

Definite Step Taken Toward Developing Playgrounds

The Junior Woman's club, moving toward the development of playgrounds in Salem, has seven parks and play areas on its program, and seven other organizations are cooperating with the club in its effort.

This was the status of the project after a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night attended by representatives of an effective group of organizations.

Admit Israel to United Nations

New York, May 12 (AP)—Israel's admission as the 59th member of the United Nations has finally been approved. A simple flag-raising ceremony today winds up the formalities.

The general assembly approved the Israeli application last night by a vote of 37-12, with nine countries abstaining.

The decision was followed by an Arab walk-out, but some of the Arab countries' representatives returned for a late night meeting, indicating that the protest was ended.

The assembly has been scheduled to return to plenary session today but a last-minute change calls for committee meetings at Lake Success instead.

Officials decided some of the committee reports were not yet ready for assembly action.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharet took his seat as a regular delegate immediately after yesterday's vote. He delivered a formal address on Israel's general foreign policy.

Sharet, however, took no part in debate last night on the first issue to come up after Israel's admission. This was a proposal to postpone action until next fall on the Dutch-Indonesian dispute.

Israel abstained when the assembly voted 43-6 approving the deferral.

Swedish Tanker Ablaze at Sea

Miami, Fla., May 12 (AP)—The Swedish tanker SS Aalanta was reported on fire in the Caribbean today and planes and surface craft were rushing to her assistance, the coast guard said.

The 9,683-ton vessel sent out SOS signals at 1:35 a.m. (EST). The distress messages said all crew members had taken to lifeboats except the captain and the radio operator.

Coast guard air sea rescue headquarters said the ship, owned by Otto Kihlstrom of Goeteborg, Sweden, was approximately 540 miles northeast of Trinidad.

The coast guard cutter Pandora left San Juan, Puerto Rico, immediately after the SOS was reported and sped toward the scene. A B-17 took off from Waller field, Trinidad, at dawn and other vessels at sea changed courses and headed for the stricken vessel.

The coast guard said no further word had been heard from the Aalanta since the SOS message.

The ship was en route from Goeteborg to Trinidad. The number of persons aboard was not available.

Lebanon Paves Many Streets

Lebanon—The second year of continuous street paving and improvement finds petitions for 41 blocks of paving already presented to the city. 35 within drainage areas, and six blocks in an area that is slated to soon be served with drainage lines.

Three miles of paving were laid last summer in the east section of the city. Petitions for 1949 paving are about evenly divided, half in the eastern part of the town and the remainder in the west and southwestern sections.

Provided all petitions are acted upon this year, the entire paving program will give Lebanon paving on more than half of the streets within the city. Establishment of drainage districts in the western section of town has now opened a major part of the city to paving wherever desired.

Government to Quit Saddle Horse Business

Washington, May 12 (AP)—The government today announced plans to get out of the saddle horse business.

The agriculture department said it will auction off all the horses at its stations in Fort Reno, Okla., on May 25 and in Fort Robinson, Neb., on June 3. There are nearly 300 choice saddle horses at the two stations.

Officials said the horses at a third remount station at Pomona, Calif., probably will be auctioned off within the next few months.

The army opened remount stations in 1920 in a breeding program to develop horses for



Stop Removal Of Jap Plants

Washington, May 12 (AP)—The United States ordered a halt today in further removals of Japanese plants as war reparations.

Maj. Gen. Frank R. McCoy, the American representative, told the 11-nation far eastern commission that even industrial plants classed as "primary war facilities" are needed by Japan to hasten its economic recovery.

The deliveries ordered halted were advance deliveries of plants and equipment which the commission already had earmarked for removal.

The reparations have gone in limited quantities to China, the Philippines, Netherlands for The Netherlands Indies, and Britain for Burma, Malaya and Far Eastern colonial possessions.

Diplomatic authorities said it was a fair inference from the American action that the United States opposes transfer of any more reparations whatsoever from Japan.

McCoy informed the commission the United States is convinced that there should be no ceiling on Japanese production for peaceful purposes.

"The problem facing us is not one of limitation of Japan's peaceful industries but of relieving these industries to provide the people's barest wants," he said.

Linn Road Fund Remaining Same

Albany—Linn county will have to get along on whatever funds may become available for road repair and construction work as the result of a decision reached by the county court to ask no special tax.

County Judge E. G. Arnold announced that the court has concluded from information gleaned through an informal pool of voters that any attempt to gain approval of a special road tax would be defeated at an election this year and therefore it would be futile to call for a special election on the question of a 5-year 10-mill levy that had been proposed earlier this year by a group of citizens representing farm and civic organizations.

