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Today's Roundup

AN unusual school election is scheduled for this area on Thursday of this week. It has to do with the boundaries of the Klamath Union high school district and the Klamath county unit district which, if the voters approve, will be adjusted slightly to conform to modern-day population conditions.

Really what is planned is a two-way trade of certain relatively small parcels of territory for the purpose of placing groups of high school students within the district where they logically attend high school. This is all there is to it. This election has nothing to do with selection of school board officials or with authorization of budgets, levies or bond issues—the usual purpose of school elections.

The two major parcels involved give a good idea of what this is all about. Students now living on Lakeshore drive and in the Stewart-Lennox area west of Klamath Falls attend Klamath Union high school, because it is nearest their home and the school in the general community in which they live. Yet their homes are in the Klamath county unit district, and if they were to attend school in that district, they would have to go out to Henley, driving through Klamath Falls to get there.

On the other hand, there are four sections of land south of the airport which are within the boundaries of KUHS district, but from which students logically should go to the county unit's Henley school, which is closest to them.

At Thursday's election, voters will be asked to approve transfer of the Lakeshore drive district to KUHS, and the airport-south section to the county unit.

There are two other smaller units which, for similar reasons, it is proposed to transfer from KUHS to the county unit, and two proposed for transfer from the county unit to KUHS.

VOTERS in the particular parcels involved in the transfer, as well as those in the two districts as a whole, can participate in this election. The usual property qualifications are required for voting. People in the areas involved are naturally interested in the tax situation. Their taxes, for high school purposes, will be changed to conform to the rates in the district to which they are transferred. The exact rates are uncertain, because it is not known what the tax rates will be next year.

If the property to be transferred from the county unit to the KUHS district had been in the KUHS district last year, the millage for high school purposes only would have been 19.3 instead of 10.7. Conversely, that in the transfer from KUHS to the county unit, would have been 10.7 instead of 19.3. Taxes for elementary education, county purposes, etc., would be unaffected by the election.

The boundary adjustment has been worked out carefully by the school boards, and is a logical step to make district lines conform to the current population and school situation. Failure to make the change can add to bus transportation costs, accounting costs between the two districts, and the inconvenience of the high school students involved. Approval of the change will favorably affect those factors.

Briefs From The Pocket File

A POLITICALLY cynical audience, the Oregon newspaper people in conference at Eugene, was obviously very speechily impressed last week-end by the appearance and speech of Harold Stassen, GOP presidential aspirant. . . . Managing Editor Bill Tugman of the Eugene Register-Guard was led to remark editorially the next day that it looks as if Stassen has what the GOP needs. . . . Biographical sketches and portrait pictures of Governor John Hall are being sent around by his secretary to Oregon newspapers, which to us indicates a forthcoming political announcement. . . . Senator Lew Wallace of Portland is having trouble about his picture in Oregon papers

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be longer than 500 words, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper, and must be signed by the writer. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

About Student Funds
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor) — I would like to reply to the article in the Herald and News of February 23, by Hale Scarborough,

RADIO PROGRAMS

TUESDAY EVE., FEB. 24	WEDNESDAY P. M., FEB. 25
6:00 Sports Lineup	6:00 Sports Lineup
6:15 Home Town News	6:15 Home Town News
6:30 World News Summary	6:30 World News Summary
6:45 Boston Symphony ABC	6:45 Boston Symphony ABC
7:00 News	7:00 News
7:15 News	7:15 News
7:30 KJLW Music Rept.	7:30 KJLW Music Rept.
7:45 Memorial MBS	7:45 Memorial MBS
8:00 Town Meeting of Air ABC	8:00 Town Meeting of Air ABC
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8:30 Proudly We Sail	8:30 Proudly We Sail
8:45 10:00 Stardust Melodies	8:45 10:00 Stardust Melodies
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The Oregon Emerald, student daily at Eugene, ran a Wallace picture and labelled it "Mayor Riley" (of Portland). . . . Meanwhile, the Astoria Astorian-Budget ran a picture of Monroe Sweetland, Newport Publisher and "liberal" politician, and labelled it "Lew Wallace". . . . Some time ago the Salem Capital Journal ran a picture captioned Secretary of State Earl Newberry. . . . I saw it and was mystified. . . . Later, I learned it was Earl, but his father. . . . District Attorney Clarence Humble was a college classmate of Harold Stassen. . . . Main chamber of commerce had 350 people out to a fine crab feed at its annual meeting last night. . . . It was a crowd that would do credit to any organization, and exceeded in size some of the county chamber annual meetings of past years.

