

Eugene Ranks High on U.S. School Scene

City Is Paying Well For Quality Service

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WASHINGTON — Eugene taxpayers are providing a higher quality education for their city's children in public schools than does the average American city, a report of the U.S. Office of Education indicates.

This finding was based on comparisons made of the expenditures of various school systems throughout the country for the 1952-1953 school term. The report showed that Eugene spent more than most cities to educate each pupil.

"High quality in the educational program, as in other fields, is generally associated with high costs," the government report observed.

The report showed that Eugene spent \$1.63 a day for each school child. This figure was derived by dividing the number of pupils in average daily attendance into the total costs of instruction, administration, and operation of the city school system. Capital investment in new buildings is excluded.

PALO ALTO IS HIGH

The national average for cities of 25,000 to 100,000 for the same year was \$1.38. The average for cities in the West was \$1.32. Palo Alto (Calif.) ran highest of those surveyed, with \$1.77.

The Office of Education noted that school costs can be expected to vary widely because of differences in scope and quality of facilities and services.

"A school system that offers a program including kindergarten classes; a curriculum well diversified (including the fine arts subjects, vocational and pre-vocational opportunities); special classes for exceptional children; adequate playground and gymnasium facilities; a modern cafeteria; counseling; and health services, will report expenditures per pupil far greater than those reported by a school system not having such advantages," the report declared.

FOR GOOD TEACHERS

"Similarly, a school system which attracts and retains the services of competent, experienced teachers, and utilizes teaching aids, such as audio-visual

CITY SCHOOLS

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New Eugene Chief Named By Bonneville

Lorin A. Moore, 45, an engineer for the Bonneville Power Administration since 1942 and a Eugene-area resident since 1948, has been named manager of Bonneville's Eugene district.

The appointment was made Saturday in Portland by William A. Pearl, administrator for Bonneville. Pearl also named Thomas E. Black as manager of the Portland Area office.

Moore has been acting district manager of the Eugene office since fall. Black has officially been the manager, but has been acting as Portland area supervisor.

Before serving as acting manager here, Moore worked in the Eugene office as district office engineer and as customer service officer for the Southwest Area of Bonneville's Eugene district.

Moore is a graduate of the University of Utah. He has worked for the General Electric Co. and Puget Sound Power & Light Co. He is married and lives at 755 Horn Lane in the River Rd. district.

Sale of Liquor To Springfield Minors Charged

Springfield police Saturday arrested 2 women on complaint and warrant of the Springfield Municipal Court. Lillian I. Dahlquist, 59, 1686 E. Main St., Springfield, was charged with allowing intoxicating liquor to be sold to minors and Betty Jean Lyons, 26, 1325 E. Main St., was charged with selling intoxicating liquor to minors.

Both women were released under \$100 bail each.

Four Springfield youths had been arrested earlier Saturday and charged with illegal possession of alcoholic beverages.

They were 17 and 18 years old. All will appear in Springfield Municipal Court Wednesday, said Police Chief Harry Howard.

Howard said the 4 were arrested by Springfield officers at 6th and South A St. The youths admitted drinking beer, he said.



(AP Wirephoto)

SIGN OF RECOVERY—Pope Pius XII, apparently over his gravest illness, blessed Vatican crowds gathered to honor him Friday on the 16th anniversary of his coronation. More than 5,000 pilgrims packed 2 antechambers of the Sistine Chapel to cheer the head of the Roman Catholic church as he was carried by on his portable throne. This was the first time in 3 years that the Pope, now 79, was well enough to participate in a commemorative ceremony.

AIMED AT EDUCATION BOARD

'Open-Session' Bill Faces Opposition

By BILL FORCE
Of The United Press

SALEM — A bill which its author admits is aimed directly at the State Board of Higher Education faces revision and amendment in the House Committee on State and Federal Affairs.

Rep. Maurine Neuberger (D-Portland) said her bill requiring open meetings for all governmental bodies in Oregon was aimed at stopping unpublished meetings of the State Board of Higher Education. Mrs. Neuberger said these were being held on Sundays at the Arlington Club in Portland.

