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High Honor for a Great Teacher

The University of Oregon is greatly honored in the recognition that has come to Professor L. O. Wright, the presidency of the National Association of Teachers of Spanish. In the great learned societies the honors usually go to men from the older and historically famous schools, and sometimes it is the prestige of the school rather than the scholarly achievements of the man, and the school, for the long labors of Leavitt Wright have done much to bring distinction to the University of Oregon in the romance languages.

Nearly everybody in Eugene, of course, knows Leavitt Wright. We shall not speak of him as Dr. Wright because it irks him to have his PhD. paraded. He does not even like to be called Professor, and is usually just plain Mister even to his classes. He has been active in Rotary and Round Table and the Congregational church. He was ordained in the ministry before he decided to teach, and he is still called upon to marry the children of his friends and to read the services for the departed.

The home of the Wrights on the hillside in Birch lane has been "a gathering place" for years and years. It would be impossible to catalogue the students (and others) whom the Wrights have befriended. Both of the Wrights were the children of American missionaries in Mexico. It is impossible to think of Leavitt without thinking of Marian. Leavitt went to Harvard and Marian to Mount Holyoke. Leavitt lived in an ancient and unheated dormitory called College House, worked his way through school. He acquired none of the "Harvard taint", but he did pick up that Harvard ideal—"to live with distinction"—and there is no better proof of how well he has lived up to that self-sacrificing service to this state.

Few people know that some years ago one of the great Universities back East sent for Leavitt Wright. They paid his expenses and offered him a much larger salary than Oregon could pay and many other inducements to come to them. Leavitt chose to remain with the University of Oregon simply because his home and friends were here.

(So far as we know we did not even pull the usual stunt of dinging the President for a raise on the strength of a big offer.)

Maybe we shouldn't say these things. Great teachers are scarce, and real Christians are even scarcer (but even rough-necks can appreciate such things).

All these years, despite all his other interests, Leavitt Wright has been a scholar in the Spanish language. He has advanced the art of teaching Spanish in this country, mainly because he has believed and demonstrated that people can be taught to speak and write and think in Spanish as well as memorize a few verbs and rules of Spanish grammar. His profession gives him top place. In the learned societies sentiment has little to do with honors. That is why this recognition signifies.

\$200,000 to Add to Schools

Merely a first step toward meeting the building needs of Eugene School District No. 4 is the \$200,000 grade school construction program on which taxpayers (only taxpayers may vote on school finance measures) will vote Thursday, January 22. It is designed to provide by next September these additional facilities to relieve congestion:

- Three-room unit in the Westmoreland district to relieve Lincoln overload, this unit later to become a full-sized school.
- Two-room addition to Magdalen.
- One-room addition to River Road, pending new grade school between River Road and Santa Clara.
- One-room addition to Edison.
- One-room addition to Whiteaker.

This is a CASH proposal, continuing for

the time being the policy of "pay-as-you-go." If the taxpayers approve, a special levy will be put on with next year's school taxes to cover this \$200,000. It will replace the levies which we have been making for the new Eugene High School and the Colin Kelly junior high which are now paid up. It will run only one year.

This is really an emergency measure because if the additions are to be ready by next September, contracts must be let early this spring. The levy for the \$200,000 (about 8 or 9 mills) will not take effect till July 1, and the money will not be collected till November, but 2 per cent warrants can be used to cover initial construction costs and the warrants will be paid off before the year is out.

In our opinion, this is an extremely conservative, hard-headed plan. We think it deserves overwhelming approval. This will meet the most urgent housing needs for the coming year and allow more time to prepare the much bigger program which must include:

New Eugene High School, for which we have more than \$500,000 cash accumulated, site paid for, but may need an additional \$1,500,000.

New Condon School which may require \$250,000.

New school for Kincaid Park area (east of Judkins Point) to save kids coming "over the hump" to Condon.

Completion of the Westmoreland school.

New facilities for Willagillespie-Garden Way area.

New school between River Road and Santa Clara.

Forward looking plans for an additional senior high school and possibly another junior high.

