

Anna Ready, Pioneer Resident Florence, Dies at Farm Home

Anna E. Ready, 78, died Oct. 5, at her home near Florence, Ore. One of Florence's early residents, Mrs. Ready, with her husband, Alvin, went there in the early 1890s. Mrs. Ready was born July 1, 1886, in Kansas. On August 19, 1905, she was married to Alvin Ready, of Corvallis, New Mexico. She died in 1933.

Her arrival in Florence, Ore., was the beginning of a life of service. Mrs. Ready became a landmark in the history of the town. She was one of the early businesswomen of the town. She was a member of the Methodist Church, the American Legion, and the American Auxiliary.

She is survived by three sons: George C., and Leonard of Florence; one brother, Henry Compton of Astoria; a half-sister, Mrs. Frances Holm of San Leandro, Calif., and a half-brother, Newton Compton.

Funeral services will be held at the Florence Evangelical Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery there. Simon Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

SCHADE GIVEN POST

George D. Schade, former graduate assistant in the department of Romance Languages in the University of Oregon, has been appointed instructor in that department.

POLICE BOOK MAN

State police Saturday night booked Walter P. Branch, Cheshire, on a charge of intoxication.

LAST 5 YEARS Reveal Pupils, Costs Doubled

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pay higher costs for more students has increased somewhat, as assessed values have gone up, but the increase has been short of the extra need. Increases in assessed valuations have lagged.

The struggle to carry this growing burden is reflected in the increasing tax rates. Millage increases are shown in the table below.

These are elementary district rates except for Eugene and Springfield, which are for high school also. Rural elementary districts also must pay the non-high tax rate of 17.1 mills or, if they are in union high districts, must pay whatever rate those districts charge.

Beginning with Bailey Hill, districts listed below have consolidated with Eugene.

	1941-42	1946-47
Eugene	19.3	43.9
Springfield	26.9	32.4
Thurston	5.6	63.9
Cedar Flat	0.0	63.9
Willakenzie	1.7	19.7
Bethel	3.2	20.3
Irving	2.9	11.5
Danebo	9.7	15.5
Glenwood	15.8	35.4
Bailey Hill	2.2	25.4
Santa Clara	22	43.9
Dunn	7.3	43.9
Spencer Butte	7.5	43.9
Willagillespie	6.8	43.9
Gardenway	4.2	43.9
Maglady	14.6	43.9
River Road	13	43.9

This year the non-high rate has been increased to meet added costs and is now 17.1 mills. This means, for instance, that the total school tax rate for Bethel will be 37.4 mills and for Willakenzie 36.8 mills. Thurston, in the Springfield union high district, will pay 17.4 mills in addition to 63.9, or 81.3 mills.

Includes Additional Projects
The Thurston rate, however, includes some money for projects in addition to school operation. Bethel is paying off a \$65,000 bond issue for a four-room addition. Eugene is paying for the new Collin Kelly school and laying aside money for a new high school.

Rising costs are shown in the following table which gives approximate amounts spent per elementary pupil in average daily attendance in 1941-42 and 1945-46:

	1941-42	1945-46
Thurston	\$87.14	\$165.85
Willakenzie	51.58	115.17
Springfield	99.59 (44-45)	109.97
Bethel	71.07	168.42
Irving	63.32	159.01
Danebo	89.75	132.64
Glenwood	64.76	125.78
Santa Clara	90.52	126
Dunn	56.53	126
Willagillespie	58.52	126
Gardenway	50.43	126
Maglady	87.03	126
River Road	69.08	126
Eugene	100.64	126

Beginning with Santa Clara, figures in the above table for 1945-46 are the same because the districts listed have consolidated with Eugene.

Spent Less than Average
While these increases are striking, there is another factor which explains them, namely that in 1941-42 almost every district in the list was spending far less per pupil than the average district in the state. The state average for 1941-42 was \$101.87 and in 1944-45 it was \$128.04.

In 1943-44 the Lane County average per pupil was \$104.68. Only seven counties in the state spent less and 28 spent more.

What has happened in the last five years is that these schools have "pulled themselves up by their bootstraps" and brought their level of education, as measured by cost, closer to the state average.

Nearer Average Now
Says Dr. Carl Huffaker of the school of education at the University of Oregon: "In 1941-42 the schools of this region, particularly in the fringe areas around Eugene and Springfield, were under-supported. But the possibilities are that they are getting closer to the state average."

"Costs are higher because these districts are spending more nearly the state average per pupil, because all costs are much higher than before the war, and because this area has boomed in population."

Filter Plant's Cost Estimated At \$1,300,000

The Eugene Water Board revealed Saturday that consulting engineers have estimated the cost of Eugene's proposed Hayden Bridge filter plant project at \$1,300,000.

