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Students Honored By Elks Lodge

Two students, one from North Eugene High and the other from Willamette High, were presented with leadership awards by the Eugene Elks Lodge Wednesday night.

Candace Newland, 17, a senior at North Eugene, and Theron James, 17, a senior at Willamette, received \$100 savings bonds in ceremonies at the lodge.

The two will now be eligible for state awards in the Elks Youth Leadership Program, to be announced later this month. State winners will receive \$500 bonds.

Miss Newland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Newland, 1177 Melvina Way, Eugene, is student body secretary at North Eugene. She served as secretary of state last summer in the Girls' State program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

James, who is student body president at Willamette, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. James, 4070 Wilhi St., Eugene. An active 4-H member, James has lettered in wrestling and football and is secretary of Region VI of the Oregon Assn. of Student Councils.

End Urged To Capital Punishment

The issue of capital punishment should once again be put to Oregon voters — and they should vote to abolish it—Eugene attorney Keith Skelton said Tuesday.

Skelton co-sponsored a measure to abolish capital punishment when he was a member of the 1957 State Legislature. The measure was referred to voters and was defeated.

Speaking to the Women's League of First Congregational Church in Eugene, Skelton said, "It has been established without question that in those nine states and two territories of the United States that have abolished capital punishment the number of murders per capita is less than in those states which retain the penalty. . . . Figures prove that when murderers who are sane are paroled there is little likelihood of their committing the crime again."

Skelton asserted that most civilized countries have abolished the death penalty and added, "It is now time for the State of Oregon to join this march of humanity toward morality and decency."

Lund to Give Talk On Pakistan, Asia

Ernest H. Lund, associate professor of geology at the University of Oregon, will tell of his experiences in Pakistan and other countries of Asia at a meeting of the Natural History Society Friday, Jan. 25.

Lund, a member of the geology department here since 1957, spent the academic year 1961-62 as a Fulbright lecturer in the geology department of the University of Karachi in West Pakistan. The lecture, at 8 p.m., in 150 Science, is open to the public.

City Charter Study Group Sets Meeting

Springfield's newly-appointed charter revision study committee will conduct its initial meeting next Wednesday noon at the Gas Lamp Restaurant in Springfield.

The committee, appointed Monday by Mayor B. J. Rogers, has been requested to make a study "for the purpose of revising the charter for future submission to the voters of the city."

Chairman of the new group is Edward C. Harms Jr., former Springfield mayor. Other members are Harrison P. Hornish, John Gischel, Mrs. Reginald Erskine and Councilman David Seofield.

Consultants for the committee will be Orval Eetter, of the League of Oregon Cities, and several Springfield municipal officials.

Commenting on the city charter in his annual message to the Springfield City Council Monday night, Rogers said: "It has been obvious to me for some time that our city charter has many weaknesses. . . . The charter has certain areas which vitally need revision."

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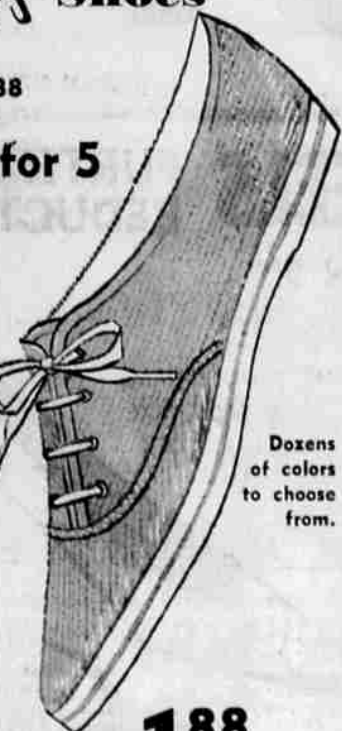
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State Official Objects to Threat

Condemnation for Grove Airport Remote

By PETE DOWNS
Of the Register-Guard

COTTAGE GROVE — Officials of the State Board of Aeronautics have initiated a public relations campaign in an effort to win over unhappy property owners on the site of Cottage Grove's proposed airport.

