

Space Research Center Urged in Portland Area

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An Oregon delegation, led by Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., and Robert Short, vice president of Portland General Electric Co., Wednesday urged the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to locate a research center in the Portland area.

The delegation listed some of Oregon's technical and climatic advantages in an effort to have a \$7 million electronic research complex in the state.

One of Many Builders Oregon's group was one of many such delegations bidding for the project which NASA said would eventually employ 2,100 to 2,700 persons. The projected center would occupy 1,100 acres.

Short suggested a site in the Tualatin Valley to NASA examiner George Simpson.

Dr. James Jensen, president of Oregon State University, presented a description of what he termed the "academic boulevard" which stretches from Seattle to San Diego and through the Willamette Valley. It would offer scientific personnel and laboratories for work related to space, he said.

Dr. Jensen also described the proposed graduate research center for the Portland area, a cooperative effort by Oregon universities and industry. It is now in the planning stage.

He said Oregon Education could offer much in the field of biology and examine Simpson's biology could be "a sleep-er" in the space program.

Douglas Strain, president of Electronic Scientific Industries, said some 6,000 persons are employed in the state's electronics-oriented industries and would present "an adequate base to support a 2,100-employee operation," by NASA.

He said more than 1,000 technicians are trained annually in Oregon, but 800 leave the state to seek employment.

Convicted War Criminal Leaves By Air for Tokyo

SEATTLE (UPI)—Convicted war criminal Iwao Tomoya (the Meatball) Kawakita left by plane for Tokyo Wednesday night with words of thanks for the late President Kennedy and others who helped win his release from a federal penitentiary.

"I want to thank God, the late President Kennedy, my three sons, and all the people in the United States who wrote letters and tried to help," Kawakita said.

He quietly refused to comment when newsmen asked how he was treated in the United States, in his courts, and in his prisons, or how he may be treated when he returns to Japan.

Released by Kennedy Kawakita was convicted of irreparable brutality to American prisoners of war while he was serving as an interpreter in Japan's Oyama prison camp. He was ordered released by President Kennedy in one of his last official acts on the condition he leave the United States and never return.

His release was held up for more than a week because he was not a citizen of either Japan or the United States, but Japan Wednesday agreed to accept the 40-year-old Japanese American as a "stateless" person.

A gloomy atmosphere surrounded Kawakita earlier in the day when he refused to talk with newsmen when he left the prison. But at the airport the California-born man was smiling and friendly.

University Debate Team in Prison

LAWRENCE, Kan. (UPI) — The University of Kansas debate team will go to prison Sunday to debate inmates at the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

"The Leavenworth group has some fine debaters," said Dr. Wil Linkugel, university debate coach. "They have plenty of time for research and no distractions."

The debate question will be whether the federal government should guarantee all qualified high school graduates an opportunity to continue their education.

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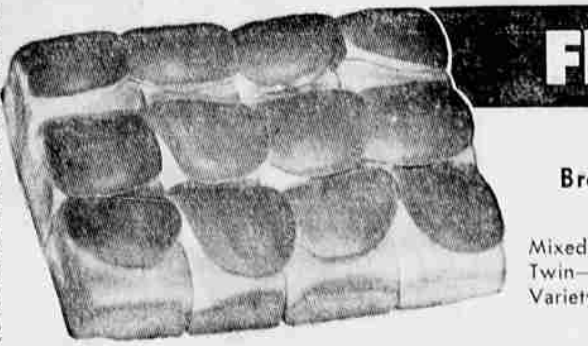
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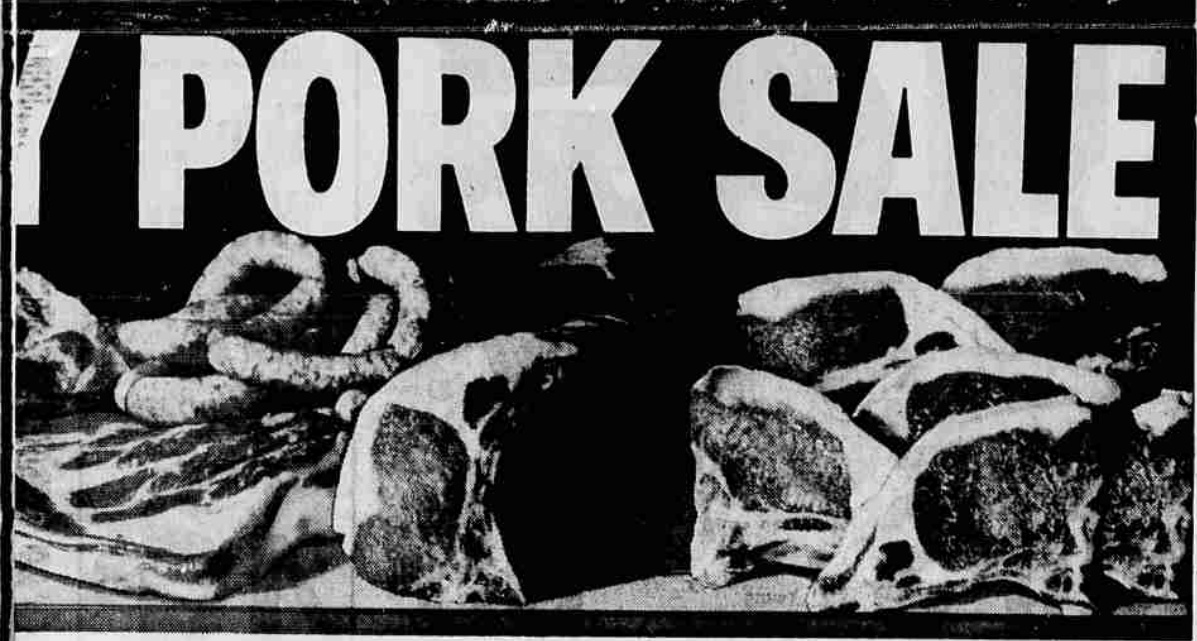
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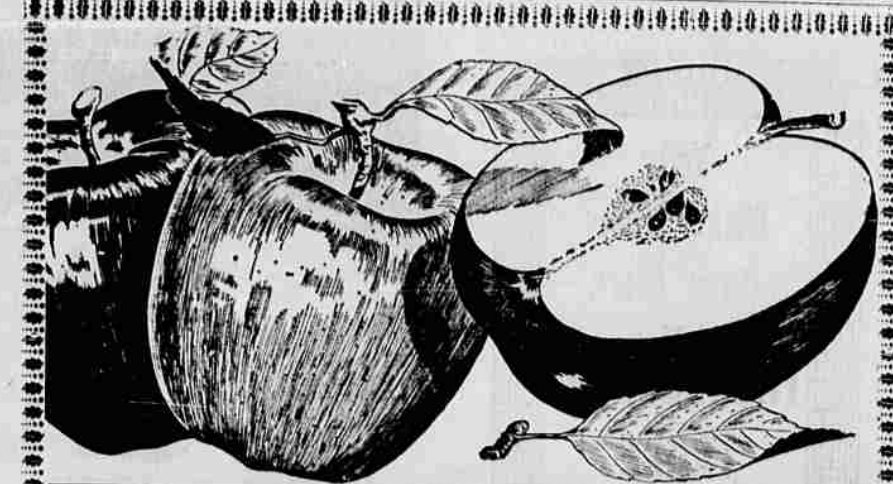
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SCHOOL NEWS