Rebuilding of Vocational School. Superintendent Hines and the school board are studying the school population maps, watching closely the trends in population movement and traffic. New schools attract population, but money can be wasted by failing to locate schools in the most logical centers of school population.

We shall need in the near future not less than \$2,000,000 for this major school housing program and it is reasonable to assume that a large part of this major program should be financed with bonds—so to get the use of the new school housing as soon as possible without putting too much construction levy in any one year.

Until the present "tax base" is corrected, which cannot be done till or unless the voters of the state approve the constitutional amendment which is coming up in November, we shall also have to vote some \$500,000 for operating budgets "outside the 6 per cent limit," as we have been doing for some years. That vote will come in the spring.

Complicated? Sure it is. But the Eugene school system is something to be proud of. Financially District No. 4 is one of the strongest in the state. Actually we are a bit disappointed to see the school board limit this first undertaking to \$200,000. We would like to see the major program under way. But we recognize that, with present building costs, caution is probably the better plan.

Reader Editorial

BELLFOUNTAIN DISPLAYS SPRING WONDERS

BELLFOUNTAIN—(To the Editor)—For the past few years I have read with amusement the eternal wrangle between Route F and other Lane County points about who has the biggest, best and first of everything. Not living in Lane County, I have kept silent and just been content to the living in Oregon where EVERYTHING is most wonderful. Sure, this has been a mild winter—lots of rain but no cold weather to speak of. After all, it was winter all summer (remember it rained on the Fourth of July and remember also what happened at the tail-end of the big patent?), so now it looks like it will be summer all winter and is a case of the last rose of summer meeting the first rose of spring.

However, I want to tell Route F what I found last week. In a thimble area on our farm I found wild orchids up and some of them budded ready to bloom; also I found red wild currants blooming. I made this discovery on December 31st. My daffodils, hyacinths and scilla are up three inches and the golden kerria is in bloom.

Everyone is talking of sweet harbingers of spring. But on January second I heard a robin sing. Now when he sings his love call to his bright-eyed little mate.

You may be very sure, my dears, spring will not be late.

Sincerely,
Flossie Stanturf, Bellfountain.

indicated the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange and 12 egg dealers in that city, charging them with a conspiracy to fix the prices of eggs throughout New England.

Wallace S. Piepkorn

Wallace Samuel Piepkorn, Medford, former resident of Eugene, died Monday in Medford, where he was employed as dispatcher for the Greyhound Bus Co. He was born Sept. 19, 1906 in Phoenix, N. D., and married Ethel Adelina Watt July 24, 1935 in Calgary, Canada. They moved to Eugene in that year where he was a salesman for Korn Baking Co. for seven years, and a Greyhound bus driver for one year.

Surviving are his widow; two children, Sharon Ethel, 7, and Gary Wallace, 3; his father, Charles A. Eugene; a brother, Earl C. Springfield; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Miller, Cutbank, Mont.

Concluding services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Rest Haven Memorial Park, with Dr. Vance Webster officiating. Veatch Hollingsworth England Mortuary will have charge.

Curtains cleaned in Santone Electric Cleaners, 1210 Willamette Phone 44 84.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Choral Club Thanked for School Gift

Executive Board of Womens Choral Club met with Miss Maud Denmore, Saturday evening. A dinner and program was planned for the second Monday in February. Mrs. A. R. Shaffner, social chairman, announced that the Y-M-YW Community Center has been engaged for that night, and that the director, Glen Griffith, and the accompanist, Marjorie Sobert Wilson will provide the program.

Civic work of the club was discussed and several communications read. One was a letter from Dr. Madeline Marr, director of Health Education and School Physician of Eugene Public Schools, in which she thanked the club for the gift of two hundred dollars, and gave a report of the way it was used. This money was used to provide care for children who have needed it for the past three years.

Eugene Couple Wed During Holidays

A late December wedding was that of Miss Shirley Johnson to William C. Fulps. The ceremony was at the First Congregational Chapel, the Rev. W. Nicholson officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fulps, Salem.

