



**TWO OF A KIND** — Stanley W. Daugherty, right, receives the Cottage Grove Junior Chamber of Commerce Junior First Citizen award from John L. Luvaas, himself a Eugene Junior First Citizen. Daugherty's father, Warren H. Daugherty, received the Senior First Citizen award. Both presentations were made at a banquet at the Cottage Grove Union High School Wednesday evening.

## Careless Smokers Biggest Fire Cause

The largest single cause of fire in Eugene during 1954 was once again the careless smoker, the annual report of the fire department showed this week.

The report, released Thursday, indicates that 105 of the 649 fires during 1954 were caused by smokers or through careless use of matches.

The total loss for the year was \$224,678.84. Of this amount, 31 per cent or \$70,110.11 was caused by the careless smoker.

Fire Chief Ed Surfus, however, explained that the loss by that cause is a drop of 22 per cent from 1953.

## Groups Plan Dimes March In Springfield

A "Mothers' March," set for Jan. 31, will be among a variety of other activities planned to raise money for this year's polio fund campaign in Springfield.

Mrs. Alberta Heffron, general chairman of the Springfield campaign, said this week that plans for most of the activities have been completed. Still needed is a chairman to coordinate the one-hour Mothers' March. Mrs. Heffron is looking for offers of assistance.

Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. Helen Helm, will prepare material on the polio campaign for mailing to 7,000 Springfield homes.

Monte Egbert is in charge of special gifts. Andy Anderson is in charge of special events for the public and chairman of men's groups. Mrs. Walter F. Hansen is enlisting support from women's groups. H. P. Hornish and Harrison Doehman are making plans for special events. The Rev. Alfred Stenner will head the work done by church groups.

A meeting of committee chiefs will be held Friday evening, which is expected to be attended by representatives of the campaign from Portland.

## Yoshida May Run

**TOKYO** — Former Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida indicated Friday he may run for re-election to the Diet (parliament) in the March general elections.

## VITAL STATISTICS

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
Raymond C. Arthur, 29, Dison, and Yvonne M. Chaffee, 17, Cottage Grove.  
Alan F. Mundle, 21, 1975 Harris St., and Doris Ann Stenshoel, 20, 1397 Lincoln St., both of Eugene.  
John C. Christ, 33, and Louise Koon, 33, both of Junction City.  
Rosa S. Phibbs, 29, Leaburg, and Diana E. Mortensen, 19, 218 N. Concord St., Eugene.  
Carl J. McCain, 30, Medford, and Alvina D. Brewick, 26, Eugene. (License application filed in Seattle).

**BIRTHS**  
AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL (Jan. 3, 1955)  
KJOS—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kjos, 299 Bebel Dr., Eugene, a daughter, O'DONNELL—Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnell, 701 Patterson Dr., Eugene, a son.  
PITZ—Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Platz, 220 Washington St., Eugene, a daughter.  
TUPPER—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Tupper, 1012 W. 11th Ave., Eugene, a son.  
WILLIAMS—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Williams, 358 South 52nd Place, Springfield, a daughter.  
CARTER—Capt. and Mrs. Don Roger Carter, Rt. 4, Box 19A, Eugene, a son.  
McCORMICK—Mr. and Mrs. John M. McCormick, Rt. 1, Junction City, a daughter.  
VAN CULLEN—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Van Cullen, Box 67, Mapleton, a son.  
WALLACE—Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Wallace, 1947 E. 36th Ave., Eugene, a son.  
WILLIAMS—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Williams, Rt. 1, Box 351, Springfield, a daughter.

**DEATHS**  
RUDER—Carl Ruder, 99 Strone Lane, Junction City, died Jan. 6 at the age of 77. Funeral services will be Monday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. in the Lutheran Church at Junction City with interment in the Danish Cemetery.

## O&C Board Urges Access Road Change

**PORTLAND** — The O & C Advisory Board is recommending that the Department of Interior revise the regulations on logging roads in O & C timberlands.

The recommendation was made over opposition led by A. F. Hartung, president of the CIO Woodworkers, and Reginald T. Titus, executive vice president of the Western Forest Industries Assn., who said the present regulations provide unlimited access and make for competitive bidding.

By an 8-4 vote, however, the board Thursday asked the Bureau of Land Management and the parent Department of Interior to study and revamp the rules.

Some lumbermen have complained the regulations are complicated and impose too many restrictions. A subcommittee headed by Frank Sever recommended the change, asserting that reasonable access still would be provided. Support for this came from Loran Stewart, Cottage Grove lumberman, and George Spaur, state forester.

The board is a group named to advise the Bureau of Land Management on problems connected with the Oregon and California Railroad grant lands, taken back by the government after land frauds were discovered a half-century ago.

The group reelected as chairman Charles A. Sprague, Salem publisher and former Oregon governor.

## Cloudy, Chilly Weather Seen

Weekend weather will be more of the same—cloudy and chilly—weathermen at Eugene predicted Friday.

No rain or snow is in sight, at least through Saturday. Nighttime temperatures will hover right at freezing.