Glenn Plymate, director of airports for the board, said Thursday, "We're just going to explain the facts of the airport to these property owners. All they've heard so far are threats. We need to give them the facts."

Plymate and Robert Dunn, director of the state board, were in Cottage Grove Wednesday, but were able to see only one of the 13 property owners. Plymate indicated that state officials will return to talk to the rest.

Plymate was highly critical of the way negotiations with the property owners have been handled so far.

"Only three out of 13 property holders had been made offers, and then this talk about condemnation was started. I sympathize with these people. It's very unfortunate that condemnation was brought in prematurely."

"You're supposed to negotiate and make an offer first. Then if it's turned down the possibility of condemnation comes into the picture."

"I see condemnation as only a remote possibility in this situation. I hope we don't have to do it," Plymate said.

Before the state agreed to accept title to the property when it becomes clear, Cottage Grove's City Council had approved the use of condemnation if necessary. The approval came at the request of a real estate representative who had been hired to negotiate with property owners.

The airport director added that the state board would not carry out negotiations. "The board usually accepts donations from local sources," he said.

"It's their responsibility to acquire whatever land they can. Only after everything else fails would we consider condemnation."

With the city no longer concerned, "local sources" would indicate the Woodard Foundation, a charitable organization which has guaranteed about \$31,000, the estimated value of the land.

A federal appropriation of \$48,000 is to pay for construction of the airport, but a master plan must be submitted by March 15. Otherwise the appropriation runs out.

Plymate indicated the March 15 deadline is more important than some people may think.

500 Strings Expected For Concert

A 'Festival of Strings,' featuring public school string players from Eugene and Springfield, will be held in McArthur Court Saturday.

The program begins at 4 p.m. Guest conductor will be Irwin Hoffman, conductor of the Vancouver Symphony of British Columbia. There is no admission charge.

Some 500 students are expected to participate in the concert. They will include string players in Springfield Junior and senior high schools and in all levels of Eugene public schools.

The 'Festival of Strings' forms the closing event of the annual Conference on Music Education sponsored by the University of Oregon.

Hoffman was scheduled to arrive in Eugene Thursday and to conduct rehearsals at the various schools Thursday and Friday.

To Cover Storm Damage

Seven Request Disaster Aid

Seven applications have been filed by Lane County governmental agencies totaling \$178,062 for federal disaster aid as a result of the Oct. 12 windstorm that ravaged the county.

U.S. disaster funds were allocated for Oregon immediately after the Columbus Day storm, and governmental bodies were given until Tuesday to apply for financial help.

Eugene submitted the largest request. It totaled \$95,216 and included requests for funds to

help the Eugene Water & Electric Board pay for storm damage costs.

Lane County submitted the next largest request for \$65,744. Florence has asked for \$1,153; Junction City, \$9,052; Cottage Grove, \$3,500; Eugene School District No. 4, \$2,800, and Creswell District No. 4, \$597.

Lane County Civil Defense Director James Koepke, whose office processed the applications, said all have been approved by the state civil defense agencies, except for Eugene and its school district whose applications were filed recently.

The applications for disaster aid now must be approved by the U.S. Office of Emergency Planning.

Both Eugene and Lane County applications primarily requested money to help pay for removing trees that were blown across roads.

EWEB also listed damage to power lines; the school districts asked for aid to repair buildings, and Junction City included in its requests money to pay

for 1,000 feet of fire hose that was burned in fires that destroyed a large section of that city.

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"We have more surveying to do out there before we can complete the master plan," he said. "But the way the property owners feel now, we don't want our people going out there. There's just too much bad feeling."

Presumably the public relations campaign would make it possible for surveyors to continue their work.

"Aeronautically this is a very good site. I don't think the people realize this. They've been understandably upset by this threat of condemnation. We have to get across to them that condemnation is very remote," Plymate said.

Cottage Grove is the largest city in the state without an airport. The nearest air facility is located at Walker, five miles north of Cottage Grove.

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