

Dedication Slated May 30 for New Stadium

Cornerstone Laying To Be Featured in Ricker Field Event

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After seven months of work, the new stadium at the VA Domiciliary at Camp White is ready for the Memorial Day opening. Dedication exercises have been planned for that day, following the usual Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery where County Judge Rodney Keating will deliver the principal address.

The event at the baseball field will be featured by the laying of the cornerstone, and the dedication address by Manager Eugene K. Ricker. It will be called Ricker Field.

Special Game Scheduled

This will be followed by the flag raising by the color guard and playing of the national anthem by the Eagle Point band. A special game is scheduled for this occasion between Cheney Stude and Camp White.

Building of the new concrete stadium seating 1,200 is one of the outstanding construction jobs undertaken during the past five years at the domiciliary. The entire project was planned and completed by the engineering division under supervision of Burton Sims, engineer officer, at a cost of \$117,500.

The money was made available from the "post fund" at the request of Ricker in order to expedite construction work. The post fund is a special account maintained by the Veterans administration for recreation purposes. It is accumulated from donations and the disposal of veterans effects which are unclaimed.

Professional Field

"We now have a ball park as fully equipped as any professional field," Sims declared. The playing field, he said, is the same size as the coast league, with standard lighting facilities for evening games.

Construction was started on the stadium Oct. 22, 1936. A crew of 20 carpenters and laborers has been employed continuously on the job. By handling the project on a "purchase and hire" basis at the station, it was possible to add one-third more seating space through the difference in cost, Sims declared.

Some of the special facilities provided at the park include:

A broadcasting booth on the roof and an electric scoreboard operated from the booth for both baseball and football.

Parking lot and gravel road adequate for 100 cars.

A first aid room fully equipped for emergency purposes.

Ramps and space for wheelchairs over dugouts.

Dressing room and showers.

Enclosed in Fence

The entire park will be enclosed with a wire fence. The field is being put in condition at the present time, with the outfield fine graded, wet and rolled until it is seeded for grass similar to the infield.

The field lighting system is set out in accordance with standard lighting facilities provided by General Electric. This represents 22.5 per cent of the total cost.

Concrete work came to 15 per cent of the total, with steel for reinforcing and structural uses aggregating 10 per cent.

The materials were provided by Moore Steel company, Trumix and Lininger for concrete, and local lumber dealers. Roofing was done by Eckerson.

The VA Canteen service is making arrangements to provide a refreshment stand at the field.

Baseball League

The Rogue Valley Baseball league will be the first players to take the field. The schedule calls for the first game to be played May 26, at Camp White, but owing to the dedication ceremony scheduled for May 30, the first official Camp White game will be played at Talent.

The first league game will be played at Camp White June 9, when Camp White meets Glendale.

Manager Ricker has announced that the field will be available for other athletic events sponsored by local interests. The only condition imposed by the Veterans Administration, he said, is that domiciliary members be given priority of seats with no admission charge for them.

