



CAUGHT AT THE CONFERENCE table during the Oregon State Bar convention in Eugene this weekend were three of the four incoming members of the Bar Board of Governors. Left to right they are Sam Van Vactor, The Dalles; Walter H. Evans, Jr., Portland; and Warren A. McMillin, Tillamook.

Likens Crises To 1787 Days

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ers' way—the way of agreement?" he asked.

"It cannot be proved," he held, "that the barriers to national unity in 1788 were less or greater than the barriers to formation of a perfect international unity today."

"The work of peace," he insisted, "is no less arduous, although it is less exciting, than that of war. But to ADMIT that it is impossible to form a world peace structure is to MAKE it impossible."

The history of the Constitution, Justice Rutledge pointed out, is almost entirely a record of compromise. This fact is significant, he said, in the light of today's events.

He then traced the thorny path of the history of the Constitution through the surrender or compromise of local interests, through the months of bitter, uphill fighting, against violent opposition, for ratification, and to the final acceptance of the charter of union. That charter many of that day considered imperfect and even dangerous.

He called upon his audience to aid in the fight against "idle, vicious chatter" about failure. He advocated vigorous contradiction of such talk as the responsibility of the people in a democracy.

Bar Is Told Story Of Queer Japanese Reasoning at Trial

Eleven different languages or dialects spoken on the witness stand during the war crimes trial of Japanese General Yamashita, created a trying situation, but that doesn't even begin to touch upon the difficulties faced by Oregon's Maj. Robert Kerr, chief prosecutor of the enemy general.

"The hundreds of witnesses we used," said Kerr in a talk to the Oregon State Bar this weekend, "had to be housed and taken care of during their stay in Manila. We even had a separate hospital for them, and there were births and deaths there during the time it took to try and convict Yamashita."

The Army gathered these witnesses from all over the Philippine Islands as human exhibits of the barbarities visited on a defenseless people by the Japanese military.

"They came by every conceivable mode of transportation," Kerr said, "on foot, in jeeps and even piggy-back."

On Crutches and Stretchers Absolutely no delays between witnesses were brooked by the trial commission—the highest ranking military commission ever to sit under an American flag.

onto the stand the minute one left," Kerr explained, "and when you remember how brutally some of them had been treated, you can imagine the problem this presented. They came on crutches and in stretchers—besides those who could make it under their own power."

One of the most baffling things with which Kerr had to contend as prosecutor was the extraordinary method of reasoning employed by Japanese defendants under oath.

They Continued to Lie "We made them swear by all that they considered holy, right down to the toe of their most worshipped ancestor, and then we had them write all this out and sign it—but they still lied."

"At one moment a prison guard would admit that he had beaten a prisoner of war into insensibility, and the next thing we knew he would swear by the holy sun over the emperor that he had not beaten any prisoners."

By dint of great persistence, Kerr finally unravelled the devious twistings of Japanese reasoning while under oath.

Then They "Apologized"

"It seems," he said, "that after bludgeoning the defenseless prisoners into bloody unconsciousness, probably for no other reason than that the guard didn't feel well that day, the guard then went down on his knees and apologized to the prostrate victim, thereby wiping out the deed."

City Schools Attract Many

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place as assistant superintendent is Dean Lobaugh, former high school principal at Walla Walla, Wash. Both men began their new jobs Sept. 1.

Throughout the county, school opening dates vary from Monday, Sept. 9, to Monday, Sept. 23. All city schools, including St. Mary's Catholic School, open Sept. 16.

Registration in Eugene public schools will be as follows:

Elementary schools, kindergarten, first, second and third grades, Wednesday morning, Sept. 11, and Thursday afternoon, Sept. 12.

Wilson and Kelly Junior High Schools, ninth grade, Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 10; eighth grade, Wednesday morning, Sept. 11.

Roosevelt Junior High, ninth grade, all day Tuesday, Sept. 10; eighth grade, Wednesday morning, Sept. 11; seventh grade, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 11.

At University High School, seniors will register Tuesday, sophomores on Wednesday, and juniors on Thursday from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Students unable to register on these days may register Friday.

All new students at Eugene High School will report to the school Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m. for classification purposes. Following that meeting, they will report again when their individual classes are scheduled to meet for registration.

Students who registered last spring will report by classes to complete their registration, pay fees and secure lockers, as follows:

Seniors—1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10. Juniors—9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Sophomores—9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Sept. 12.

New students at St. Mary's Catholic School in Eugene will register Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 9 and 10, from 10 to 12 a.m.

Registration for all District 19 schools, including Springfield Union High School, will begin Sept. 12. Registration at all schools will continue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, except for an hour's lunch period from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. School buses will arrive at the schools at 9 a.m. and leave about 12:30 p.m. At schools serviced by buses, those students not on bus routes have been asked to register in the afternoon.

Bus Routes the Same Bus routes will be about the same as last year, with only those students outside the city limits to ride buses, Ellike says.

High school registration begins Thursday, Sept. 12, for all ninth graders and students in higher grades who are new to the district. Students registered in the high school last year sign up Friday.

In junior high school all seventh graders register Thursday, and eighth graders Friday, Sept. 13.

First and second grade students who will go to the junior high school for their classes register Thursday, Friday is the day set for third and fourth grade registration at the junior high school.

At Mt. Vernon grades one to six register either Thursday or Friday. Seventh and eighth grades in the area attend the junior high school in Springfield. They will ride the high school bus.

Grades one and two at Maple register Thursday, three and four Friday. Fifth and sixth graders attend Lincoln school in Springfield. Those east of Twentieth St. are to ride the high school bus. Seventh and eighth graders go to the junior high school; if they live outside the city they may ride the bus also.

Other Registration Details At Brattain School grades one and two register Thursday, three and four Friday. Hayden Bridge and Chase Gardens students in grades one to four attend Brattain and ride the high school bus.

Only fifth and sixth graders register at Lincoln School. Thursday all fifth grade students except those in Mt. Vernon register. Sixth grade students, with the exception of Mt. Vernon, register Friday.

Opening dates have been announced for only two of the Union High Schools in the county. Union High School No. 3 at Crow will open Sept. 23, it was announced, and Union High School No. 13 at Junction City will open Sept. 16.

The following schools will open Sept. 9: district 5, Upper Camp Creek; district 17, Union; district 24, Walden; district 25, Latham; district 31, Blue Mountain; district 32, Mapleton; district 41, Walker; district 68, McKenzie; district 70, Pine Grove; district 88, Notti; district 97, Florence; district 103, Swamp; district 112, Deadwood; district 117, Westfir; district 196, Alvadore; district 191, Delight Valley; Elmira, Cottage Grove, Wallerville, London.

Those districts whose school will start on Sept. 16 are: district 3, Trent; district 11, Blufford; district 15, Lancaster; district 23, Clear Lake; district 40, Creswell; district 76, Oakridge; district 103, Coast Fork; district 128, Leaburg; district 139, Danebo; district 138, Mt. Carmel; district 144, Mohawk.

District No. 159, Lone Pine, will begin on Sept. 23.

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