

PLAYLET PINPOINTS PROPOSAL TO BOOST BASIC SCHOOL FUND

SYLVAN—The Oregon PTA legislative chairman, Mrs. Arthur N. Green formerly, 5th grade teacher at Sylvan, wrote a playlet to illustrate the need of the basic school fund increase. Mrs. Agnes Swift and Bert Shephard presented it as "Pedagogical Puppets" to the second evening PTA meeting at Sylvan school, Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Mrs. Swift and Mr. Shephard created the puppets: Mr. Chips (applicant for a principal), Mrs. Baker on the school board and Mrs. Mothmore, PTA president, who is glad for an answer to their ad "wanted, school principal, \$100."

But Mr. Chips scampers out when he finds it is per month and not per day. "Let the Chips Fall Where They May" proved entertaining and was followed by Mrs. Green enlarging on the children's bill, answering questions and urging everyone to vote on November 7th, 96 yes.

Mrs. Waldo Perry, PTA president, announced the Sylvan carnival will be Friday, November 17. The dads are going forward with plans and urges everyone to keep that date open for a grand evening of fun and get-together.

The eighth grade won the award for room attendance again.

Coffee and cake was served in the cafeteria by the second grade mothers, Mrs. Wilson Loomis as chairman.

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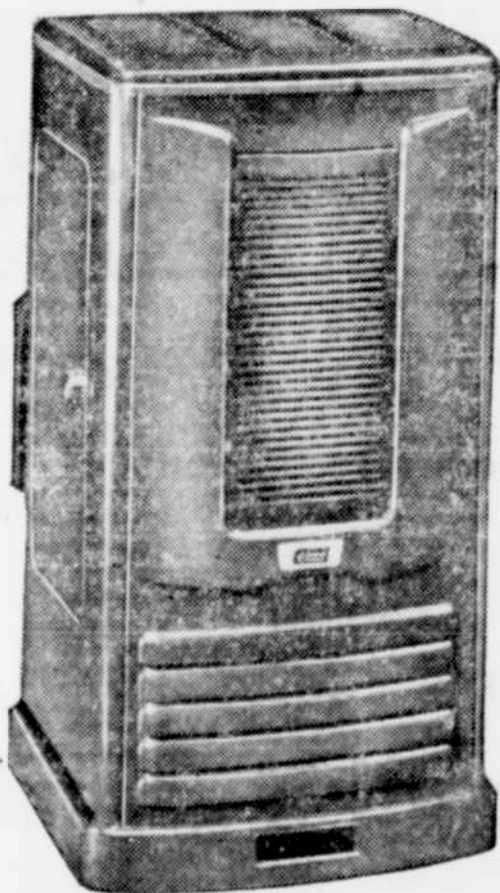
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POLITICAL PRATFALL

Salem has been witness to an abject confession of a political pratfall.

Os West, Democratic Governor of Oregon from 1911 to 1915 exposes, in his **CAPITOL JOURNAL**, how the present national Democratic Committeeman sneaked up on him and "took him in," by way of an endorsement for political advancement.

Reproduced is an official ballot from Walla Walla county, 1936, which displays the shocking information that one Monroe M. Sweetland, present-day king-pin of Oregon's awakening Democratic party, was an elector at that time for socialist presidential candidate Norman Thomas. And all this, mind you, while Franklin D. Roosevelt was likewise a candidate for his first re-election.

The indictment of Sweetland continues most damningly. His activities are linked by numerous associations with groups who were embraced by revolutionary means by which to secure governmental power.

Tear-sheets from West's Salem newspaper are being liberally distributed by the Oregon Republican which, of course, would not have any particular selfish interest in seeing the confession in wide circulation.

RAIN DAMAGE STARTS

People in the Gresham area have had an impressive preview of what to expect from winter rain.

According to the **OUTLOOK**, a recent thunder, lightning and rain storm, minor telephone, road and electrical damage was inflicted.

A total of 1.05 inches fell in one day. And for twelve hours, during the downpour, traffic was blocked on nearby scenic Columbia river highway.

RELIEF FOR BRIDGES

McMinnville faces the opportunity to help in relief for county bridges.

The **TELEPHONE REGISTER** tells of the county judge signing an order to place a bridge levy measure on the general election ballot.

The judge admits he hasn't heard much comment on the levy measure but he's pretty well convinced a good vote will be forthcoming. The people, he says, pretty well know what faces them in this field.

The proposed measure would run for two years. Each year it is expected to raise slightly under \$100,000.

