



THIS VIEW ENDANGERED—Urgent necessity for the preservation of U. S. primeval areas, such as this view of a portion of Glacier Wilderness in the state of Washington, will be a major consideration at the Fifth Biennial Wilderness Conference in San Francisco March 15-16. More than 500 Federal agency heads, conservation leaders, scientists and administrators of wilderness areas will attend.

Offer a Little Late; Land Values Higher

Wilcox, Ariz. — (U.P.)—Signs of the times: Back in 1920, the Chamber of Commerce ran an ad in a San Francisco newspaper offering 600 acres of fertile farm land for sale at \$20 an acre. Charles T. Behan, a real estate dealer, wrote back on Jan. 28, 1920, that he would trade two-and-a-half acres of land in the heart of Richmond, Calif., for the farmland. Both were valued at \$12,000. The letter arrived here this week—just 37 years after it was mailed. The Richmond land is now valued in excess of \$225,000. The Arizona land is valued in excess of \$150,000.

PROBABLY RIGHT
London — (U.P.)—Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express summed up the latest Egyptian and Israeli moves in the Mideast today with this headline: "Here They Go Again."

Artist Perturbed Because Painting Hung Sideways

Chicago — (U.P.)—Sam Himmelfarb must be a pretty fair artist. His semiabstract painting won honors at an art show even though it was hung sideways by mistake. This left Himmelfarb in something of a quandary. He wasn't sure whether he should mention the error to Chicago's Art Institute, which plans to send the painting on a tour of French museums. "Maybe they wouldn't think as highly of it if they knew it should be hung the other way," he said. Himmelfarb entered the painting, entitled "Mosaic," in a recent "no jury" art show at Navy pier. "One day I dragged some friends out to see it," he said. "Imagine how I felt when I found the thing hanging sideways." **Not So Abstract**
The five foot canvas depicts a group of people sitting on

stone steps. It's an outdoor scene in bright sunlight, but the figures are half hidden in shadows. "The way they hung it, the people looked like they were falling off a cliff," Himmelfarb said. "It was definitely a semi-abstract work, but not that abstract. I even painted faces on the people." Himmelfarb, president of the Chicago chapter of Artist's Equity, complained to the manager of the exhibit. "You ought to feel flattered," he was told. "It's beautiful from any angle." **Heads Own Firm**
This was not the first contretemps in Himmelfarb's career. As a struggling youngster in New York's Greenwich Village, he "usually didn't know where my next oatmeal was coming from." Tired of "starving in a garret," he went into industrial design and now heads his own firm, Three Dimensions, Inc. An ex-urbanite, he had a studio built into his home. "I work four days a week on industrial design, then I go home and paint like mad Friday, Saturday and Sunday," he said. He's had several things hung in the Art Institute and last year he had a one man show at the Panoras Gallery in New York. "And they hung all my stuff right side up, too," he said.

Proposed Legislation Affecting Schools Is Discussed at Meeting

A discussion of proposed legislation pertaining to Oregon public schools was presented at a community meeting in Ruch school gymnasium Friday. About 60 residents of the Applegate valley and adjacent areas attended. Principal Boyd Gibson of Ruch school introduced the panel of speakers including Alf Mekvold, Jackson county school superintendent of schools; John Harr, superintendent of schools in Rogue River, and Glenn Smith, chairman of the Jackson county rural school board. Robert Webb, member of the Ruch school board, acted as moderator.

Proposed measures receiving consideration were House Bill 171, which would increase the Basic School Support fund from \$80 to \$120 per census child; House Bill 163, which provides for school district reorganization; and Senate Bill 64, the so-called "key district" basic distribution formula, which provides for correcting present inequities in the distribution of the Oregon Basic School Support fund.

Measures Proposed
More legislative measures regarding public schools have been proposed at this session of the state legislature than ever before in the history of Oregon, the panel noted.

Although the present formula for distribution of general fund public school monies was fair at the outset, changing economic conditions in the state have almost completely reversed its original intent, the panel pointed out, so that at present, those districts with lower assessed valuation, are receiving a constantly diminishing share of state funds, while the proportion being allocated to wealthier districts such as those in Multnomah county and certain parts of eastern Oregon, is continually increasing.

Jackson county, it was stated, rates as one of the poorer areas of the state due to the large extent of federally owned lands within its boundaries, which are not taxable for school purposes. In the case of Ruch school district, Gibson pointed out, only 28 per cent of the land is taxable for this purpose.

