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LET'S NOT LEAN ON UNCLE!

From Congressman Harris Ellsworth comes some good news for the nine school districts, including Eugene, which will vote next Monday on consolidation—a pooling of their financial and educational resources to get swift and effective action on a new junior high school and some grade school additions to relieve growth pressures. Mr. Ellsworth reports:

PRIORITIES—you should have no difficulty in securing priorities or for permission to use such lumber and native products as you want in these buildings. Heavy steel might be scarce but reinforcing materials are fairly easy. Some items of equipment are hard to get, but I believe we can get everything essential without delay.

LANHAM ACT AID—won't do any harm to ask, but they put strings on this help, and recently they have been turning down applications where increase is due mainly to logging or lumbering, on the ground that such increase is permanent and not due solely to war. Likewise the very fact that you are debt free and solvent would probably be a barrier. It doesn't sound logical, but you would have to work against precedent and delays.

Since the aim is to get that new junior high for the River Road-Santa Clara area completed by next September, or as soon thereafter as possible, the best bet would seem to be to stand on our own feet and not try to lean on "Uncle." With \$19,500,000 consolidated valuation, we can swing a \$300,000-400,000 immediate construction program, with a total school levy (for buildings and operations) of not more than 20 mills, and maybe a bit less than that with the additional state aid now before the legislature. In three years we can have this first program (and the senior high reserve of \$500,000) completed and turn to a 10-year program to modernize all schools in the area.

Very important is the word that priorities can be had promptly—if we do not get tangled in Lanham act red tape, and that we can use native materials as we see fit. (Springfield recently got a little dab of Lanham money for a day nursery project and had to use concrete on some Washington, D. C. specifications).

Perhaps we should not be critical of Lanham act which has rendered invaluable help in some areas, but very proud of the fact that although we have some growth headaches we do not have to plead "war distress." In union there is strength and there is also strength in being on CASH BASIS.

Give us the priorities for labor and materials and we can do a school construction job, as beautiful and as functional as the best. (The Upper McKenzie school and the Springfield union high are pretty good samples). Costs are up. Portland's new Croton school is estimated to cost \$458,000, with auditorium, and it is only slightly larger than the proposed junior high in River Road. But Portland is using borrowed money, and we can save a large percentage with cash.

A woman in Arkansas wept for 11 hours. The story didn't say whether or not she got what she wanted.

Navy Fights Cancer
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NEVER MIND THE HOTTENTOTS
We're much less interested in all this talk about Henry Wallace's alleged Utopian promise of "a quart of milk for every Hottentot" than we are in the actual delivery of "a package of American cigarettes for every Swede and every Colombian—while they last."

We don't know who arranged the export of those treasured smokes, but we can assure nominated for dog catcher, much less confirmed.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON MISCELLANY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—Vice President Harry Truman, after only a month on his new job, is discovering that it has a lot more up and downs to it than his old job of Senator. Trying to be a good fellow has put him in several embarrassing positions. That cheese cake photograph, with Lauren Bacall sitting on the top of an upright piano while he gazed into her eyes, brought him no little criticism for being undignified.

Then he went to an informal luncheon of Capitol workers, which he used to attend more or less regularly as a Senator, saying what he pleased without anybody caring. But the first of these sessions he attended as V. P. became a news event and a few of the stories rubbed the wrong way. Hereafter, the Vice President may not be so free and easy in his ways.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

NATIONAL Service legislation, otherwise known as the work-or-else bill, has made some strange partners in the line-up of supporters and opponents. National Association of Manufacturers and nearly all labor unions have been violently opposed. But National Steel Industry Advisory Committee, made up of people like Eugene Grace, and the heads of the extreme left wing unions like Harry Bridges, favor it.

Assistant Secretary of State Archibald MacLeish is going to be master of ceremonies at all the State Department's new series of Saturday night radio shows, though other actors on the seven weeks' series will range from week to week, depending on program. National Broadcasting hired Selden Menefee, Washington free lance writer and public relations counsel, to prepare the original script.

Menefee took a stenographer and asked questions of State Department top men cast for roles in the series. Then Menefee wrote the answers into dialog. MacLeish, who refuses to let anyone ghost for him, is rewriting much of Menefee's script. Tentatively, this seven-week State Department Saturday night soap opera is to be followed by seven weeks of Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussions, seven weeks' House Foreign Affairs Committee debates, and a seven weeks' windup by leading societies interested in international peace and security. Big idea is to bring the Department and foreign affairs closer to the public. MacLeish was chosen to m. c. the show because of his position as head of public and cultural relations, also because he is most experienced radio performer in the Department.

WAR BITES DOG

SENATOR HARRY FLOOD BYRD of Virginia lives in Washington at the swank Shoreham hotel and there keeps a magnificent Great Dane. After its evening walk with the Senator, the dog goes into the hotel drug store lunch counter, where a soda jerk feeds the big animal a couple anemic, war-time waffles, for which the Senator later pays. "It helps a little," he says.

Congressmen are being swamped by pleas from parents of service men, asking that their soldier boys who have been overseas for a couple of years or more be given leave to come home. There isn't anything the Congressmen can do about these requests as the soldiers are chosen by their overseas commanders. But the volume of this and other G. I. Bill of Rights mail has forced some Congressmen to put on an extra secretary to handle veterans' affairs exclusively.

On his trip to Russia and China last year, Henry Wallace thought he was so healthy that he would not have to wear an oxygen mask on hops over the higher mountains, as required by Army Air Transport Command regulations. Twice the then-Vice President refused pilots' orders to don his mask. The third time the pilot came back to give his order he had better luck, for the Vice President had all but passed out and was powerless to resist the pilot, who slipped the mask in place and gave him a good whiff. After that, Wallace wore the mask without protest.