Griffin Creek School
Several boys and girls are on the Honor Roll for the first six weeks of school. In order to be on the Griffin Creek Honor Roll, a student in Grades 4, 5, or 6 must make an average grade for the six weeks of A or B in all subjects except art and physical education.

Those in the sixth grade are Marcia Priebe, Donna Leon, Vicko Bannister, Nancy Carlton, Barbara Finch, and Christie St. Martin. Fifth graders are Valerie Bagby, Terry Cook, and Bill Langdon. Fourth graders are Karen Chambers, Peggy Koenner, Bob Langdon, and David Phillips.

The Honor Roll for the second six weeks period also has been reported. Those in the sixth grade are Vicki Bannister, Julie Baum, Nancy Carlton, Barbara Finch, Susan Johnson, Marcia Priebe, and Christie St. Martin. Fifth graders are Valerie Bagby, Terry Cook, Mario Cuzzo, Debbie Geese, Bill Langdon, Linda Lehman, Pamela Moore, Gary Wade, Graham Wetherly, and Hans Dennis. Fourth graders are Jackie Blith, Peggy Koenner, Bob Langdon, Becky Minar, David Phillips, Craig Prewitt, Patti Timm, and Nell Savage.

In intramural sports, the girls had a tether ball tournament. The winner was Sherry Thornton; second place was won by Vicki Martin; third place by Beverly Outhouse; fourth place by Diana Fairchild; and fifth place by Valerie Bagby.

The fourth and fifth grade boys have stopped flag football. There were six Intramural basketball has started for boys who want to play. The two sixth graders have started to square dance in their spare time in the morning.

Griffin Creek School now has and enrollment of 327 students. New students include Linda, Laura, and Melissa Anders from Crater Lake National Park; Bruce, Gregg and Stuart Wilkie from Havre, Mont.; Kenneth Brooks and Linda Simpson from the Rogue Valley Academy; Dan Munyon, Howard School; Peter Schulke, Phoenix, Ore.; Janice and Roccoe Merritt, Vancouver, Wash.; Joey Waites and Kristin Lusk from Briscoe School in Ashland, and Debra Hutchcroft, Los Angeles, Calif.

We have a fine orchestra at Griffin Creek School. Miss Alice Saunders directs it. They practice every Tuesday and Thursday.

Members are each working for a felt orchestra letter. Twenty-five points on the star chart are necessary. Those in the advanced strings who have earned nine stars are Becky Parker, violin, and Doug Pizsimmons, string bass. Verne Lauritzen, violin, and Marie McKee, viola, have each earned six stars.

Other members of the strings are John Baker, Nanette Gubee, Gerald Haerle, Patty Moore, Robin Niskodym, Susan Youmans, Douglas McKee, Lucille Piggall, Karin Lauritzen, Mary Beth Parker, Vickie McKee, Billy Overturf, and George Wickham. Ronald Haerle plays the cello.

Our chorus has 80 people in it this year. Now we are working on our Christmas program. We are working on a play for Christmas. Mary in Lynn McCallister and Joseph is Linn Dalton.

Spelling is important. Most of the easiest words are missed just because of carelessness. Griffin Griffith, our sixth grade teacher, has a list of the most common misspelled words.

In physical education, the fifth grade learned how to play soccer and basketball. Roland Griffith taught us how to make lay-ins and how to shoot long shots and run up and catch our own rebound and shoot a short shot.

In science, Howard Lindstrom's room is learning about electricity. We have learned about electrons, electro magnets, light bulbs, and heating elements. We have learned that a fuse is used for safety for wires.

On Nov. 20 the Lone Pine School band, orchestra and chorus members came to Griffin Creek School to play and sing for the fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

The two sixth grade classes have been learning to square dance. The dance is called "El Rancho Grande." Mrs. Harriett Eitemiller would show us how to do it and we would follow. We had nine squares going in the gym.

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