problems of the "urban area" have been more than approached. But this fact has been demonstrated:

"When people can be brought together to study common problems, a great many things can be accomplished, and common sense is more important than statutes."

On a budget of less than \$5,000, contributed by Eugene and Springfield business concerns the Central Lane Council has done these things and justified its existence. Over the years common sense applied to the many problems of this "urban area" will save huge sums in private dollars and tax dollars and vast amounts of otherwise duplicating and futile effort. Someday maybe this Central Council will have some legal status, but common sense and good will are more important.

CLEAR STATEMENT OF WAR AIMS?

For months there has been clamor in the public press and in the high places of government for a clear and clean definition of our war aims and of what American "foreign policy" will be during the difficult

years of peace making. Senator Vandenburg's recent forthright speech demanding action rather than words has been hailed everywhere as an omen that maybe policy can be lifted above party politics in the future.

Is it possible to make any such clear and clean statement or to adopt any plan of action which can be followed with certainty to the desired end? Twice in the last week we have been confronted by college students asking for some brief, concise statement on this line (and we doubt if they will get any A's on what we have been able to say).

To be sure we have the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms and the various "statements" which have resulted from the conferences of leaders at Casablanca, Cairo and Teheran. Mr. Roosevelt has admitted that the Atlantic Charter is only "a memorandum." Policy with regards to Italy, Greece and Poland has smacked of "power politics" and has left millions wondering if all the "blood, sweat and tears" will have been futile, again.

How is it possible to combine practicality with noble aims? Confronted by tough facts such as Russian control of Poland and British domination in Greece, how is it possible for us (while still fighting this war) to bring our allies to concur in our views as to the ultimate aims?

We believe that nearly every American citizen and especially the men and women at the front, has these two things most in mind:

1. Some peaceful method must be found for settling the disputes between nations.
2. We are not interested in preserving governments or regimes; we are interested in trying to assure human decency everywhere.
3. Maybe we cannot tell other nations how they shall govern themselves or be governed, and for many generations to come we may have to help police the world to prevent major wars.
4. But the wealth, the power, the friendship of this nation will be directed always to the one purpose—the rights of people, not the preservation of regimes.

Not a bit better than the Atlantic Charter or any other "statement," is it? Perhaps this reasoning has more practical appeal:

If we don't find some way to live and work with other nations, there will be another world war.

If another world war comes, it won't be a simple matter of sending our young men abroad to fight and die, because modern planes and rocket bombs will bring the battlefields to us here at home.

For very selfish reasons we must be strong and ready—and we must do our share to see that it does not happen again.

Once more we revert to the comparison with the strong, self-reliant citizen whose windows are in danger from the rowdy neighbors across the tracks. He can afford to help those who are decent and do something to help themselves. He needs to keep his own mind and knuckles tough and his own alleys clean.

A PLEA FOR "URBAN AREA CONTROL"

If we have "urban area" problems in the Eugene-Springfield or "Central Lane" communities, it may be consoling to know that many others in Oregon are sharing the "growth headaches." From a newspaper colleague in Salem comes this little note of appeal:

"In talking to Senator Gibson today, he mentioned that Lane county is interested in a law to provide for zoning and controls in suburban areas."

"I have a personal and selfish interest in such a proposal. I formerly owned a home in a beautiful suburban section adjacent to the Pacific highway three miles north of Salem and now own a lot in that same neighborhood on which I hope to build after the war."

"But commercial enterprises are crowding in. There is now the threat of a junk yard which will destroy the neighborhood for residential purposes. Several of us are trying to get Ralph Moody to draft a bill and he says he will if he can get around to it. If you have something ready, it will be a big help. We will all be happy to try to get something done this session."

There are echoes from Klamath Falls, Coos Bay, Astoria, Portland and many other points. Fortunately A BILL IS READY, thanks to Herman Kehrli and the Bureau of Municipal Research who has been working with committees here and elsewhere. It may not be perfect, but it would be a start. Whenever such legislation has been proposed, you always hear shouts of:

"Communism! Regime! Dictatorship! Why can't I use my property in any way I please to get a profit?"

