Eugene Hi Debaters Capture State Honors

All Eugene high school is still talking because its debating team talked so well it talked off with the state debating titles at Linfield college, McMinnville, over the weekend.

Harold W. Allison's purple and white undergrads took top honors in both the senior and junior divisions of the fourteenth annual inter-scholastic debating tournament.

In the varsity, or senior division, two Eugene teams tied for first and second positions. EHS team members were Wesley Nicholson, Marjorie Griffeth, Gerald Harris and Mike Callahan. To win they talked against such schools as Beaverton, Dallas, Hillsboro, Medford, Roseburg and Salem.

Fred Dodge and Dolores Miller won first place in the junior division. For second place, four teams tied. Three were from Eugene, and included teams composed of Mary Lee Ijans and Marilyn Griffeth, Helen Earl and Doris Keefe, and Jack Gunn and Jackie Barbee. Hillsboro and McMinnville provided the most competition in this class.

EHS students participated in 56 debates during the meet, held Friday and Saturday. To place in the finals, teams participated in six debates, regardless of whether they won or lost.

Eugene high did not participate in several other speech-making divisions, including after dinner talks and impromptu addresses.

Council Orders–

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be arranged for Oak and Olive streets in the park blocks.

One-hour parking will be eliminated to Lincoln street on the west side and high street on the east, Fifth avenue on the north and Thirteenth on the south, all limits to be inclusive of the boundary streets. One-hour parking on Willamette will be extended to Fourteenth avenue.

Left Turns Banned

Left hand turns at the intersections of Eighth and Tenth avenues and Willamette will also be denied motorists.

Stop signs will be erected at Seventeenth and Olive streets, controlling traffic from all four directions. North and south traffic must stop, also, at the intersection of Lawrence and Seventeenth avenue. East and west stop signs will also be erected on Polk street at interesections with Fourth and Fifth avenues.

Mrs. L. H. Beck, representing the university women, recommend the 1.7 mill levy for maintaining a full park and recreational program and development, but councilmen delayed. Councilman Louis Koppe held the figure too high, when added to the .3 mill levy now in effect and Councilman A. L. Hawn supported him in his successful bid to hold the matter over for investigation before the March 11 session.

E. L. Kincaid, representing the new radio station, was denied permission to use Skinner's butte for a broadcasting tower because of council and city manager fears permission would be interpreted as allowing private use of a public park for profit.

Plead For Chickens

C. J. Robertson's petition of 63 citizens objecting to outlawing of chickens from the city, at least from areas 150 feet from inhabited dwellings, drew council room protests from three of those concerned on Second avenue west. Mrs. Charles Martin, 330 Second avenue west, reported her six chicks had been ordered deported by City Sanitarian W. J. Cloyes even though, as far as she knew, nobody representing the city had inspected the premises. With another woman, Mrs. Martin said they had installed chickens to help produce food for the war emergency. She drew laughs when she declared it not yet officially ended. After a "logger who likes my fresh eggs with my pancakes each morning" had added his voice, the petitioners were told they would at least not have to wring their chickens' necks within the month stipulated in the postwar ordinance eventually outlawing animals from the city.

In the meantime the lawmakers promised to study further the means used in determining who will have chickens and who will not.

Other noteworthy business enacted by the councilmen under the gavel of Mayor Earl McNutt:

Attorney Herman Hendershott, representing property owners, asked and won first approval for vacating a half-block long alley in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth—Willamette and Oak block. Residents are seeking action because heavy trucks in making a difficult turn in the center of the block, and in traveling the route, are disturbing them. Other interested parties will be notified and given a chance to be heard before final action.

Fire Truck Bids

City Manager Deane Seeger announced calling of bids for the purchase of a 1000-gallon pumper for the fire department. They will be opened and scheduled Feb. 18 and the council will take action March 11. Two replacement automobiles for the city police and a fire chief's car have been purchased during the past month. Seeger also told of receipt of a check for $7276 as partial payment on the city's share of crops at the Mahlon Sweet airport.

BEFORE THE BALL—Rose Johnson, Beaux Art ball secretary, and Bob Elspas, stage manager, consult the set plans and compare ideas on the construction of a bridge to be used as part of the stage decorations. The dance will be held at the Eugene high school Saturday, Feb. 16, as a polio fund benefit. (Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

Beaux Arts Queen And Court To Be Feted Friday At Hotel

Riding with police escort and each in a separate car, the queen of the Beaux Arts ball, her four princesses and their escorts will be taken to the Eugene hotel Friday noon for a special luncheon in their honor, it was announced Tuesday.