These Days

BY GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY
CITIZEN is "to petition the government for a redress of grievances." That appears in the first amendment to the constitution to the extent that congress cannot pass any law abridging, limiting or waiving that right. . . . So much for the constitution. When it comes to actual practice, the citizen gets a run-around if he belongs to a powerful pressure group. If he stands alone, one man speaking to his government, he usually discovers that there is no one who will listen to him. And there is no law that requires anyone to listen to him.

A case in point is Commander Humphreys Van Newkirk, a resident of Amherst in New Hampshire, who has a grievance which he can get no one to listen to, much less redress. He has apparently had a wonderful time discovering that a citizen does not count. It seems that Van Newkirk was the chief engineer on the SS Knute Rockne, this ship being owned by the marine commission. He was the chief engineer on this ship during September, 1944. He was required to certify for payment extra wages, called overtime, which he could not in conscience do because he regarded it as a deliberate theft of public money, and being a stubborn and self-respecting New Englander, he declined to put his name to the approval of a theft.

Still Looking

HE firemen, the officers, the waterworks and the firemen's association with the government of the United States had entered into an agreement for the supply of labor to the exclusion of non-members. So on November 13, 1944, W. W. Jordan and J. Davidson, according to Van Newkirk, boarded the ship to beat him up. He applied to the disciplinary unit of the coast guard which notified him that nothing could be done. In a word, he could not even get ordinary police protection. To this Van Newkirk swears in an affidavit. Van Newkirk went looking as to what can be done about such things and he is still a-looking. According to Assistant United States Attorney McLaughlin in New York, no statute applied. Anybody may beat up a chief engineer on a ship owned by the American people. Van Newkirk went before a grand jury but the aforesaid McLaughlin opposed not only action but even an investigation. (I am taking this from the petition for a redress of grievances.)

When Van Newkirk tried to get a court order, he was told to try a congressional investigation. Meanwhile, the aforesaid union put a boycott on Van Newkirk, forbidding its members to ship with him. Henceforth he could not get a job. So Van Newkirk, in pursuance of the law, petitioned the marine commission for redress of grievances, receiving no hearing, no acknowledgment in any form whatsoever until September 23, 1946, which date followed a petition to the president of the United States. He also petitioned the committee on merchant marine and fisheries of the house of representatives, then headed by Schuyler Otis Bland, of Virginia.

Too Hot to Handle

NOWHERE did he get any action because inadvently he was raising two questions: one, the right of union representatives to beat up a chief engineer of a United States-owned ship; the other, and this is dynamite, the right of workers to steal the money of the American people by faking overtime. It was the second question that got him the run-around. It is too hot to handle. So far as the president of the United States is concerned, the two petitions addressed to him were undoubtedly put on the land, passing from hand to hand, and ultimately landing in some pigeon-hole. Nobody even said, "Brother, you got a raw deal. We are sorry. But votes is votes. You only have one vote; the unions have millions of votes." Leslie Biffle, the amiable friend of the president, when asked to present the petition, wrote: "I do not feel that I am in a position to present this to the president. I regret that I am unable to be more encouraging in my letter to you." So much for the right of petition.

in which he makes comment concerning KUHS student body funds. For the information of Mr. Scarborough, his "informant" and the public-at-large, the amount of money in the KUHS student body fund as of January 31 was \$21,008.41. This money, however, actually belongs to 42 different school organizations, departments, classes and clubs, such as: the Latin club, El Rodeo (year book), athletic department, locker fund and the student body general fund. Each club or organization has complete control over the expenditure of its individual funds. A fund, such as El Rodeo's \$1637.01, will be exhausted by the end of the school year. The same holds true for many of the other balances. The balance of the athletic department fund was \$5964.44, to which has just been added its share of income from student body cards, amounting to approximately \$1500.00, making its total \$7464.44 at this time. The general fund whose chief source of income is one-fourth of the student body card sales (averaging about \$500.00 per year) now stands at \$2220.01, and this is none too large a care for regular expenditures. Publication of this letter may

SIDE GLANCES



"I don't see why you've suddenly turned against hamburgers—we practically lived on them the first year we were married!"

