

# MacArthur Too Busy To Come Home

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—The tough foreign affairs committee had a touchy political decision lifted right out of its hands today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

The general's name got tangled up in the committee's aid-to-China discussions yesterday when some members suggested inviting him to Washington to testify on Far Eastern problems.

That started an argument. Congressmen opposing the move said it could be used as an attempt to boom MacArthur for the GOP presidential nomination.

But others insisted that MacArthur should be asked home from Japan to give valuable advice on how to help China overcome its native communist armies.

The general settled the whole problem himself. He said he is too busy to make the trip.

**Pressing Duties**  
"While I deeply appreciate the confidence reflected in the suggestion I return to the United States to state my views to the house foreign affairs committee on the China relief plan," he said in a Tokyo statement. "I hope the committee will not further the idea."

The present Japanese political situation involving an imminent change of government and the heavy pressure of my duties render it impracticable for me to leave my post at the present time.

That seemed to settle the fight before it really got going.

A MacArthur man, meanwhile, announced in Chicago that he is going to establish a national headquarters in Washington for backers of the general.

The Chicagoan is Warren Wright, banker and former Illinois state treasurer.

"The objective of me and my friends," he said, "is to create a popular demand for General MacArthur that will compel the republican national convention to nominate him this summer."

# Posse To Meet Monday

The last general meeting of the Sheriff's Posse before the San Francisco trip will be held with a dinner, Monday, 7:30 p. m., at the Willard.

The posse will ride in the St. Patrick's Day parade in the bay city on March 14 and horses must be at the fairgrounds ready to leave on Friday, March 12. There will be a mounted drill at the fairgrounds at 1:30 p. m. Sunday and every Sunday until time of departure.

A big dance to raise funds to finance the trip will be held February 28, the place to be announced later.

Education ranks third among all public expenditures in the United States, according to a survey.

# Unexpected Sky Phenomena Intriguing For Watchers

By J. HUGH PRUETT  
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Unexpected sky phenomena often provide a charm far greater than do well-planned observations. We are excited by the sudden dash of a bright meteor across the night. And what is so intriguing as the momentary arc of a clear rainbow on dark storm clouds, or the delicate play of the gauzy shafts of the auroral lights above the northern horizon?

On the afternoon of January 23 while rummaging through a dim attic, I noticed a small, oval spot of sunlight on the floor. The winter sun, low in the south, was peering inquisitively through a tiny hole under a shingle and casting its image about 20 feet beyond. Recalling that this pin-hole camera effect will reveal the larger sunspots — but usually only after a great deal of work to obtain sufficient darkness and an aperture of the proper size—I seized the nearest book (Scott's Marmion) and held the white flyleaf on the floor and at right angles to the brilliant beam. As though by magic there immediately flashed on the paper a very round image of the sun about the size of a silver dollar, near the center of which were two somewhat hozy dark dots as if made by a pencil point—sunspots without a doubt. Moving the paper did not erase them for they were indelibly imprinted on old Sol's face. Later, optical aid corroborated perfectly this simple attic picture.

Two days afterwards, shining across the valley through unusually clear atmosphere, the setting sun illumined the blue Coburn hills a few miles away toward the northeast, and turned to silver the big moon seemingly suspended only a little distance above the hills. Many minutes later, the twilight arch, the actual shadow of the earth on its own airy covering, began to rise

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# Junior Forum Of High School At Work



This picture shows the Junior Forum group of Klamath Union high school gathered around a big table for a discussion of questions of public interest. Standing, left to right: Rod Bell, chairman; Ken Torgerson, Elmer Hamilton, Jim Owens, Robert Hooker, Bruce Irwin, Jerry Nelson, John Kerbow and John Bishop. Seated: Delores Robatchek, Pat Ward, Marcella Murray, Helen Jackson, Ruth Peyton, Evelyn Rowland, Barbara Perkins, Marlene Hadley, Jacqueline Giles.