NOISY NOISE ANNOYS

A couple of Cottage Grove yeggs had things all planned, but they fumbled in the execution and didn't make the headway they expected.

The **SENTINEL** (of the new nameplate) relates two robbers attempting unsuccessfully to rob a shoe shop.

To break the sound of falling glass, they used scotch tape and broke a small hole in the door pane, turned the back door lock and gained entrance.

The system worked for a little while. But taped up or not, the glass fell with a resounding crash to the concrete floor and drew attention of the neighbors next door.

Frightened off, the two yeggs grabbed a couple of gun holsters and departed by front door, leaving it wide open.

MORE NAMES THAN MONEY

Vernonia carried out the traditional trend in the now concluding Crusade for Freedom.

The **EAGLE** informs that a total of 1248 signatures were obtained previous to presstime, with more expected in the two days remaining before deadline.

But it was a story of more names than money, with a total of \$66.60 being contributed by signers to be used in defraying operation of Radio Free Europe.

GAS REFUND INCREASE

In Oswego flourishes the determined hope that a little checking up by county commissioners will result in a gas refund increase, when the state gets around to piecing out its motor vehicle funds melon.

The **REVIEW** carries the comments of a county commissioner and county judge candidate who visited the city enroute home from a check of addresses in Salem.

Already, seven registered voters living in Clackamas county were found to have their cars credited to Multnomah county on the vehicle list. The same condition exists, it is presumed, in practically every community situated near county boundary lines.

The two candidates offer the opinion that as many as 5,000 vehicles actually belonging to Clackamas county are registered in Multnomah, Marion, Washington or Yamhill county. This represents a loss in the neighborhood of \$60,000 annually, on the present basis of allocating highway funds of the state.

Confusion of addresses is due to the fact that the postoffice, not recognizing county lines, has extended Portland delivery into the counties adjacent. On all motor registration blanks is a space which is supposed to give the county of actual residence. In many cases this is either not filled in or done so incorrectly.

Also involved in the confusing situation are trucks and commercial vehicles owned by out-of-county firms but based within the county and using its roads and bridges.

ONE KEPT BEST OF ALL

Whatever else might be said, St. Helens may take pride in one finding of its October grand jury. The **CHRONICLE** says the group visited all jails in the county and lo! St. Helens' city bastille rated best of all.

Required by law to do this task, the grand jury found the county clink only fair, whereas the city jail was "spic and span and should serve as a model for other jailers", as one jurymen expressed it.

Ranier jail was declared filthy and others not much better. One had no ventilation in the cells and no lights except from an extension cord. In another, a wood heater was so placed that if a fire should occur while the jail was occupied the prisoners would be unable to get free.

CARRY OUT \$8 PLEDGES

Lebanon went full speed ahead in its recent drive to establish a community hospital, attaining its goal by way of pledges.

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SEWER SYSTEM STARTS

Philomath started down the rocky road toward accomplishment of a sanitary sewer system, recently.

Results of an election to amend the charter of the city and authorize the council to issue and sell \$150,000 of bonds are announced by the **BENTON COUNTY REVIEW** as in favor by a margin of 4 to 1.

Protests of unsanitary sewage conditions, strengthened immeasurably by observations in like regard by the state sanitary authority, has been a matter of record for several years.

Estimates expect the project will stay well within the \$150,000 request and not to exceed a 12-mill levy is anticipated as necessary to retire the bond issue.

Approximately \$128,000 will be needed for sewer laterals, one half of which to be divided between all sewer connections, about \$160 per house, and the balanced charge at a rate of approximately \$1.40 per running foot of benefitting property. About \$5,000 will be required for plant maintenance each year.

TRAIN WRECK AVERTED

Probable heavy loss of life and property at Oakridge was averted recently by the alertness of a resident.

The **TELEGRAM** explains that the resident, vending his way home at night from the show, saw a pile of timbers and ties strewn over the Southern Pacific's main-line tracks near the city limits.

The man immediately notified the railroad and the track was immediately cleared. Second section of the southbound Cascade passenger train was due within fifteen minutes. The train was halted as it came to the city station while passage was cleared of the obstructions which, it is presumed, would have derailed the train.

A company spokesman couldn't determine, he said, whether someone had deliberately set about to derail the train or had attempted to block the crossing auto-road only.

A thorough investigation is forthcoming.

PLUM CROP REVIVAL?

Lake County is furnishing wild plum pits in an experiment being carried out in Iowa which might mean a widespread revival of plum crops.

The **EXAMINER** reports that use of wild plums as a new understock for commercial varieties of plums and apricots might result in deeper roots and a more drought-resistant system.

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