

Rural District 'Big Business'

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Job, at the salaries now being paid county superintendents. These salaries run mostly in the \$2300-\$2500 bracket now. On the basis of the present scale, Lane County will be paying \$2400 to a superintendent who will have to administer a school district of more than 5000 students.

Last year Eugene paid \$6500 to its superintendent for administering a district of about the same size. A former Lane County superintendent is now superintendent of all Josephine County schools, a position which he accepted at \$5000 a year.

Boards Not Paid

The rural district boards of five members each will not be paid. They cannot be expected to devote a great deal of time to their school jobs and thus will depend to a great extent on the county superintendents for professional and technical advice.

Because they make up the rural school district budgets these boards also will be determining the educational policies of the districts, and these policies will be carried out by superintendents, although the law gives them virtually no authority. But there will be no one else to do the job.

The boards can have a profound influence over the rural schools, for through the budgets they set up they will be able to determine how many teachers a school has, how much material they have to work with, and how much they are paid. The philosophy of the rural school law is equalization and the boards will have to determine whether this is to be applied to salaries.

In fact there may be pressure on the boards to equalize salaries. Yet it is well known that in order to obtain teachers for remote areas it is necessary to pay higher salaries than are paid closer to cities.

Despite the upward tendency there is one Marion County district which pays its two teachers \$1125 a year each, and one Marion district pays its teacher \$1237.50.

Through their budget powers the boards would be able to virtually force certain school districts to consolidate if they wished to bring this about. For the rural district boards may cut down or eliminate entirely any item in a school's budget requests.

When the new act takes effect Oregon will have approximately 48 first class districts, five county unit districts and 31 new rural school districts, a total of 84 school districts as far as school support is concerned, compared to about 1700 districts now.

The 31 new districts, of course, will not necessarily act as a unit, but they will represent a much more compact group than the present 1700 districts. Instead of several thousand board members dealing with local school support taxes there will be but 155—five

Keglers Start Final Grid in All-Star Bowling Tournament

CHICAGO, Dec. 5—(AP)—Sixteen finalists, paced by Joe Norris and George Young of Detroit, began their round-robin match play in the sixth annual All-Star Bowling Tournament here Thursday.

The field of 16 will now roll 16 games a day for the final four days of the tournament, which ends Sunday.

Defending champion Joe Wilman of Berwyn, Ill., and the 1944 champion, Buddy Bonar of Chicago, were seeded in this year's tournament and did not have to qualify.

College Grid Crowds Show Big Increase

NEW YORK, Dec. 5—(AP)—College football attendance spiraled toward a new high in 1946 with a survey of 87 leading colleges reporting a 48.4 per cent increase over last year, topped by Michigan's 514,579 count at its Ann Arbor stadium.

On the basis of the Wolverines' reported gross of \$1,121,000, big time football drew well over \$22,000,000 at the box office with at least 20 bowl games still to be added.

Crowding Michigan for top honors was the University of Pennsylvania which attracted 502,000 for seven games at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. They were the only colleges to better the half million mark.

Next in line among the first 10 in home drawing power were UCLA, 429,423; Ohio State, 371,017; California, 367,000; Yale, 357,000; Minnesota, 328,913; Tulane, 298,430; Southern California, 297,119; and Northwestern, 289,000.

Grid interest showed the sharpest spurt in the South where a 58 per cent increase was noted in a survey of 25 schools drawing 2,528,032. Tulane, Louisiana State, Miami and Georgia were among the pace-setters.

Texas almost doubled its 1945 total by packing in 228,000 for six games.

The Middle West proved to be the most football-minded sector, drawing a total of 3,580,783.

Although Penn piled up the highest eastern total, Yale's increase from 186,007 in 1945 to 357,000 in 1946 was outstanding.

Committee Will Draft Report on Log Hauling

SALEM—Ore.—The special committee appointed by Gov. Earl Sniel to study problems connected with transportation of logs on public highways will meet Friday, Dec. 13, in Portland to prepare its report to the governor. It was announced Thursday.

Wednesday the committee held a public hearing at which more than 30 persons expressed their views on many problems connected with log transportation.

OPENINGS SEEN

The U. S. Civil Service Commission Thursday announced examinations for junior agricultural assistant and for geophysicist, from which probational appointments will be made to positions in Washington, D. C., and throughout the United States. Information and application forms may be obtained from the Postal Savings window at the Eugene Post Office.

In each of the 31 counties, in addition to the county unit and first class district boards. These 155 rural school district board members will have many school interests in common. What influence they will have as a group on statewide education remains to be seen.

Their potential influence is great, for they will have an opportunity to launch rural education on a path of greater progress.

Drama at UMW-Lewis Trial Matched Behind the Scenes

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to work and then we'll decide whether to talk or not."

Padway at one point inquired what attitude the judge would take on the sentences if the strike were called off. The union at-

torney did not, however, make any specific proposal, offer, promise or deal—just that Lewis was willing to talk with the government.

Upshot of it was that the government attorneys decided not to

oppose the union suggestion that sentences be deferred until three o'clock.

After the courthouse conference broke up at noon, there were important huddles among government officials. But if any of them had any idea of making overtures to Lewis, they were squelched.

At UMW Headquarters

Lewis and his attorney were in a huddle, too. They went to Lewis' sixth-floor office at United Mine

Workers headquarters. They stayed there until it was time to go back to court at three.

How the talk went in that union meeting is not known. Perhaps Lewis hoped for a government overture. Perhaps he couldn't believe the government would go through with its recommendations for a big fine.

In any event, the principals all returned to Judge Goldsborough's chambers shortly before three. The union attorneys reported in

effect the sentencing procedure. Sonnett in his brief case carried five different sets of government recommendations for sentences. One of them included a jail sentence.

Canada is the world's second largest exporting nation.

Members of the Amish religion are forbidden to ride in automobiles or tractors.

TRAIN AT WALLA WALLA

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 4.—Arrangements have been completed for the Tacoma, Wash., to do their 1947 spring tour here, C. W. Martin, city commissioner, said Thursday.

The only foreign trip the island of Barbados is to India.

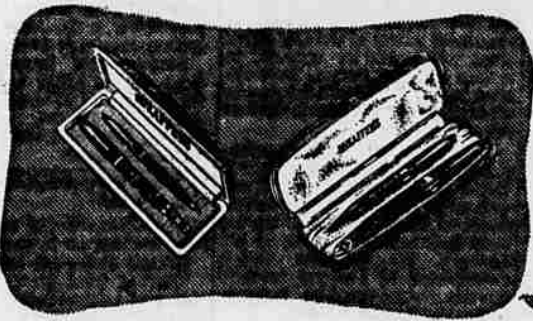


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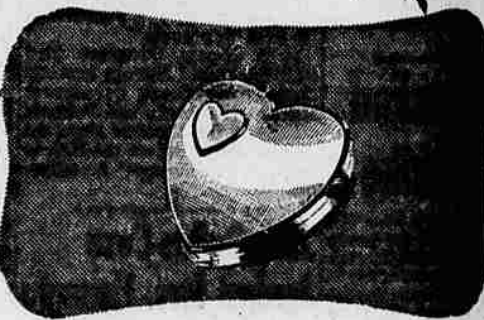
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