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THE SCHOOL BUDGET

If the taxpayers of the Illinois Valley ever did anything for themselves, they have an opportunity to really "go to town" for the betterment of our schools at the school budget election on Thursday, August 16.

The new county school law is an experiment for this county in getting better schools at less cost to the taxpayers. This may sound foolish, but when properly analyzed, it is so. The new law calls for a unified tax levy. Every school district in the county (Grants Pass excepted) will be taxed with the same millage, giving some districts lower school taxes and some higher taxes, but it equalizes the tax load in all districts.

The Illinois valley was one of the places in the county that carried a heavy school tax load, and the amount was going to almost make us take up the last notch in our belts, so to speak, if we kept pace with our growing schools.

Merlin and Wolf Creek districts had very little property taxes on account of so many utilities passing through their districts that paid most of their taxes. They will pay considerable more under the new school law and we will pay considerable less. In the long run, all districts will be better off for having the new school law. We sincerely hope this will be the case, and we believe it will be to the advantage of the county at large, for this county is growing so fast the schools will be under a terrific strain to keep pace with the rapid growth.

This is why the taxpayers of the valley should turn out in mass and vote the new school law budget. We must have additions to our schools, and we are getting help from the rest of the county to pay the bills.

It will be easy for some of us to say, "Oh, they don't need my vote, it will carry anyway. Let George do it." That's what we are afraid of. If the voters of the valley do this, the budget may not pass, and then your schools will be in a terrible mess. Every taxpayer eligible to vote, MUST take the trouble to vote for the budget August 16th. If you have a spark of pride in your school system, you will take the trouble to vote the budget.

OREGON STATE GAME COMMISSION REGULATIONS

The final hunting regulations for the 1945 season were adopted by the Oregon State Game Commission at its meeting in Portland on July 28. Aside from additional area along the coast open to elk hunting and closing of the Tillamook burn to all hunting, the regulations are practically the same as tentatively announced two weeks ago.

The deer season extends from September 29 to October 28 and

the bag limit is the same as before, 1 blacktail or mule deer having not less than forked horns except that in Douglas county white tail deer with forked horns or better may be taken.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their comforting words of encouragement during our recent bereavement in the loss of our oldest son. We also wish to thank all who helped us and for the many beautiful flowers sent. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Champney and Family.

AMERICAN HEROES

by WOODY COWAN



A SILVER STAR for gallantry in action has been awarded to Pfc. Julius Aschenbrenner, Pinckney, Mich. Although a member of a light machine gun section and therefore only armed with a pistol, Aschenbrenner advanced with several riflemen under heavy fire to knock out a machine gun position in New Guinea. He helped still the enemy fire. Men like that must have weapons, food and clothing. The War Bonds you buy and hold will provide them.

U. S. Treasury Department

An Army Nurse Seems Destined for Fame as 'Girl Who Wrote That Editorial'

In the annals of this war, 2nd Lt. Frances Slanger will be known not as the first field nurse killed by enemy action in the European Theater of Operations, but as "the nurse who wrote that editorial," says an article in the current issue of Army Life and the United States Recruiting News.

Her simple, straightforward commendation of the American soldier which appeared in Stars and Stripes was the talk of American mess halls, offices, rest areas, pup tents, and hospitals throughout the ETO. "The nurse who wrote that editorial" had said what every man and woman in the theater felt but had not succeeded in putting into words.

Frances Slanger never knew the acclaim that followed those eight brief paragraphs she wrote in the middle of the night, sitting on her cot and scribbling by flashlight. Unknowingly, she had written her own epitaph in her commendation of G. I. Joe, the combat trooper.

"We had read several articles in different magazines and papers sent in by the grateful G.I.," she had said, "praising the work of the nurses around the combat area. Praising us for what?"

"The G.I.'s say we rough it . . . True we are set up in tents, sleep on cots, and are subject to the temperament of the weather. We wade ankle-deep in mud. You have to lie in it.

"Sure we rough it but in comparison to the way you men are taking it we can't complain, nor do we feel that bouquets are due us. But you, the men behind the guns, the men driving our tanks, flying our planes, sailing our ships, building bridges, the men who pave the way, and then men who are left behind—it is to you we doff our helmets.

"We have learned a great deal about our American soldier and the stuff he is made of. The wounded do not cry. Their buddies come first. The patience and determination they show, the courage and fortitude they have, is something awesome to behold. It is we who are proud to be here. Rough it? No, it is a privilege to be able to receive you, and a great distinction to see you open your eyes and with that swell American grin say 'Hi ya babe!'"