"We are just going to do the best we can with the money we get," said Judge Arnold. This means, officials pointed out, that probably less than \$200,000 can be budgeted for road work during the 1949-50 fiscal year, though road damage inflicted by winter weather conditions is estimated at several times that amount. The county has nearly 1500 miles of roadway to maintain.

At present the court is attempting to repair its oil roads, of which some are al-

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Spring Skiing in High Sierras—Warm spring weather and plenty of snow from last winter's heavy fall, brought skiers out in sun suits at Squaw valley recently. Here Wayne Poulson executes a "field jump" while Gayle Tarnutzer and Vi Carson look on. Squaw valley is six miles northwest of Lake Tahoe in California's Placer county.

Mike De Cicco Won't Resign

Portland, May 12 (AP)—"I will not resign," Mike DeCicco, treasurer of the Oregon state democratic central committee, told W. L. Josslin, state chairman, in a letter today.

Josslin yesterday said he had called a meeting of the executive committee to oust DeCicco. Unfavorable publicity attendant on a tiff DeCicco reported he had at Gearhart with a woman ex-employee prompted the ouster move.

DeCicco, in a statement, said he would not give up the job at the behest of "goody goody Gosselin and the Honeyman interests."

Acute Shortage Of Teachers

Dr. Louis Kaplan, director of teacher training at Oregon School of Education, Monmouth, informed members of the Salem Lions club Thursday noon that the shortage of capable instructors remains acute. He added that many unqualified persons who are now operating on a permit basis must be continued in the school system but capable replacements cannot be found.

Dr. Kaplan estimates that between 600 and 700 new teachers must be found to replace those who will not return next fall. In addition 375 or 400 others will be needed to care for the influx of children from other states.

As against the needs as expressed by the speaker, he said that about 300 prospective elementary instructors will graduate from the three state colleges of education and other institutions this spring. Salaries, Dr. Kaplan said, were much improved over the scale in 1940.

The YMCA boys' chorus, directed by Wes Bolliger, a Willamette student, provided music for the luncheon.

Door Bell Ringers Banned at Lebanon

Lebanon, May 12—Members of the chamber of commerce board of directors went on record as favoring the passage of an ordinance banning door to door selling within the city.

The move was said to be offered as a protection for residents who have been prey for this type of salesmanship in past years.

A copy of board wishes was sent to the city council, it was announced by Hiram Groves, chamber president.

Tanana River Ice Sill Intact

Fairbanks, May 12 (AP)—Chances of the latest Tanana river ice breakup in history were diminishing today.

So were the size of the award for the closest guess on the exact minute of the ice movement at Nenana.

Floyd W. Avery, manager of the 1949 ice guessing sweepstakes, reported the amount would "only" be \$164,000. The earlier unofficial estimate had been for a "kitty" of \$185,000. The revised figure still will be \$14,000 above last year's previous record payoff in the annual Alaska contest.

Meanwhile, water was pouring into the Tanana from the Chena river, 40 miles upstream from the Nenana tripod which records the tell-tale minute of the ice movement.

The Chena ice broke at Fairbanks at 6:29 p.m. Tuesday. It was worth \$6,800 to Max Willard of Anchorage. His prophecy had been for 6:32 p.m.

In 13 of the last 20 years the Tanana ice has moved at Nenana within 72 hours after the Chena. The longest interval between recorded breakups was six days. The Nenana ice must hold until after 9:41 a.m. next Monday if it is to set a new late season record.

Farmers Asked To Store Grain

Washington, May 12 (AP)—The government asked farmers today to hold 1948-crop small grains in farm storage for another year to help relieve a possible tight commercial storage situation.

The agriculture department offered farmers 10 to 11.5 cents a bushel, depending upon the area, to hold for another year wheat which they had stored under the government's 1948 price support program.

A storage payment of eight cents was offered for oats and 10 cents for barley.

In addition to the storage payment for the year ahead, farmers would receive seven cents a bushel for having stored the grain during the past year.

The offer expires June 30. Farmers who stored grains under the 1948 support program have the privilege of turning them over to the government as full payment of their loan, or of reselling them for another year.

About 60,000,000 bushels of 1948 wheat were stored on farms under the loan program, about 13,000,000 of oats and 22,000,000 of barley. In addition the government has agreed to buy 113,000,000 bushels of wheat, 8,500,000 of oats and 18,000,000 of barley under the support program.

This grain would be eligible for resealing too. The storage payment rates on wheat for the year ahead by states include: 10 cents a bushel—Oregon and Washington.

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on the eye he injured last month in a fishing accident. The embassy said the operation would be performed to night. It was described as "part of the general treatment which is being given to the eye."

Purdy on Trip
Mr. Angel — Mr. and Mrs. Mark Purdy left on a so-called "honeymoon" last Monday for a three week visit with relatives in Nebraska and Minnesota. The Purdy's who were married 22 years ago, have left the children in charge of the homeplace in

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