



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS NAMED—Pictured above are the three first place winners in the VFW auxiliary essay contest on the subject "Peace With Honor for America," announced today by the women's group. They are, left to right, Jack Halstead, first place winner; Ruth Lininger, third place winner; and Barbara Manley, second place winner. Halstead's winning essay has been submitted for consideration in the state contest.

Winners Named in Essay Contest of VFW Auxiliary

Jack Halstead, 18, a senior at Medford high school, is winner of the essay contest sponsored here for senior students by the auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was announced today by Mrs. Fred Lawrence, chairman of the essay contest committee.

Subject of the essays, 39 of which were submitted, was "Peace With Honor for America."

Other Winners

Second prize winner was Barbara Manley, and Ruth Lininger was third in the competition.

First, second and third prizes in the local contest are \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively. State prizes are \$50, \$25 and \$15, while top national prize is \$1,000.

Judges of the essay contest were Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, Dick House, and Eric Allen Jr. A spokesman for the judges said that it was extremely difficult to pick winners because of the generally high quality of the entries.

Bad Beer Sale Sign Attracts Customers

Auckland, New Zealand—(U.P.) Dilapidated Rangitiki hotel, near Lake Taupo, finds it pays to advertise bad beer.

The hotel's strange sign advertises: "Bad beer, dirty glasses, crook change, uncivilty."

"Come in," it adds. Most motorists do. They turn off the highway, and drive up the 200-yard track to see what the 2,000-foot-above-sea-level place is really like.

When they get there they can try the specials: "Pup's Nostril," a small beer and gin, and "Dog's Nose," a large beer and gin.

Fire Chief Cites Need for Better Equipment Here

Medford has been fortunate in not having a disastrous fire in one of the hotels or tall office buildings, Acting Fire Chief Leo Weidner told Jackson County Republican Women here yesterday. Due to lack of adequate equipment, Weidner said, firemen would be unable to reach upper stories in taller buildings, and lives might be lost in addition to thousands of dollars worth of damage done.

Medford's rating on fire insurance coverage is now five, he said, but unless modern equipment and additional personnel are acquired, the rating will drop at least to seven resulting in a probable increase of 20 to 30 per cent in fire insurance rates.

"Feeling of Safety"

Adequate fire protection encourages building of homes and businesses, and gives a feeling of safety and security which is important, the chief said.

In other talks, County Commissioner Robert Lytle said that welfare is one of the biggest county problems at present, and Lew Graves, candidate for the commissioner's position, stressed the importance of a progressive government, with efficiency, economy and planning.

Lytle said that many "floaters" come through the state, and that each county gives them food, gas and oil so they can move on. He also spoke of county road work which is being done, and discussed plans for the future. Lytle also mentioned other problems confronted by the county.

Would Give Full Time

Graves said that county government should be run on a more business-like basis, and he stressed that he would devote full time to the job if elected.

Mrs. M. Allison Moulton, president of the women's group, named a committee to study November ballot measures and to make the results of the study available at later meetings. On the committee are Mrs. Florence Fish, chairman, Mrs. Curtis Hopkins, Mrs. Winifred Vail and Mrs. Hattie M. Alden were hostesses.

A talk on world government, to have been given by Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, was postponed until the May 22 meeting.

Central Point Grades To Give Variety Show

Central Point, Apr. 25—"Variety Show" will be presented by the seventh and eighth grade students Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school gymnasium, according to C. A. Meyer, elementary principal.

The eighth grade will present a one-act play, "Whose Afraid," and the seventh grade will put on a puppet show, "Rumpelstiltskin," and a pantomime, and Bob King and Donald Hall, eighth graders, will give a wrestling exhibition.

The entertainment will last about two hours. Proceeds will be used for research books for the library.

EMPLOYEES DISMISSED

Albany, Ore., Apr. 25—(U.P.) Postmaster Tom Palmer said today three employees have been dismissed as a result of the federal postal department's cutback orders.

BROWN GRID COACH

Providence, R. I., Apr. 25—(U.P.)—Gregory G. (Gus) Zitrides, Brown university line coach for four years, took over as head football coach today in the midst of spring training with plans for "a few minor changes."