State police reported that mountain passes are in good shape and will remain so if there is no change in the weather. There was no new snow on the Santiam, Willamette or Siskiyou Friday and the old snow was packed and sanded. The only hazard was in the Siskiyou where there were spots of ice.

Chains should be carried on all mountain roads, however.

## Hamlin Memorial To Be Established

A. J. Dorr Hamlin memorial will be established in the new Obsidian club house when it is built, probably next summer, at High St. and 17th Ave.

Mr. Hamlin, a founder of the Eugene outdoor society, died Wednesday.

Those intending to send flowers are requested by the family to contribute instead to the memorial fund.

Checks and cash contributions should be sent to Ray Cavagnaro at the First National Bank of Portland, Main Branch, Eugene. Checks should be made payable to Obsidians, Inc.

Services for Mr. Hamlin will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Veatch Hollingsworth England Funeral Home with interment in Rest-Haven Memorial Park. The Knights of Pythias will conduct graveside services.

## Traffic Fatalities Increased by 22

**SALEM** — Oregon traffic accidents killed 412 persons in 1954, an increase of 22 over the 1953 total, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury said Thursday.

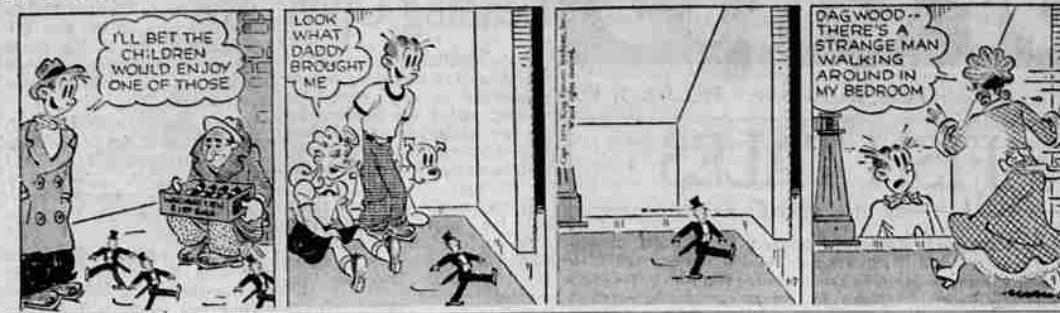
The worst record came in spite of the fact that the number of accidents and injured persons dropped an estimated 20 per cent during the year.

The death toll was boosted by an unusually large number of accidents in which more than one person was killed. There were 36 multiple-death accidents which killed 91 persons.

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## SIX PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED

# School Boards Assn. to Ask Legislature For Greater Equalization of State Aid

Six legislative proposals which probably will be submitted to the Oregon Legislature when it opens its new session were adopted Thursday night by the Lane County School Boards Assn., meeting in Eugene.

Among the recommendations was a request that "Plan C" be adopted as the new formula for redistributing the important state basic school fund to school districts. The plan is one of three major ones so far being considered to achieve greater equalization of aid. Under it, the richer districts of the state would receive less state aid, to the benefit of needy districts.

School board members representing 12 of the county school districts attended the meeting, held in the auditorium of the Eugene central school office.

**LEE BISHOP ELECTED**  
The members elected Lee P. Bishop, a member of the Eugene School Board, as chairman of the association for two years. He had been acting chairman during formative organization of the new group. Bishop was credited by board representatives and by Dr. Paul B. Jacobson, dean of the school of education of the University of Oregon, as having done an outstanding job toward forming the association.

Jacobson, also executive secretary and treasurer of the Oregon School Boards Assn., was a guest speaker at the session. He outlined major legislative proposals which have been made by the OSBA, and explained other school matters.

The Lane association proposals will be forwarded to the OSBA for consideration. Most of them will likely be included in OSBA legislative requests.

Attending as consultants on school issues were Mrs. Lucille Klinge, superintendent of Lane County Public Schools, and Dr. Clarence Hines, superintendent of Eugene Public Schools.

**NO DECREASE**  
Virgil M. Cameron, chairman of the Eugene board, moved that the Lane association recommend the Legislature adopt Plan C, and that regardless of whatever change the legislature makes in the formula for state aid, no decrease be made in the current \$80 appropriation.

At present the state appropriates the fund on the basis of \$30 per census child (those from the ages of four through 19 years of age).

Cameron made the motion, he said, based "on the premise that every child in the state of Oregon is entitled to equal educational opportunities, regardless of where the child lives."

Superintendent Hines told the group that if Plan C is adopted, every school district in Lane County would receive increased basic aid, except for Oakridge District 76, which he said is one of the wealthiest school districts in the state of Oregon, based on its assessed valuation in proportion to its children to be educated.

**BIGGEST LOSER**  
The biggest financial loser under the plan, he said, would be the Portland school system, which has been getting a greater share of the funds at the expense of less wealthy districts.

Jacobson also informed the board members that the OSBA has requested that school fire insurance rates be reviewed by the Oregon state insurance department.