American courts have held otherwise. They have said that it is only democracy in action and self-defense when the people or any area act to prevent the destruction of the property of the many by the ruthless action of a few.

There's another very good reason. Intelligent regulation often saves the property owner from his own follies. Where business enterprises are restricted to those areas and centers where they really belong, the business man himself is protected. In Buffalo, New York, there is "a business street" thirteen miles long on which two thirds of the business development isn't able to pay taxes. Now they want Uncle Sam to help rebuild Buffalo.

Oregon needs that "stitch in time" which "an area law" presents.

Buying your full share of War Bonds makes you feel better—because you are!

In The Editor's Mailbag

JUST PLENTY RILED

JUNCTION CITY.—(To the Editor)—We received a letter from our son today from somewhere in the south Pacific. He left home April 19, 1942, when he was inducted into service of our country and we have not seen him since. He only got about one week's training in the U.S.A., he was taken to Hawaii for his training and has never had a furlough home since he left. We are not kidding so much about that although we would be most happy to see him again.

But we do object to one happening; here is part of his letter: "Mother, that package I sent Joe in June, 1943 that he never did get. Well I have written to the army intelligence office at San Francisco, Calif., about it, and the other day I received a letter from them saying that they had given the things away to someone. I think that was a dirty trick for them to do. Now my commanding officer is taking it up to see what can be done about it."

This package in question contained Jap bayonets, Jap daggers, Jap daggers and beads that he had got as souvenirs after some of the battles he had taken part in. Now friends, what do you think of that deal for American patriotism? We American mothers don't want our boys treated this way. What are they fighting for? And for whom are they fighting, thieves or robbers? If one of our juveniles were to steal some little thing they would be convicted and sent to the penitentiary for 2½ years even if they were only 16 years old, like William Stanley who was taken to the penitentiary today. We don't very often get riled up or say so very much, but these two deals were just too darn rotten and stinking to pass up unnoticed.

Two very disgusted parents,
—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wells,
Junction City, Ore., Rt. 1.

THAT BUS SERVICE

EUGENE.—(To the Editor)—Could you help out a whole lot of your subscribers by starting something to have city busses (carry-

SPRINGFIELD H. S. NEWS

The Springfield High School band under the direction of Mr. Floyd T. Ellefson, Monday, Jan. 29, at 8:00 p.m., will present a concert for the public in the auditorium. The program follows: "Star-Spangled Banner," "Foot-lifter" by Fillmore, "Roumanian Fantasy" by Velsko, "Basses on the Rampage" by Huffine, a sousaphone solo, "Asleep in the Deep" by Petrie, with David Radmore accompanied by the band; "Up and Coming" by Herbert, a piano solo, "The Grasshopper's Dance" by Bucalossi, played by Gwendolyn Chase, accompanied by the band, "Show Boat" by Kern, and "Religiose" by Chambers.

Something new has been added in the office for those students who persist on being tardy. A new time machine has been purchased to enable the students to get to their class without delay; a carbon copy of all tardy slips is kept in the office.

Excitement aplenty was shared by everyone Thursday activity period when members of the public speaking class presented the "Dr. I. Q." program. A collection was taken at the end of the program as a contribution for the March of Dimes.

Miss Hewes, adviser, announced recently that initiation for the new Honor society members will be held this coming Thursday in the music room of Springfield high school. The parents of the newly elected members will be invited and, after a short program, refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Inez Loveless, president of the Springfield Teachers association, announced the next meeting will be Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 31, at the Junior high school. Teachers are urged to attend the band concert at the high school auditorium, Monday night at 8:00 preceding the meeting.