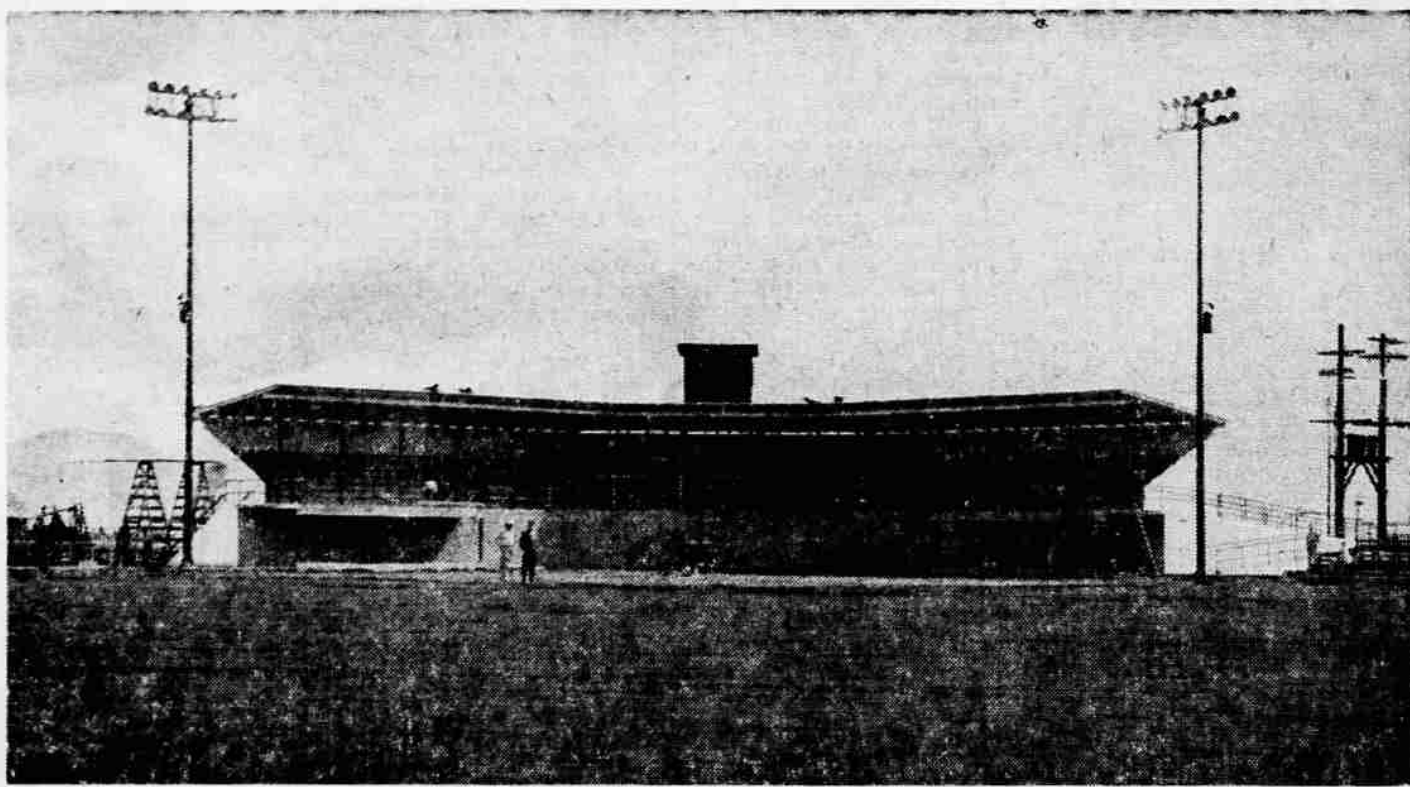
Frank Glonning, special services officer, is arranging a schedule for the Senior Men's Softball league to play here twice a week during the season.

Another Attraction

Another attraction will be the Girls Softball league games on dates when the Camp White team is away from home.

Schools and organizations in Medford and other towns in the valley have been invited to make use of the stadium, under the condition that all ticket arrangements be handled by the school or other interest.

Any traveling teams or other volunteer sponsored events may



STADIUM COMPLETED—A center fielder's eye-view of the new stadium at Camp White shows the main grandstand, press box and part of the bleachers at either end of the structure. The stadium will seat 1,200. Modern dressing rooms and showers, as well as facilities for a concession, are housed in the stadium building, and a special ramp, visible at right, has been

built for wheelchair patients. The lighting system for the field has been installed according to General Electric specifications at a cost of about \$25,000. Total cost of the ball park was \$117,500, which was available through the "post fund," according to Domiciliary Manager E. K. Ricker.

Bus Rams Stalled Truck; Ten Injured

Las Vegas, Nev.—Ten persons were injured, one seriously, Friday when a Greyhound bus plowed into the rear of a parked truck-trailer on U.S. 91 about 15 miles south of here.

Attendants at Southern Nevada Memorial hospital reported the most seriously injured passenger aboard the bus was Mrs. Amy C. Oronhood, 73, Grantsville, Utah.

Investigating officers said truck driver Laurence John Marwood, 41, Los Vegas, pulled his vehicle off the side of the highway for a flat tire. He said he then began setting out flares but before he could complete the job the bus slammed into the trailer. No citations were issued.

The bus driver was identified as Lemuel Jackson Wright, 51, El Monte, Calif.

O'Brien Cemetery to Be Preserved by BLM

Cave Junction—Preservation of Old Waldo Cemetery near O'Brien as a landmark of historical significance has been assured by the bureau of land management.

Mrs. J. J. Villair, Laurel Cemetery association clerk, has received a letter from the Medford district office stating the ancient burial grounds and its picturesque surroundings will be protected against logging and timbering work indefinitely.

A clean-up campaign for the area is under way here. It is hoped, an association spokesman said, that a marker can be obtained for the entrance, and that the long neglected cemetery can become an important part of the valley's history.

State Police Issue

Reminder on Licenses

State police Saturday reminded residents that operators of all motor driven vehicles, including motorcycles, motor scooters and motor bicycles, must be regularly licensed drivers.

