

### Special Education for Handicapped Approved

Extension of special education for handicapped and retarded children to counties and regions with state financial aid, of the state was made possible by action of the State Board of Education Tuesday.

The board adopted a set of standards, very similar to those in vogue in school districts for special education programs are now being carried on. The Salem and Portland school districts have a special education program.

Under the standards all programs must be approved by the superintendent of public instruction before the systems are placed in operation.

The program will require properly certified teachers in order that students in the smaller areas will be able to obtain the same service now accorded the students of the

larger districts.

The state department of education will partially reimburse the counties or regions adopting the program, although such reimbursements have certain limitations.

A resolution offered by Miss May Darling, chairman of the board, expressing confidence in the professional committee now engaged in drafting a "guide to social studies" for high schools.

At a meeting in Portland some weeks ago a cloud of suspicion was placed on the committee members when a speaker declared that "there is at least one person in this room who is engaged in subversive activity."

In the resolution, adopted by unanimous vote of the board, it was declared "that on the basis of evidence on hand, the board expresses confidence in the loyalty of members of the committee. A sub-committee is now reviewing the guide and making amendments to meet "all legitimate objections."

The board declared an emergency on elementary certification for the school year of 1953-54, an action necessary each year that a shortage of teachers exists in order to give the department authority to issue temporary certifications. A number of minor changes in the regulations for issuance of emergency certificates were approved by the board.

Emergency permits were granted to 15 teachers who have not yet been certified in order that they might finish the present school year. In each case the services of the temporary teachers are required because of inability of school district to obtain the services of certified teachers.

### Cyclist Injured In Albany Crash

Albany—A motorcyclist was critically injured late Monday when his vehicle struck some concrete steps leading to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Haley, RFD 4, as the cyclist was traveling toward Corvallis about two miles southwest of Albany, on highway No. 20.

Injured is Alvin Chaput, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chaput, 634 Waverly Drive, Albany. Chaput was taken to the Albany General hospital and later was transferred to a hospital in Eugene.

He suffered a shattered left leg and left shoulder and internal injuries. His doctor here said he was in "critical" condition.

Bystanders said Chaput's motorcycle left the highway, hit the steps and plunged into the ditch.

### Albany Youth Admits Thefts

Albany—A 14-year-old boy who attempted to take \$127 from the safe at Lammer's Pharmacy has admitted a number of petty crimes, city police said Tuesday.

The youth reportedly confessed to at least 10 other theft charges after he was sentenced in Linn county juvenile court proceedings to MacLaren Boys' school at Woodburn.

Major thefts admitted by the boy included taking money from Rawlings' Stationery store safe, stealing about \$56 from the China cafe after the Morris hotel fire; taking \$35 from the Morris hotel following the fire; and making off with \$35 worth of bottles from Dickson's Corral and Pop's cafe, the report showed.

### Women Singers in Lebanon Concert

Lebanon—A capacity audience in the Elks auditorium Monday evening heard the city's first concert of the yule season given by the Women's Civic Choral club and the Elks' band.

Chorus numbers reflected balance and blending in Debussy's numbers. Highlights of the program included Jeanne Mary, mezzo soprano, who sang the ever popular "I Wonder as I Wander," Niles. Selections from the Mikado featured Marilyn Gilliam, mezzo soprano, Ardee Bridges, soprano, and Lois Abrell, alto.

Lynn Sjolund directed the singers in their fourth annual Christmas concert, and Mrs. Lawrence Page was accompanist.

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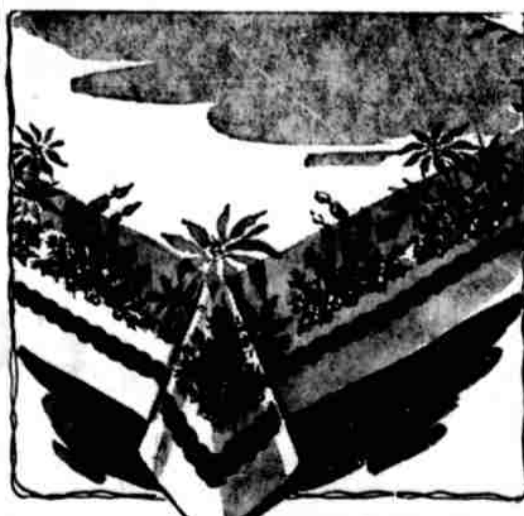
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