

WILLERT URGES UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT PLAN

Rogue River Educator Sees Many Advantages—Mass Meeting to Be Held Friday—Election on Question to Be Held Soon.

The question of establishing a union high school district between Rogue River and Gold Hill including the Foothills Creek district, is developing into a major question and efforts are being made by supporters of the move to hold an election in the comparatively near future for its establishment.

The first mass meeting on the subject will be held at Rogue River next Friday evening and will probably be held later at Gold Hill.

A union district in the mind of P. B. Willert of the Rogue River schools, is an ideal solution to present problems surrounding the operation of small high schools. While Gold Hill and Rogue River have accredited high schools, both are, it is felt, naturally under the educational efficiency of larger schools and in some cases can not give students proper preparation for special college courses they wish to take up upon graduation.

The per capita cost of instruction for high school students in Rogue River averages \$230, and in Gold Hill around \$240, and according to Mr. Willert, this cost under the union district system would be reduced to less than \$120, providing, in addition, a bet-

ter school and a sound foundation upon which to build the future of the school and district. From several angles better provisions for the future can be made if it is pointed out and the school itself would be equal to any of its size in the state.

The entire cost of establishing such a district, including the construction of the building, would be approximately \$75,000 and a total tax of eight mills would operate the school and in 20 years retire the entire bond issue. According to present indications, from 120 to 130 students would be expected to attend, necessitating the employment of seven or eight teachers, using the most modern educational methods in Oregon.

Course, now found impossible to be taught, would be included in the curriculum, including a department of vocational agriculture, teaching latest developments in farming methods, as provided under the Smith-Hughes act of congress. A department of manual arts would be included, as well as a complete department of physical education, home economics and civics. The curriculum, above all, would include an all-around course, equal to any taught in Oregon, in departmental work.

Form New Center. In addition to its educational work, the school would form a new center for north Jackson county, principally an educational center, according to Mr. Willert, who also points out that the school would be a library, social, farmers and social center. In summer time it would be used for the operation of a summer school and could also be used for a meeting place for farmers in holding conferences with college agricultural leaders, who would spend a short time in the county every year.

Students would be transported to the union high school by buses either owned by the individual districts or by the union district. However, details in this connection would be worked out later.

Under the present system, the high school and grammar grades are housed in the same buildings at Gold Hill and Rogue River, depressing the efficiency of both departments. In the removal of the high school to a separate building, Mr. Willert believes the efficiency would be greatly doubled in the upper, as well as in the grammar grades.

Only Solution. He points out that union high schools have been found to be the only solution of educational problems in all sections of the nation, especially in the case when the individual districts are already heavily burdened with taxes. Final conditions will be considered for the construction of buildings in view of the low valuation of property

within the district boundaries. The union district is the only solution to the problem in the opinion of Mr. Willert. His view is also held by other educators and in this county and meets with the approval of the county school superintendent, Mrs. Susanne Homes Carter, who has only the efficiency of the county educational system at heart.

RIFLE CLUB PUBLIC PROGRAM ON TONIGHT AT ARMORY QUARTERS

Officers of the Medford National Rifle club, has announced that their first public program of the season, will be held this evening, February 6, at the rifle range in the Armory at 7:30. At that time Gus Peret, an expert rifle and pistol shot, will be present to exhibit motion pictures of some of his experiences in Alaskan and African big game fields. He will also answer questions about various types of firearms and about target practice in general, and it is expected that he will give an exhibition of fancy shooting. Mr. Peret is a representative for the Peters Cartridge Co. and one of his main duties is to give marksmanship demonstrations to members of interest in shooting.

All members of the rifle club are expected to attend this meeting, and the officers are extending an open invitation to everyone interested in rifle or pistol practice to be present. As the pictures to be shown are of high educational value, from a nature study standpoint, a general invitation has been extended to the Boy Scouts, to visit the club on this occasion.

CIVIL ACTION FILED IN POINTER ESTATE

In connection with the estate of W. A. Pointer, who died last month, a civil action filed against B. E. Horder of the First National Bank, executor of the estate, and J. C. and Gillie Cass, by Anna and D. K. Nalley was on file today at the county clerk's office.

The action seeks five remedies at law, first of which is an order from the court to compel the First National Bank to turn over to the plaintiffs a number of promissory notes and other instruments now in a safety deposit box at the bank. The plaintiffs claim they are legal owners of the papers and offer a conveyance, written by Pointer a year before his death, as evidence to substantiate their claims.

Secondly, they ask for a restraining order to prevent the executor of the estate delivering the instruments to any person or persons except the plaintiffs, who also wish themselves adjudged sole owners of the papers.

The plaintiffs also wish all bills made by the deceased to be paid from the estate, and particularly the will made January 25, five days before Pointer died, giving one-half of the estate to J. C. and Gillie Cass. The plaintiffs are willing to give Mr. and Mrs. Cass \$1000 cash on grounds that they have no interest in the estate, Mrs. Nalley be the daughter of the deceased.