Portions of the bill applying to city councils and other local governing bodies ran into opposition from Rep. Al Loucks (R-Salem), former Salem mayor. He said that if a problem of unpublished meetings exists in cities, the solution should be found on the local level rather than in a state law.

BILL FOLLOWS PLAN

Mrs. Neuberger said she was principally interested in practices at the state level. Her bill, she said, was designed to follow a system long in effect for the Portland School Board, where all business was transacted in the open, with the exception of personnel matters.

She declared that the open meetings of the State Board of Higher Education were often mere formalities to confirm agreements previously reached privately. The only member of

the board who did not attend the Arlington Club meetings, she said, was Mrs. E. B. MacNaughton, because the Arlington Club does not admit women. Even the press does not attend, Mrs. Neuberger said.

Mrs. William L. Cawood of the Portland Federation of Women's Clubs, told the committee that the Multnomah County Commission frequently holds unpublished special meetings. She endorsed Mrs. Neuberger's bill for that reason.

CONSIDER A SUBSTITUTE

The committee agreed to consider a substitute bill for one introduced by Rep. Norman Howard (D-Portland) to require employers to grant free time off for voting. While endorsing the principle of the measure, the committee objected to some of its provisions as too complex and ambiguous.

Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) was appointed to draft a substitute that would recognize the employer's responsibility for making time available to workers to cast their ballots without setting up hard and fast time limits such as are contained in the original bill.

Both houses of the Legislature were in adjournment Saturday.

Women Voters Plan For Eugene Meeting

PORTLAND — The state board of the Oregon League of Women Voters drafted plans here Saturday for the state convention to be held May 22-24 in Eugene.

A Woman to Run For Presidency? 'Yes,' Thinks Dick

WASHINGTON — The time is not far off when a woman may be nominated for president or vice president, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) believes.

He expressed this view Saturday in an address to a "school of politics" sponsored by a Democratic women's club.

Neuberger predicted that the day will come when people will not think it unusual for a woman to run for president or vice president. He said he could not recall one woman who had failed in American public life.

The senator noted that, despite the fact that 52 per cent of the people in the United States are women, our general political structure is geared to men.

Knowland Predicts Tax Cut Defeat

WASHINGTON — Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) predicted Saturday that the Senate would defeat by several votes this week a Democratic "compromise" plan to cut income taxes.

The Republican leader said the chamber then would pass an administration-supported bill to continue present corporation and excise taxes, which are scheduled to drop April 1 under present law.

Knowland said his party's members would refuse to compromise with the Democrats, who have proposed a 908 million dollar annual income tax reduction for lower income families.

"We are going to stand pat on the bill to extend present corporation and excise taxes," Knowland said. "There will be no Republican compromise offered."

Knowland said he believes President Eisenhower would veto a bill containing the provisions of the Democratic compromise. However, he said there had been no word from the White House to this effect since the compromise was worked out.

Although Chairman Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) of the Finance Committee has conceded that the vote on the Democratic compromise will be very close, Knowland said his surveys indicated it would be beaten by more than 3 votes.

Report Reds Mass Guns Off Quemoy

TAIPEI, Formosa — Red China is massing heavy artillery on the mainland coast facing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Quemoy fortress, official Nationalist intelligence reports said Saturday night.

Nationalist forces on the strategically situated island, within 2,000 yards of Communist China and only 4 miles from the Red port of Amoy, were reported constructing new fortifications against the threat of attack.

Intelligence sources said more than 60 heavy 105 and 125 mm.

Summit Snow Belies a Fine Day in Eugene

Plows Can't Handle Job on the Willamette

Saturday's clear sky and 50-degree temperature in Eugene hardly reflected weather conditions on the Willamette Pass and Cascade Summit for the same time. However, the weather man says that the Eugene area may see some snow today.

