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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

School Expansion Time

The time has come again for voters of school district No. 5 to seriously consider the future of adequate educational facilities for the children of our community.

In 1948, our citizens recognized the great need for sanctioning the \$550,000 bonded debt for construction of Briscoe school, Walker school and an addition to Lincoln. This debt will be completely paid off in 1961.

In 1952, the school board, after careful study with the aid of the best technical advice, has found what was expected to happen before, that the grade school expansion was only the first basic step for the district and that such expansion only widened the neck of the bottle and not the bottle itself. That is, first things were first, and the pressure was necessarily taken off the initial phase of schooling. It would be nice for the district's taxpayers if children didn't grow and progress from one class to another; but, unfortunately for the taxpayers, and fortunately for our town and country, children have the continuous habit of aging as fast as seconds tick by.

Ashland's school system is now faced with the situation of 124 more students in it this year than last, while the gain a year ago was 103. A "conservative estimate" for the period of 1950 to 1955 is for 500 additional students.

At the present time, both the Briscoe and Lincoln schools are carrying an overload of 70 students, according to state standards. This load will soon reach the Senior high school which will make it impossible to get by without additional space.

As each year passes, this increasing load will force its way from the grade school — to junior high school — to Senior high school. The situation thus finds the usual bottleneck reversed with a narrow bottle and a wide neck.

This week the school board announced the coming \$685,000 bond election which will roughly mean a 7 mill tax increase. It includes four additional classrooms for Walker school, more classroom space and a larger heating plant at Bellview, and major expansion at the Senior high school.

Proposed for the high school is a new wing for the old building and a new physical education plant. The latter includes the long-needed new gym and also classroom space for the music department. The new wing would house classrooms for homemaking groups, science and others, and also a modern library.

Two of the most needed improvements would be taken care of by the new gym. It would give indoor athletics at Ashland high a home of its own and would take the band activities away from other academic studies which require quiet, not tempered with the rumble of a bass drum or the tuning up of a clarinet.

If you are not aware of the reasons for the proposed improvements, we sincerely suggest that you make it a special point to see the building exhibits and ask school officials clarifying questions before you cast your May 1 ballot.

To us, however, it hardly seems rational to have a wider bottleneck than bottle — especially when our own children are in the bottle.

Bond Election...

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 grade is lower in this area of the grounds. The building would face Emerick street and would be connected with the present building by means of walks.

Based on Growth
 The proposed building projects are a result of a series of meetings on the needs of the school district. The school board has based its building plans on the fact that "... each year more students are enrolled. Annual increase in the number of students is running at 125. In 1941, less than 100 pupils entered

the first grade and by 1949 this had risen to 192. In 1941, the total enrollment was approximately 1100, while in this year the figure is 1882."

The board pointed to the building program in 1948 which included the new Briscoe school, the Walker school, and the addition on the Lincoln school, and a 1950 room addition at Bellview. One year ago, the district school board set up a long-range plan to meet building needs. With the wave of increased enrollment reaching the Junior high school, it has been decided that the ninth grade should be moved to the high school where expansion is possible.

Combined Efforts
 The present plans culminated from lengthy study by the board, school staffs, state department of education, and the school architects — Allyn and Stokes of Portland. The board now states that "... every attempt has been made to anticipate future needs."

The plans will be on display for a number of weeks so that the local district members can study them before the bond election on May 1. School officials have stated that they will be glad to go over the proposed program with any one interested.

Our Town



By HARRY NORDWICK

GALA BANQUET

With a full house expected, lots of good food, and some weird costumes in the making, Ashland's centennial kick-off banquet will officially begin the observance of the city's centennial year.

The banquet is drawing many out-of-towners. Bob Holmes, Medford SP district freight and passenger agent, said he had bought his ticket and "wouldn't miss it for the world."

It would seem as the events take shape and progress up to the climax of the week of September 20-28, there will be more and more interest with the increasing publicity.

Each regular event in the year's calendar will take on increasing importance, such as the Fourth of July celebration, Shakespearean festival, etc. Not only will local people take more of a pride in our town, but local businessmen can well profit by the crowds that are sure to come to help celebrate our 100th birthday.

Best wishes to all the hard-working centennial banquet committees which have kept at it, and will continue so right up to the wire, for the biggest and best banquet in Ashland's 100 years.

DEBATERS PAR EXCELLENCE

Ashland high has increased its reputation over the years in the state forensic field to a place of distinction. Last year's debaters brought back more prizes than had ever been done by any other similar group to the school's knowledge.

The high standards of that team have, and will be carried on at AHS. It is very gratifying to note the emphasis by AHS on debating. Such an important function of modern life is often neglected in favor of the more "important" pastimes of athletics, etc. AHS, through its excellence, has established public speaking at Ashland high as a "major sport." If you will, and is preparing many of its students for jobs as leaders in their communities when they graduate.

A "BRAVO" is due Coach Herb Lewis and Principal Roland Parks for their support of such a program.