Officers pointed out there are a number of motor powered cycles and scooters in the Medford area and some arrests have recently been made for failure to meet license requirements. They added that instruction permits issued to people learning to operate automobiles are not applicable when learning to operate other types of vehicles.

Graduation for Eighth Grade at Kerby Slated

Cave Junction — Graduation services for 32 Kerby grade school students will be held Friday, May 31, at 8 p.m. at the school. According to school records, this is the smallest eighth grade class in several years. Last year's graduates numbered more than 80.

Rev. Robert Kingsbury, pastor of Immanuel Methodist church, Cave Junction, will deliver the commencement address.

SOFT DRINK BOOTLEGGING

Florida, Ala. — They're bootlegging soda pop here. Distributors cut off supplies of soft drinks in protest against a 16-cent-a-case city tax, but the dealers' coolers somehow have managed to remain fully stocked. Mayor A. H. Lurie said soft drinks would remain in plentiful supply all summer, tax or no tax.

bring such programs to the stadium, assuming full responsibility for admissions, with home members admitted free.



FINISHING TOUCHES—Above, a sign painter puts the finishing touches on the sign at the new stadium building at Camp White, while other workers clean up and complete last-minute jobs to get ready for dedication of the new structure next Thursday. The field was named after Eugene K. Ricker, manager of the Camp White VA Domiciliary. Highlight of the dedication ceremony will be laying of the cornerstone and an address by Ricker. The ceremony will be followed by a ball game between the Camp White team and Cheney Stude.

Comparison of Funds For Bienniums Listed By Research Group

Salem—Comparisons of general fund appropriations in Oregon for bienniums 1955-57 and 1957-59 were published last week by Oregon Tax Research, statewide, non-partisan taxpayer association in Oregon.

They are as follows:

	1955-57	1957-59
Basic School Support	\$ 71,742,709	\$ 92,361,760
Board of Higher Education	33,132,072	44,216,386
Other Education	3,460,209	3,935,426
Public Welfare	31,176,209	33,165,121
Hospitals & Institutions	27,487,922	31,534,017
Veterans Affairs	5,281,150	6,398,884
State Police	5,647,190	6,746,154
Department of Agriculture	1,158,420	1,136,525
Forestry Board	1,855,814	1,890,982
Board of Health	1,798,157	1,978,394
Tax Commission	4,687,516	5,782,592
Emergency Board	1,500,000	1,500,000
Oregon National Guard	2,435,040	3,017,600
Capitol Buildings	1,108,589	1,297,572
Legislative Assembly	750,000	1,125,000
Other Departments & Agencies	13,501,505	15,512,132
Building Program:		
Higher Education	4,021,569	7,000,000
Board of Control	11,123,012	5,121,208
Salary Increases	—	4,900,000
New Programs:		
Meat Inspection & Brucellosis	—	781,856
Development Department	—	238,154
National Guard Armories	—	350,000
Oregon Centennial Celebration	—	830,000
Educational TV	—	145,500
Rural Library Service	—	154,078
Expansion of Capitol Area	—	250,000
F. M. Dammasch Hospital	—	170,000
Forest Conservation Comm.	—	99,473
Other	—	497,396
TOTAL	\$221,846,968	\$272,136,211

The 1957-59 general fund budget will be financed as follows:

Personal Income Taxes	\$149,300,000
Corporation Excise Taxes	41,200,000
Liquor Commission Revenues	25,000,000
Miscellaneous, transfers, etc.	31,000,000
Available Surplus	37,000,000
TOTAL	\$283,500,000

The major revenue source will continue to be the personal income tax. As finally enacted, HB 1 repeals the 45 per cent surtax; raises the dependency allowances from \$500 to \$600; provides for complete withholding; and revises the income tax rates to 11.6 per cent on all incomes in excess of \$8,000.

Under the "complete" withholding provisions of HB 1, every employer will be required to deduct either by a percentage method withholding table, or by a wage bracket withholding table. The tax commission expects to furnish tables by July. The new withholding procedure will take effect Sept. 1, 1937.

Irrigation District Discussed at Meet

Cave Junction — Lee McAllister, Salem, area engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation, spoke on organization of an irrigation district in the Illinois valley at a Thursday night meeting of the Water Resources group.

He said whether or not an irrigation district is formed in the valley is entirely in the hands of property owners. The Bureau of Reclamation has deemed the Sucker Creek dam project feasible.

