

SCHOOLS NEED ADDED FUNDS FOR PROBLEMS

SALEM, Dec. 28 (AP)—At least \$5,000,000 in additional funds is needed to meet state school problems, a group of state educational leaders decided at a meeting here yesterday.

The principal problems, said Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, are the acute teacher shortage and the inability of some school districts to support an adequate educational program because of the districts' poor financial abilities.

The educators recommended that the present sources of school support not be disturbed, and that an additional amount for school support be made available from income taxes which would not be used to offset property taxes.

Included at the conference were representatives of the state department of public instruction, state grange, farmers' union, Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, American Association of University Women, State Federation of Labor, Oregon League of Women Voters, State Press Association, American Legion, state system of higher education, county school superintendents, city school superintendents, and state bankers' association.

Lakeview Man Hurt In European Theater

S/Sgt. Harry M. Rhorer Jr., son of Mrs. Lillie May Rhorer, Lakeview, is officially listed as wounded in action in the European theater, according to announcement Wednesday by the war department.

Next of kin have been notified as to any change in status.

Flashes of Life

GREETINGS
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—From an irate Oregon woman to the state OPA ration board came this left-handed holiday greeting on appropriate Christmas stationery:

"Thirty-four blue stamps, 34 red stamps, 15 pounds of sugar invalidated. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

MEMORY
FARRAGUT, Idaho, Dec. 28 (AP)—A sailor's wife at the naval training station postoffice was surprised when Mail Clerk Fred Rud asked if she were "Mrs. Dene Bozarth of 2023 Chautauqua Parkway of Des Moines."

After she nodded yes, Rud said, "I used to deliver your mail in Iowa."

NO PRETZELS?
PROVO, Utah, Dec. 28 (AP)—Six T-bone steaks, three pounds of butter, two cartons of eggs, four cartons of cigarettes, five boxes of chocolates and considerable beer were the objectives of the burglarizing raiders.

They passed up the money in the cash register.

CLANG, CLANG, CLANG WENT THE TROLLEY
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 28 (AP)—The unsuspecting motorman continued merrily on his way, his streetcar motor ablaze.

After a passerbly turned in the alarm, firemen chased the streetcar four blocks before the motorman could be stopped—and the fire quenched.

FINDERS KEEPERS?
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 28 (AP)—Seaman Richard B. McNeal has lost a hotel.

Registering late one night, he left his money with the clerk while he went out again. Returning, McNeal couldn't remember the hotel's name or where it was.

He still has the claim check, the navy still is hunting, and the clerk still has the money.

Amber is not always yellow; it may be white, black, blue, or red.



James W. Bryan Jr., above, will be the main speaker at a meeting of the Eagles here December 29.

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

PFC Richard A. Pope, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Pope, 237 Jefferson, is a recent graduate of the Kingman army air field flexible gunnery school near Kingman, Ariz.

Pvt. Larry Fenning, 324 Plum, is now fighting in Europe with the famous, fighting 90th division, one of the first divisions to land in the invasion of the continent. His regiment and his division have received much praise for its significant contributions to the Battle of France. This same outfit figured in the capture of the important city of Le Mans and was instrumental in closing the bloody Falaise Gap and the resulting capture of several thousand German prisoners.

Pvt. Fenning joined the division February 10, 1944 at Fort Dix, N. J., and has participated in some of this division's many big battles across France. This soldier is a member of the mortar platoon of Co. H and is assistant gunner in the squad. He has been awarded the combat infantry badge and the Bronze Campaign star.

WITH THE 4TH ARMORED DIVISION IN FRANCE—Sgt. John W. Bowen, 27, son of Mrs. Clara E. Bowen, 1293 Adams, Klamath Falls, platoon sergeant with an armored infantry battalion, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

The citation reads in part: "During the period September 26 and 27 when the battalion was holding down a defensive line near Rechicourt, France, Sgt. Bowen displayed great courage and bravery. When one of the bazooka teams was knocked out, and with enemy tanks approaching, he stood in an upright position in full view of the enemy, and fired five or six rounds into an enemy tank, disabling it. Returning to a front line position after securing assistance from a tank destroyer unit, he was wounded."

The action on the part of Sgt. Bowen undoubtedly saved the lives of a great many of his men for without the aid of the tank destroyer unit, the platoon would have suffered severe casualties.

Sgt. Bowen was inducted into the army in March 1943. He received the Purple Heart and also holds the Combat Infantryman badge.

WITH THE ARMY AIR FORCE ENGINEER COMMAND IN ITALY—A veteran of two years overseas service in North Africa and Italy, Martin E. Schulze was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant in his aviation engineer unit.

Sgt. Schulze was employed with the Weverhaeuser Timber company, before entering the service in May 1942. After taking basic training at Camp Walter, Texas, he was sent overseas shortly after the invasion of North Africa.

Pvt. Charles G. Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie M. Duncan of Malin, has been assigned to the AAF training command radio school at the Sioux Falls army air field, Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as a radio operator-mechanic. He is a former Malin high school student where he played football and basketball and took part in track.