Council Divided on Setback Question; Issue Tabled After Pro-Con Discussion

A divided Medford city council last night temporarily tabled the issue concerning the setback line for a proposed seven-story apartment house at 10th street and Oakdale avenue.

No definite time was set for deliberation on the matter again in open meeting. Councilmen indicated that they would further study the matter with the planning commission in an effort to achieve a more nearly unanimous opinion one way or another.

The council came to its postponement decision after talking to planning commissioners during a recess and after hearing commission and opposition presentations and some builders information.

Setback Disagreement

City regulations stipulate that structures in the area concerned should be set back from the property line the average of other buildings on the street. For the apartment house that would mean about a 20-foot setback. The Coates Construction company, which would erect the apartment house, originally asked to build out the property line. The planning commission has recommended a seven-foot setback. However, some property owners in the area feel that the required average should be observed.

Ben Trowbridge, president of the planning group which has given much time to study of the setback problem and other matters because of city expansion, stated three reasons for the commission recommendation.

He said it was the group's feeling that present setback laws are too stringent; and that, when an area changes from a residence zone to an apartment zone, it is the beginning of a commercial zone and that it is necessary to establish community shopping centers such as the Oakdale grocery section in which the apartment site is located.

In connection with these arguments Trowbridge indicated that the setback depth required takes too much out of business property and that any zone bordering a commercial zone sacrifices too much to take the present setback.

H. N. Lofland, 225 South Oakdale avenue, maintained that if the council agreed to the planning group's recommendation others may be allowed to build likewise and his property would be "bottled up." He declared that permitting the lesser setback will damage everything around for two blocks and "will do me some damage."

Lofland also argued that "a fellow who has paid taxes here 20 years ought to have consideration." He objected to the possibility of a parking lot "under my window."

Might Increase Value

Councilmen Elmer Childers and Harold Frye brought out that apartment construction might actually increase the value of property in the district. Frye, nevertheless, expressed fear of setting a precedent in agreeing to the recommended setback, and Councilman Neil Davidson expressed similar concern.

Councilman Paul Selby pointed to changes brought about by progress. Councilmen Frank Runtz brought out that the town

Cities Favor Meters To Save Water Supply

Chicago—(U.P.)—Many water-conscious cities are considering installing water meters and billing customers on a family consumption basis, according to the American Public Works association.

The association said water waste has become a matter of increasing concern to cities which can see themselves faced with a water shortage similar to that which plagues New York.

The association cited Rahway, N. J., a city of 20,000 as an example of the saving effected through the use of water meters.

Took Action in 1941

In 1941, faced with a drought which almost dried up the Rahway river, the city passed an ordinance to install meters. Previously, the city had sold water on a flat-rate basis to all but industrial users.

Immediately after meters were installed, the association said, water usage per person dropped 16 gallons per day. City officials believe the saving was effected through repairs to dripping faucets and leaky mains.

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Schools Receive Lumber Books for Study of Industry

Two more Jackson county high schools have received assistance in teaching facts about the region's greatest industry, lumber and forest products, it was reported today by the West Coast Lumbermen's association. Two 12-volume lumber book shelves, containing the finest books obtainable on lumber, logging, forestry and natural history, have been presented to two school libraries by local lumber firms.

The book shelves have been given to the Central Point high school by the Southern Oregon Lumbermen's association, and to the Phoenix high school by the Alley Brothers Lumber company. Other county schools have previously been given the books.

Attract Attention

The new educational technique has already attracted national interest, according to the lumbermen's group, and more than 275 Oregon and Washington high schools, libraries and colleges have received the books as gifts from local firms.

The books have been carefully selected by a committee of leading northwest educators and provide local students with a wide range of authentic knowledge of the lumber and forest products industry. These books will be particularly helpful to students who annually participate in statewide essay and oratorical contests as well as for general reference and study, lumbermen said.

