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**MARCHING DIMES** — Row after row of dimes covers the bar at Jack's Tavern, 24 W. 8th Ave., as the firm continues its novel way of collecting money for the March of Dimes. As of Friday noon, there were 2,432 dimes on the bar, all covered with tape to keep them in place. Above, Henry Baird fastens down another dime donated by a customer. Last year \$223.50 worth of dimes was collected, an amount already passed this year.

## Four School Seniors 'Citizen' Candidates

Four seniors from high schools in the Eugene area were listed Friday as candidates for the Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce Future First Citizen award.

One of the four will be chosen as the Future First Citizen at the annual Jaycee banquet Saturday night at Eugene High School.

The four are James Kendrick Sloop, Willamette High School; Larry Walsh, St. Francis High; and Lawrence V. Hughes, and Peter B. King, both of Eugene High.

**HIGH GRADES**  
James Sloop, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sloop, 230 Alva Park Dr. He has a series of achievements listed in his qualifications for the award.

Sloop is senior class president at Willamette High School, has good grades and is active in football, basketball, baseball, and track, according to school records.

He has been president of the Willamette Lettermen's Club, and a participant in many other

## Police Report Suicide Try

David Elmer Pfund, 33, of 1160 Emerald St., attempted to take his own life Thursday afternoon, according to Eugene police.

Officers reported that Pfund after an argument with his wife, took sleeping pills and then attempted to asphyxiate himself by closing himself in a garage at his sisters home with a car's motor running.

Police records showed that early Thursday Pfund's wife Darlene called officers, saying her husband had threatened her. A policeman talked to the couple. Later, the argument apparently started again.

Then, at 2 p.m. police and an ambulance were called to 2493 Harris St., the home of Pfund's sister. A neighbor, Charles Henderson, had heard a horn honking for 15 minutes and found Pfund slumped over the steering wheel of the car, the motor running. No one was in the house.

Pfund was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital where he was recovering.

Police said they have a suicide note written by Pfund.

## LEGISLATIVE DISPUTE LOOMS

# Appointive Attorney General Sought

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.  
Of The Associated Press

SALEM 16—The Oregon Legislature was headed Friday toward a dispute as to whether the governor should appoint the attorney general, who now is elected by the people.

Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican who heads the Senate Judiciary Committee, announced he would introduce such a bill.

The office now is held by Democrat Robert V. Thornton, who has had many disagreements with the Republican state officials.

It couldn't become effective for two years. The Constitution won't permit an office to be abolished during the term.

### NO POLITICAL MOTIVES

Gill said he has no political motives in sponsoring the bill. He said "it is just good business to let the governor pick his own chief law officer."

Under Gill's proposal, the attorney general would continue to appoint attorneys for state departments.

The House has a bill, by Rep. Loran L. Stewart, Cottage Grove Republican, to deprive Thornton of his power to appoint the department attorneys.

Speaker Edward A. Geary told his House committee chairman Thursday that things have to be speeded up.

He said he was worried over the slowness with which bills were being introduced, and he asked them to get bills back to the floor as soon as possible.

### FEWER BILLS

Through Thursday, there were 90 House bills and 93 Senate bills, compared with 120 House and 62 Senate bills at the same point two years ago.

Geary also asked the chairman to put time limits on speakers at committee hearings, asked members of House committees to attend Senate committee hearings, and called for as few closed sessions as possible.

Rep. Stewart, who heads the House Tax Committee, announced he is asking the State Tax Commission to take another look at its estimated revenues for the next two years.

Noting that the commission sometimes has underestimated

revenues in the past, Stewart said that another look might increase the revenue estimates.

"Maybe our deficit isn't as big as we think it is," Stewart said.

The Senate Highway Committee introduced a bill to permit state agencies to buy liability insurance for their employees. This was asked by the Highway Commission.

