

Gold Hill Group Hears Report on Tax Equalization

Gold Hill, April 19—At a meeting held at the city hall on Monday evening Mrs. D. H. Stewart, chairman of the tax equalization committee read a report of the work done by the committee over the past few weeks. The report stated that more than 90 houses had been rechecked by Harry J. Loggan, supervising appraisal engineer of the state tax commission. Houses checked were not raised in valuation and most of them were given adjustments in valuation. Certain lots were cut in value where they did not have access to streets and the Riverside addition had been cut in valuation after the city changed the zone from business to residential zone.

The offer of Arthur Selander, chief appraisal engineer of the state tax commission, to achieve equalization between city property and country property in the remainder of the school district, was reported and that property would be placed on the tax rolls for 1950 on the same basis as the country property in the school district. The state tax commission promised that country property checked would not be raised but that city property would be cut by whatever percentage of difference was found to exist between it and country property. The promise was carried out and all property in the school district would now be on an equalized basis for 1950.

Cards were made out by Mrs. Stewart showing the new assessed valuations of houses that had been rechecked by Mr. Loggan. She also stated that maps would be put on display in the window of Lester's Grocery so people would be able to see it and figure their own valuations if they so desired.

Board To Hear Cases
If there is further dissatisfaction about the tax situation the persons may go before the board of equalization which will meet starting the second Monday in

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Catholic Parishioners to Hear Details of Campaign For School Funds Tonight

Key parishioners of the Sacred Heart Catholic church will hold the last in a series of organizational meetings tonight in connection with the fund campaign for a new St. Mary's school building.

More than 250 parishioners are expected to attend the meeting, which will be held at 8 p.m. in the parish hall. The goal of the campaign is \$315,000, and the parish members will receive their general instructions for their work in the drive.

Under the direction of Parish Chairman L. A. McCormick, vice chairmen and team captains have been meeting regularly for a number of weeks formulating in detail plans for the drive. They will be outlined to the entire committee tonight.

Visit All Catholics
"This group of men, the largest ever to be assembled in the local parish for a single effort, will personally visit every income-receiving and wage-earning Catholic in Medford and the surrounding area, when the

May at the assessor's office in the court house. The board will meet for two weeks.

Mrs. Stewart expressed her thanks to those who had so ably helped her in the task of making the investigation and for the cooperation of Loggan, Arthur Selander, Gilbert Hillman and Robert D. MacLean of the state tax commission and county assessor, C. A. Meyers and his staff. She also expressed her thanks to R. E. Bowden, Charles Bell, Fred Lester and A. A. Walker, the other members of the local committee.

drive formally gets under way," McCormick said. Many of these men are now making assignments to assure that every Catholic family in the vicinity will have an opportunity to participate through investment in the welfare of the Catholic youth of today and tomorrow," McCormick said.

A group of parish laymen is now busy on the public phase of the drive, to permit Catholics to share in the erection of this new school building, which leaders say will result in savings to the city taxpayers.

Announcement is expected to be made early next week concerning the men who will head the fund solicitation among the local commercial, industrial and professional concerns.

Attorney of Record For Wilson's Named
Vancouver, Wash., Apr. 19—(U.P.)—Sanford Clement of Vancouver will be the attorney of record in the defense of Turman and Utah Wilson, charged with the kidnap-murder of 18-year-old JoAnn Dewey, Irvin Goodman, Portland attorney, announced today.

Goodman, retained by the Wilson boys' mother to defend them, said the brothers would be arraigned Wednesday in superior court here. He said Clement would act as co-counsel for the defense.

Under Washington state law, a resident attorney must be the attorney of record. An out-of-state lawyer may appear only as an associate.



(Acme Telephoto)
'A SILLY KID'—Air Force Corporal Gustav A. Mueller, 19, of St. Paul, Minn., described by his attorney as "just a silly kid playing games," was convicted of attempted espionage and sentenced to five years in prison by a court martial in Garmisch, Germany. Mueller admitted he offered to act as a spy for Russia, but said he did so only because he wanted to trap the "Russian spies" and turn them over to his commanding officer.

Sets Speed Record

New York, Apr. 19—(U.P.)—A Canadian jet liner flew from Toronto to New York in 59 minutes today, completing the first Canada-United States jet-propelled passenger transport flight in slightly more than one-half the time required by conventional air liners.

The four-engined plane, built by A. V. Roe Canada, Ltd., landed at Idlewild airport at 10:33 a.m. (EST).

U. S. Expenditures In Philippines High

Washington, Apr. 19—(U.P.)—By June 30, 1951, the United States will have spent well over \$1,500,000,000 in the Philippines since the liberation of the islands.

U. S. Ambassador Myron M. Cowen estimated this spending total in testimony before a special senate foreign relations subcommittee yesterday. He appeared to support legislation to increase to \$500 million the amount of money for war damage claims by private industries, nonprofit schools and hospitals, and the Philippine government.

Cowen said only about \$538,000,000 of the spending total is in the form of direct assistance to the Philippines. It includes \$450 million of armed forces expenditure there after liberation and large sums of veterans of the U. S. armed forces and their beneficiaries.

Ralph Cooke Chosen Association Officer

Salem, Ore., Apr. 19—(U.P.)—Walter Fischer of Oregon City was chosen president of the Oregon Polled Hereford Breeders association at the annual meeting here Monday night. He will succeed Robert Sears of Salem.

Ralph Cook of Medford was elected vice president and Don Walrod of Oregon City, secretary-treasurer.

B. O. Thom of Alsea was re-elected director. New directors chosen included Dick Hibbard of Imbler, Everett Wilson of Shedd, William Minkoff of Clatskanie and Harold Bernier of Oregon City.

The name "Derby" originated in England when the Earl of Derby offered a prize for an annual horse race at Epsom.

Japan Shipping Lines Plan Return to Lanes

Tokyo, Apr. 19—(U.P.)—Major Japanese shipping lines are pushing plans for return to international shipping lanes, although occupation authorities still are withholding approval of their applications for regular service between Japan and Bangkok.

Officials of the Osaka-Shosen-Kaisha company confirmed they are planning to revive the company's prewar cargo-passenger service to India and North and South America.

The company expects to use two wartime standard ships for Indian service and two new 9,400-ton cargo vessels, now under construction, for the western hemisphere run, officials said.

The O-S-K is one of three Japanese companies with applications pending for regular shipping service to Bangkok.

Citizens Sign Petition

Salem, Ore., Apr. 19—(U.P.)—A total of 105 residents of the Keizer district just north of Salem signed a petition at a meeting Monday night to keep taverns out of the community.

The petition urged the Marion county court to turn down an application for a class-A beer license in Keizer.

A county court hearing on the matter has been set for May 10.

Espea To Discontinue Branch Pullman Service

Portland, Ore., Apr. 19—(U.P.)—The Southern Pacific railroad said today it plans to discontinue standard Pullman service on its branch passenger trains from Eugene to Coos Bay. No date has been set for the discontinuance, but officials said lack of patronage on the line had prompted the decision.

Daily chair car service on branch trains will be continued.



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