



PROPERTY AUCTIONED—A large crowd gathered at Orchard Park farms, near Voorhies crossing, at 10 a.m. Tuesday when the properties of Walter H. and Evalyn Leverette were put up for auction by the federal government to pay back income taxes owed

by the Leverettes. The crowd consisted mostly of spectators. The Leverette holdings, valued at more than \$1,250,000, were bought by Raymond Reter, of Reter Fruit company, Medford, for \$350,000. The federal government seized the property on March 12.

Varied Opinions Expressed By Groups in PTSA Defeat

A group attending a meeting at Medford High school this week determined that a proposed Parent-Teacher-Student association at the school would not "work" at the present time.

The meeting was attended by about 40 teachers, 45 parents and 20 students. The organizational motion lost by six votes. The teachers voted almost unanimously against the proposed organization, the parents voted almost unanimously in favor of the proposed organization, and the students appeared divided in opinion.

Opinions Expressed
Opinions expressed by teachers varied. Some felt there are already too many demands on their time; others believed that the school program is being adequately interpreted to the par-

ents and the community; teachers stated they are in their rooms at the school from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. each day after classes and are happy to meet with any parent by appointment; some felt the organization proposed had not been adequately explained to them by faculty representatives on the steering committee and that they had not been considered in the planning for the organization.

Some teachers commented that high school age students ordinarily do not want parents around the school; they observed that the community support of high school functions is sufficient so they could not see a need for the PTSA as an interpretive group to the community; and others said there are plenty of organizations in the community

to serve this purpose. Parents expressed the opinions the PTSA could fill a vital need in interpreting the academic and extra-curricular program of the high school; that thorough understanding of a program or a school brings support for that school or program, budget-wise, bond-wise and generally; that the back-to-school program held during National Education Week in November is not meeting the need for contact between the homes and the school at the high school level; and that many of the community problems of the high school young people could be solved by using the PTSA as a sounding board.

Students stated that there is not enough support of their community and extracurricular activities by parents, and that they

would like to have an organization of this type to look for that support. Further study will be made to determine what kind of organization can meet the needs expressed by those attending the meeting.

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Graham's Fire-Eating Sermon Threatened by Union of Stagehands

New York—Billy Graham preached a fire-eating sermon Wednesday night but for a time it appeared it might be extinguished by a pitcher of ice water even before it got started.

The sermon before a Madison Square Garden capacity crowd of 18,500 was delivered on schedule, however, after settlement of a minor but involved squabble between Graham's aides and the Stagehands' Union over placement of a water pitcher on the speaker's lectern.

Stagehands Employed
Roger Hull, chairman of the New York Crusade executive committee, said the Graham team yielded to demands of Local 1 of the Stagehands' Union because "we felt it best not to do anything that would interfere with the success of the crusade."

He said the crusade agreed to employ two stagehands, at about \$16 apiece each night, to stand by and place a pitcher of ice water and glasses on the speaker's lectern.

But Willis G. Haymaker, in charge of special arrangements for several Graham crusades both here and abroad, said the men would be on duty "to per-

form any duties their jobs might call for—such as shifting chairs, moving pianos, and so forth."

Graham spoke on "the wickedest man who ever lived—Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah." The sermon fairly crackled with pungent jabs at "hypocrites and modern idolaters who worship TV, radio, novels and other entertainment."

Guilty of Idolatry
He said that Manasseh, "who came to the throne at the age of 12 and reigned over Judah 52 years was guilty of idolatry, covetousness, adultery, murder, the maiming and slaying of babies and every other sin in the Bible."

"But God forgave Manasseh, the man who seemed to have an unholy talent for wickedness and betrayal, this man who worshipped the sun and the moon and the stars. He will forgive you, too, all of you sitting here in Madison Square Garden in the misery of your sin," Graham said.

An estimated 587 persons made "decisions for Christ" following the sermon, bringing the total of Graham-influenced "decisions" to 5,064 in eight nights.

Portland's K-9 Police Dogs Sold

Portland—Six of Portland's K-9 corps police dogs were sold at auction Wednesday as their sad-faced masters stood by. The sale was dictated by budget limitations.

Capt. Robert McConnell of the Albany police department got an ink-black shepherd for \$260.

Sheriff Tony Neufeldt of Polk county got a cream and black German shepherd on a \$100 bid. Another went to the wife of a Portland veterinarian for \$60; one to the Riddle police department for \$65, another to a woman for \$25, and the sixth to a special patrolman for \$25.

Case of Tick Fever Said in Jordan Valley

Ontario—A "somewhat complicated" case of tick fever with traces of a form of sleeping sickness, has been reported from Jordan Valley 100 miles south of here.

Malheur County Sanitarian Taylor Sandvigan said the complication seems to be a form of sleeping sickness. Sandvigan said the fever is of unusual intensity.

Blood samples have been sent to the Oregon state health laboratory and health authorities are awaiting the results of tests.

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