

Boards to Discuss Consolidation Of Four Rural Schools in County

A special meeting to consider consolidation of four rural schools with present enrollments totaling 146 has been called for Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the courthouse, Mrs. Lucille Kennedy, county superintendent, said Tuesday.

Lester Wilcox, state department of education, will discuss the advantages of consolidation with members of the boards of Oak Hill, Clear Lake, Malabon, and Alvadore schools.

Oak Hill (District 8), and Malabon (District 138), are both one-room schools. Clear Lake (District 23), has one room and two teachers. Alvadore (District 186), has three teachers.

Consolidated in one district, the four schools would have an average enrollment in each grade of about 18 students, according to March, 1947, reports. There are 11 listed in the sixth grade and 26 in both the second and fifth grades with others falling between these figures.

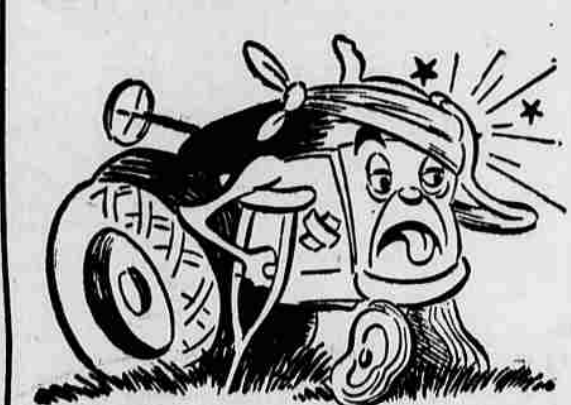
The four schools now have a combined valuation of \$710,627 and for the next two years can be bonded for 10 per cent of the assessed value plus the \$2000 serial levy that Oak Hill now has on hand, Mrs. Kennedy said.

The combined census figures of the four districts in 1946 came to 270. The schools now have frame buildings in various states of disrepair. In discussing the consolidation the boards will consider the need for one new building large enough to accommodate reasonable future expansion. The population increased about 16 per cent in 1946 over the 1945 school census.

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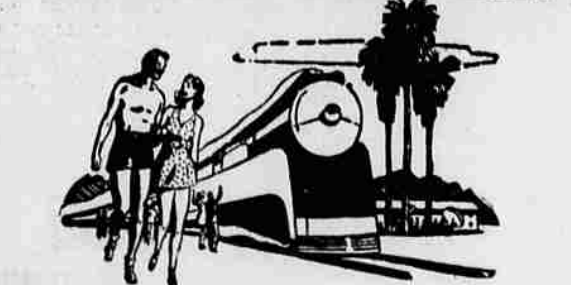


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Odd Fellows Invite Convention to Eugene

A wire to the Grand Lodge Session of the IOOF, meeting in The Dalles, was dispatched Tuesday by C. E. McLean, chairman of the tourist and convention committee of the Eugene Chapter of Commerce, inviting the lodge to meet next year in Eugene.

McLean reported that George Simon, Eugene delegate to the convention in The Dalles, would present the invitation Wednesday during the closing sessions.

"If the lodge accepts Eugene's invitation, it will mean that 2000 to 2500 persons will visit this city next year," McLean said.

Greece Accuses Her Neighbors

GENEVA — (AP) — Greece charged before the United Nations Balkan Commission Tuesday that Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria were planning new acts of aggression against Greece on an increasing scale.

Alexander Kyrou, Greek liaison representative to the commission, made the new charges against the countries bordering Greece on the north in the name of the Greek government.

Kyrou said the adjacent countries were aiming at the severance of Macedonia and western Thrace from Greece, as well as political enslavement of his country.

"It would not be unlikely for the so-called foreign legions to attempt to put in an appearance in Greece," Kyrou told the commission at a plenary session.

Miners to Conduct First Postwar Meet

The Oregon Mining Assn., will hold its first meeting since before the war on May 24 in Grants Pass, according to an announcement Tuesday from the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

The American Institute of Mining Engineers and the Oregon geology department also will hold meetings in Grants Pass on the same date, and much valuable interchange of information is expected.

The Chamber announced that reservations to the conference may be made by writing to F. I. Bristol, president, care of Bristol Silica Co., Rogue River.

Frank J. Nichols

Frank J. Nichols, 77, died Tuesday at his Coburg home. He was born July 18, 1869, in Michigan, and married Frances Hall at Wolcott, Vt., Oct. 7, 1933. He lived in Coburg the past eight years.

Surviving are his widow and two sons, Harold E. Nichols, Oakland, Calif., and Miles Nichols, Longview, Wash., and a daughter, Mrs. Orton Gilbert, Seattle.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later from Simon Mortuary.