STATIC

Margie Eagle, L.W.'s ski enthusiast, begged a day off Monday to enjoy skating down the snowy slopes of Crater Lake national park. The weather was so stormy it was hard to get the report through to the news office Monday morning so she hopes she spent most of the time in the warm-up shack. Speaking of skiing, wonder where that brave but cloth-headed ski pioneer breaking from Mt. Hood to Crater lake got weathered in. It wasn't fit out for morn or heat or skiers over the week-end. Have you met Shasta? Shasta is Don Neal's new super de luxe, eight-cylinder, torpedo, sedan-cooper, two-tone grey-blue, two-door, 1948 hydro-matic Pontiac. . . . she's called Shasta 'cause shasta have gas, shasta have oil, shasta have water, shasta have air—cececeek! I give up. . . . Fifteen minutes of music and song with Frank Parker on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday show at 9:15 a.m. has a local sponsor, the Klamath Furniture company. First airing March 1. This one of the best morning programs on the air, with romantic tenor Frank Parker singing his way into your hearts, Paul Barron and his orchestra and vocal femina Bea Wain and Kay Lorraine. For a musical extravaganza listen to the Boston Symphony orchestra this evening at 6:30 for an all-Brahms concert directed by Serge Koussevitzky. Opening the broadcast will be the "Academic Festival" overture which was composed in 1880. Second number on the program will be symphony number 2, written in 1877 when the composer was 44 years old. If you're interested in whether the St. Lawrence river seaway plan now before congress should be adopted, tune in to America's Town Meeting tonight at 6:30. Whether the issue is vital to you or not there is always a lively debate which can rile up your righteous indignation in a jiffy—good for the system to vent a little spleen with no one getting hurt. The Klamath County Public Health Association is sponsoring a series of broadcasts on social hygiene at 5 p.m. this week on KJLW, with William McKibbin as consultant. Ernest Macbeth assisted on the broadcast Monday, Mrs. Neal Stewart will be on this evening, and Mrs. Charles Larkin on Wednesday. Chuck (erew eud) Cecil is getting fancier and fancier on Telequest with his conundrums in verse which perhaps clear up what appears to be a general misunderstanding regarding KUHS student funds. Very truly yours, BILL SOUTHWELL, KUHS Student President.

Sun Life Sets New Record

MONTREAL, Feb. 24—Sun Life of Canada, with 41 per cent of its business and 50 per cent of its securities in the United States broke all records in 1947 with \$380 million of new business for the year, bringing the total now in force to nearly four billion dollars. Total assets are now approximately 1 1/2 billion dollars. Payments to policy holders and beneficiaries over the year amounted to more than \$100 million while the total of such payments since the first Sun Life policy was issued in 1871 now exceeds two billion dollars. The big questions now are: Will the Russians dare challenge world opinion by using force to take over this small, thirty-year-old republic? If the bolsheviks do use force, will a police state, or a state of the same kind as that which was made possible by the fact that the communists hold the ministry of the interior, which controls the police. In taking over a state one of the first things the communists always reach for is this ministry. The big questions now are: Will the Russians dare challenge world opinion by using force to take over this small, thirty-year-old republic? If the bolsheviks do use force, will a police state, or a state of the same kind as that which was made possible by the fact that the communists hold the ministry of the interior, which controls the police. In taking over a state one of the first things the communists always reach for is this ministry. The big questions now are: Will the Russians dare challenge world opinion by using force to take over this small, thirty-year-old republic? If the bolsheviks do use force, will a police state, or a state of the same kind as that which was made possible by the fact that the communists hold the ministry of the interior, which controls the police. In taking over a state one of the first things the communists always reach for is this ministry.

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Fifty-day city jail sentences were assessed two Mexicans, man and woman, in police court this morning when they pleaded guilty to charges of vagrancy. Mario Encino, 33, 1830 Broadway, and Antonio Orozco, 35, of the same address, were arrested late Sunday night after a ruckus at a S. 7th street beer parlor. Other court cases this morning were generally for traffic violations. Robert Lee Taylor, 33, of 1634 Nimitz, paid a \$25 fine and was sentenced to five days in jail for reckless driving. Clifford Voight, 1801 Oregon avenue, paid \$5 for running a stop sign at Market and Klamath, and S. M. Hammond, Mt. Shasta, Calif., posted \$5 bail for shunning the red light at 6th and Klamath.

