

# Charges Made Of Inefficiency At Fairgrounds

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"2. You have no plans, program or method of procedure. You show a gross preference for certain individuals in allotting stalls and for groups in allowing use of buildings and grounds.

"3. The fair board manager is running a business, using the facilities of the Lane County Fairgrounds.

"4. You have consistently refused to raise the price of the facilities at the Fairgrounds and have been running it at a great loss to the taxpayers of Lane County.

"5. There is absolutely no supervision of any activity held at the Fairgrounds.

"6. The position of caretaker is being used exclusively by the Fair Board as a barn attendant and is a caretaker in name only.

"7. You have been using the money at your own discretion contrary to the advice of the former district attorney.

"8. The high-handed manner in which you conduct your hearings is particularly repugnant. Groups who are asked to appear before your board are not even allowed the courtesy of an open hearing but are called in individually and made to feel like a prisoner at the bar.

"9. In view of the financial status of the Fair Board we believe that it would be a good idea for the district attorney to bring this matter to the attention of the grand jury at his earliest convenience.

"We, the undersigned, in view of the above mentioned facts, demand the resignation of Mr. Simons from the Fair Board and of Mr. McCulloch as secretary and manager of the Lane County Fairgrounds because we believe that they are the worst offenders."

### May Circulate Petitions

Gibbs stated that, if a satisfactory explanation of the above charges is not forthcoming, he would circulate petitions bearing these charges and asking the resignation of Simon and McCulloch. McInnis declared Saturday that he was still awaiting an explanation of action taken by the board in September when it refused the use of the fairgrounds to the American Federation of Labor for a Labor Day program. McInnis claimed that after refusing use of the grounds, even though the AFL was prepared to pay for such use, the board reversed itself and allowed the Veterans of Foreign Wars to present auto races there. He claimed the board also allowed a circus to contract for grounds space, although the circus failed to appear.

The fair board refused use of the grounds to the AFL for the Labor Day program on the grounds that it had decided not to let any groups use the grounds before the Lane County Fair the

# Eight Killed In Explosion

BERN—(U.P.)—A Swiss ammunition depot buried deep in the mountainside along the Simplon Rail Line blew up Saturday, and military authorities listed a casualty toll of eight killed, four missing and six injured.

The first great blast about midnight and the series of explosions which continued nearly 12 hours smashed a rail station and six houses, tore a gaping hole in the solid rock, and rained missiles over a wide area.

end of September, McInnis said. Had Expected to Pay

The AFL later presented its Labor Day program at the Civic Stadium. McInnis appeared before the fair board to ask an explanation of the refusal to let him use the grounds. He was told they had allowed the circus and auto races to have the space because the board needed the money, he charged. He added that he had expected to pay for the use of the space at the time of the refusal.

Another statement regarding use of the fairgrounds, but making no definite charges, was issued Saturday by Elmer Windsor, commander of the local VFW Post.

"We are not attacking any individual board member at this time, but we feel there should be a definite policy for use of the fairgrounds," Windsor said. "Meetings should be open, all the grounds should be kept up, and there should be no discrimination as to use of the grounds."

Windsor said he talked with some members of the VFW board of directors at a meeting Friday night and that board members had agreed that "they were not satisfied with the way the fairgrounds have been handled."

"There seems to be no policy governing use of the grounds, and this is, perhaps, some discrimination as to use of the grounds," Windsor declared.

### Charges Not Connected

He specified, as did McInnis, that these charges were in no way connected with the formal list of charges submitted to the Register-Guard office by Gibbs.

Gibbs, in addition to his printed list of charges, declared that financial reports on the fairgrounds were not open to the public, and were not seen even by the county court.

County Judge Clinton Hurd pointed out that the county court has not asked to see the fair board's financial reports, since the fairgrounds are now self-supporting, and no tax levy is needed to add money to the fund.

He explained that the fairgrounds books are audited annually.

**Budget Is \$43,590**

The budget for operating the fairgrounds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, is \$43,590. A report on the Lane County budget report showed the estimated income for the fairgrounds for the same period to equal this sum.