There the students will be guests of the Eugene high school faculty and members of the school P-TA, which is sponsoring the annual high school ball as a polio benefit.

Police Chief L. L. Pittenger has promised an escort for the caravan, probably to include at least five cars of students, plus the faculty and P-TA members, stated Robert Banister, art instructor and adviser for the Paleteer club at the school. Banister revealed that several local car dealers have offered to donate automobiles and that the queen, Lovina Marie Rogers, will ride to the luncheon in a late model convertible.

Princesses and their escorts also will have separate cars. They include Princess Phyllis Morgan and her escort, Rich Hopper; Princess Betty Neely and her escort, Leigh Campbell; Princess Erlene Johnson and escort, Ty Lovelace; Princess Twila Rodgers and escort, Don Hendricks.

The annual ball is open to parents of students at Eugene and University high schools, as well as to P-TA members and invited guests.

Students from all high schools are invited, providing they register with the dean's office at Eugene high, according to Rose Johnson, student secretary working on arrangements. Students at University high, however, may register at their own school.

Utility Strikes–

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workers entered its second day in Philadelphia although federal conciliators held out hope for settlement. The work rush hour brought another avalanche of packed automobiles and trucks, jammed trains and long distance walks, but the stampede was less serious than yesterday's worst traffic snarl in the city's history. Officials estimated 95 per cent of the city's 800,000 workers managed to reach their jobs in factories, stores and offices the first day of the walkout.

The situation in New York City appeared the most grave. Mayor William O'Dwyer's order closing all places of public assembly was unprecedented in the peacetime history of the world's largest city.

Only essential services—hospitals, transit and communication services and restaurants deemed necessary to maintain the city's health and general welfare—were exempt from the mayor's edict, which became effective at one minute before last midnight.

The shutdown, to continue "indefinitely," had immediate effect. Almost all Broadway closed tight and thousands milled in the dimly lighted streets—looking for some place to go.

As the nine-day strike over a wage-hour dispute showed no indications of immediate settlement, the fuel shortage became more critical due to the lack of supplies, normally brought by tugboat from New York.

Arbitration Attempt

Today tugboat operators were scheduled to again meet on a proposal to arbitrate the dispute, after having failed to reach a decision at an all-night meeting. Leaders of the AFL tugboat workers have agreed to arbitration.

The three separate strikes in the eastern metropolitan centers involving about 16,800 workers all stemmed from disputes over wages and hours. The work stoppage by the 3,500 tugboat employes brought the most drastic measures resulting from strikes in the post war period. Although the government seized the tugboat industry last Wednesday, the normal flow of fuel to New York City has not been restored.

Salary Increase Sought By Teachers

Eugene school teachers sought a salary increase Monday night, in a request presented to the board of school district 4, asking that a "thorough study" be made of the present salary schedule.

The teachers, whose salaries were raised for the present year, requested further study and revision, in view of "the increase in living costs." Clarence Diebel, chairman of the Eugene Teachers' association salary committee, presented a report, in which the request was stated. It was taken under consideration.

The board, considering increased school enrollment decided to continue the emergency policy of using portable classrooms, as needed, for another year.

Scheduled transcontinental air runs are made in approximately half the time required 10 years ago.

Army Left Nothing Undone In Fitting Out GI University

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is some more of Harbert and Biarritz. Today he takes up some of the serious and not-so-serious problems encountered in establishing Biarritz American university where he held out for four months as an assistant journalism instructor.)

Most universities grow, like Topsy. But Biarritz university for American soldiers just opened its doors one morning on the Spanish Atlantic frontier of southern France and 4000 GIs took up their books.

It opened with a complete faculty of 300 in buildings hastily converted in a town where there had never been a larger school than an ecole pour garcons (boy's school).

Every student and faculty member had hot water heated from coal from the Saar. They were served by French waiters and German prisoners of war did all the dirty work like KP.

Saluting died out, as an understanding general overlooked enforcement, and enlisted men, civilians and officers who comprised the teaching staff lived in the same buildings, taught identical classes, ate at the same messes and drank cognac, pino (wine) and Bordeaux at the same bars.

Equipment Once "Loot"

Scientific laboratory equipment included some removed from Italy by the Germans, who in turn lost it to the Americans who took it to Biarritz. All foodstuffs except a few surplus tomatoes and potatoes were sent from the U. S. A. via Marseilles.

Faculty members were drawn from all parts of America and represented Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, California, Texas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Washington. Such noted educators as John Dale Russell of the University of Chicago and Frank Luther Mott from Missouri found students the most serious and easy to teach of any they had ever known. Those civilian educators, who wore officers' uniforms, excepting certain "pinks" for breeches, which they were eventually denied, were lured across the Atlantic by good salaries; one of them admitted to me his pay was the most he had ever received.