Other new House bills would deprive ambulances of their status as emergency vehicles unless authorized by the secretary of state, and create a five-member state historical board to supervise and coordinate the work of agencies which preserve historical sites and material.

## City Hall Deal 'Definitely Off'

The sale of the Eugene city hall, was definitely off Friday, this time for good as far as Hollywood theatre interests are concerned.

Don McDonald, owner of the Rex Theatre building at 909 Willamette St., reported that the board of directors of the Fox International Theatres met in Hollywood Thursday night and turned "thumbs down" on the city hall deal.

McDonald had planned to make the city an offer for the old building at 11th and Willamette St. The site, with the approval of the Fox Theatre people, would have been used for a new theater and shops building.

"I'm confident the deal is definitely off," McDonald commented Friday morning.

He did say, however, that the officials of the theater chain approved plans for remodeling the present Rex Theatre. McDonald added that the renovation is scheduled for sometime in the near future.

## OSC Educator Points to Need For Scientists

The problems of training scientists and science teachers in America were discussed this week by Stanley E. Williamson, director of science education at Oregon State College. He spoke at Thurston Junior High School, to members of the Lane County Science Teachers' Assn.

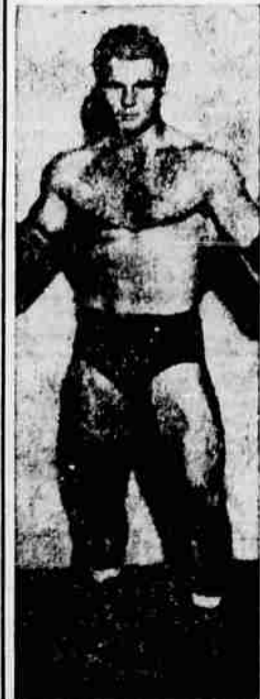
Williamson said that a greater supply of candidates for these professions can be obtained and that problems can be solved only through the unified action of science and industry personnel.

He also stressed the importance of science teachers' joining the National Science Teachers' Assn. He has been an active member of the association.

Ralph Collins, head of the science department at Eugene High; and James Macnab, president of the Lane association, and teacher at Thurston Junior High, discussed the proceedings at the annual national meeting of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science held recently at Berkeley, Calif.

University of Oregon chemistry and physics instructors also attended the local meeting. The next meeting will be Feb. 16 at Eugene High School.

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## BLONDIE



By Chic Young

## Barometers Going High

Armchair forecasters will learn this weekend that the barometer has its limitations as a predictor. Friday morning the pressure was at 30.45—unusually high—and still rising.

Yet the weekend forecast is for showers. Storms usually are associated with a falling barometer.

In the mountains these showers will be of snow and state police warned motorists that travel probably will be impossible in most mountain areas without chains. Impassable without them Friday were: Willamette Pass, Santiam Pass, the Pacific Highway in Southern Oregon and Northern California, Mt. Hood Loop, Green Springs route and the high altitude roads of Eastern Oregon.

## Proposed Civic Development To Be Explained

Alan G. Seder, Eugene architect, will speak at 8 p.m. Friday on features of the proposed civic center development in Eugene.

This will be the first time that a member of Architects Collaborative—the group which has done the initial planning for the center—has presented the matter at a public meeting.

Seder was invited by the Lane County Democratic Central Committee to speak prior to the forum discussion on taxation to be held in Springfield Junior High School.

The forum itself will start at 8:55 p.m. and will feature three taxation experts.

A potluck dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend one or all parts of the evening's program.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**SQUARE DANCING** will be held at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the Legion Hall, 8th and C Sts., Springfield. Ted King will call. All square dancers welcome.

**JUNIOR CIVIC PLAYERS** will have a rummage sale all day Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Rummage Center on W. 7th Ave. Proceeds will go to the Civic Players' new production, a Children's Theater play entitled "Land of the Dragon."

**CIVIC CHURCH Choir** for Northwest Music Educators Host Night will have its next rehearsal at 4 p.m. Sunday in the First Methodist Church.