"Because" and "I Love You Truly" were sung by Miss Treva Rice. The bride wore a street suit with brown accessories and carried an orchid centered on a Bible. Maid of honor was Miss Erlene Johnson who wore a suit of Burgundy color with gray accessories and carried a nosegay.

Ned A. Collett was the best man and Larry Spencer and Norman Ohrling were ushers. All are from Eugene.

At the reception at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Nonda Johnson, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson served. The couple will be at home in Eugene.

EUGENEANS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chase and son Cliff, returned recently from a trip to Phoenix, Arizona, where they spent the holidays visiting at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Alan Long, and getting acquainted with little Karen Long. Mrs. Long is a daughter of the Chases.

WOMEN TO HOLD DINNER

Fairmount Presbyterian Women's Union will hold their monthly dinner for the public Friday from 5 to 8 p. m. at the church, Fifteenth Ave. and Villard. The committee for this dinner are Mrs. John Simons, Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mrs. Nils Carlson, and Mrs. J. W. McArthur.

CDA TO PLAY BRIDGE

Catholic Daughters of America Bridge Club will meet in the home of Mrs. John Wellnitz, 892 Twenty-first Avenue West, Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Mrs. Stanley Lawrence will be co-hostess.

CLUB TO SEW ON QUILT

Thursday Club will meet to sew on a quilt, in the home of Mrs. A. R. Barlow, 1487 Nineteenth Avenue East. This meeting was postponed last week.

Officer Suffers Broken Hand

Cecil Arthur Wyble, 664 Char-nelton, posted \$50 bail bond against a disorderly conduct charge Saturday evening while Police Officer William Jones nursed a broken hand which he reportedly suffered in arresting Wyble.

Jones' report stated that he attempted to take Wyble into custody at the intersection of Ninth Ave. and Pearl after answering a call to break up a fight in progress there. He said that Wyble resisted arrest and turned upon him making it necessary for him to use his fists to complete the arrest.

However, Jones stated, he broke his right hand almost immediately, and had to ask Raymond Ashwell, the man with whom Wyble had been fighting, to assist him in subduing Wyble.

Ashwell made a signed statement at police headquarters in which he reported that Wyble became engaged in an altercation



Presiding Wednesday evening at her first meeting since installation will be Mrs. H. C. Sprites, new president of the Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

LODGE TO INSTALL OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

Oregon Rose Lodge will hold a special meeting Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock in the Knights of Pythias Hall. They will install officers for the coming year.

Those who will take office are: Mrs. W. C. Sprites, president; Mrs. W. C. Scharon, past president; Mrs. S. H. Whitten, vice-president; Mrs. P. J. McGeheey, secretary; Mrs. C. S. White, chaplain; Mrs. S. A. McMullen, collector; Mrs. H. W. Hanson, treasurer; Mrs. R. H. Elmer, warden; Mrs. H. W. Weir, conductor; Mrs. R. C. Brown, delegate; Mrs. C. M. Knowlton alternate; Mrs. J. A. Gardner, inner guard; Mrs. J. T. Tucker, outer guard; Mrs. Vern Neet, flag bearer; Mrs. H. E. Hill, musician; Mrs. H. H. Hughes, magazine correspondent; and Mrs. C. A. Vaughn, legislative representative.

Serving on the board of trustees are Mrs. P. A. Saunders, Mrs. J. R. Mertz and Mrs. H. N. Bruce.

VFW Auxiliary To Hold Dinner

A potluck and social meeting of Willamette Auxiliary No. 293, Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held Thursday evening in the annex of St. Mary's Episcopal Church at six-thirty o'clock. Husbands and friends of Auxiliary members are being invited to this first meeting of the new year.

The committee in charge will be Mrs. C. D. McClinton, Mrs. A. D. Jensen, Mrs. Thomas W. Kless, Mrs. F. D. Witbeck, Mrs. L. V. Bryant, Mrs. W. B. Nelson, Mrs. L. S. Whiteley, Mrs. H. W. Smith, Mrs. A. B. Smith and Mrs. H. B. Page.

