

Newbry Plans To Renew Plea for Use of Uniform License Plates

Salem — (U.P.) — A strong plea for agreement on a uniform license plate for all states will be made by Oregon Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry at a conference of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators at Richmond, Va., in October.

This will be the second time that Newbry has urged the several states to get together on a uniform plate as a means of saving public funds.

Proposal Has Support

Recent approval of a 36 per cent increase in parcel post rates effective Oct. 1 will lend support to the proposal, Newbry said.

Automobile manufacturers have assured the states that once a uniform plate is adopted motor vehicles will be manufactured with provision made for

a permanent and protected license plate holder. Newbry said such a receptacle for license plates would result in saving hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in plate material.

The necessity of replacing license plates either annually or, as in Oregon, every five years, calls for a considerable expenditure. The 1953 Oregon Legislature, anticipating the manufacture of license plates in 1955, appropriated \$425,000 for this purpose. Newbry said if the state did not have to spend such large quantities on new plates, this money could be spent on the highways.

Two Weights Used

At present two weights of license plates are distributed in Oregon. The lighter is mailed for eight cents a pair. The heavier requires a parcel post rate of 17 cents. Under the increase of

parcel post rates the 17 cent fee will increase to 23 cents. This could increase the postage in secretary of state's office by some \$1800 a year.

To Seek Lighter Plates

Newbry has directed a study to be made to see if the heavier plate in Oregon can be reduced by one or two ounces to cushion the postage increase. The Oregon Legislature in 1945 placed discretion for the size and shape of the license plates with the secretary of state, so Oregon is in a position immediately to adopt a uniform plate should other states be willing to give up the present odd sizes, slogans and illustrations.

Gold Hill School Opening Slated For September 14

Gold Hill—Gold Hill elementary school will open on Monday, September 14, according to an announcement by Robert Sage, principal. Mr. Sage said buses will run on the same schedule as last year, and the cafeteria will be serving lunch on the first day of school.

Teachers will report on September 3 for organizational meetings. Three new teachers have been elected for the coming year. Mrs. Barbara Tonner, of Washington, and Miss Mary Klockner, of Ohio, will be the new first grade teachers, and Mrs. Gertrude Jacobsen, of Iowa will have the seventh and eighth grades.

Other teachers will be Mrs. Marie Brannock, second grade; Mrs. Ida von Buskirk, third grade; Mrs. Elizabeth West, fourth grade; Mr. D. Roberts, fifth grade; Mrs. Grace Brownlee, sixth grade, and Mr. William Hall, eighth grade. Mrs. Marguerite Black will teach Home Making, Physical Education, and handle the library. Mrs. Paul Thorne and Mrs. Lottie Frost will again handle the cafeteria, and Joe Morgan, Paul Thorne and Cecil Gaby will drive the buses. Lester Thompson will serve again as custodian.

Douglas County To Get Housing Project

Washington — (U.P.) — Public Housing Commissioner Charles E. Slusser said that the housing authority of Douglas county is one of a limited number of local authorities which will be permitted to place new low-rent homes under construction this fiscal year.

Slusser said the construction approved for the Douglas county authority would consist of rural, non-farm housing at Reedsport. Congress this year limited to 20,000 the new public housing units to be started before June 30, 1954.

Ruch-Sterling School Opening September 8

Ruch-Sterling school will open Sept. 8, rather than Sept. 1, as previously announced. The first day of classes will be a full day and the cafeteria will be in operation. Buses will run on last year's schedule.

One-seventh of the total area if Ireland is peat bog.



DECORATED—Maj. John Eisenhower (above), son of the President, has been awarded the South Korean Distinguished Military Service Medal with gold star for "outstanding professional skill, resourcefulness and ingenuity," the Army announced in Seoul.

Mailbox Vandalism Told by Postmaster

Medford Postmaster Moore Hamilton today requested cooperation from parents in the stopping of mail box vandalism throughout the city.

Children in several areas, particularly on the west side, have caused serious damage to mail boxes and mail, Hamilton said. Several reports of such damage have come from the area of Orchard Home drive, Spring st., and Chestnut st.

Four such instances have been reported in the past week, the postmaster said. In the most recent, mail including a letter from a soldier in Korea and several checks was taken from a mail box, torn up and thrown away, Hamilton said.

Tampering with mail is a federal offense. The postmaster stated that, in all cases, the offenders are believed to be youngsters who do not realize the importance of the damage which they have been doing.

Soap Box Derby Entry Termed 'Outstanding' By Companion on Trip

Southern Oregon "had one of the outstanding representatives" at the National Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, according to Jerry Jerome, who accompanied young Chuck Mansfield, Grants Pass, to the big event.

The Grants Pass youngster qualified for the national derby by winning the second annual Rogue Valley Soap Box Derby, held in Medford under the sponsorship of Barnes Chevrolet, the Kiwanis club and The Mail Tribune.

Although the Rogue valley entrant did not bring home any of the top prizes, he fared well in the national derby. His time in the qualifying races was two seconds better than that turned in by the final winner.

Had Prominent Part

In addition, the youth played a prominent part in the derby festivities. He was one of 10 youngsters selected to attend a Kiwanis derby luncheon.

Akron "really went all out" for the derby entrants, according to Jerome. He reported that the entire city was gaily decorated for the event, and that Akron citizens went out of their way to make the boys feel at home and to give them a good time.

Jerome added that Medford

received much publicity during the derby. The Grants Pass youngster was introduced as winner of the Medford derby, and received a banner and a hat marked "Medford, Oregon." In addition, his car carried a replica of the name plate of The Mail Tribune.

It was a "once in a life time" experience for the Grants Pass youngster, according to Jerome, who pointed out that the boy was named one of the outstanding youths at the derby camp. Jerome expressed the hope that the Rogue valley will see fit to continue to conduct the Rogue Valley Soap Box Derby as an annual affair.

Jerome and young Mansfield made the trip to Akron by plane. It was the youngster's first long trip away from the Rogue valley. They made the return trip by automobile.

Coroner Applicants Bid by Committee

Persons interested in being named county coroner, to succeed Dr. M. P. Vogel, who resigned yesterday, should get in touch with the Jackson County Republican Central committee, according to C. O. Lovejoy, acting chairman.

Lovejoy said the committee will make a recommendation for the position to the county court, which will make the appointment. The committee would like to hear from anyone who is qualified and who would like to apply for the appointment.

It is hoped to make the recommendation within the next day or two, Lovejoy added.

TO GRAND JURY

Chester Junior Reid, 29, of 72 Garfield st., Ashland, has been bound over to the Jackson county grand jury on a charge of non-support, according to district court officials. Bail has been set at \$1,500.

Multnomah Not To Get Blue Lake Park

Portland — (U.P.) — Multnomah county apparently will not have the chance to acquire Blue Lake park east of Portland.

Owner N. B. Welch told commissioners he would proceed with plans for erecting 100 lake shore homes and developing a 1,000,000 country club at the park.

The meeting between Welch and the commissioners was prompted by a "Save Blue Lake Park" committee that recommended the county buy the property to preserve it as a public park.



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