The Springfield chapter of the National Honor society sponsored the special assembly Tuesday, in order to announce the new members of the Honor society, who are: Don McChesney, Mary Eva Lammers, Enota J. Kloster, Keith Jackson, Rosella Brown, and Marvin Hansen.

ing home at night people who have worked all day on their feet) run on schedule at say—hours of 5-5:30 and 6 p. m. out River Road and on the "4 Corners" line?

Tuesday night I stood 35 minutes for the 5:34 p. m. bus going 4 Corners way at 11th and Willamette with others, and Wednesday night 20 minutes with many more and tonight, Thursday, 35 minutes with about 12 or 15 others. I personally saw four (4) River Road busses come and one already waiting, when I got there they said they saw five—but NO "4 Corners" bus.

Three nights running is bad—but I have many, many times waited.

Can you help out any?
—GEO. R. BARNHART.

LOVING JESUS

I love thee, my Jesus,
I long to be thine;
Thou washed me and cleansed me,
My Saviour divine;
I love thee because
From sin I am free;
It was nailed to the cross,
On dark Calvary.

I love thee, my Jesus,
For bearing the cross;
My soul is now saved
From suffering and loss;
And all in the world,
Who on thee believe,
Have sweet rest in Heaven,
And Christ will receive.

I love thee, my Jesus,
Thou Saviour of mine;
I love thee, claiming
This poor heart of mine;
I'll love thee in glory,
On Canaan's bright shore;
To be with loved ones,
With thee evermore.

I'll love thee, my Jesus,
Thou poor and forlorn;
Thou hast given one life,
And now newly born,
I'll love thee, praise thee,
Through life's stormy sea;
In Heaven my blessings,
Now safe home with thee.

I'll love thee, my Jesus,
While earth's cares may last;
I'll love thee in Heaven,
Where trials are past;
I'll love thee, my Jesus,
While on thy great throne;
I'll love thee forever,
My Jesus, my own.
Eugene, Ore. —Percival I. Rust.

The Apostle Paul Says:

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4). We believe if the unconverted could know the comfort and peace the Holy Scriptures can bring to the Christian the churches could not house the multitudes seeking admission. Yet no multitude of Christianity is more surely taught than that the living word of God received and kept in the hearts of men shall bless the heart and mind with the "peace of God which passeth all understanding" (Phil. 4:7). Not only do the Scriptures say that it shall, but the experience of every true Christian confirms this truth that the word of God is a source of comfort and happiness far above any earthly pleasure and comparable only to the promised bliss of heaven of which it is undoubtedly a foretaste.

The Scriptures are quite unique in nature. A great depth of knowledge of them is not necessarily required to give one comfort and hope. For life according to the teaching of God's word is a growth. One begins with comparatively little knowledge, but develops continually as one advances in the wisdom, knowledge, and experience in the Christian life.

It is with the hope of bringing some consolation and hope to the lives of the lost that the Church of Christ, 61 Jefferson, Eugene, begins this series of short gospel messages. They will be printed in the Sunday "Register-Guard." Watch for them. Attend them—

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Campus Music Class On Radio Program

Miss Maude Garnett, associate professor of public school music, and her class in public school music at the University of Oregon, will put on one of their typical "Let's Sing, America" radio programs in Portland Monday, Feb. 5, for the state meeting of the conference on radio and education.

Under Miss Garnett's direction the girls will present the songs from "Hansel and Gretel" and also a 20-minute group of songs such as they sing each week over KOAC, state-owned station, for the benefit of school children throughout the state. The programs, as broadcast, are participating programs with the children in the schools joining in the singing.

The program will be presented at a dinner meeting of the conference at the Portland chamber of commerce.

Attending the session from the university campus will be Miss Garnett, Maxine Cady, Beaverton; Marilyn Miller and Belva Mayor, both of Portland; Jean Carlin and Edna Fisher, both of Salem; Eileen Dick, Gold Hill; Bernice Granquist, Eugene; Nancy Kirkpatrick,

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