

## Washington School Closing Plan Meets P-TA Approval

Patrons of Washington School Wednesday night approved a District No. 4 school board plan for abandoning the school for classroom purposes and thus paved the way for constructing a new school of approximately 6 rooms, to replace it, on Harlow Road.

The plan was presented by Clarence Hines, superintendent of schools, to a Parent-Teachers Assn. meeting and received hearty endorsement from several patrons in the audience, and no opposition.

### 75 Persons Attended

Nearly 75 persons turned out to meet Hines; Dean Lobough, assistant superintendent; the five school board members; and Howard Buford, city planning consultant.

Introduced by Mrs. Harry Wright, president of Washington School P-TA, Hines said the meeting was called to enable the board to hear the wishes of parents and teachers. The board does not wish to force abandonment unless the majority of all concerned approve the move, he said.

### Lists Reasons

He gave these reasons for the board's desire to close the school: 1. Decreased school enrollment at Washington School in recent years. 2. Sub-standard playground, lighting, and location of the school. 3. Increased traffic hazards which endanger lives of children attending the school, and future industrial expansion in the area which will be facilitated with completion of the new Ferry St. bridge.

### Traced Decline

Hines traced the declining school population from 1916, when the building was erected. In 1916, 380 children attended Washington School, in grades one through 8. This year, he said, 110 children from the area go to school there, and 60 or 70 more are being transferred from Garden Way and Willagillespie areas to keep the school alive.

"Traffic dangers are becoming

worse. Police Chief Jones tells me we have not seen the end of traffic hazards in front of the school. Stop lights are to be installed at 7th Ave. E., which is a one-way street in front of the building, at

## Lane Red Cross Starts Classes

A series of classes in mother and baby care and family health is being planned by the Lane County Red Cross Chapter. Classes will be at Red Cross headquarters, 43 Eighth Ave. W.

Mrs. Corinne Jones, R. N., will teach the courses following her return from advanced training which she is currently taking in Los Angeles. At the national training school she is receiving latest information for mothers and prospective mothers on the most hygienic methods of baby care.

Fathers may obtain pointers in these classes also. Many other chapters have found special classes for fathers successful, and the Eugene group has arranged evening classes for prospective mothers and fathers in November.

Classes in care of the sick will require six meetings of two hours each.

"Many new fathers lack confidence in holding a new baby, but that will be taken care of in this class, which will be free to any person in the Eugene and Springfield area," Mrs. Cora Pirtle, Red Cross manager, said this week.

"Prospective mothers have stated that the classes helped them overcome many fears and doubts regarding childbirth and care of a child."

Interested persons may call the Red Cross and register. Class members will be notified when classes are to start. Enrollment may be in morning, afternoon or evening classes.

its intersection with High St. Traffic here will then offer worse dangers to children than at present."

### Won't Raise Taxes

He said the new school will cost approximately \$120,000 but will not raise taxes because the 5-mil serial levy voted last year will finance the project. Work will begin next spring on the school, he said.

Howard Buford told how residential zones in the Washington School area have disappeared rapidly during recent years. He said the area northeast of the Wil-

## Jaycees Name Jack Danby as Board Member

Jack Danby was elected to the Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce board of directors Wednesday at a regular board meeting to fill a vacancy created by Bill Viess, who recently resigned.

Members also learned that Ralph Breshears, national winner of the Jaycee contest, "Speak for Democracy," will be guest speaker next Thursday evening at a joint meeting of Eugene and Springfield Jaycees. Breshears is a graduate of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash.

His topic will be "1201 World Time."

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## CVA Hearings Date Viewed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chairman Chavez (D-NM) of the Senate Public Works Committee announced it will hold no hearings in the Pacific Northwest before December on President Truman's proposal to create a Columbia Valley Administration.

The committee conducted a hearing here earlier this year on the proposal. It had been proposed that others be arranged in the area this month or in November. Chavez said this will be possible. "The hearings in the field will be held, definitely, but I cannot announce any dates until some time in December," Chavez told a reporter.

## Portlanders Warned Of Cultural Eclipse

PORTLAND — (AP) — Art Museum Director Thomas C. Colt Jr., warned Portlanders this week that the city may be heading for "an eventual cultural eclipse."

He said in his annual report that "Portland is today the only metropolis of its size in the United States that does not contribute from the public funds to its art museum."

Colt also fired another volley in the battle with the Oregon Society of Artists. They staged an outdoor show this summer when Colt refused members the customary hanging of at least one product of their art. The society protested his selections favored modern works.

"An art museum is either an educational art institution or a

world fair," declared Colt. "It must either exercise selection in what it shows, or show everything."

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