

SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL FOR SALE SOON



Consolidation of Spring Valley school district with Salem schools became effective November 26, and Spring Valley schoolhouse, vacant of classes for more than two years, will be sold at a public sale in Dallas, January 7, 1955. The schoolhouse was built in 1907. Spring Valley postoffice was established March 5, 1852 with Sanford Watson as postmaster. It was discontinued Sept. 1, 1855.

German Brunette Gets Five Years for Spying

BERLIN (AP)—A beautiful German brunette was sentenced to five years in prison today after she

pleaded guilty to seducing secrets out of two U.S. intelligence officers for Russian pay.

MODERN MATI HARI



Irmgard Margarete Schmidt, 25, East German beauty, will be tried (Dec. 21) before U.S. High Commission court in West Germany on three charges of transmitting Allied information to the Russians. U.S. officials acknowledged the Russians paid Irmgard only \$375 for the order of battle for the Allied defense of West Berlin. She was caught only three weeks ago after a year and a half of intimate contact with two top American intelligence agents. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Berlin)

The names of the two Americans were not introduced in court. U.S. officials said previously the black-eyed charmer — Irmgard Margarete Schmidt — was the mistress of an Air Force intelligence colonel and had occasional dates with a civilian intelligence chief. The prosecution described her as one of the most dangerous spies encountered here since World War II.

The 24-year-old former East zone student burst into tears as U.S. High Commission Judge Ambrose Fuller pronounced sentence. Although she had said nothing in her own defense during the trial, she sobbed bitterly.

"I can't take it. It's too much," she pleaded guilty to money details of the order of battle for Allied defense of West Berlin. She also admitted a second charge of approaching a German national in U.S. intelligence to get more information.

She pleaded innocent to a third charge of attempting to obtain details of the entire network of American agents in West Berlin.

HORSE HAIRCUTS

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The price of haircuts, like many other things, has gone up in recent years. Race horses shipped to Florida have their winter coats clipped before they start the winter season. Horse barbers get \$8 per customer.

No Fiction in This, But It's an Interesting Book

By FRED ZIMMERMAN

County Clerk Henry C. Mattson is about to add another volume to his ever increasing library. And the new work will not deal with fairy tales, Christmas stories or something equally light in nature. It will be the fifth volume of the record of judgments—books that reflect much of the economic history of the county, particularly dealing with the "little fellow" who couldn't quite manage to keep even and eventually got caught up in the coils of the law.

While the books are "public property" and what is written therein can be viewed by anybody who wants to satisfy his curiosity, it doesn't seem just right, particularly at Christmas time, to name names. However, it may be said that the first entry written in Vol. No. 1, occurred in May, 1834. A date that caused Arthur Roethlin, deputy clerk, to remark: "Heavens, they even went in debt 100 years ago."

By way of explanation, it should be pointed out that whenever an individual or firm secures a judgment against another, whether it be through action of the circuit court or whether it comes in by transcript from district court or justices of the peace, the action is written in long hand in the book.

Scattered throughout the pages of the huge volume are notations in red ink. This color fluid is commonly known as representing loss. However in these instances it is used to indicate that the debt or has taken care of the obligation in full.

"And what a lot of tears, heart aches, trials and tribulations are represented in those lines," volunteered Clerk Mattson.

It takes less time to fill the books, that is in the matter of days, months and years. For in-

stance No. 7 was opened in January, 1840, and the final entry was made late in December, 1931. A time lapse of 12 years. No. 8 was initiated in January, 1932, and it is now full to overflowing—just four years.

Several reasons are advanced for the increase in judgments. Naturally the heavy increase in population plays an important part. Then the law governing the collection of state income taxes, when the citizen becomes remiss in his obligations to Old Man Oregon, has been tightened. This means a lot more work for the judgment clerk who had to make a record of the warrants issued by the state and then, when it is paid, chronicle this information in the big book.

Perhaps the ease with which merchandise and services may be secured on partial payments may have a part in filling the judgment books with greater rapidity.

In any event the present loose leafed volume, with its thick covers, well protected at the corners, is full to overflowing and has become so heavy that it is difficult to handle. Which means that Henry has had to go into the market for another to record the debts of the community.

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J. Hilton, Famed Author, Dies After Long Illness

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—James Hilton, screenwriter and novelist who wrote such books as "Goodbye Mr. Chips" and "Lost Horizon," died last night in Seaside Hospital after a long illness. He was 54.

His former wife Alice, who had maintained a vigil for days, was still at the bedside.

Hilton had lived here in Long Beach for 10 years while writing for the movies.

He entered the hospital Nov. 21, suffering from a heart ailment which was not disclosed. Today his physician, Dr. David Wigod, said that he had had cancer of the liver for a long time.



James Hilton

He had been near death for several days.

Hilton, born Sept. 9, 1900, in Leigh, Lancashire, England, had said it was Hollywood which brought him to America, although he said he couldn't find America in Hollywood.

"I live in Long Beach because it puts me closer to the feel of America," he once said. "You can't get the feel of it from Hollywood."

It was the mystical lost land of Shangri-la, a valley of beauty, serenity and eternal youth, which started Hilton on years of restless wanderings between England and the United States.

Shangri-la was a distant, misty utopia in Hilton's most famous novel, "Lost Horizon." The 1934 best-seller and the 1935 movie version, which Hilton came here to help film, had made the word famous the world over.

Hilton's search for his own peace and quiet brought him from England to Hollywood three times and continued through two unsuccessful marriages.

The same years produced a flow of best sellers which found an easy market in Hollywood.