In regard to pre-existing water rights, McAllister said those who already have enough water, even though their land is situated within the proposed district boundaries, could appear before the county court and petition for exclusion from the district.

He pointed out it would be at least 15 years before any charge would be made except minimum fees for operation, maintenance and replacement. This would be about \$3 per year per acre, he stated.

After completion of the basic project, about five years, a 10-year development period would be allowed before construction costs would be added to the irrigation bill. About 39 per cent or less (about \$5½ million) of the total cost of the two dams on Sucker creek would be charged to local people.

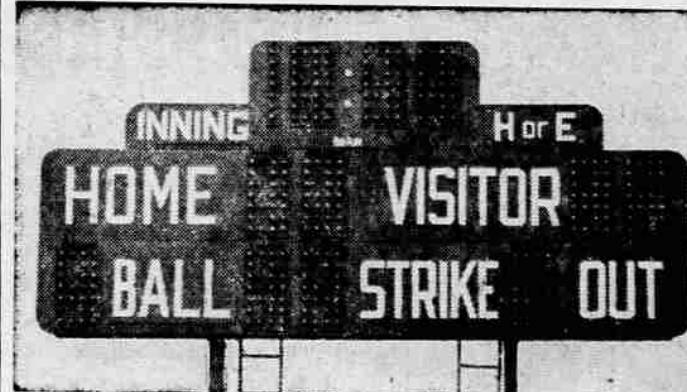
Potluck Picnic Honors Cave Junction Teacher

Cave Junction — A teacher whose career extends nearly 50 years will be honored today at a potluck picnic on the site of her one-time school.

Lillie Shoemaker will retire from the Selma school staff at the end of May. Friends who have "gone to school to her" from all over southern Oregon will gather at the old Central schoolgrounds at Deer Creek at 1:00 p.m. to wish her well.

Selma PTA members are in charge of arrangements.

Akron, Ohio — Love has left the LeRoy Love household. Love filed a divorce petition in Common Pleas Court charging his wife, Janette, with gross neglect.



NEW SCORE BOARD—This up-to-date electric score board, located near the center field fence at the new ball park at Camp White, can be controlled from the pressbox. According to B. R. Sims, chief of the Engineering Division of the Domiciliary, the board can be converted to keep score for football games.

Arguments Against Death Penalty Given By Robert B. Duncan

Portland—Rep. Robert B. Duncan of Medford delivered a 20-minute argument against the death penalty in Oregon Wednesday at the 54th annual meeting of the Oregon Prison association.

Duncan was co-author of the constitutional amendment calling for abolition of the death penalty. The issue will go before the voters.

"You can't open the tomb to let a man out if a mistake was made," Duncan said. He added, "The jury system is the best we know, but any lawyer can tell you juries are not perfect. They do make mistakes."

Quoting a famed lawyer, Clarence Darrow, Duncan said capital punishment is reserved for the poor. "A man with sufficient money will never go to the death chamber," he stated.

The state representative further commented, "Statistics show no correlation between the incidence of capital crimes and the fact capital punishment is a possibility in all but six states." He said society accomplishes nothing by the "brutal taking away of a second life" and the modern trend is to remove death as a punishment for any crime.

He said it is still possible to protect the people against killers without the death penalty. He showed that states and nations are doing away with the death penalty and claimed no adverse effect is resulting.

Duncan pointed out the philosophy behind the Oregon code is rehabilitation of the offender. Then asked, "Do you consider you cleanse the soul of the murderer by death whether he goes up or down?"

He said the proposed constitutional amendment does not completely abolish the death penalty in two situations: treason, for which there has never been a conviction in Oregon, and first degree murder committed by "lifers" in prison. He added that provision is made to keep murderers in prison for long periods "where rehabilitative efforts can be applied and where society still can be protected."

King Ptolemy Euergetes was furious and his faithful wife was weeping. Queen Berenice had vowed to cut off her lovely hair and place it on the altar in the temple of Venus if her husband should return safely from his military ventures.

In due time the king reached home and out of deep gratitude, Berenice fulfilled her pledge. But shortly after the silky locks were placed in the temple a thief stole them away. Nowhere could they be found.

Becomes Grave

The situation became grave, but quick thinking on the part of the court astronomer prevented disaster. Inviting the royal couple to come into the garden one evening, he pointed to a shimmering patch of light in the sky.

"See," he said, "Jupiter, himself, has taken the queen's lovely hair and placed it in the sky." With this thought the king and queen were happy once more.

