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Emphasis on Good Teaching

With the schools of Eugene and Springfield preparing to begin the new school year Monday, it is wise to face the fact that throughout this area we face many difficulties. However, the difficulties will not seem so great if we understand the nature of our troubles, and what has been accomplished, and what can be accomplished by clear understanding.

The most difficult fact is that since 1940, we have had an approximate 50 per cent increase in population—and the number of children to be educated has increased proportionately. In 1940, we had only 35,000 people in the area. Today, ration reports, utility figures and every other form of reckoning indicates well over 50,000.

Nearly every school building in this area will be overcrowded, in spite of many devices to spread the load. Many of our school buildings are old and outmoded. It will be necessary to use many portables and temporary structures. Older residents understand most of the "whys", but many newcomers are puzzled.

Nevertheless we can say with conviction that we offer one of the BEST school systems in the Northwest, and to make this clear, we shall review a little of the history and policy of the last 20 years:

Twenty years ago, the school systems of Eugene and Springfield were almost at the bottom in any rating of Oregon schools, and Oregon did not stand high in national ratings.

Debt was a back-breaking burden and through depression years school management met the dual problem of straightening out finances and raising the standards of teaching, using plant available.

By 1940, both Eugene and Springfield were virtually debt free, and as Oregon advanced, they advanced to top rank in every Oregon rating.

Primary emphasis has been on GOOD TEACHING, and it should be a matter of pride that today Eugene has one of the best paid faculties in the state, better than Portland, Salem and other leading cities. In this period of dire teacher shortage we have had relatively little trouble in attracting first class talent. Our teachers are not yet as well paid as they should be; no teachers are. But we cannot emphasize too strongly that policy has been basically sound; no money has been scattered in monumental construction.

Except for Springfield's excellent new high school which was completed shortly before the war, and the new Collin Kelly Junior High which will be ready in a few weeks, there has been almost no new construction in the area these last 20 years. But in Eugene we have an 80-acre site waiting for it, and on both sides of the river the school leaders took a long look ahead in depression years and, as they had cash, they acquired very large school sites for future construction.

With these basic policies of emphasis on improved teaching and the advance planning of future construction went another important policy—the consolidation of suburban districts with the city units and the in-

tegration of the program on the six-year grade, three year junior high, three year senior high plan (and Springfield's large union high program). The result is a tremendous strengthening of the tax structure and long-range economy for all concerned. Suburban districts, completely inadequate to meet their growth problems, get the full benefit of business and industrial valuations. Nevertheless, we expect to hear many people saying:

"How long, oh Lord, will it take to catch up with the building needs which are everywhere so apparent?"

If we had \$5,000,000 in cash reserves in Eugene and Springfield, we would not have enough to do all that needs doing, especially at present construction costs. On the Eugene side, in addition to the new high school (which will cost \$1,500,000) we need at least 10 new grade schools, and each of those must be figured to cost close to \$200,000. In Springfield they need a new junior high, at least two new grade schools and substantial additions to the high school.

To the Central Lane Administrative Council, the Eugene board has submitted a 10-year program of school construction, and we have an idea that when Gene Silke, Springfield's superintendent, can find a breather, he will submit a similar program. But—in spite of all that has been done, or all that can be done by careful management and planning, it needs to be hammered home that the future of our schools (and all the schools in Oregon) depends on more liberal state support, or to put it more fairly, on giving the schools their proper share of state revenues.

Property tax cannot bear the whole load of state, city and public schools! In this area we have cleaned up our school debts; we have carried consolidation almost to the economic maximum, we have done everything we can do, but we are manacled by obsolete state tax laws and limitations.

That initiated bill to require the state to provide \$50 a year per school child state support will be on the ballot in November and it should be passed by overwhelming vote, regardless of problems it may create for the state legislature. The so-called "6-per cent limitation" on city, county and school budget increases in our state constitution should be repealed—because it throttles prudent management and drives us toward costly debt finance.

In the meantime, let us take pride in our schools, in spite of the old buildings and the difficult years ahead. The teaching standards have been lifted to the highest; our school taxes are being spent where they bring the most good; the morale of pupils and teachers is high. It means more to have Eugene High rated "among the first fifty in the United States" than to have all the super-colossal structures that California boasts.

We face some great difficulties, and they have been aggravated by this tremendous population growth, but what we have is very good. Through the P-TA's, the neighborhood clubs, we can keep informed of the progress of our schools, and we can all help. Our property taxes are high, almost as high as we can bear; we spent about four-sevenths of our tax money on schools, on our children. We need to be proud of that. And, by understanding the nature of the problem, it will be solved, perhaps sooner than we now dare to hope.