# Junior Forum Group Talks Over Wide Range Of Events

By HERBERT D. CARLIN  
The junior forum of Klamath Union high school discusses questions, chosen by the students themselves, ranging from "The New Look" to "The Problem of Youth Recreation in Klamath Falls," "Are Parents to Blame for Juvenile Delinquency?" and "Should We Adopt the Marshall Plan?"

The forum was organized last fall as a result of student interest in public questions. Meeting informally on Monday evenings, under the direction of Paul Deller, Mrs. Nillelta Patterson and Herbert D. Carlin of the social studies department, the students discuss a question of current interest which they have chosen at a previous meeting. In discussing questions, the group uses the debate, round table, panel and conference methods of presenting fact and opinion.

In gathering and presenting its material, the group learns not only how to find information and weigh evidence, but how to discuss it in a democratic situation. The object of the group discussion is not to win arguments out to explore reasonable and practicable solutions to real problems. Each member of the group assumes the obligation to study some aspect of the question to be discussed and to make his contribution to the discussion. Learning democracy in action through the pooling of ideas and information for the solution of group problems, the students sup-

plement their study in the usual social studies classes. Rod Bell is permanent chairman of the forum, handling organizational details, with the assistance of Shaaron Williams as secretary. For each question a temporary chairman is appointed, giving all members an opportunity to participate as leaders.

# 4-H Meets With Grange

MIDLAND, Feb. 21 — On February 4, Midland grange held a meeting with the county 4-H club leader, Francis Skinner, as a featured speaker. A program was put on by the youth committee. Refreshments were furnished and served by Mrs. George Andrieu and Mr. and Mrs. August Andrieu.

Deputy Mildred Norman and Mr. Norman were honored visitors at the February 18 meeting. Some important information was given by Mrs. Norman. Two members of Shasta View grange were also visitors. Some interesting sayings of George Washington were given by members during the lecturer's program. Our bass quartet consisting of H. Milligan, John Beebe, Kenneth Beebe and Francis Flowers sang "A Lost Sheep on the Mountain," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Norman, Mrs. William Ely and Mrs. Julian Abbott furnished refreshments at the close of the meeting. Mrs. Vada Schneck assisted with the serving.

The next regular meeting will be on March 3 and all members are urged to attend.

# Navy In Need Of 70,000 Men

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Secretary Sullivan said today the navy must recruit or reenlist 70,000 men before July 1.

"That is the minimum we need to keep our ships and planes and shore stations operating," the secretary said in a speech. "Upon these men, these ships, and these planes depend to a large extent our security and the peace of the world. We must not fail." Sullivan said the men are needed because of short term enlistments now expiring.

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# Oregon Egg Supply Low

PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (AP)—Oregon egg production will not meet demand this year, despite increasing output.

This was the prediction of Grover C. Keeney, general manager of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers, at their annual meeting here yesterday.

He said production last year reached its lowest level since 1926. It will be better this year, but still will fall short by 15 per cent in providing as many eggs as the state needs.

The group charged there was upgrading of eggs in Portland and other markets last year. A resolution asked stricter enforcement of grading laws and more money for state department of agriculture inspection work.

L. G. Clark, Eugene, was elected president; Lawrence Luy, Medford, vice president, and A. C. Bernzten, Eugene, secretary-treasurer.

# Net Size Row Ties Up Fleet

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21 (AP)—Hundreds of fishermen have been made idle temporarily by a court decision upholding a state law governing the size of trawl fishing nets, an industry spokesman said today. Joseph L. Alloto attorney for the Northern California Fisheries association, said a total of 850 fishermen and allied workers were idle yesterday. He said many fishermen would have to wait until July to obtain nets with a minimum mesh size of five inches as specified by law.

The federal court ruling affected use of nets on "bottom fish," such as sole, sand dabs and rock cod.