To the students who won gold pins this year goes equal praise. They were Leland Silver and Charles Peter, seniors, Don Laws, Bob Myrick, Colette Perrine, Clyde James, Glen Ingle and Norma Stephens, juniors; Maxine Champion and Bob Laws, sophomores.

"Viva la voce!" "The music that can deepest reach, and cure all ill, is cordial speech."
 —Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Conservation...

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 Panel Discussion

The program will be concluded at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, with a panel discussion in Churchill hall. Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, president of SOC, will act as moderator and panel members will include Dr. Fowler, Thomas, Ault, Tom Orr, Klamath Falls, chief forester of the Weyerhaeuser company; Dave Luman, Grants Pass, district game agent of the Oregon game commission; and Elliot B. MacCracken, assistant professor of mathematics at SOC.

Other faculty members who assisted in organization of the program include Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, professor of social science; Dr. Wayne W. Wells, professor of science; Dr. John D. E. McAulay, associate professor of education; Marshall E. Woodell, associat. professor of social science; and Laurence E. Butler, assistant professor of science.

Speaker...

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"May we see the accuser forever cast down, and in its place, eternal blessedness — the works of God made manifest."

"In her autobiography, 'Retrospection and Introspection,' Mary Baker Eddy writes (p. 28): 'It became evident that the divine Mind alone must answer, and be found as the Life, or Principle, of all being; that one must acquaint himself with God, if he would be at peace.'

Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

VOTERS CHOICE LAW

There are a goodly number of political pundits who would not be surprised if Senator Taft should win eight of Oregon's 18 presidential nominating votes at the May primaries.

They would necessarily be the eight candidates who filed by petition. Those who filed by paying the filing fees are bound by law to vote at the Chicago convention in July for the people's choice for president as expressed at the May primary election.

Those filing by petition, can if elected, vote for their own choice. They are Lowell Paget, Robert A. Bennett, Irving Rand, Mrs. George Gerlinger, Phil Metscham, John R. Latourette, Jr., all of Portland, and U. S. Balentine, Klamath Falls and Ernest G. Sweigert of Portland.

Definitions of the voters choice law vary. It is construed by some to have been complied with when a delegate has cast his first vote for the candidate that is the people's choice. Convention committee rulings of the past have varied from ignoring the state law to a complete compliance in all ballots.

BONUS PAY IN JULY
 Just nineteen months after the people of Oregon voted to pay veterans of World War II a bonus the first checks will start coming to those who have applied and had their claims verified by the state department of veterans affairs.

All of the delay, with the exception of the processing weeks, was caused by the federal reserve board and its advisory committee of financiers who made claims that the sale of bonus bonds to pay the bonus was inflationary.

The advisory board of the state department of veterans affairs last Friday authorized the sale of \$46,000,000 of veterans bonds after word was received from State Treasurer Walter Pearson revealing that the credit restraint commission had informed him they no longer had jurisdiction over state and local governmental sub-division financing and will only have authority over private loans.

ESCAPES BLOCKED AT PEN
 The failure of an attempt to escape made by four of the most notorious lifers in the state penitentiary earlier in the week did not discourage two others Thursday night when they hid in a sawdust pile with evident intent to get out.

It took guards an hour to locate the hideouts after they were missed at the 5 o'clock count of prisoners. Alvin Odell Davis (burglary) and David C. Johnson (forgery) were involved in the Thursday shake-up. John O. Pinson (murder), Allen D. Brumfield (murder), Dupree Poe (murder) and Richard M. Moore (assault and robbery) made the earlier attempt to escape.

MORE NON-FARM JOBS
 There are 4,400 more non-farm workers employed in Oregon than there were last month, but 5,200 less than a year ago, the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission reported this week. It also is 5,100 less than the total of last August.

There are a total of 424,500 persons now working at non-farm jobs in Oregon with wages holding firm in most lines.

LET PGE SELL STOCK
 The Portland General Electric Co. was authorized Monday by Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel to sell 250,000 shares of common stock to finance the company's expansion.

The stock is to be sold at \$15 a share.

REFORESTING ORDERED
 A state forest rehabilitation program for 1952 with a budget of \$678,450 was approved last week by the Oregon State Forestry Board. Funds for the program were made available by the sale of \$400,000 of forest rehabilitation and reforestation bonds and a balance in the fund. Moneys in several forest

"Let us consider how stupendous was the meaning of this discovery. In these words Mary Baker Eddy has defined Christian Science: 'As the law of God, the law of good, interpreting and demonstrating the divine Principle and rule of universal harmony' (Rudimental Divine Science, p. 1).

"That the law of God, the law of good, may be interpreted and demonstrated, is the purpose of all healing and teaching, of all that is written and said in the authentic name of Christian Science."

"Christian Science teaches men that prayer is the way whereby they find and dwell in the consciousness of that which spells all-blessedness."

funds were transferred to provide \$124,267 to carry on convict camp activities in the Tillamook burn for the year.

CAPITOL SHORTS
 Oregon is the first state in the Union to insure pilots and observers using private planes in air search.

The average hourly wage for workers in Oregon last month was up 11 cents from a year ago to \$1.99.