Copco employees of the Klamath Division will meet with their Rogue River "partners" in progress" in this city next Saturday evening. A big program of entertainment has been arranged by the local committee including athletic events, a stunt show and a dance. A bowling match between the Copco teams of Klamath and Medford will take place at 2:30 p. m. and at 7:30 there will be a basketball game between the two Copco teams at the Central Point high school gymnasium. The evening will be concluded with a dancing party given in honor of the Klamath visitors.

SALEM HOOPMEN PLAY ASHLAND TOMORROW

The Salem high school basketball team will play Ashland high school at Ashland tomorrow night, and will meet the Medford team in contests Friday and Saturday night at the Armory. The Saturday night game will start late to allow business men and clerks to attend.

Though Medford has a 22 to 19 victory over the Salem team, the two games are expected to be the hottest of the year.

'THE CHUCKLE' TO BE REPEATED ON TUESDAY, FEB. 19

The popular presentation of "The Chuckle," latest Helen Norrie radio drama, last night was greatly enjoyed by all who were able to get good reception. Unfortunately, due to mechanical troubles in the broadcasting equipment of Station KMEM, many local and outside people were disappointed in not being able to hear the entire play. For those people and others who wish to hear this excellent drama, "The Chuckle" will again be presented during Copco hour on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Those who heard this unique Norrie drama declare it to be one of the best yet written by this talented young author of whom the Rogue valley is so proud.

The play was full of action, starting off with a murder in the first act and a deep mystery which held sustained interest throughout. A lapse of forty years between the first and second acts brought the play up to present day times after opening in the year 1888 and the continuity of the plot showed skillful handling by the author.

The "Copco Players" deserve great credit for their excellent production of this pioneer story of southern Oregon. To age forty years in a few brief moments is no small task, but Fletcher Fish, Stella Quisenberry and Earl Davis accomplished this difficult feat in true professional style.

Fletcher Fish, the old lawyer who turned out to be the murderer was exceptionally good and in this trying part and put over his "chuckle" in fine shape. Mable Williams, Mrs. George Gedding and Harold Corliss also handled their lines in excellent style. The play was directed by Earl Davis, who also took one of the leading roles.

Much interest is already being shown in the next presentation of "The Chuckle" and a large radio

MAIL TRIBUNE TO BE HOST AT FILM FOR GOLD MINERS

Recent gold-diggers have their dues. Next week the Mail Tribune will play host to all Jackson county gold-diggers (mountain people) who have, prior to or since 1878, been in Alaska. The feature of the week's entertainment will be the already famous and much heralded picture, "The Trail of '92," starring Dolores Del Rio and Karl Dane, which will open at the Rialto Monday.

Gold miners will receive their passes to the colorful show at the Mail Tribune office tomorrow and through the courtesy of the week, and will be special guests of the paper at the production.

"The Trail of '92" is one which will have a special appeal to those who have troked the yellow trail, either in the famous Klondike district or elsewhere. The hardships and risks of those pioneer prospectors and their families in the early Alaskan days are woven into one of the most intriguing epics ever depicted upon the screen.

All troops will be inspected during March and February by the district commissioner. They will be examined in the following fields: Community service, 10 points; troop records, 10 points; oral quiz, 10 points; patrol activity, 20 points; advancement, 20 points; and Bikes, 20 points.

Registration for the annual summer camp at Camp Applegate opens February 8. Choice of tents, patrols and location depends on registration numbers and it is to the advantage of the scouts to sign up as soon as possible.

Five boys from Troop 2 hiked to Baldy mountain last Thursday. Starting at 10:00, they were on the top at noon. After lunch and snowdrifts they returned home. The boys making the hike were

MANY TROUT PLANTED IN OREGON'S STREAMS

During the past fiscal year a total of 24,278 trout were planted in the streams of Oregon by the hatchery department of the Oregon state game commission, according to reports issued today. This number includes rainbow, steelhead, cutthroat brook, cutthroat silver-side and grayling.

Practically all of these fish were six inches or more in length. The largest number, 2,827,410, went to Klamath county, but each county had streams that were planted. The smallest number, 21,220, went to Multnomah county.

There are launds and tears at the Rialto theater during the showing of "Submarine" where that feature is now playing. The film is dynamic. It is a serious masterpiece that will go down in history as one of the biggest pictures of the year.

It shows a portion of the navy which is little understood, but which is perhaps the most colorful and adventurous of any branch of the service—the salvaging of ships.

Jack Holt has the role of a diver and gives a performance that is better than anything he has previously done. Ralph Graves stands him a close second as the buddy, Dorothy Boyer is an unusual debutant as the girl who falls for every sailor, marries one and reverts for action.

Graves has a peculiar style of garb which he gives to each of his foxy friends and the practice is not only instrumental in saving his own life but brings about the rescue of the entire submarine crew.

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