Stowaways Get Venezuelan Okay

PORTLAND, Feb. 24—The six Spanish stowaways who have been held at Seattle for deportation will be able to go to Venezuela. Permission to enter that country was granted them by the Venezuelan government. The six declared they feared death or imprisonment should they be deported to Spain. The group had intended to go to Venezuela all the time. But they picked the wrong freighter at Le Havre, France, and it brought them to Coos Bay. It Pays to Use the New Adas!

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By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Little Czechoslovakia's struggle to escape the communist net—a valiant but tiny state against the might of red Russia—presents one of the gripping dramas of this day of tragedies. It's one whose every move we should watch, for it provides a more open view of bolshevist methods than we have had in most cases heretofore. We have seen plenty of countries grabbed and crushed, but many of the details were concealed behind the iron curtain. Now — for the moment, at least — Czechoslovakia's trial is laid bare. There's a double reason for watching this struggle closely, because from its inception it has been typical of what we know communist tactics have been elsewhere. First there is the quiet red infiltration by Moscow's trained fifth columnists — the intensive organization of strategically placed cells in educational circles, in political bodies and trade unions—the capture of important executive positions. Then when all is ready—the death blow to liberty. Could Happen Here

Se we should keep an eye on Czechoslovakia, because what is happening there could happen in the United States or Canada or Latin America if we don't recognize the danger in time and forestall it. It could happen anywhere you can name, with bolshevism avowedly out to conquer the world. Top American diplomatic authorities in Washington view the political upheaval in Czechoslovakia as part of a plan by Moscow to complete its control of Eastern Europe. This proud and intensely independent republic is the last hold-out among the small nations in the Soviet zone of domination. True, Finland still keeps her chin up—but she isn't arguing with the Moscovites. The diplomatic authorities in Washington say they have no doubt that Moscow is directing the political strategy of Klement Gottwald, Czechoslovakia's communist premier. In short, Czechoslovakia has been transformed into what amounted to a police state. Apropos of this it should be noted that this was made possible by the fact that the communists hold the ministry of the interior, which controls the police. In taking over a state one of the first things the communists always reach for is this ministry. The big questions now are: Will the Russians dare challenge world opinion by using force to take over this small, thirty-year-old republic? If the bolsheviks do use force, will a police state, or a state of the same kind as that which was made possible by the fact that the communists hold the ministry of the interior, which controls the police. In taking over a state one of the first things the communists always reach for is this ministry.

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Boyle's Column

A Fable About A Miser Who Had Money To Burn

BY HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK, (AP)—Once upon a time there was a poor little boy named Ebenezer Scrooge. When he was five years old a stranger gave him a bright new nickel. It was the first money Ebenezer had ever had. The shiny coin hypnotized him. "I want a million just like it," decided the boy. At an age when other kids aspired to be cops or firemen Ebenezer knew what he wanted to be—a successful miser. The little kidflint went right to work. Everything he earned he saved. He lapped at every other kid's lollipop, but never licked out a penny to buy one himself. When he was 20 he left his family. He was afraid they'd find the cans of nickels locked in his closet. He moved into a \$6-a-month room in a coldwater flat. He never saw a baseball game, bought a drink or had a date with a girl. His idea of fun was to stand at a subway station and listen to the music of nickels dropping into the turnstiles. Trade for Bills

During his thirty-first year he was afraid his stacks of nickels would collapse the floor of his ramshackle room. So he began trading them in for pictures of Benjamin Franklin—on \$100 bills. When he was 45 he was fired from the loan shark firm that employed him. Ebenezer had been coming to work every day for six years in the same seedy suit he bought at a fair sale. "He looks too much like one of our customers," complained the manager. "Gives the place a bad name." Ebenezer never had a job offer that he lived completely off the shelf. He got his shoes and newspapers from trash cans. Janitors supplied him with castoff clothing, and he soon built up a list of old maids who were good for a handout once a week. He also learned that cafeteria patrons often leave tasty tidbits on their unfinished plates. His money hoard kept growing. Ebenezer sat during the day on the steps of an abandoned building in Greenwich Village. He never begged, but tourists often mistook him for an unemployed Rembrandt and tossed him coins.

When he was 75 years old, he sat down one night on a park bench beside a drunken old man. "I can't kick at life," said the bum. "I been everywhere and seen everything. I had three wives and I made \$15,000 a year in my time. Spent it all on booze and women. If I had it back, I'd do it all over again." "I never went with a girl or tasted liquor in my life," said Ebenezer, feeling sorry for himself. The old bum fixed him with a rye-colored eyeball. Just One Sprue "You look like you got one foot in the grave now. Why don't you

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