A Night of Horror

From her tentmates, 1st Lt. Elizabeth F. Powers, 69 Norcross street, Lowell, Mass.; 2nd Lt. Margaret M. Bowler, Westfield, Mass.; and 2nd Lt. Christine Cox, Prides Crossing, Mass., came the story of Frances Slanger's experiences as

a war nurse and the account of the night of horror when the hospital was shelled. The four girls had come into the army during the same week, had trained together in the United States and in England, and had waded ashore to a Normandy beachhead on D-Day plus four.

This was her first impact with war — that first picture of what heavy weapons can do to human flesh. They worked 16 and 18 hours at a stretch, sticking to the wards until the medical officer used his military prerogative to send them off duty. Litter after litter of men, chests torn, abdomens ripped, came to the ward tents. Chests and abdomens — the cases that had to have immediate surgery.

Frances Slanger was thinking of them when she wrote:

"Seeing them when they are brought in, bloody, dirty with earth, mud and grime, and most of them so tired. Somebody's brother, somebody's father and somebody's son. Seeing them gradually brought back to life, to consciousness, and to see their lips separate into a grin when they first welcome you. Usually they kid, hurt as they are. It doesn't amaze us to hear one of them say: 'Hi ya, babe!' or 'Holy Mackerel, an American woman!'"

Every two weeks during the summer, Frances packed her bedroll, strapped up her cot, and climbed aboard an open army truck for the next move. Tents and supplies went with them in their little convoy that wended its way along the dusty highroads of France. During the Bastogne offensive the steady rains that accompany the European autumn turned the pasture land in which the hospital was set into a sea of yellow, sticky, sucking mud. Ambulances and heavy trucks bringing in whole blood and supplies churned it deeper. Four-buckle arctic went over combat boots and never came off until bedtime.

"When we had cleared all our casualties," Lieutenant Powers relates, "we went to a field near Elsenborn, a few miles from the German border, and bivouacked until we received further orders. We could rest, for a change, and our time was pretty much our own."

"It was here one afternoon that she saw big, 6-ft. 1st. Lt. Fred C. Michalove of Cincinnati, Ohio, trying to make a vest out of the woolen lining he'd saved from a worn-out field jacket.

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CHURCHES

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young People's service, 7:45 p. m.
Evening service, 8:15 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 p. m.

ILLINOIS VALLEY CHURCH OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

Sabbath School 1:30 p. m.
Preaching 3:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

You are invited to meet with us.
F. W. Cooper, elder, Cave Junction.

Father Meyers of Grants Pass comes to the valley by plane to hold services the first and third Sundays each month.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD I. O. O. F. HALL, KERBY

Sunday school 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Young Peoples Service, Sunday 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting and Bible study, Wednesday 8 p. m.
Evangelistic Service 8:00 a. m.
Rev. D. B. Wantland, pastor.

CAVE JUNCTION COMMUNITY CHURCH

George H. Gray, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Sunday school attendance was 55 including the following visitors: Mrs. Mary Seat, Mrs. C. B. Wales, Shirley Strelow, Russell Leazenby, Mrs. Edna McGee and

Mrs. George Hicks and daughters, Kathleen and Georgene.

Birthdays were honored for Nettie and Kenneth Chamberlin, Roger Seat, Linda Heintzelman, Christine Duncan, Deanne Morey and Mrs. Dow.

Rev. Gray's sermon "God's Plan of Revealing Himself Thru the Universe" was from Romans 1-16. The Sunday school workers will meet Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Ruby Nicholson.

A swimming party with eats was held Thursday afternoon when the Young Peoples class and their teacher, Pauline Sherier, were hostesses.

Funeral services for Keith Champney were held at the church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Gray officiating. A large gathering of friends paid last respects to the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Champney, who will be greatly missed at the Sunday school classes. "The Eastern Gate" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" were special songs given.

Sacrificing the beauties and resources of Oregon to your carelessness is a poor way to play ball. Japan may run up a score while we are using essential manpower to fight fires. Keep Oregon Green.

Wherever you are, don't be charged with an error when you THINK you have put out your fire. Be certain before you leave. Keep Oregon Green.

Be sure you know the score when you are in field, range or forest. Forest fires, range fires or destroyed crops cost YOU money. Let's protest our future by Keeping Oregon Green.

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Josephine County, Oregon.