P. J. Koon, Portland consulting engineer who conferred with water board officials Friday, estimated the cost of a 25 million-gallon capacity filter plant at about \$700,000, with \$600,000 going for a 33,000-foot pipeline from Hayden Bridge to Eugene, and for other expenses.

The proposed first unit of the filter plant will probably be of the 2 million-gallon capacity, but the proposed site at Hayden Bridge has an ultimate capacity of 75 million.

Boals, city water board superintendent, said that a 25 million-gallon capacity would be sufficient for several years, depending on community growth.

The pipeline will be 42 and 45 inches in size, and will have a capacity of about 50 million gallons. If more capacity is required in future years, another pipeline will be installed.

Death Recalls Great Pinchot Fight of 1909

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provided that the President could no longer withdraw forest land from private entry by executive order. Congress alone would have the power to close land to private development, or as Pinchot would have termed it, "capitalistic exploitation."

"Bring Maps," Said Teddy
Knowing he had to sign the bill so that the departments depending on the funds it allotted could operate, Roosevelt had Pinchot's foresters working night and day. "Bring me maps showing every piece of public domain in those six states that contain a bush," Teddy ordered. Pinchot's men gave him field maps on which he based an executive order withdrawing 16,000,000 acres from private entry in Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Montana. Then he signed the bill. Years later, Roosevelt wrote in his Autobiography: "The opponents of the Forest Service turned handsprings in their wrath."

This aggressiveness of Roosevelt in behalf of conservation naturally aroused angry controversy. When Taft took office, he faced a bitter dispute. He also found that Teddy expected him to reappoint James R. Garfield as Secretary of the Interior. Though Pinchot had been the principal promoter in the conservation drama, he was actually only a secondary office-holder in the agriculture department and Roosevelt's official acts had been administered by Garfield. Taft, though he favored the conservation program, chose Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, Wash., in place of Garfield.

Ballinger Proves Suspect
With Roosevelt off in Africa, things stalled. Pinchot was without the leader his personality demanded to give him direction. A man as Garfield, was suspect among the coterie of enthusiasts who regarded conservation as a god and any change in its established personnel as virtual treason.

Ballinger had been in office less than six months when Pinchot put his suspicion into action. Armed with a letter of introduction from Pinchot, a subordinate of Ballinger called on Taft and charged that Ballinger was improperly aiding the Guggenheim family and other interests in obtaining 100,000 acres of Alaskan coal land. Taft sent the charges to Ballinger, who replied in defense with documents containing upward of 500,000 words.

Taft backed Ballinger and damned the charges as based on "only shreds of suspicion." The subordinate who had voiced the charges was ordered dismissed. Pinchot slammed back through the newspapers with information from government files tending to reflect on Ballinger and, inferentially, on Taft.

For this insubordination Taft dismissed Pinchot from the government, explaining that such action on the part of an underling would, if overlooked, be "most demoralizing to the discipline" of the national executive.

Press Backed Pinchot
The cult of conservation zeal-

ots, powerful Collier's Weekly, and much of the press sprang to the defense of Pinchot. A Congressional committee met to investigate Ballinger. Collier's hired brilliant young Louis D. Brandeis to represent the forces hostile to Taft.

The upshot of the investigation was the resignation of Ballinger. Though his reputation had been cleared by the Republican majority of the committee, it had been added in the group's report that the controversy which centered about him had placed him in a position in which his "usefulness was impaired." Taft regretfully accepted the resignation, expressing his sympathy in a warm personal letter in which he castigated the campaign against Ballinger.

Pinchot sailed for the White Nile to confer with Roosevelt. Far above par as a judge of men, Roosevelt was well aware of Taft's inadequacies and of Pinchot's one-sided zeal. But as a former President, Teddy knew the chief executive could not afford to have in office a subordinate who would conspire with men in Congress to embarrass the President.

"I am not yet sure," Roosevelt wrote, "whether Taft... could have followed any course save the one he did."

Roosevelt's following, however, thought only of conservation and not at all of administrative discipline. They saw only that Pinchot had been humiliated and, making of him a sort of martyr, they turned away from support of Taft. There came later the Republican split that resulted in Taft's loss of the presidency, Teddy's futile Bull Moose campaign of 1912, and the rise of Woodrow Wilson.

Stehn Adds Two Men To Faculty of Music

The addition of two instructors in brass to the University of Oregon school of music has been announced by John Stehn, assistant professor of wind instruments in the university and director of the university band.

Political Scientist Back From Extended Duty

Dr. Fred V. Cahill, Jr., instructor in political science, has returned to the University of Oregon campus after four years' service in the Army.

Dr. Cahill spent 20 months with the intelligence section of theater command, South Pacific theater, in New Caledonia in 1943 and 1944. He returned to this country from the tour in January, 1945, with the rank of captain, and attended the Army's military government school in Virginia and Civilian Affairs Training School at Harvard University.

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