The other recommendations passed by the association were:

- That no new educational services should be required of school districts by the Legislature without the Legislature providing new revenue sources for paying costs of these services.
- That legislation be passed which will enable second class school districts and third class unified districts to increase the number of directors to five when authorized to do so by a majority of legal votes.
- That legislation be effected to provide a uniform period of 15 days for all legal school notices.
- That it be made mandatory for every school district in Oregon to take a school census every even-numbered year.
- That the state exempt from the state tax all fuel used in district-owned and contracted equipment used in pupil transportation.

These recommendations have been adopted in much the same form by the legislative committee of the OSBA, and are being submitted to member boards for action. The Lane association did not take action on a seventh proposal by the state group which asked that the state provide financial relief to distressed districts. The OSBA committee had recommended that the state make funds available from the general fund to provide grants for meeting these needs.

## Utilities Tax Report Made

The Eugene Water & Electric Board and the Eugene City Council met to hear a report on alternative proposals for taxing public-owned utilities Thursday, and voiced opposition to any such legislation.

No action was taken to oppose any tax measure, expected to be introduced in the 1955 session of the state legislature. Both groups will apparently take a stand at official meetings next Monday.

The report, prepared and made by E. S. Wengert, University of Oregon Professor, suggested that payments by utilities on a "benefits received" and "costs" basis is the most favorable "tax" method.

Negotiations with other units of government within the utility service area would be the key to the payments.

Two other proposals—a property tax bill and gross receipt payment in lieu of taxes—were also discussed.

## Mendes to See Pope

**VATICAN CITY** — Pope Pius XII, continuing to improve slowly, plans to grant to French Premier Pierre Mendes-France the first private audience since the Pontiff's serious collapse Dec. 2. A source close to the Pope said Friday he plans to receive Mendes-France Jan. 12.

## Italy Making Strides, Mrs. Luce Tells Ike

**WASHINGTON** — Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, U.S. Ambassador to Italy, who is home on leave, gave a 30-minute report Friday to President Eisenhower. She said she told him Italy has made "notable forward strides" in foreign policy in recent months.

Mrs. Luce said also that a Washington visit by Italian Prime Minister Mario Scelba, possibly in March, is "very much in the President's mind" but that there has been no definite decision.

## Cafe Undamaged

**COTTAGE GROVE** — The Cottage Grove fire department answered a call to the Town Talk Variety and Cafe Friday at 6:45 a.m. The call was for a smoking furnace. There was no damage to the building or contents, firemen reported.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**TWO MEN** who were subpoenaed to testify before a subcommittee of the Velde Committee in Portland last summer will speak Friday, 8 p.m., at Friendly House, 2445 Kincaid St., Eugene. The men, John R. MacKenzie and Donald Wollam, will discuss un-American activities.

**GOOD FELLOWSHIP** Club of Carpenters Local 1273 will hold its annual meeting Monday, 7:30 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 5th and Willamette St. Officers will be elected.

**OREGON FOLKLORE** Society will meet Monday, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Dave Hatch, 1744 E. 23rd Ave. William Laughlin, associate professor of Anthropology, known for his research in racial studies, will give a lecture on the cultural and physiological aspects of the Basque people of Oregon.

**BATON TWIRLING** classes for children 4 yrs and older are being organized at the Washington Park Recreation Center this week. Registration may be made at the center or by calling 4-7191.

## New Marks Set by B47 Jet Bomber

**BUFFALO, N. Y.** — An Air Force B47 bomber has broken the distance and endurance records for jet aircraft by staying aloft 47 hours and 35 minutes and covering 21,000 miles.

The record-breaking flight was revealed by Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbott in a speech here Thursday night honoring Dr. Clifford C. Furnas, new chancellor of the University of Buffalo.

The Air Force in Washington said the flight was made last month by a six-jet B47 that shuttled back and forth between England and North Africa and finally landed at Fairford Royal Air Force Base near London.

The average speed was about 445 miles an hour, the Air Force said.

The previous endurance record achieved by a B47 jet was 24 hours and one minute in a flight last summer.

## Henry Miller Dead at 74

Henry F. Miller, who came to Eugene in 1888, died Thursday at a local hospital. He was 74.

Mr. Miller was born Feb. 9, 1880, in Racine, Wis., and came to Eugene with his parents, H. C. A. and Mary Miller, eight years later. Their first home still stands on the west side of Patterson St. between 10th and Broadway and 11th Ave.

In 1902, Mr. Miller moved to a 70-acre ranch on the old Elmira Rd. west of Eugene and spent the remainder of his life there.

He joined the Eugene Fire Department's Cyclone Hose Co. No. 2, a volunteer group, in 1899. In the years that followed he built many of the roads west of Eugene.

He was a charter member of the local chapter of Modern Woodmen of America.

Surviving are his widow, Verne; three children, Harry A., Mrs. Grace Robinson and Mrs. Ethel Rosenbaum. All live in Eugene except Mrs. Robinson, whose home is at Chehalis, Wash. There also are nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and a brother, Charles Miller, of Los Angeles.

Services will be announced by Poole-Larsen.

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