The writings of four northwest authors are included in the lumber book shelf, "Burning an Empire" and "Tall Timber" by Stewart Holbrook, one of the nation's leading historians, are included. James Stevens, author of the Paul Bunyan stories, has two books on the list, "Paul Bunyan" and "Timber." Paul Hoser, Bend, famous short-log humorist, rates his popular "Now We're Logging" and Seattle schoolmarm Martha Hardy's new book, "Skyo," is included.

Other Titles

Other volumes are two by the American Forestry association: a biography of David Douglas, Scotch botanist whose name has been given to the Douglas fir tree; and a textbook on Pacific coast trees. One of the best books on the shelf is "This Fascinating Lumber Business" written by Stanley Horn, editor of the Southern Lumberman, "The Lost Woods," a natural history of the forests, is another.

The lumber book shelf is part of the West Coast Lumbermen's association educational program developed in cooperation with its member mills and includes specialized booklets on this region and evaluate its instructional program.

German Gentlemen Also Prefer Blondes

Springfield, Ill.—(U.P.)—Two German young men want Mayor Harry Eielson to find them American wives, preferably blondes.

Eielson received the following letters:

"We apply us with a great request to you. We are two brothers and live in Bremen, Germany. We are 18 and 21 years old. We wish two nice American girls to letter exchange. For the purpose to marry. We hope you can fulfill us the wish. Us girl type is: for my brother (Willi) is the age 18 to 20, a blond with a good figure. For my is the age of 17, blondy too and also a good figure.

(Signed) "Winfried Graeber. ("P.S. But when you don't find us type, are other two girls also very good.")

Idaho ships more apples than any other state except Washington.

City Ordinance on Drunken Driving Challenged Here

Dr. Glenn C. Phetteplace, Medford dentist, has filed a petition for a writ of review within circuit court here asking that action on a drunk driving charge filed against him in city court be held in abeyance until the proceedings are reviewed by the higher court.

In his petition, Dr. Phetteplace said a complaint accusing him of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor was filed in municipal court Dec. 10, 1949, and that he had filed a motion for dismissal with Municipal Judge G. H. Nelson Mar. 15, 1950. The motion, Phetteplace said, has been denied by Nelson.

Claims Law Void

The petitioner said he had contended, in his motion, that subsection A, section 115-318, article 1, ordinance No. 4323 is null and void because it conflicts with state law and because the Medford city council had no authority to enact it.

Dr. Phetteplace, represented in the action by Attorney O. H. Butts, maintains that neither Judge Nelson nor his municipal court has jurisdiction in drunk driving charges since state law vests sole jurisdiction in such matters with justice and district courts.

Phetteplace says that if Nelson is not ordered to desist from proceeding with the cause he will be deprived of trial by jury, which should be his right in a criminal case.

HELD IN JAIL

Mable Meeker, 34, was arraigned in justice court yesterday on a charge of larceny from a store building involving the theft of an electric razor from Wainwright's drug store. She waived preliminary hearing and is being held in county jail in lieu of \$500 bail.

Oak Grove School Sets Open House Friday Evening

With the theme "When Your School Bell Rings," Oak Grove school will hold open house on Friday, April 28, starting at 7 p.m., according to Principal H. Bruce Metzger.

He said that the open house has been designed so that patrons of the district will visit their school at least once during the year. It is hoped that by the event patrons will better understand the purposes of the school and evaluate its instructional program.

Tour Slated

The evening will open with registration in the lobby, guided tour of the building and grounds, informal visits with teachers and inspection of classroom work exhibits. At 7:45 p.m. there will be a general assembly in the school gymnasium. Adults will be assigned to class sessions following an address of welcome by Metzger.

At 8 p.m. adults will go to class sessions and students will remain at the gymnasium for movies. There will be another assembly at 8:40 p.m. and music by the school orchestra, directed by E. C. Root. Refreshments will be sold by the parent-teacher association.

A booklet has been prepared for the event and contains plan of the school plant, the program and information concerning the school.

LIGHTING BILL HIGH

Richmond, Cal.—(U.P.)—Clyde Mothershead, 25, decided the street was too dark. He pulled a handy switch on a light. A judge gave him the choice of a \$75 fine or 20 days in jail for turning in a false alarm.

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