The constellation, Coma Berenices, or the Hair of Berenice, represents the shorn locks of the Egyptian queen, Berenice. It is an interesting and beautiful cluster of faint stars scattered over a rather wide area. About 20 of the stars are visible to the naked eye, if observation is made on a clear evening. During the latter part of May and the month of June this star group is well placed for viewing.

Coma Berenices has been known since early times. Eratosthenes mentioned it in the third century before the time of Christ.

In our galaxy, which is a group of billions of stars moving together in space, there are two types of star clusters; galactic or open and globular. The open clusters contain from one hundred to several hundreds of stars and have no particular shape. They seem to move together in space, but still are a part of the immense aggregation of stars that form our galaxy. The Pleiades and Hyades in Taurus the Bull are examples of open star clusters.

Globular star clusters are round or globular in shape and contain many thousands of stars held together by gravitational attraction. When viewed through a telescope they are very beautiful and have some-

times been called the "beauty spots" of the celestial sphere.

About one hundred of these great ball-like spherical masses of stars are known to exist in our galaxy. One of the finest of these is the Great Globular Star Cluster in the constellation Hercules, known as M 13.

Coma Berenice is an open or galactic star cluster located between Leo the Lion on the right or west and Bootes on the left or east. By 8:30 p.m. on May 26, it will be very high in the sky and practically due south. An absence of moonlight will favor observation at this time. The new moon occurs on May 29.

Berenice's Hair will reach this point in the heavens four minutes earlier each evening, and by the first of June will be very high and due south by 8 p.m.

During the last week in May, a line about twice the length of the Dipper handle, extended due south from the star in the cup of the Big Dipper nearest the handle will cross this star cluster. The use of opera glasses or binoculars will make the star gazer feel that any effort expended to find this beautiful star cluster has been well worth while.

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Members of County Health Association Attend Meeting

Several members of the Jackson county public health association attended the annual meeting of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association in Portland May 21 and 22.

Main speaker was Dr. Roger Mitchell, director of the Colorado Foundation of tuberculosis research. He stressed that one of the main problems in tuberculosis control is finding new cases. He noted that in the United States groups with a high incidence of TB avoid being x-rayed. This phenomenon is now being studied by a number of research teams in order to discover why these people, many of whom suspect they might have the disease, avoid asking for help, he pointed out.

Tracing People

Dr. Mitchell added there is a problem in tracing people who have been associated with a person suffering from tuberculosis and possibly have contracted the disease. He contrasted the behavior of these people with the population of Holland, where 95 per cent of the population is voluntarily x-rayed annually, with no apparent distaste for the process.

Kenneth Ross, executive secretary of the state tuberculosis and health association, gave an illustrated lecture on his recent trip to India. He attended the world conference on tuberculosis control held in New Delhi in January.

Other speakers and panels on various aspects of tuberculosis in relation to hospitals, isolation and what an ideal health department should be were also featured.

Attending the series of approximately nine lectures and panels were Mrs. Ervina Hoffman, Gold Hill; Mrs. Chester Guch, Miss Alena Markinen, Mrs. George Rode, Glenn Jennings and Col. and Mrs. William Bartlett, Medford; Mrs. Nina Vand-rWalker, Ashland; Mrs. Helen Tweedy, public health association executive secretary, Applegate; and Mrs. Robert Paris, Central Point.

Graduation Scheduled At CP Junior High

Central Point — Graduation ceremonies at Central Point Junior High school will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, in the school gymnasium.

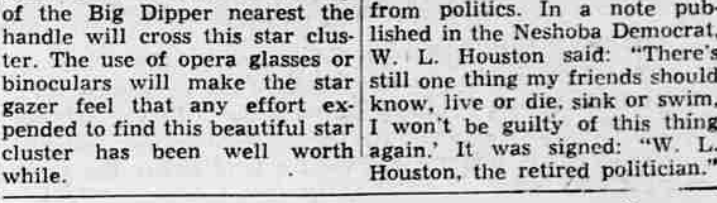
The junior high band will play the procession and recessional as well as two other numbers.

Honor pins will be presented by William Ahnorn, chairman of the school board, and H. P. Jewett, superintendent of school district 6C, will present diplomas. Charles A. Meyer is scheduled to speak. Invocation will be by the Rev. Paul Kroon.

UNPOPULAR POLITICIAN

Philadelphia, Miss. — A candidate for alderman has thanked the 12 persons who voted for him before he retired from politics. In a note published in the Neshoba Democrat, W. L. Houston said: "There's still one thing my friends should know, live or die, sink or swim, I won't be guilty of this thing again." It was signed: "W. L. Houston, the retired politician."

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