ODT Approves More Bus Service In State

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—Bus service between Oregon City, Lebanon and Silverton, together with runs between Scio and Lebanon, have been approved by the office of defense transportation.

Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) said yesterday the routes were sought by Lebanon citizens to relieve critical labor and housing shortages. There will be 10 daily trips

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

SEVERAL GIRL SCOUTS EVENTS ARE ANNOUNCED

Bulletins out for various groups within the Eugene Girl Scouts council list several meetings, activities, and special programs for the next several weeks.

Of special note for March 13 and 14 is an institute on senior program planning, this event to be held at the First Baptist church, ten until four o'clock each day. This two-day gathering is arranged for leaders of senior Girl Scouts troops and their troop committees, also, for leaders and troop committee members of troops now preparing to go into Senior Girl Scouts.

Mrs. John Magney of the national field staff will be here to conduct the institute.

The institute will deal with present Girl Scout senior programs and ways of planning programs with the girls. Emphasis will be placed on problems of the teen-agers, now, and in the post-war period.

Camp Date Set

The camp committee, headed by Mrs. C. H. Michel as chairman, announces that the annual Girl Scouts summer camp at Lake Cleawox will open July 18.

Four one-week sessions are listed as follows: July 18 to 24; July 25 to August 1; August 2 to 8; August 9 to 15.

Each registered scout is to receive a camp folder and registration blank about the middle of April, giving full details of opening of registration, payment of fees, and equipment needed.

The camp committee also has notice out to buy a canoe and row boats, as well as folding single cots. Any one wishing to sell any of these items is asked to call scout headquarters of Mrs. Michel at 2361-M.

Other Events Listed

Girl Scouts week is set for March 11-17. Each troop is given opportunity to observe the 33rd birthday week of the Girl Scouts in its own way. The key theme to be "Girl Scouting Builds World's Friendship."

The troop organization committee is slated for a luncheon gathering on March 12.

The Girl Scouts council is due to hold its next meeting the evening of March 13 at the scout headquarters. On March 27 comes a meeting of the Leaders' club.

Throughout the bulletin emphasis is made on the need for cooperating of scouts in collecting paper, tin, rags, and fats for the war effort.

CLUB MEETS

The Santa Clara Women's club met the past Friday at the church.

Plans were made for an all-day meeting in April at the home of Mrs. C. B. Res, two quilts to be tied then for the children's farm home, and dolls to be made for the Alice Marie home and the Doernbecher hospital.

Mrs. James Cadman and Mrs. C. A. DuRette were hostesses for the Friday meeting and served refreshments.

LODGE MEETING

Oregon Rose lodge will meet for a potluck dinner Wednesday evening at six o'clock, at the Knights of Pythias hall. The committee in charge will be Mrs. K. V. Weir, Mrs. H. W. Weir, Mrs. E. D. Watson and Mrs. W. E. Watson. The business meeting will be at eight o'clock.

POTLUCK HELD

Large attendance marked the potluck dinner given Sunday evening by the auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors, preceding its business meeting. Plans were made for the social meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Bowman.

CLUB MEETING

Keto club is to meet Thursday afternoon, two-thirty o'clock, with Mrs. M. J. Skinner at 364 West Broadway.

DIVISION MEETS

First division of the Altar society of St. Mary's Catholic church met at the home of Mrs. John Mueller the past week with Mrs. Sam Watson and Mrs. Higgins assisting. A short business meeting was held. The afternoon was spent sewing for the sale which will be held in the near future.

between Oregon City and Silverton, two from Oregon City through Lebanon and two between Scio and Lebanon.

Refreshments were served. Next meeting comes March 12 at the home of Mrs. H. Nurre with Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mrs. L. J. Schoen assisting.

DR. CRESSMAN TO BE SPEAKER FOR GROUP

Problems of exchange professorships, exchange of students, exchange of research information, free communications between nations, and the problem of language differences will be discussed by Dr. L. S. Cressman, professor of anthropology, Wednesday evening, eight o'clock, Condon hall, at the League of Women Voters' international relations group.

Dr. Cressman will also take up the matter of a "norm" for judging the proper kind of relations to advance in the cultural field when he speaks on the topic, "International Cultural Relations."

The meeting is one of a series sponsored by the international relations group of the League. The program is open to the public.

AUXILIARY EVENT

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans will meet Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, at the armory, for regular business session. There will be conferring of degrees, and members are asked to be present. The auxiliary will join with the Sons of Union Veterans in serving a covered-dish dinner at six-thirty o'clock, which will be followed by a program. Speaker of the evening is Dr. George Simon.

Educators Confer



HERBERT L. SEAMANS

Herbert L. Seamans, director of the commission on educational organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will confer with Eugene public school educators and university faculty on Wednesday, discussing with them the teaching of intergroup relations in public schools and colleges.

The commission of which Seamans is chairman cooperates closely with the American Council on Education and other educational bodies in providing leadership and materials for education toward better intergroup relations. Seamans has arranged teachers' workshops in intercultural education at Harvard and Columbia universities, and his visit to the west coast is in the interest of developing a teacher-training program, in intercultural education in the Pacific region as well as in the interest of other intercultural education programs, with schools and colleges.

In Eugene Seamans will confer with university faculty members at a luncheon meeting in Straub hall, and at 4 o'clock with teachers and administrators of the Eugene public schools in University high school. Eugene meetings have been arranged by Dr. R. E. Cushman of the university and Dr. Henry M. Gunn, superintendent of Eugene schools.

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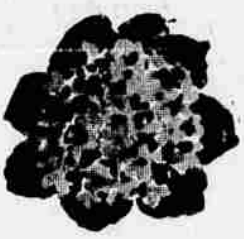
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