The budget is supplied mainly by funds raised by the Lane County fair, with \$3800 provided by the state and \$4310 from ground rentals.

Before the war about 40 percent of U. S. exports went to the British empire.

# Bailey Hill's Plight Typical Of Schools' Growing Pains

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Increasing population pressure in Eugene is probably felt nowhere more directly than in the city school system. At present the school board is actively planning the erection of a new grade school in the Westmoreland district and classroom additions at Stella Maglady school.

The board is also contemplating construction of still another elementary school, and the need for a new high school has grown considerably since a five-year property levy (expiring this year) was instituted to raise \$500,000 for such a building.

Speaking of the school board's action in scheduling a special election in January to seek \$200,000 for use in improving the elementary served that the history of the schools, Supt. Clarence Hines observed, Bailey Hill school, "without embellishment, clearly shows the accelerated rate with which problems have descended upon all Lane County schools in recent years."

**History Outlined**

Located outside the west city limits, Bailey Hill school has been a part of the city school system (district 4) since August, 1946. On the occasion of the recent completion of a remodeling project there, Dean Lobaugh, assistant superintendent of the Eugene system, prepared an historical analysis of the school's growth and development.

So far as can be traced, there is no record of the date of the first erection of a school building at Bailey Hill, but older residents of the community claim a building was in existence there in 1870. Known to be the seventh oldest school in Lane County, the Bailey Hill school probably antedates the Civil War.

The original part of the present building was erected in 1894, and served as a one-room, one-teacher school until 1913. At that time a second teacher was hired to help with the increased enrollment, and the school room was partitioned to provide for a division of the lower and advanced classes.

**Expanded in 1928**

In 1928, overcrowding again prompted expansion. Financing the work with a bond issue, patrons of the district provided for construction of a new classroom and a basement lunchroom. For the first time, the school was provided with furnace heat. However, the original building was again used as a single room, and graders at Bailey Hill were transferred to Woodrow Wilson Junior High, and plans were made to house the first six grades in the school's upstairs classrooms.

### Fire Sweeps Store; One Hurt, No Panic

CHICAGO—(U.P.)—Fire broke out in a State Street department store Saturday, but thousands of Christmas shoppers, aided by special guards, clerks and a toy department Santa Claus, filed from the building without panic.

Only one person was hurt. Fire Commissioner Michael J. Corrigan estimated the crowd in the building at 15,000 and said it was a "miracle" that a stampede did not develop.

The fire occurred in the mechanism of an overburdened escalator between the first and second floors of the Goldblatt Department Store at 1 p. m., when the Christmas rush was at its height.

### Junction Cannery Workers Set Meet

JUNCTION CITY—Mrs. Alice A. Bissell, business representative of the Cannery Workers local, said Saturday that the Junction City meeting will be at 8 p. m. Monday, Dec. 22 instead of Dec. 29 as previously announced in mailed notices.

The meeting will be in the Junction City Townsend hall and will be for all local members.

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the two-teacher arrangement continued in force until during the 1945-46 school year.

Then a third teacher was hired, and the basement lunchroom pressed into service to accommodate first and second graders. When the floor flooded during wet weather, the youngsters wore rubber boots to class.

Facing a student increase from 62 to 83 in that year, the Bailey Hill district found that due to its low assessed valuation (\$226,000) it was in no position to finance an adequate building program.

Therefore, as several other suburban schools had done, Bailey Hill asked to be consolidated with the Eugene district (No. 4).

### Check Goes On To Determine Meteor Path

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that the object appeared to be stationary, Pruet said.

"When a meteor is moving away from a person it does appear to be stationary."

**One Sighted Nov. 22**

As Pacific Coast regional director for the American Meteor Society, Pruet recently checked reports on another brilliant meteor sighted over the Cascades northeast of Eugene on the night of Nov. 22.

By plotting directions indicated in eyewitness reports, he determined the course of the "fireball" and filed an official report with the meteor society.