Two names, big in politics, United States Senator James H. Duff of Pennsylvania and Paul G. Hoffman, former ECA director and new chairman of the Citizens for Eisenhower committee, have been scheduled to campaign in Oregon for General Eisenhower.

Court Records

POLICE COURT

Ethelmae Thompson Rancier, violation of the basic rule, bail \$20.

Edward C. Tenney, causing minor to be out late and un-usual hours, bail \$10.

Richard E. Taylor, reckless driving, bail \$50 and 30 days jail sentence suspended providing he does no driving within city of Ashland for 90 days. To be home during 60 days not later than 10 p.m. each day unless accompanied by parents. A recommendation was made to the secretary of state that driver's license be revoked.

Lillian Mitchell, left motor vehicle unattended, motor running, bail \$5.

Jack N. Boatwright, operating motor vehicle with four occupants in driver's seat over 12 years of age, bail \$5.

Robert E. McGary, public intoxication, held overnight in jail, \$20 bail forfeited.

DeWayne Peterson, permitting unlicensed person to operate motor vehicle, bail \$5; also, excessively noisy muffler, bail \$5; total bail \$10.

Tad V. Gandee, expired operator's license, bail \$5; failure to heed traffic signal, bail \$5; total bail \$10.

Evelyn L. Womelsdorf, violation of basic rule, bail \$15.

Edward C. Whitton, illegal left turn, bail \$5; wrong way on a one-way street, bail \$5; total bail \$10.

Robert B. Temple, failure to heed stop signal, bail \$5.

Clyde Beatty circus, applied for appearance at SOC field on June 9.

Gary L. Straus, excessive exhaust noise, bail \$5.

Lester Mayfield, no operator's license, bail \$5.

G. N. Kuhan, illegal parking, bail \$2.50.

JUSTICE COURT

Lynden Edgar Levison, failure to yield right-of-way, fine and costs \$14.50.

John Seymour Reynen, violation of basic rule, fine and costs \$14.50.

Letter from Washington...

By HON. HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress, 4th District

The regular annual appropriations bills are being reported to the floor of the house and are being acted upon earlier this year than in any session since the 80th congress. I understand the chairman of the committee intends completing the series of bills before the end of April. Aside from the fact that this speed-up in the handling of these bills may permit an early adjournment of this session, the completion of appropriations legislation before the end of the fiscal year (June 30) is a mighty good thing for the country for another reason. If that is done, every agency and department of the government will know exactly how much money it has to spend when its bookkeeping year begins. Their work can be planned accordingly. When the passage of appropriations bills is delayed long after the beginning of the new fiscal year (as last year and the year before) many agencies are seriously handicapped. Last year, for example, several important administrative agencies did not know what their budget allowance was until their fiscal year was more than one-fourth gone.

Speaking of government appropriations and government spending (as who isn't these days), I recently gave my political opposition a fine bit of thunder to use against me — if they are foolish enough to do so. When the appropriations for the Bonneville administration were under consideration I voted against a motion to drastically cut the appropriation for transmission line construction. I have been talking economy and have been voting economy for years. In my opinion the above-mentioned motion was merely a demagogic gesture which SOUNDS like economy. The purpose of the funds which that motion would have

cut is to build heavy transmission lines from two big Columbia River power dams which will begin producing power next year, to where it can be distributed and used. Suppose you built a house and bought an electric range for the kitchen but refused to run the necessary electric wires to the stove — could you get your neighbors to believe you had economized by doing that? You would not do such a thing, of course, nor would I vote to hold up construction that would bring revenue to the U. S. treasury from the sale of hydro-electric power.

This discussion of spending and appropriations reminds me to point out a rather important political fact regarding this subject. The same political party (Democrat) which controls the administration — the President and the executive department and agencies which spend the money — also controls both houses of Congress by substantial majorities. Criticism and protests should be directed to officials and elected officers who are members of THAT party! I have watched the voting on the floor of the House and I can assure you that I and my colleagues in the minority party have consistently voted for reductions in cost of government.

Still on a political note, it is reported in the cloakrooms that the administration has a new re-election slogan: "Honesty is no substitute for experience."



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Might As Well "Get In Key"

Last Tuesday Judge Cunningham wanted to go fishing. "Why aren't you working?" I asked.

Judge explained how his wife had gone on a trip, taken his keys by mistake — and now he couldn't get in the office. So we went fishing.

Next day, he wanted me to go again. I was surprised those keys hadn't shown up yet. "The little woman phoned to say she mailed them," the Judge explained. "They're now in the office, under the mail slot. I'd get 'em if I could just open that door." He grinned and picked up his fishing rod.

"Great little woman, the wife. You can always count on her. Let's go!"

From where I sit, we can use tolerance like the Judge shows for his wife's absent-mindedness... and she shows for his habit of lighting out for the fishing hole at every opportunity. He can't see why she likes tea, and she doesn't share his taste for a glass of beer. But they get along fine! Learning to respect other people's ways will "open the door" to happier living.

Joe Marsh

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