

### Local Church Urges Court Bills Passed

A resolution favoring HB 230 and 231, which were up for hearing Thursday afternoon at Salem, was adopted unanimously and signed personally by members present for the monthly fellowship dinner and business session of the First Congregational church of Eugene, Wednesday evening.

At the invitation of the church, L. Kenneth Shumaker was at the meeting and presented the bills for discussion. The resolution as voted by the church group follows (it being forwarded to Salem for the hearing Thursday):

"The First Congregational church of Eugene, Oregon, being duly convened in regular monthly meeting, having heard the discussion of the purposes and text of house bills Nos. 230 and 231, and having read the text of these measures, has unanimously voted the following resolution and ordered it transmitted to the several legislators, members of the Lane county delegation, to guide them in furthering the passage of the bills, and their enactment into the laws of the state of Oregon:

"1.—Whereas, the present handling of juvenile delinquency, has become obsolete and ineffective; and

"2.—Whereas, the changes in handling juvenile delinquency, together with other related matters seems to be dealt with in a practical and sensible manner by the proposed legislation;

"Be it resolved, that the undersigned, citizens of Lane county and the state of Oregon, memorialize their duly elected representatives that house bills Nos. 230 and 231 should be passed."

The two bills propose to set up an additional circuit court judge for Lane county only in the second judicial committee and to shift the judicial powers from the county court to the circuit court in matters of juvenile problems, probate, and domestic relations.

### Culinary Alliance Plans Party Feb. 26

A meeting of the executive board of the culinary alliance (AFL) was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Janie Thompson, business agent, announced Thursday. Culinary alliance members discussed new contracts for 1945 and planned a party for the night of Feb. 26 at a regular meeting earlier this week. Mrs. Thompson revealed.

The Boy Scout motto is "Be Prepared."

### Bethel Balks—

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to one. When outside pupils come to Eugene junior high schools they say they feel like outsiders and don't fit in. This is bad for the youngsters educationally. To achieve an integrated elementary and secondary program you need a school census of at least 1000. "There isn't any district around here that can get an adequate educational program of this sort without combining," said Dr. Huffaker.

Bethel is one of the richest districts in the area because of tax revenue from railroad property but it will lose this large income if a bill to equalize distribution of school funds is passed by the present legislature.

### Not Eugene's Idea

The consolidation program is not a scheme by Eugene to "grab" the Bethel school district. The Eugene school board did not initiate the project or encourage it. Rural districts were the first to seek a solution and the Eugene board had nothing to do with it until a meeting of the 14 districts was called to consider the housing problem, said County School Superintendent L. C. Moffitt.

Dr. Huffaker is not representing the Eugene school board. At the request of these districts he made a survey and is presenting his findings to the district, said Miss Lelah Parks, Bethel principal.

Bethel people also are decidedly opposed to sending their children across the railroad to school. However, under the consolidation plan it has been suggested that the junior high students should go to Woodrow Wilson school in Eugene.

Dr. Huffaker asserted the way to get the most relief for the area most quickly is to consolidate, take the seventh and eighth grades out of the outlying districts and put them in a new junior high. This, he said, would solve the elementary housing problem temporarily.

### Views Expressed

Some of the remarks by Bethel spokesmen: Rex Stinchcomb—"The Eugene junior high school teachers are always glad to see Bethel pupils come to Eugene. I think we have better teachers than Eugene. I believe if we went into Eugene we would be disappointed."

L. N. Miller—"If we can't get a first-class district by combining with some of the others we can get a second-class district and still do a better job than many schools do."

George Peterson—"Bethel and three or four other districts could make a very nice consolidated district. We would have better than a \$3,000,000 valuation, with an 18-mill tax."

Jim Williams, board member—"The Eugene school board is devoted to the interests of all the children in the area, not just those in Eugene. Under this plan, taxes would be the least possible and administration would be by full-time men."

Harry Ray, board member—"Some time school funds will be equalized and we'll lose the railroad taxes. We'd better plan that in the future we'll be no richer than any other district. If we consolidate, our tax will be about 17 mills, compared to 13.2 mills now. If we stay out and build, we can't keep the rate down to that."