FBI to Protect Line Insulators

An appeal to school superintendents of the Pacific Northwest asking their assistance in stopping destruction of power lines and powerline insulators by rifle fire has been issued by S. E. Schultz, chief engineer of the Bonneville Power Administration, William E. Trommershausen, BPA district manager in Eugene, said Tuesday.

Schultz said that since July 1, 1946, some 490 insulators on the Bonneville system had been damaged by rifle fire. This damage had resulted in power outages amounting to 77 hours and 31 minutes.

The FBI has been asked to assist in apprehending persons involved in the shootings, Schultz said.

Not Guilty Plea Filed In Cow Killing Case

Art Sallee, Crow Stage Rd., entered a plea of not guilty Tuesday in circuit court when he was arraigned on charges of wanton destruction of personal property.

The indictment accused Sallee of shooting and killing five cows belonging to Jake Daugherty last February.

Judge G. F. Skipworth fixed bail at \$1000 and Sallee was free to await trial after posting bond with the county clerk.

Solon Counts Noses, Quits Speech Attempt

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The subject before the Senate was absenteeism, especially by senators who walk out or stay away when a colleague is making a long speech.

Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) brought up the subject rather abruptly.

He was speaking on the pending science bill. Suddenly he stopped and counted the house. There were only 22 senators present, including O'Mahoney. He said he just wasn't going to waste his time making a speech with so few around.

Noted Eye Specialist Dies in Portland

PORTLAND — (AP) — Dr. Andrew J. Browning, 68, Portland eye specialist and past president of the Western Ophthalmological Society, died here Tuesday.

A staff member of the University of Oregon Medical School, he had practiced here since 1913. Formerly he had been at Washington, D. C., and The Dalles, Ore.

Survivors include the widow; two daughters; three sons; a sister, Mrs. Fred Payne, Berkeley, Calif., and a brother, Robert Browning, Washington, D. C.

Ex-Army Pilots Plan Hon Around World

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Two former Army Air Forces pilots who plan an August round-the-world flight in a war surplus P-38 in an effort to break the Bombardier's recent record signed up

Allies Take Steps to Curb Food Hoarding in Germany

BERLIN — (AP) — British and American flying squadrons of agricultural experts Tuesday were breaking up attempts by German farmers to hoard food while city dwellers exist on a starvation diet.

Top British authorities reported a high official for the first time gave an insight of the measures the Anglo-American authorities were taking against hoarding, one of the main factors on which they blamed the German food crisis.

The spokesman cited as an example the discovery of about 2000 head of cattle hidden on a farm in the North Rhine-Westphalia area of the British occupation zone.

American investigators have been "very successful in finding hidden food supplies on farms in Bavaria," the informant said at a press conference.

The spokesman said there was little hope that the food crisis in western Germany would end before June 1.

He estimated that the food level would continue basically unchanged. It averages about 900 calories a day, although the stipulated ration is 1550.

That is a starvation ration, the spokesman conceded. But he said the Germans were getting other food supplies from the black market and unauthorized channels.

He blamed the crisis on three main factors—(1) shortages in

Reserve Signs 24 New Sailors

Twenty-four recruits for the Citizens' Naval Reserve have been signed up in the first two days of operations at Naval Reserve Headquarters in the lobby of the Eugene Hotel, it was announced Tuesday by V. C. Hays, recruiter in charge.

A battery of five teams composed of one officer and five men to a team are canvassing the Eugene area, working against a Sunday deadline, in an attempt to sign up 1000 men in the Citizens' Naval Reserve before the Reserve



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Hikers Observe Small Portion Of Rt. F Remaining Incomplete

By MARGARET BENSTON

Rt. F has lost its mystery. Anybody can drive up from Mapleton five or six miles by a good road and hike down an easy trail to the western junction and see for himself what all the shouting is about.

This was demonstrated for the first time Monday afternoon by a group of 25 from the Eugene and Western Lane Chambers of Commerce.

Knife Edge

You can stand on the knife edge of the Coast range at this point, glance down to the east and west, and realize all that stands between Eugene and the coast is this thin membrane of mountain. Completion of the route would make Mapleton only 45 miles from Eugene by road.

The ridge is very little steeper and about twice as long as the climb up the north face of Skinner's Butte, or roughly equivalent to the steep portion at the summit of Spencer Butte. When and if completed the market road will be very much like the mountain road crossing the Coast range summit just east of Blachly.

Timber-Covered

It is covered with fine, old-growth timber belonging to the Sitka Forest Products Co. Camp Jackson, nearby, will log the vicinity this summer.

The winding road, recently completed by the REA, crosses the summit from the Mapleton side and ends several hundred yards down the uncompleted eastern side. At the foot of the ridge, where a tunnel may some day go through, the trail comes out on the completed grade which leads east down Turner Creek, to Richardson and Eugene.

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