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## THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SITUATION

Two members of the school board have recently moved away from Estacada. Apparently this makes two vacancies on the board, but the law governing the case, mentions four causes which make a vacancy, one of which is, "when a member ceases to be a resident of the district." Now a person does not cease to be a resident of the district until he acquires residence elsewhere, which in Oregon requires thirty days.

Both the board members who have removed, have not been long enough in their new location to establish a residence, so they have not as yet ceased to be residents here. Consequently a vacancy on this ground has not as yet occurred. But some are saying that to expedite matters, they should send in their resignations. One of them was requested at the last school meeting to resign. We understand he refused to do this, because he considered the motion was due to personal animus against him, and he did not care to resign under fire.

But there is this to be considered, an election will be necessary in June to elect a successor to the third member whose term of office will then expire. Would it then be worth while to have two elections within a month or so of each other, which would be the case if a vacancy is declared now? This would depend on whether the business of the district was being tied up or not. But we should say, that when a member of the board leaves the district, his resignation is in order as a matter of propriety.

We print this week the essay written by Miss Doris Finch for the fourth Liberty Loan, which won for her the distinction of a silver medal. With a very few alterations it would apply equally as well for the Victory Loan. We congratulate the young lady on her effort.

## Returned Soldier Feted

Corporal Ernest Amacher, of the 46th Regimental Band, C. A. C., who recently returned from France, was entertained at dinner at Log La Barre recently. A number of his Portland friends motored out to spend the day with him and all enjoyed listening to his experiences overseas. This band rendered great service in the various hospitals in France, by playing for wounded soldiers. There is hardly a young man in France, who has not lost either an arm or a leg or is crippled in some way, to say nothing of our own boys. Corporal Amacher says that if everyone in America could see the suffering of the unfortunate people over there, that they would surely be in favor of the League of Nations.

Corporal Amacher is proud to say that he has still two brothers over there, both of whom were in the famous Rainbow division. He had just received a letter from his brother Fred, who is with the army of occupation on the Rhine, saying that they had steam up ready to go into Berlin, when the armistice was signed. His brother John who was seriously wounded three times is expected home any day.

## May Day Social

A novel entertainment and supper will be given in the M. E. church, May 1st. Twelve tables will be beautifully decorated to represent the months of the year. Each will sit at the table representing the month of their birth.

A little sock will be given each on entering the door, into which the number of pennies will be placed according to the number of birth days they have had. This amount will entitle the individual to supper and the evening's entertainment.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend where they will get the worth of their money.

Mrs. A. J. Lilburn of Roseburg arrived Sunday afternoon for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Wells.

## A Good Suggestion

J. V. Barr has made a suggestion which we think is a most excellent one. This is, that \$1,500 to \$2,000 of moneys in the water funds be invested in the new Victory Loan which draws 4 3-4 per cent and matures in four years.

It is true that the water bonds draw five per cent, so there will be a slight loss of 1-4 per cent, but these bonds do not mature till 1931, so when the victory loan matures, there will be a long time for the money to be reinvested, possibly at a slightly higher rate than five per cent, and thus recoup the difference. Anyhow from patriotic motives the tax payers should be willing to pay this additional small amount if necessary.

One point in connection which may be overlooked, which is that there being such an amount available for investment, shows that the council has evidently put the affairs of the water fund in a healthy condition. Let credit be given to whom credit is due, especially when gratuitous service is being supplied.

## A New Road Project

J. W. Reed accompanied by E. W. Bartlett, went to Oregon City Tuesday to broach a new road project, the Mt. Hood loop, to the Live Wire club. It is proposed to build a road from Portland over the Columbia highway to Mt. Hood, and then back on this side along the old government trail to Sandy and Oregon City. The road branches at Sandy and if a concerted effort is made, the road commission may be induced to have it pass thru Estacada. A meeting of the Live Wires to discuss this matter is appointed for Tuesday evening and a strong representation should go from here. The proceedings begin with a banquet. Those wishing to go are asked to notify Mr. Reed so he can notify Monday the committee how many plates will be needed from here. He can also make arrangements for those who have no way of going if they will let him know.

## SAFE BLOWERS GET SMALL AMOUNT LOOT

Tuesday morning Estacada received a thrill and sensation, which considerably jolted it out of its usual calm and feeling of security, when it became known that the depot office had been forcibly entered and robbed. The discovery was first made and alarm given by Will Garmon who went to the depot for an express package shortly before eight. He soon saw something was amiss, and immediately informed Agent Ahlberg, who was eating breakfast. On going to the depot he found the office in a state of disorder and confusion, the safe had been blown open, and its contents rifled. The money till had also been despoiled. After the news had spread I. M. Park reported that at twelve minutes to three he had been awakened by hearing three shots. At first he thought of the bank, and then he heard a car going from the depot up the street. He looked out but it was too dark to see anything. The sheriff and railroad officials were promptly called up and arrived on the scene during the morning.

A thorough investigation was made but no clues were found. Ingress had evidently been obtained through one of the front windows. The outer door of the safe lay on the floor with its plaster of Paris packing lying in fragments around. Papers of no use to the thieves, had been left among which were the honorable discharge from the army of agent Ahlberg, and some insurance policies. They did not bother with the small change as a number of pennies were scattered over the floor. The inside door of the safe had been pried open with a crowbar belonging to the depot, and bits of soap used for stopping up the cracks of the safe to make it airtight, were sticking to a nearby table. The actual loss besides the safe, is a little over \$50 in cash, three fifty dollar liberty bonds belonging to Mr. Ahlberg, five express money orders which can filled out for \$50 apiece.