Society, Women's Organizations

By ANN CONNELL

Former U-O Student Married at Portland

At a double-ring ceremony recently in Portland Miss Flora Margaret Kibler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hallie R. Kibler, became the bride of Robert Harry Hill, son of Mrs. Harry Kayden Hill. The ceremony was performed in the First Baptist Church, by Dr. Ralph Walker assisted by Dr. O. C. Wright, who performed the wedding ceremony in the same church 25 years ago for the bride's parents. Miss Kibler attended the University of Oregon and was active on the local campus.

The bride wore a dress of ivory jersey with court train, and her full veil of illusion falling from a coronet of heirloom rose-point lace, worn by the bride's mother and aunt. She carried a bouquet of white orchids, roses and gardenias. She was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor for her sister was Miss Grace Kibler, who wore a dress of rose jersey. Bridesmaid was Miss Pauline Shepherd of San Francisco, Cal., wearing bluish-pink jersey. Junior bridesmaid was Miss Ruth Kibler, dressed in petal pink taffeta. Each girl wore a Juliet cap to match her dress and carried crescent bouquets of pink roses.

Harry E. Schulz was best man. Ushers were Lloyd Gilson, John S. Walls, Richard H. Spooner and John Jeans.

A reception was held in the church parlors. Among those pouring was Mrs. J. D. Bryant of Eugene. Sorority sisters of the bride from Delta Delta Delta assisted in serving.

After a wedding trip to Victoria and Vancouver Island, the couple will be at home in Salem, where Mr. Hill will study law at Willamette University.

Portland Pair Will Live Here

The wedding of Miss Charlotte Ruth Kaufman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rudolf Kaufman of Portland to Loren Richard Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Clark, was an event of Tuesday evening in St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church in Portland, in a setting of autumn flowers. The Rev. Arthur A. Vall-Spinosa officiated.

Mr. Kaufman gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a gown of white figured satin made with a court train. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a bonnet-style headress and she carried American Beauty roses.

Mrs. Jack Neil Goodman, sister of the bride, was matron of-honor wearing dusky pink crepe. Leonard Nichols was best man. Ushers were Henry J. Voderburg, Victor Aitche, Richard Ward and James Campbell.

A reception was held in the parish house after which the Clarks went to Timberline Lodge and Salt Lake Lodge in Eastern Oregon. They will make their home in Eugene.

Recently-Wed Pair Plans Eugene Home

In a setting of white gladioli, stocks and delphiniums, Miss Barbara Alice Korell became the bride of Vernon Sprague Whitson, son of Mrs. Elmo White, August 24 at a garden wedding at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Korell of Portland.

The Rev. L. F. Evenson read the service and the bride's father gave her in marriage.

Traditional white satin was chosen by the bride for her wedding gown. With it she wore a fingertip veil arranged with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white gladioli and larkspur. Attending her as matron of honor was Mrs. Curtis F. Faus, who had a frock of white organdy and an arm bouquet of blue delphiniums.

Dick Strait acted as best man. A reception followed the ceremony. After a wedding trip to the Oregon beaches, Mr. and Mrs. White planned to go to Eugene to live.

BLUE RIVER OES CHAPTER MEETS

Blue River Chapter No. 158, Order of Eastern Star, met Wednesday evening at the McKenzie River Masonic Temple for a potluck supper, followed by the stated communication.

The committee for the potluck included Mrs. Arthur Olson, Miss Muriel Olson, Mrs. Max Ruff, Mrs. Elmer Gustafson, Mrs. Harry Hagdon, and Mrs. Bert Griffith. The next regular meeting will be held September 25, when there will be initiation.

Group to Meet Sunday
Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Railway Conductors will have a potluck dinner followed by lodge meeting at six-thirty o'clock Sunday at the Knights of Pythias hall. All members and families are invited.

D.U.V. Initiate
Daughters of Union Veterans met Wednesday for a potluck dinner. Fifty attended. Mrs. Fern Schroeder was initiated, and plans for a coming rummage sale discussed.

BOAT SAID SINKING

HALF MOON BAY, Cal.—A.N.—A Navy district patrol boat ran aground on the Pacific coast line two miles south of here Friday and was reported sinking 30 yards offshore.

Recipe

CARROT SALAD

2 carrots
1/2 cucumber
1 cup grated cabbage
6 scallions
2 slices bacon, cooked
1 cup sour cream
Salt and pepper to taste
Cut the carrots into julienne strips about two inches long. Peel and thinly slice the cucumber and scallions. Crumble bacon. Blend with rest of ingredients and taste for seasoning.

New Long Lines Seen in Styles

By BARBARA BUNDSCHU
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK—The ladies will be long and slim of torso, and they'll swing their skirts to the rear this winter if Henri Bendel's custom designers have anything to say about it.

They probably will have, because they've put their heads together for a beautiful and distinguished group of costumes on those themes—smartly simple daytime suits and dresses, exotic after-dark ensembles, evening gowns which lack only the crown jewels to complete their lavish elegance.