From 14 to 15 inches of snow fell on the Cascade Summit between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday. Southern Pacific dispatcher Vern Fields said crews were keeping ahead of the snow. The heavy snow fall was tapering off early Saturday evening, but even so, crews operated a flanger and a spreader through the night to keep tracks clear.

On the Willamette Pass the snow was too much for plows to handle. State police reported single-lane traffic in several spots and warned motorists not to travel across the pass.

Snow was still falling hard as late as 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The state police patrol reported visibility practically zero. Chains were a necessity as far down as Drinking Fountain about three miles below Salt Creek Tunnel.

The story was the same on the Santiam Pass. Ten inches of new snow fell Friday night, raising to a total of 123 inches the amount of roadside snow. Heavy snow continued to fall all day Saturday.

For the Eugene area the forecast called for scattered showers occasionally mixed with snow Sunday and Sunday night. The high temperature Sunday was expected to be 46 degrees.

George Seeks Delay On German Treaties

WASHINGTON — Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) said Saturday that the Eisenhower administration has asked the Senate to delay consideration of the German rearmament treaties at least until the end of March.

George, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, disclosed that he had tentatively scheduled hearings on the pacts to begin this week or early next, but postponed them at the administration's request. He said he now hopes to start the hearings March 28 or 29.

'DON'T BLAME DROP ON QUIZ'

Sen. Fulbright Is Certain Of 'Excessive Speculating'

By DAYTON MOORE
Of The United Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. J. William Fulbright said Saturday that the 7-billion-dollar drop in securities values last week seems to confirm "an undue amount of speculation" in the stock market.

The Arkansas Democrat told a reporter that putting any of the blame for the decline on the Senate Banking Committee's investigation of the boom is unwarranted. Fulbright is chairman of the committee.

He said the inquiry is informative and educational and that the market is very weak if it is being affected adversely. "If there is no more substance to the rise than that, it makes you wonder," he added.

The market declined in four of five sessions last week. Wall Street experts attributed this drop partly to concern of traders over testimony at the investigation, that to check speculation, margin requirements should be raised from the present 60 per cent to at least 75 per cent, and maybe 100 per cent.

Margin requirements determine the amount of cash a buyer of stocks must put up. Margin requirements of 100 per cent would put trading on an all-cash basis.

The key official on margin requirements will be the first witness Monday. He is Chairman William McChesney Martin Jr., of the Federal Reserve Board, which sets them.

Martin will face close examination. Committee members and staff aides said the questioners would seek his opinion on the amount of speculation

in the market now and the reasons for raising the margin requirements last January from 50 to 60 per cent.

(The Associated Press report Saturday said that the stock market tumble was the worst in 15 years—since the week of May 18, 1940, when the German armies invaded the European lowlands in their march on Paris.)

(The Associated Press average of 60 stocks plunged \$7.20 for the week. The shock of the German attack in 1940 knocked the AP average down \$8.10.)

(Meanwhile, the persistent liquidation which has persisted away at grain values for several weeks appeared to have dried up, at least temporarily, on the Chicago Board of Trade. That market closed Saturday with respectable gains for the first time in many weeks.)

(Wheat closed the week 3 to 4 1/2 higher, corn 1 1/2-3/4 higher, oats 1/2 to 3/4 higher, rye 2 to 2 1/4 higher, and soybeans 1 1/2 lower to 3/4 higher. Some grainmen felt the market was pretty well liquidated.)

U.O. Medical Bill Debated

SALEM — The Oregon State Medical Society and the State Board of Higher Education Saturday argued the merits of a bill which would set up an advisory committee of doctors to aid in operation of the University of Oregon Medical School at Portland.

Spokesmen for the doctors contended that the bill, which would limit admissions to the hospital to the medically indigent, was necessary to prevent what they said was unfair competition to the medical profession.

Dr. Howard P. Lewis, head of the department of medicine at the medical school, said the bill would limit the variety of cases for teaching.

The arguments were made before a joint Ways and Means subcommittee.

Bus-Train Crash

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A bus and freight train collided at a crossing Saturday, killing 8 Africans and injuring 27.