Peter M. Peterson—"I fall to see the benefit of consolidation. If we send our children to larger schools, we will lose contact with them and their teachers. Pupils can't get enough individual atten-

### Site—

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when the crisis no longer exists. The site for the 30 houses includes 6.92 acres. Technical description follows: "Beginning at a point on the west line of Huddlestons donation land claim in section 36, township 17, south range 3, west Willamette meridian, 1381.23 feet north of the southwest corner running thence east along the north line of Thirteenth avenue west 934.32 feet, thence north 334.65 feet to the south line of Twelfth avenue west, thence west 934.33 feet to the said west line of Huddlestons donation land claim, and thence south 334.25 feet to the place of beginning, except the west 33 feet more or less lying in Chambers street."

### 'Dumbarton Oaks' Is Due For Discussion

All of the public interested are invited to hear the discussion on the Dumbarton Oaks conference as to be presented Friday afternoon before a Pro America meeting by the University of Oregon symposium group. The program will be at 2:30 p. m. at the Eugene hotel.

The topic is a particularly timely one and all Pro America members and others interested are urged by the Pro America president, Mrs. Henry A. Tromp, to attend.

An informal tea will follow the program.

Scouting is open to every race, creed and class.

### Yanks—

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was in American hands early today, although both were commanded by American guns. A few miles farther south, other 1st army troops broke out of the Siegfried fortifications in a hard-fought envelopment drive aimed at the twin strongholds of Gemund and Schleiden. Both towns were under close attack and unconfirmed reports said Schleiden had been captured.

Malsbenden, a mile west-northwest of Gemund, was taken by units of the 9th infantry division late yesterday, while Hellenthal, three miles south-southeast of Schleiden, fell to the 2nd infantry.

On the right flank of the advancing 1st army, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army veterans closed in on the German supply base of Pruem from the north, west and southwest, after cracking open a two-mile deep belt of the Siegfried line in the Schnee Eifel forest.

### IP Drive Going Well In South Lane

COTTAGE GROVE—The south Lane county district is making a fine showing in returns for the infantile paralysis fund drive, reports N. J. Nelson, Jr., chairman for the southern part of the county. The total so far received is \$1682.58 in that area, Nelson says.

To Thursday, the following had been received: Schools, \$410.02; Organizations (labor and social)—\$571.05; Business firms, corporations, \$88; Personal donations, \$107.50; Washing wells in stores, \$100.13; Arcade and Diane theaters,—\$405.28.

A few schools have not turned in their washing wells as donations are still coming in, according to Nelson's report, and several business firms, sawmills, and many individuals have expressed their intentions of turning in more funds by the end of the campaign which is extended to Feb. 13, he adds.

Indications are that 65 per cent has been collected if the total is to exceed last year's record of \$2250, the chairman reports.

### Motorist Who Drove In Front Of Bus Fined

John Richard Hedlund, 22, of Springfield pleaded guilty in the Eugene justice court Wednesday afternoon to a reckless driving charge and was fined \$150 and sentenced to jail for 10 days. The jail sentence was suspended.

The complaint was signed by Marion Redfern, a city bus driver, and charged the defendant with recklessly driving a car so as to interfere with safe operation of the bus. The evidence showed, Justice Brownell said, that he drove his car in front of the bus, thereby endangering the lives of the passengers.

### Youth Council To Elect Officers

Meeting of the Eugene Youth Council Friday evening at First Congregational church has been set to start promptly at 7:30 p. m., and members are particularly urged to be there at that time. Officers will be elected at the session, at which Kenneth Shumaker will preside.

Reason for the emphasis on early attendance is the invitation to the council to join the YMCA Little Town Hall group, also meeting Friday, but at 8 p. m., at the First Congregational church, to hear two Portland speakers discuss state institutions.

The nominating committee which will report to the council consists of E. A. Danielson, Mrs. Eugene Miller and Mrs. Russell D. Evans.

### Campus P.E. Class Is Open To All Women

An evening physical education class in body conditioning for women, sponsored by the general extension division in cooperation with the University of Oregon, is scheduled to begin Thursday, Feb. 22, in Gerlinger hall, at the university.

No college credit is given for the course, which is open to any Eugene women. A fee of \$5 to cover all costs and equipment, except gym shoes, will be charged for the 11-week course. The class will begin at 8 p. m.

Any woman wishing to take the course is asked to register in advance at the extension division office at the university.

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