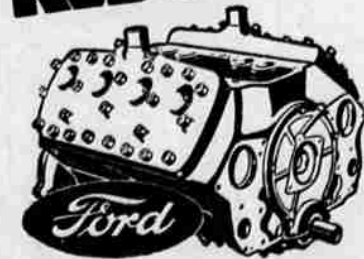
**DIES**  
PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (AP)—John J. Wahl, chairman of the Multnomah county democratic central committee, died of pneumonia today in a hospital. Wahl was formerly principal of Hill military academy.

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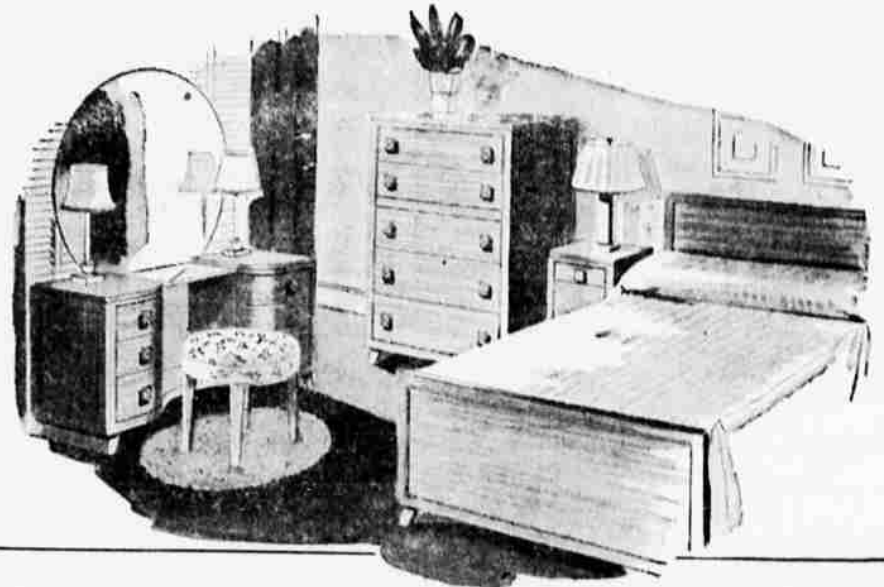
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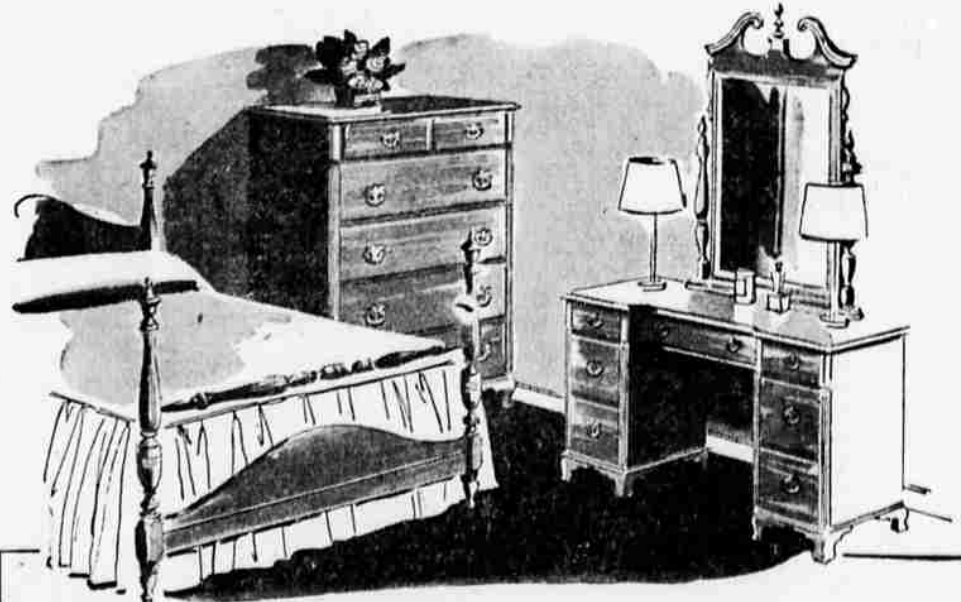


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