S/Sgt. Roland R. Piper, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Piper, 303 S. 5th, is due to arrive in the United States on furlough from the European theater of operations where he served seven months as a B-24 gunner with the 6th air force, completing 31 missions, totaling 300 combat flying hours. Young Piper returns home under the army's rotation plan.

GRAND TRUSTEE OF EAGLES TO SPEAK

The localerie of Eagles has announced a meeting on December 29 at which the principal speaker will be James W. Bryan Jr., Bremerton, Wash., grand trustee.

His address will sum up the important action taken at the 1944 convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Arrangements for the meeting are in charge of R. E. Burkholder.

Among the topics the speaker is expected to discuss are the plans for giving local support to the four major national commissions of the FOE. Among them is the problem of juvenile delinquency—"a challenge that we are prepared to meet," said Homer L. Truax, president of the local lodge.

Other national commissions that will direct and assist local Eagle groups in the fraternity's four-way program are the old age and social security commission, the stimulation of employment commission and the commission for returning servicemen.

Stimson Says Too Early to Judge on Breakthrough Blame

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today that "it is too early to pass judgment as to whether any person or group should be censured in connection with the German breakthrough on the western front."

His comment was in reply to a news conference question. "There is no doubt," Stimson said, "but that the Germans took advantage of every physical possibility in effecting a secret concentration against a portion of our lines—weather conditions, long periods of darkness which prevail at this time of year, the wooded terrain and excellent staff work—all would facilitate such a secret concentration."

State Guard Units On Active List

SALEM, Dec. 28 (AP)—Adjutant General Ray Olson announced today that four state guard units had been transferred from the reserve to the active list.

They are: Company A, 6th battalion, Oswego; headquarters detachment, 12th battalion, Salem; Company A, 18th battalion, Cave Junction; and Company E, 22nd battalion, Hermiston.

He also announced award of the Faithful Service Medal to Sgt. Ernest R. Crump, Portland, for 15 years of faithful service in the Oregon national guard.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Missing



Cpl. Csern A. Zevoly, 38, nephew of Mrs. Jack Ratliff of Malin and Mrs. J. C. Stevenson of Macdoel, is reported missing in action since June 6, the invasion of Normandy.

OPA ORDER NEEDED FOR RAISING RENT

Landlords in the Klamath Falls defense-rental area were advised today by the office of price administration not to attempt to raise a tenant's rent above the authorized rate without first petitioning the area rent office and getting a signed order authorizing the increase.

"Stern penalties are required to be handed out against the landlord who disregards these channels and puts through a rent boost," Marvin Hixon, examiner for the Klamath Falls area, said today.

OPA rent regulations allow for rent adjustment petitions under certain conditions, Hixon said, but he insisted that the rent office is required to receive these petitions in writing and to judge whether the conditions set forth meet the requirements of the regulations.

Air Force Russian Commander Named

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (AP)—The U. S. air force's Russian command has a new chief, Brig. Gen. Edward Hill from the eighth air force, and the shuttle service to and from American bases in the soviet has not ended despite reports to that effect published abroad.

Some of the staff at the American bases has left them, but the main body is still there. The shuttle service is not operating presently, it is explained, because present American bases are considered to be too far behind the westward-moving Russian front.

The shuttle service, according to the best information available here, had no connection with soviet failure to attend the Chicago air conference.

Young Boy Shot by 'Unloaded' Pistol

OLYMPIA, Dec. 28 (AP)—Shot accidentally while he and friends were examining an "unloaded" small-caliber pistol, Michael Spiller, 15, died last night in Olympia hospital.

Police said Spiller was holding the pistol when a friend, Wally Zesiger, 16, reached out to take it and it discharged. The boy did not know the gun was loaded and it could not be discovered which one had touched the trigger, officers said.

South Africa as a whole is an elevated region, more than 40 per cent of its area being more than 4000 feet above sea-level.

ALLIES BOMB REICH DESPITE SLEET STORM

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Both British and American heavy bombers struck Germany today despite a sleet storm which iced the ground and restricted visibility on the western front.

A strong force of RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes dumped probably 2500 tons of explosives and incendiaries just before dawn upon the railroad workshops at Opladen, 12 miles north of Cologne, where the Germans have been seeking to repair damaged rolling stock.

For the sixth consecutive day, aircraft of the U. S. eighth air force sped over Germany shortly after noon, it was announced at U. S. strategic air force headquarters.

The German radio said day raiders also were striking into the reich from the south, suggesting operations by the Italian-based U. S. 13th air force.

Official accounts said almost 2000 pieces of German rail and road transport were demolished yesterday and 90 German fighters were shot down by some 4000 allied bombers and fighters which took the air.

The heavy bombers concentrated on rail traffic. The medium bombers picked out bridges and supply dumps. The fighters scouted roads and fields for German tanks, trucks and troops.

Allied losses were five bombers and 23 fighters.

Youth Admits Beer Bottle Slaying

SEATTLE, Dec. 28 (AP)—Donald A. Carver, 19, has signed a confession that he fatally slugged Harry M. Lyons, 60, with a beer bottle, King County Prosecutor Lloyd Shorett said last night.

