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EDITORIALS

UNFOUNDED CLAIMS

Judging by the claims of the public power groups, the people of this country are eager to destroy private ownership and free enterprise in this all-important industry, and to replace it with one form or another of government ownership and political management.

Such a claim is easy to make. But it's a very different thing to back it up with incontrovertible factual evidence. When the people have had a chance to vote on power questions, they have generally turned thumbs down on this form of socialism.

That has been the case for many years with proposals for municipal electric plants—a long list of them have been beaten, and only a relatively few have been approved. And there are other ways to measure the degree to which the public is satisfied with the kind of service provided by the business-managed utilities.

In Oklahoma, for example, 39 towns voted on whether or not to give a franchise to the state's leading utility, between May, 1944, and February 1 of this year. Every town voted affirmatively. Still more impressive are the majorities by which the franchises carried. Totalling the 39 elections, less than two per cent of the citizens voted to oust the private company. More than 98 per cent voted in favor of retaining it.

It is heartening to report that there is more and more organized opposition to socialization of the power industry. In the Pacific Northwest, newspaper sentiment against the proposed Columbia Val-

ley Administration is overwhelming, and top state officials are fighting it. Perhaps the people are at last awakening to the fact that socialization of one enterprise would be the signal for extending that blighting political philosophy to other activities.

Jottings from C.P. Junior Hi

The story of Rip Van Winkle will be put on in a puppet show by the seventh grade on April 13. Mrs. Eitemiller, our reading teacher made the puppets and the children dressed them. They are now making scenery for it.

Admission will be 5c for children in grades one to three; 10c for 4-8 graders. —Joyce Brock

The baseball season will start officially April 8, when the Central Point Junior High will play Howard. They have already played a practice game with Tonn's sixth grade team and beat them 14-1.

Bob King is catcher; Arthur McGonagle, pitcher; 1st base, Ronald Frazier; Richmond Havniar, 2nd base; Marvin Bohnert, 3rd base; Ronald Brood, short stop; Douglas Harsh, right field; Frankie Rider, Center field; Billy Mallon, left field. —Ronald Frazier

The first grade through the eighth grade has been taking Standard Achievements Tests. Don't think they are fun, because they aren't! Mrs. Marie Bjorlie, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Meyer, Mrs. Mae Richardson, and Mr. H. P. Jewett went to Portland last week. Mrs. Bjorlie attended a Music Conference, and the others attended the Oregon Educational Association Conference. —Dorothy Lawton

News from 8Y 4-H Club

We have started an interesting 4-H Club in the Jr. High classes. There are different committees which perform certain duties.

The officers for the 8Y group are: Kenneth Nutter, president; Charlene Paul, vice president; Sharon Root, secretary; Charlene Paul, song leader, Marcella Taylor and Juanity Woolfolk, yell leaders; Donald Parsons, pledge leader.

We have had two very interesting movies. They were "Care of the Feet," and "First Aid." They were very educational and interesting. Our program of the day includes weighing, games and movies. The name of our club is "Healthy Hotshots." —Jimmy Roberts

Log Town Cemetery To Be Cleaned Up

H. C. Whitney announces that the Log Town Cemetery Association is sponsoring a get-together work day at the cemetery located on the Jacksonville-Applegate Highway, Sunday, April 10 for the purpose of clearing up the grounds. The Association members have already begun work at the cemetery, clearing and burning brush, and putting plots.

Principally, the Association is made up of members who have family members in the old cemetery, where the first burial was made in 1862, that of Reverend Dunlap, who was a grandfather of Jacksonville's present city marshal, Ike Coffman.

It is pointed out by Mrs. Whitney, however, that anyone interested in assisting in anyway with the rehabilitation of the cemetery whether by donating a few hours time, or small sum, will become a member of the Association.

Mrs. Whitney has been active in furthering the work at the Log Town cemetery for a number of years, and the Association has succeeded in having a net-wire fence placed around the immediate grave area to keep stock from trampling the ground. Funds are also on hand to erect a larger and more permanent fence about the property, and it is hoped to purchase a suitable gate.

The Sunday get-together is open to any and all wishing to participate, and there will be a pot-luck dinner served with coffee during the day, from a tent-house on the grounds.

Those coming should bring a covered dish and service, and it is added, axes, shovels or rakes.

Sympathy of the community goes to Mrs. Edgar Woolfolk, whose father, Lowell Monroe, passed away in Medford March 31.

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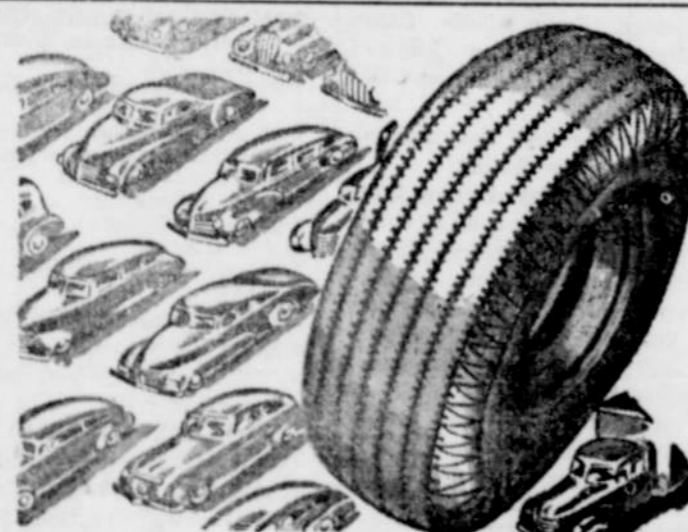
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