P-TA GROUPS TO MEET

Mt. Vernon P-TA will meet in the schoolhouse Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. This meeting was postponed last week on account of the high water. There will be a program and refreshments.

River Road P-TA will meet Wednesday evening in the school at eight o'clock. Refreshments will be served by the mother of the children in the fourth grade.

Lincoln P-TA will meet Wednesday afternoon in the school at two-thirty o'clock. Dr. Madeline Marr and Lloyd Gillette will be guest speakers.

with an unidentified youth after a minor traffic accident on Pearl St.

Ashwell said he was driving behind Wyble's car when the accident took place, and that he stepped from his car to stop the argument between Wyble and the youth. When Wyble turned on him, Ashwell said, he endeavored only to protect himself until police could be summoned to the scene.

Junction Man Reported in Navy

William C. Ayers of Route 2, Junction City, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Henley, operating in the Mediterranean area.

The Navy said he is a fireman first class, and that he is the son of Chester E. Ayers. The USS Henley has visited such ports as Gibraltar, Algiers, Malta, the French Riviera, Izmir, Turkey, Venice, Albania and Greece.

HONOR ROLL

Ronald Byers and Bernice Elston of Springfield earned a 3.0 grade point average carrying 15 hours work during the fall term at the Oregon College of Education and are named on the honor roll at OCE.

Holiday Colors Used at Wedding

JUNCTION CITY—Silvered holly and poinsettias were used to decorate Hinson Memorial Church in Portland, for the wedding of Miss Barbara June McFadden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McFadden of Portland and Elvan McClure Pitney, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pitney of Junction City. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. P. Benson, Sunday afternoon December 28 at four o'clock.

Miss McFadden, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin, made with bustle-back, and fingertip veil, held in place by a head dress of seed pearls. Her white Bible was topped by a white orchid. Mrs. Leonard Semler, cousin of the bride and matron of honor, wearing green velvet with headress of white marabou. She carried a muff of white fur with nosegay of holly.

Other bridal attendants were Charles W. Wentworth, Jr., Mrs. T. A. Bowen, Mrs. C. A. Dunham and Mrs. H. P. Anderson, who wore red velvet with white marabou headresses. Flower girls were Miss Alice Ann Pitney, niece of the bridegroom, and Miss Jane Ann Semler.

Best man was James B. Pitney, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Raymond McFadden, Dale Hoeker, Keith Miller and Howard Anderson. The first two lighted the tapers. Music was provided by the Rev. Carl Mason of Junction City, who sang, "Because" preceding the ceremony and "The Lord's Prayer," afterward. He was accompanied by J. D. Jones, the church organist.

Following the service, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. For traveling Mrs. Pitney wore a suit of white wool with white accessories and the orchid from her bouquet. After a honeymoon at the coast, Mr. and Mrs. Pitney will live at Albany, where she is a teacher in the high school.

Mr. Pitney, who recently returned from occupation duty with the army in Korea, is resuming his studies at Oregon State. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

MUIRS PLAN LONG TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Muir left Sunday on a four months' trip through the south and east. They plan to go as far south as Mexico City, thence to Florida, where they will remain some time, coming home by way of the Atlantic coast states and Canada.

W.O.M. INITIATE

Women of the Moose initiated the following candidates at the meeting Friday evening, Mrs. Bernard Bean, Mrs. Irene Forth, and Mrs. Mary Baker.

Officers practice will be held Friday evening in connection with the practice of the drill team.

NAVY MOTHERS PLAN SALE

Navy Mothers Club meet for sewing Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. L. Eisensohn, 1185 Pearl Street. Plans will be made for a rummage sale.

WAC Sergeant Visits Parents

T/Sgt. Frances L. Smithson of the WAC, who recently returned home on the Admiral Sims from Italy, is spending her furlough at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smithson, 1789 Orchard Street.

Sergeant Smithson for the past two years, has been secretary to the commandant of the army of occupation in the Leghorn district of Italy, and was decorated for meritorious service before com-

ing home. She is scheduled to leave Wednesday for her assignment at Fort Monmouth.

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St. Louis Food Inquiry Begun

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