Earlier Carver had "confessed" that he had shot Lyons in self defense, but an autopsy failed to disclose any bullet wounds. Carver was picked up in Lyons' car after Lyons died last week in King County hospital.

Shorett said the confession explained the crime was committed because Carver had promised three girls he would provide an automobile to take them on a trip.

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Fatality



Richard Heiber, 20, brother of Mrs. Louise Lyon of Malin and well known in Klamath county, was killed in action recently in the South Pacific. Young Heiber held the rate of fireman, second class, in the U. S. navy.

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KLAMATH MINERAL CLUB SLATES MEET

The Klamath Mineral club will hold its December meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McLeod Jr., 413 High, at 8 p. m. Friday, December 29. At this meeting the club will have a chance to see the extensive McLeod collection of minerals and the collection of archeological relics of the material culture of Klamath basin Indians.

The club is organized to study the geological and mineral resources of the Klamath basin. Meetings of the club are open to the public and an invitation is extended to anyone interested in natural science or lapidary to attend.

When the Hoang-Ho river overflowed its banks in 1887, an estimated 7,000,000 Chinese lost their lives.

STATE CONTROL OF DENTAL SCHOOL EYED

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—A request for an appropriation of \$150,000 to enable the state board of higher education to take over North Pacific Dental college of Portland is before the Multnomah county legislative delegation today.

A committee representing the Oregon State Dental association and North Pacific alumni asked the legislators to sponsor a bill setting aside the money for the next biennium.

Dr. H. C. Fixott said the school must become affiliated with an accredited university by February 1 to be recognized as a class "A" institution.

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ASK EVA LONG about Oregon Mutual Life GOLDEN YEARS' PLAN



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Martha Shops and Shops

This week everybody in the Klamath Falls stores is catching his (or her) breath and trying to straighten out the stock that is left after a rushing Christmas business. . . . In fact, I suspect that when the figures are in we'll find the Christmas buying season of 1944 was the biggest season in the history of any of the stores here.

Garcelon's
WHEN I went into Garcelon's yesterday, Mrs. Garcelon greeted me with the words, "Lots of things are arriving, now that Christmas is over" And that, of course, is one of the ironical twists that help make life interesting.

Franciscanware in huge boxes was delivered to Garcelon's back door in time to miss Christmas by one day. . . . And it's the first shipment of this tremendously popular line since early in October.

The patterns which came in are the Coronado (you know, the swirl pattern), the Desert Rose and the Apple. . . . It's all open stock, so you can replenish your sets now. . . . But I wouldn't wait too long, if I were you!

Garcelon's is at 407 Main Street.

Currin's
CURRIN'S certainly doesn't look like the same store I was in a week ago. . . . But you'll find some awfully cute campus handbags there that college and high school girls will adore to carry around with them.

They're the Scotty Bag. . . . A full-moon shaped, flat number in real leather of all shades. Blue, green, maroon, black, etc. . . . Lined with bright plaid. . . . And just the size to hold compact, lipstick, change purse, hanky, and such necessary items.

They have zippers, too. Price. . . . Only \$2.00, plus tax.

At Currin's For Drugs. . . . Main and Ninth Streets.

Cal-Ore
ARE you wondering where to celebrate the new year's arrival? . . . Well, Cal-Ore is a wonderful place to celebrate anything, and for New Year's Eve parties there will be noise makers and such things to help make the usual midnight whoopee.

Of course, Abby Green and his orchestra will be there for the dancing. . . . And if you haven't heard him on the piano yet, you really have a treat coming.

The first time I heard him play was eight or ten years ago, when he was visiting Klamath Falls and the John Houstons (now the Mayor Houstons). . . . Johnny and Abby being old school friends at the University of Oregon.

After the dance orchestra was through for the night, Abby went over to the piano and enthralled everybody for a couple of hours. . . . Just playing for the fun of it. . . . He certainly can make a piano talk.

And before I forget: Cal-Ore will be closed, after the New Year's celebrations have left, for a period of about 30 days. . . . If you watch the ads, you'll learn in plenty of time when it will re-open.

And here's a tip. . . . If you are planning on going down to Cal-Ore on New Year's Eve, it would be wise to make reservations ahead of time. . . . Phone 5803.

Whytal's
NEW Spring clothes started to arrive in a rush this week at Whytal's. . . . Starting with the first express delivery Tuesday. . . . So that's what I'm going to talk about now.

There are some really clever new crepe prints. . . . (Small print) With an adorable drape that looks sort of like a tea apron turned off-center. . . . If you know what I mean. . . . The broad shoulders and tapering sleeves are the newest slant, too. . . . The dress comes in chartreuse, gold, rose and blue.

Another dress is a two-piece in the Sally Forth line, which is exclusive at Whytal's. . . . The material looks like striped flannel, and you'll love the stripes-on-a-bias in back. . . . The kind of outfit that you hate to cover with a coat these days, but you know will be perfect for street wear, like a suit, later in the Spring.

It's awfully smart, in grey and white stripe, and fawn and white stripe.

Both these dresses are \$22.50. . . . And look like a million, I'd say.

Whytal's. . . . Main and Ninth Streets, kitty-corner from Currin's.



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