Commissioned and uncommissioned ranks of the army, itself, were drawn upon to supplement the staffs of the various schools headed and skeletoned by civilians.

Wide Range of Study

Courses offered the reconverting soldiers were just as varied as those at the University of Oregon. Chemistry was taught in a downtown beachside hotel. Artists modeled and painted in the camelia-bordered yard of a suburban villa.

Music was thoughtfully housed in an isolated villa and a technical sergeant from Pennsylvania took daily showers in a suite once occupied by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

Journalism was located in Villa Les Courlis and biology classes were conducted upstairs over a main street department store. French classes attracted more students than any other, but enrollment in German and Spanish was correspondingly high. Agriculture, mathematics, drama literature and English interested others.

Supply headquarters portioned out everything from textbooks to spam from the Hispano garage at the bend of the tram tracks for Bayonne. The library was set up in a casino from which roulette wheels were removed to make room for books.

Recreation Provided

Fifty English girl secretaries were installed in the Plaza hotel, conveniently located in the center of town. The Bon Marche (good market) department store became a GI club. For their dancing and swimming, officers took over the Chambre d'Amour north of town near a beach still mined. The dispensary was installed in a yet femininely-furnished Elizabeth Arden shop. General headquarters for the school moved into a pavilion named after Alphonse XIII of Spain. The luxurious Gulf hotel in Saint Jean-de-Luz to the south became a complete hospital. The commanding general put his bed in a villa near the lighthouse where he could overlook the whole domain. His office was just off the terrace of a hotel built by Napoleon III as his vacation villa. Twelve mess halls were opened in various parts of the town.

Biarritz university also opened with its own radio station, even if the French civilians did gain the most pleasure from its transmitter because of the material fact they owned the receiving sets.

Five mornings a week anyone who could read English could muse over La Banniere de Biarritz, their own printed newspaper right out of a French printing shop.

Closing Soon

When Biarritz university closes at the end of its third two-month term at the end of this month educational history will have been successfully made.

I remember the doubt and amusement which had passed across the faces of four Oxford fellows as they turned from the white fish they shared with me at a lunch at AllSoul's college as one of them quizzed:

"So you Americans are going to establish a university at Shrivenham!"

Yes, the Americans did establish a university just 18 miles from All Soul's. And they put up another one at Biarritz because they knew one wouldn't be enough.

San Francisco Back In UNO Site Picture

LONDON, Feb. 12—(U.P.)—Australia proposed today that the United Nations should establish temporary headquarters in San Francisco instead of New York until the proposed permanent seat in Westchester-Fairfield counties is constructed.

Col. W. R. Hodgson made the Australian proposal to the UNO assembly's headquarters committee. The committee last night voted 22 to 17 to establish the permanent headquarters at an unspecified place somewhere in the adjoining counties of Westchester, New York or Fairfield, Conn.

Opponents of the Westchester-Fairfield site predicted they could defeat the committee's recommendation when it comes before the plenary session of the assembly.

The headquarters committee was considering a recommendation by an inspection sub-committee to establish interim headquarters in New York, using a theater for assembly meetings and part of a war factory on Long Island for secretariat offices.

ELKS LODGE TO MEET

Past exalted rulers' night will be observed by Eugene lodge of Elks Wednesday with former lodge leaders filling all chairs. A show is planned for entertainment, and refreshments will be served as well, following the lodge session. Chairman for the event is W. B. Davis.

Fire Turns–

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saw a red glow in the yard. Immediately she woke her husband and went to call the children, but they already were crawling out, under the direction of the older children, who had awakened them. "Roger dragged me all over the floor to wake me up," said small Tony.

The only salvageable items had been stored under the stairway, and were somewhat protected by debris. The garage, built in connection with the house, was burned, but the wood it sh[illegible] was saved.

The fire had a strangleh[illegible] fore the alarm could be tu[illegible] The nearest telephone wa[illegible] block away. City firemen w[illegible] hard and fast, with ample [illegible] and water pressure, but the [illegible] house was nearly gone wh[illegible] arrived.

Only $4000 of the est[illegible] $7000 loss was covered by [illegible] ance. Damage was placed at [illegible] to the house and $3000 to [illegible] ishings and personal belongi[illegible]

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The annual meeting of the Eugene Community Chest members will be held Tuesday noon, February 26, 1946, at 12:15, at the Eugene hotel for the purpose of electing three directors-at-large to serve for three year. Article 9 of the By-Laws provides—
"(a) The board of directors shall—nominate persons to fill the vacancies left by the retiring members-at-large.
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