(AP Wirephoto)

A PLUG IS WHERE YOU FIND IT—Pat Moriarty, who owns a restaurant on Sixth Avenue in New York City, demonstrates how to install a dummy fire hydrant and make it look authentic. Susie, Pat's dog, wasn't the only one fooled by the phony plug. (See story below.)

That Plug Was a Bug! It Set Cops Bug-Eyed

NEW YORK — The mystery of the disappearing fire plug was cleared up Saturday.

A few nights ago patrolman Edward Van Oostrom ticked a car parked by a fire hydrant in front of P. J. Moriarty's chop house and tavern on the Avenue of the Americas, near Rockefeller Center.

On a later round, the patrolman's eyes bugged out in disbelief. The fire plug had disappeared.

The patrolman decided he had the location confused with another—until he came back the next night and found the hydrant there again.

That is when the officer really came to grips with the issue. And when he took hold he found the hydrant to be a fakery if there ever was one.

The thing was made of wood and plastic.

The avid cop bundled it off to a police station, glad to dump the whole thing—plug, mystery and all—in the laps of his superiors.

Reporters went after Moriarty. Moriarty said he sure thought it all strange, too. But he was as mystified as anyone.

Finally the reporters got P. J. to tell all:

"I paid \$10 for a dummy fire hydrant about a month ago to discourage cars from parking in front of my place."

It worked better than a doorman. Of course, we'd try to sneak it out casually."

The guy who got the parking ticket? Well, the cops said they guessed it would be hard to fine a fellow for being in front of a fire plug that wasn't a fire plug.

Lawyer Says He Opposes O-C Hearings

Rival View Stated At Industry Session

VANCOUVER, B. C. — Harry J. Hogan Jr., of The Dalles, Ore., attorney for the Industrial Forestry Assn., said Saturday that his group was opposed to public hearings on proposed regulations governing access to O & C timber in Oregon.

Speaking at the Western Forest Industry Assn. convention here, Hogan said:

"Our group sees no reason that public hearings should be held on this matter. All sides in this controversy will have a chance to file statements to the Oregon and California advisory board."

NOTI MAN SPEAKS

Shortly before Hogan spoke, the Western Forest Association unanimously had passed a resolution calling upon Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay to hold public hearings in Oregon on the controversy.

Ray C. Swanson, of Noti, Ore., WFAA president, said:

"Before Secretary McKay signs the proposed regulations, which would put most of us out of business and create widespread unemployment in Western Oregon, the lumbermen and communities affected should have a right to be heard."

IN PUBLIC INTEREST

Swanson added, "If Secretary McKay does not give the public this chance to be heard, Congress will be asked to protect the public's interest."

An Interior Department official attending the convention agreed with the position of Oregon's smaller lumbermen. James F. Doyle, Portland, area administrator of the Bureau of Land Management, told the group:

"If there is continued disagreement between big and little lumbermen over the proposed new regulations, I will reverse myself and recommend to Secretary McKay that public hearings be held."

TOUGH TO ADMINISTER

The Department of the Interior now has before it for consideration new logging road "right-of-way" regulations which would govern access to some 50 billion board feet of government-owned O & C timber. The WFAA contends that the new regulations would stifle competition and permit government timber to be controlled by what it calls a few favored operators.

In his speech before the WFAA, Hogan, attorney for the IFA, contended that the present regulations governing O & C timber are hurting competition over government-owned timber and are too tough to administer.

The WFAA re-elected Swanson as president. John F. Buchanan of Sutherlin was elected vice president for Oregon; Lee Yeager of Blue River, Ore., was elected secretary-treasurer.

Plans Already Begun For Dam Dedication

PORTLAND — Army engineers in Portland said Saturday that they were already making plans for the dedication ceremonies in June of the 89 million-dollar Lookout Point dam project on the Willamette River.

More than 10,000 persons are expected to attend the ceremonies, said Ivan E. Oakes, program chairman.

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