Such scientific compilations can only be accomplished by reviews of numerous accounts from witnesses to the celestial spectacles, Pruet said Saturday, in urging that any who saw the meteor this Friday send him full information. He asked especially that the reporter's name and address be given, the direction in which the meteor was first seen, the direction in which it disappeared, its apparent height, and angle of descent.

But it wasn't long until the relentless effect of population growth necessitated further action. Sixty-two students enrolled at Bailey Hill in Sept., 1946, but this number soon grew to 75.

As a temporary measure the Eugene school board provided for the transfer of the Bailey Hill sixth graders and a few fifth graders to Lincoln School. But to provide a "more permanent" remedy, plans were initiated for an extensive remodeling program at the Bailey Hill School.

This work, only recently completed, included the addition of another classroom, a modern kitchen and lunchroom, installation of a sawdust furnace, indoor toilets and a septic tank hook-up. The older rooms were remodeled, storage and cloak rooms added and an attractive hall provided to serve as an entrance to the building.

### Landmarks Gone

The old doorway to the 1894 building was sealed up, Lobaugh has reported, "and the belfry and bell, community landmarks, became just memories."

Eighteen thousand dollars were spent in the remodeling program, and the annual expense of operating the school is now almost \$7000, according to the Eugene official.

On the basis of a district valuation of \$226,000, a tax levy of around 110 mills would have been required had the Bailey Hill patrons been forced to handle the problem without outside assistance, Lobaugh estimates.

He has further reported that the school is now staffed by three teachers, has a full-time janitor and a hot-lunch program serving nearly every pupil.

But even with all this, the Bailey Hill problem has not been solved. Already the community's growth has outstripped the efforts to provide adequate educational facilities. Ninety-four pupils have enrolled in the school's six grades this year, and it has been necessary to transport a number of them to Lincoln School to relieve overcrowding in the first and second grades.

Lobaugh estimated that if Bailey Hill were still trying to operate an eight-grade school, it would have to accommodate 112 pupils, as compared with 62 in 1944-45.

# How Orphans Tie In With Relief Train

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# Optimists Scout Leader

Roger L. Baker, Boy Scout Optimist Club at their Friday session on the subject, "Optimism in Eugene for the Year 1947." He discussed the "The man of tomorrow" in a large sense what we make him." Baker said, for examples from other cities in curbing juvenile delinquency.

An especially effective method employed by one city was to name offenders, but the names of the parents of juvenile crimes were kept out of the Optimist Club during the holidays, but the same regular meetings on Jan. 9.

# Russian Kids Life From Yank

VIENNA, Austria—(U.P.)—U. S. Army provost marshal office announced Saturday that a self-described Russian correspondent had been killed in a boarding house in Vienna's international zone.

The Russian, named Irin, bit a second American power international patrol and arrested the Russian at point, the provost marshal said.

Irin has been turned over to Russian authorities for punishment. The name of the U.S. soldier who was killed in the next-of-kin are notified of slaying.

The soldier died Friday in a military hospital, to which he was taken after the attack.

The operator of the boarding house told the provost marshal office that Irin, an American and asked his nationality. Without further ado, then set upon him, knocked to the floor and kicked to the head and body.

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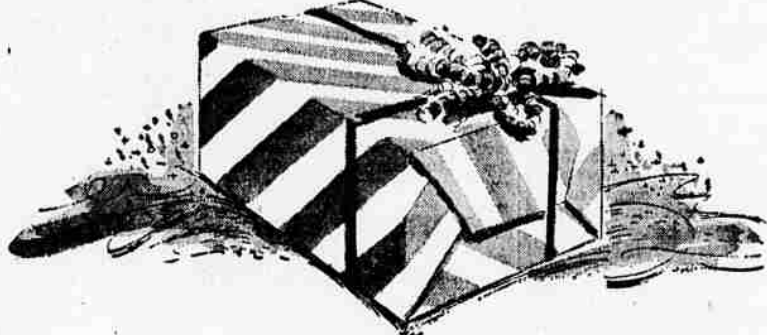
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