**CUB PACK 182** will hold its monthly pack meeting Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Clear Lake School. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

**CUB PACK 352** will meet Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel School.

## Jury Denies City's Claim

A circuit court jury Thursday ruled the City of Springfield could not recover \$390 in damages it had sought to collect from a Lane County motorist.

The city filed a suit against Earl Eaton last February, alleging he was responsible for a 2-car accident in which a Springfield-owned pickup truck was damaged.

The vehicle, operated by Fire Chief Harry Kreiger, was on an emergency call at the time of the accident which occurred Aug. 24, 1953, at the intersection of 10th and E Sts. in Springfield.

The jury's verdict, in effect, held that Eaton was not responsible for the accident and that the city could not collect for damages sustained by the city vehicle.

## Contracts For Classrooms To Be Signed

Springfield School District will sign 3 construction contracts federal government, Superintendent of Schools E. H. Silke said Friday.

Silke reported that the Housing and Home Finance Agency at Seattle has approved the bids recently submitted by W. H. Shields, W. S. Hardie and Son, and Albert Vik and Son for the construction of 10 classrooms. The additions will be built with federal funds. Special aid is provided for districts which must educate children of workers living on federal projects within its boundaries.

L. R. Durkee, area representative of the agency at Seattle, informed Silke that several formalities must be complied with before the funds can be granted.

Silke said, however, that construction can begin next week on the jobs. Six rooms will be added at West Side School, and two each at Springfield Junior High and the Page Grade School. The total federal authorization for Springfield was \$114,500.

## Educators Call Wednesday Meet

Teachers and interested citizens of the Eugene area have been invited to attend a regional meeting of the Lane County Oregon Education Assn. Unit at Willamette High School on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m.

The session is one of six such meetings being held at various areas of the county this year to permit discussion of school issues. Among the topics to be discussed are proposed legislative issues under consideration by the current session of the Legislature. Willamette High is at 1801 Echo Hollow Rd. in the Bethel School District.

## WEATHER

**FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK**  
Eastern Area — Temperatures below normal, warming to near normal first of week. Highs in 30s, lows in 20s, except locally zero to 10 above. Occasional snow flurries.

Western Area — Temperatures averaging near normal. Highs in 40s; lows in 30s. Recurring rains, occurring mostly near end of period, with total 1 to 2 inches on coast and one-half to one inch over interior.

**U.S. WEATHER FORECAST**  
Eugene and vicinity: Cloudy with showers through Saturday. Low temperature Friday night, 34; high Saturday afternoon, 46. Western Oregon: same.

**Local Statistics:** Highest temperature Thursday, 47; low Friday morning, 38; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m. Friday, 2.2 inches; total for month 2.95 inches; normal for month 5.41 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m. Friday, -0.8 feet. Readings at 10:30 a.m. Friday: barometer, 30.45 inches; rising; humidity, 97 per cent; wind, S-11.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Saturday, 7:39 a.m., and 5:09 p.m.; Sunday, 7:39 a.m., and 5:10 p.m.

## TEMPERATURES

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Friday

	Max.	Min.	Prep.
Baker	31	24	11
Bend	30	25	11
Eugene	47	38	22
Klamath Falls	36	27	7
Lakeview	29	14	7
Medford	43	38	05
Newport	49	40	22
North Bend	47	41	21
Pendleton	43	32	24
Portland	47	39	13
Roseburg	45	39	17
Salem	45	40	01
Seaside	36	16	10
Chicago	35	28	08
Denver	34	18	10
El Paso	45	43	01
Los Angeles	67	44	01
New York	32	17	—
Red Bluff	49	33	—
San Francisco	50	37	—
Seattle	41	32	—

## TALKS TO CLUB

Wallace M. Ruff, assistant professor of landscape architecture at the University of Oregon, talked on garden design at the Portland Garden Club Friday.

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