The store will make them up to your measure for anywhere from \$250 to about \$700. The lines look good for a lot of less expensive adaptation for ready-to-wear buyers.

Middy Adaptation
Bendel uses a middy blouse analogy to point up the long torso line and features it in a group of two-piece costumes in contrasting colors and fabrics.

One had black jersey top with long sleeves, a high neckline and a turned-back cuff hem at the low hipline. It was shown over a cafe au lait velvet skirt with front fullness.

The line is prominent also in one-piece dresses, where it is usually achieved with hip swathing.

It's the bell ringer also of one of the most scrumptious evening dresses—if you're built for that sort of thing. The oyster-white silk faille had a simple square neck with wide shoulder straps and hugged the body to a point about midway between hip and knee. There it was banded with mink above the full gathers of the lower skirt.

Bridal Gown
The same material was used in a wedding gown which was the climax of the showing. The bridal neckline, which was featured in many other evening gowns as well, was a fichu-like triple cuff which gave a wide V of bareness as it extended over the shoulder and arm to a smooth back shoulder. The skirt hung in lavish folds and was separated in front to reveal a tiered panel of white lace.

For daytime wear the Bendel designers favor a modest use of corduroy and a lot of short box jackets.

The corduroy appears in skirts and jackets combined with other fabrics and in a full suit in sandy beige.

The box jackets, mostly just below the waist, are shown in fur—black Persian and ocelot were noted—and corduroy as separate pieces and as suit jackets. One suit in winter blue—a bright navy—woolen had a box jacket closed with three gold buttons under its small black Persian collar, a satin blouse which matched the suit with a lighter sheen.

HEARING GROUP HOLD LUNCHEON

Monthly luncheon of the Eugene Hearing Society was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. L. L. Wilder, with more than twenty in attendance. Guests of honor were Miss Martha Roylance of Prosser, Wash., who is visiting in the city, and Mrs. Hannah Masselrooth, who is leaving next Tuesday for an extended visit in Iowa and Ohio.

REPORTS PRESENTED AT LEAGUE MEETING

Eugene Welfare League members discussed plans for the coming year at their first meeting Wednesday evening. Various committee chairmen made reports.

Of special interest was the report made about a detention home for girls by the juvenile advisor.

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MEETINGS HELD BY GARDEN CLUB GROUPS
Two groups of Eugene Garden Club already have had September meetings. The Nature Group enjoyed a field-day, September 6. Joyed members of this group, which makes the study of nature its hobby, made the trip to Fern Ridge Dam where they observed water-fowl and gathered native dried materials. Mrs. Karl Kruger was hostess at the noon luncheon. Newcomers group met early this week with fifty members and guests present. "Face Buds for Spring Blooming" served as the main theme.



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Tobacco Firm President Dies

NEW YORK — (AP) — George Washington Hill, 61, who rose from a \$5-a-week helper in his father's tobacco firm to president of the American Tobacco Company, died Friday at his fishing camp in Matapedia, Quebec Province, Canada.

Announcement of his death was made here by the company. He had been ill for a short time but the cause of death was not announced.

Hill, whose company popularized Lucky Strike cigarettes, made the tobacco business his life work and rose to become one of the highest paid corporation executives in the nation, averaging

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more than \$400,000 annually for years as president. He earned \$5 a week when he joined the company at the age of 20 and once disclosed that his salary and bonuses netted him \$650,000 between 1926, when he became president of the firm, and 1939.

Hen Does Her Part For Food Shortage

A 35-ounce egg measuring three and a half inches long and two and a quarter inches broad was brought to the Register-Guard Friday from the Leland Hart farm, near Creswell. Since he has nothing but Rockshire chickens on his place, Hart is sure the egg could not have been laid by a duck or turkey.

BECK PLANS MEETING

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Dave Beck of Seattle, western chieftain of the AFL Teamsters' Union, will meet with officials of large trucking interests here Sept. 16-17, it was announced Friday.

The European Schwarzsals goat is half white and half black.

Salem Family Boards Glutton

SALEM — (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. John Lindow, of Independence, have a star boarder—ten-year-old Claire Belle St. Mawes.

Her board bill would keep any city feller broke. Daily, she gulps down 16 pounds of oats, barley, mixed bran, with some form of protein concentrate for dessert. In winter, it's her eight daily feedings plus plenty of beet pulp and irradiated yeast.

In her ten hungry years, owners say, she has dishked out 17,341 pounds of milk, 1016 pounds of 5.68 per cent butter fat.

And she has had plenty of attention during those years—eight different official testers have given her the eye.

Claire is the 45th 1000-pound butter fat cow of the Jersey breed.

CONVICT'S BROTHER HELD

SEATTLE—(AP)—Homer Britton, 31-year-old young brother of Richard Britton, sentenced to hang for the slaying of a shoe-store manager, was re-arrested by Seattle police Friday for investigation.

Wyoming has more than 100 idle ranches.

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