In 1934, when Ronald Colman appeared in a dramatization of "Lost Horizon," Robert Donat and Marlene Dietrich co-starred in a version of his 1933 novel, "Knight Without Armor."

Later Colman appeared in his 1941 "Random Harvest" and Donat won an Oscar for the film version of "Goodbye Mr. Chips" made six years after Hilton wrote it—on two weeks' notice—as a magazine story for a Christmas supplement.

After his 1935 trip to Hollywood he returned in 1937, the year he and his first wife Alice Brown Hilton were divorced. That same year he and the former Galina Kopeck were married. Their divorce came in 1945.

Hilton took over the House he bought for his father—who preferred to return to England—and lived a quiet and secluded life in the handsome home near the sea. An attorney handled all business matters, a secretary took care of his correspondence, and Hilton worked in his garden and wrote.

Ike Sends Christmas Message to Scouts

WASHINGTON (AP)—In Christmas message to Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, President Eisenhower said yesterday:

"The qualities of body, mind and character which you develop as scouts lead both to personal happiness and to good citizenship. By doing your best to live up to the ideals of scouting, each of you can help make this a happy Christmas and the new year a good one, for yourself and others."

Neuberger for Alaska Airline

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen-Elect Richard L. Neuberger Tuesday made public a letter he wrote Saturday to President Eisenhower asking that the President set aside any order of the Civil Aeronautics Board that would halt service between Alaska and the States by Pacific Northern and Alaska Airlines.

Neuberger said such an order, if issued, would be "disastrous" to the Northwest and to Alaska generally.

He said his letter was based on a report that the CAB had voted such a step. If so, Neuberger wrote, it would exclude the Portland area from direct trade with Alaska, restore Seattle to its "former monopolistic position regarding Alaskan commerce by air," end major competition for Pan-American and Northwest Airlines, put Alaska at the mercy of transportation monopolies and give preference in Alaskan service to non-Alaskan companies.

If the CAB has made or makes such a ruling, Neuberger asked the President to set it aside.

Highway Contract Let for \$340,268

The State Highway Department said today it has awarded a Lane county grading and paving contract to Warren North-west, Inc., of Portland on low bid of \$340,268.

The job involves 3.73 miles of grading, 4.25 miles of roadbed reshaping and 7.99 miles of paving, plus furnishing 3000 cubic yards of crushed material in stockpile on the Crow-Gillespie corner section of the territorial highway about 14 miles west of Eugene. There were 10 higher bids.

MEXICAN BUS TRAGEDY

MEXICO CITY (AP)—A crowded bus plunged into a ravine 40 miles southwest of here Sunday night, killing 37 workmen and injuring 30 others.

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Election Set Vote Records

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two new total vote records were set in the 1954 congressional elections which saw the Democrats roll up a 2-135,327-vote margin over the Republicans in the aggregate ballot for the U. S. House.

Closely races for senator, governor and representative were counted by the dozen in the Nov. 2 balloting.

Final official figures tabulated by the Associated Press showed that Republicans outvoted the Democrats in the House vote outside the normally Democratic South by 164,606. This was a slump drop from the GOP margin of 1,610,000 in the same 37 states in the last mid-term election in 1950.

The Democratic national edge of 2,135,327 compared with their plurality of only 248,000 four years ago.

The total vote cast in the nation was 44,447,496, a gain of 1,985,414 or 4.7 per cent. The aggregate ballot for House candidates was 42,577,690, an increase of 2,225,774 or 5.5 per cent. The former highs were recorded in 1950.

Construction Delays On New Highways

Motorists may meet with minor delay from Big Eddy four miles east of The Dalles to Rufus because of construction, the State Highway Department said today.

Brief delays may also be expected on the Willamette highway 7 miles east of Oakridge; The Dalles-California highway 12 miles north of Klamath Falls; the Pacific highway from Myrtle Creek four miles north; the Oregon Coast highway 2 to 14 miles south of Port Orford; and the Umpqua highway from Redport to 1.26 miles east.

BROTHER ACT

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Crewmen of the S. S. Oronsay think they have the No. 1 brother act of the British merchant marine. When the ship put into this West Coast port, the crew list included nine sets of brother.

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MARINES COLLECT TOYS FOR SALVATION ARMY



Shown here are a wide assortment of toys collected by Marine Reserves from the 3rd 155 gun battery and donated to the Salvation Army for Christmas distribution. From left: Sgt. Richard Belcher, Salvation Army Captain William Ricken and Sgt. Wayne A. Bass.

The \$326,643 project includes Hood, Collawash and Clackamas a 150-foot concrete bridge and river roads. There were six other bids.

Bootblack Jails Knife Wielder

BALTIMORE (AP)—Wielding a chair lion-tamer style, James Cole yesterday tamed a knife-brandishing, impatient customer out the door of his shoeshine parlor, down the street and all the way to a police station.

Police said they were told the trouble started when Charles Carter, 44, waiting for a shoeshine in Cole's establishment, complained about the slow service. To emphasize his dissatisfaction, he whipped out a large hunting knife and waved it around.

Cole grabbed a chair and then went to work, feinting and weaving toward Carter. South on McDonough street they went, east on Ashland—and up the steps and through the door of the Northeastern police station.

Carter was charged with assault and carrying a deadly weapon and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Contracts Let for Mt. Hood Roads

PORTLAND (UP)—Low bid for construction of the Mt. Hood Forest Service road project was submitted yesterday by the Morrison-Knudsen Co. of Seattle, the Bureau of Public Roads said here today.



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