The federal lands fall mainly into two categories: those administered by the forest service, and the O and C lands administered by the bureau of land management. Income from the former is divided between Jackson county and the U.S. treasury on a 25-75 per cent basis with 6 1/4 per cent of Jackson county's share being required by law to go to the support of public schools. This, at present, amounts to approximately \$2.45 per census child, according to Mekvold.

Income from O and C lands is divided on an opposite basis with 25 per cent going to the bureau of land management, to cover its operations, and 75 per cent to the county. There is no legal stipulation with regard to school support in the case of O and C funds, it was stated, allocation of county income from this source being wholly at the discretion of the county court. Of the present \$80 per census child, about 70 per cent is now being supplied by the county, mainly from the property tax.

Passage of House Bill 171 together with Senate Bill 64 would establish a new distribution formula for state funds based on need, and would equalize educational opportunities for every public school child in the state. As far as Jackson and Josephine counties are concerned, according to John Harr, this would mean an additional \$1,145,100 in state funds for public school support.

Grass Roots Support
All speakers agreed that the fate of these measures rests on grass roots support as expressed in letters and telegrams to members of the state legislature. Those present at the meeting were urged to express their views immediately to Sen. Monroe Sweetland, chairman of the education committee; Sen. Philip Lowrey of Jackson county, a member of the committee; Sen. Alfred H. Corbett, chairman of the ways and means committee;

and to Rep. Robert B. Duncan of Jackson county, who is a member of the house ways and means committee.

Principle features of bill 163, as outlined by Glen Smith, final speaker on the panel, are that the total area within a county shall be organized into districts having both elementary and high schools, and that in accomplishing this objective, whole districts may be united, existing districts may be divided, and where deemed necessary, and districts may cross county lines.

At the conclusion of their presentation, panel members answered questions. Mrs. Anna Scott, legislative chairman for Upper Applegate Grange, presided during the meeting which was arranged under Grange sponsorship.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Drawings for State Hospital Considered

Salem — (U.P.)—Preliminary drawings for the new proposed state hospital at Wilsonville were up for consideration by the State Board of Control today. Gov. Robert D. Holmes, chairman of the board, said if the preliminary plans and program met with approval, architects Stanton, Boles, Maguire and Church of Portland would be authorized to begin immediate work on final working drawings.

HE'S BREAKING RECORDS

Anaheim, Calif. — (U.P.)—A used car dealer expects a lot of parents to answer his newspaper advertisement, in which he offered to accept up to 10 Elvis Presley records and allow \$5 per record against the purchase price of any used auto. The ad also said: "Special offer to parents only—if you're a parent you can wield the hammer on all the records that are traded in."

Board Not To Pledge Educational TV Money

Portland — (U.P.)—The State Board of Higher Education indicated yesterday it could not see its way clear at present to pledging some \$65,000 towards activating channel 10 here for a proposed educational television station.

Chancellor John R. Richards said the higher education budget was closed for the next biennium. He also questioned whether the board could legally budget tax money and hand it over to another agency for spending.

Request for financial help came from a delegation from Community Television, Inc. The board, meeting in committee, authorized award of contracts for a tower and station to activate channel 7 in Corvallis, conditional on approval of the FCC, for educational TV. A grant of \$150,000 is expected from the Ford Foundation.

Bean, Berry Pickers To Be Paid by Pound

Portland — (U.P.)—Bean pickers and berry pickers will still be paid by the pound this summer. The State Wage and Hour Commission yesterday made definite its previous decision that the 50-cent-hour minimum wage for minors shall not apply to agricultural harvesting.

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No Frostbite Noted At Fort Dix in 1956

Fort Dix, N.J. — (U.P.)—Fort Dix beat the cold in 1956, according to Lt. Col. Joseph W. Cooch, a health officer. The Army post did not register a single case of frostbite all year long, Cooch reported. But he could only cross his fingers in 1957. "We may get a few cases of frostbite before this winter is over, even with precautions," Cooch said. "Despite our best efforts, one or two men figure they can outsmart the thermometer." Cooch attributed the perfect 1956 record to "emphasis on cold weather indoctrination... and effective use of protecting clothing and equipment..." Specifically, field trainees were issued heavy gloves, woolen "pile caps" and traditional long underwear besides typical cold-weather clothing. Air mattresses and extra-heavy sleepingbags kept the men warm and comfortable while sleeping in pup tents. Cooch added, so-called "warming tents" containing heaters helped GI's fight the cold while on bivouac or at the post rifle ranges. Frequent inspections also were made, Cooch added, to insure that no soldiers went to sleep wearing their combat boots.

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