



NEW OFFICERS of the Junior Chamber of Commerce here will take over Jan. 1. They are shown above conferring with this year's Pres. Gail Osborn (third from left). The new officers are (l to r) Jim Bocchi, external vice president, Rex Dye president, Osborn, and Don Piper, internal vice president.

School Reorganization May Get Work

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM — The voters who thought they had settled the school district reorganization issue at the November election haven't heard the last of it yet.
 The 1953 Legislature, which meets here two weeks from next Monday, is certain to revive it.
 The new Legislature, which contains enough members of the 1951 session to indicate how it will feel about many issues, favors the school reorganization plan that the voters defeated in November.

Whether it will pass that same plan again is a question, but chances are that it will approve some kind of a reorganization plan.
 The defeated plan, calling for consolidation of school districts, was worked out as the result of a two-year study by a 1949 legislative interim committee.
 This committee, with the major work done by Dr. F. C. Holy, Ohio State University educational research professor, found that having so many little school districts is inefficient.
 The 1951 Legislature approved the plan by a 2-4 vote in the Senate, and by a 42-17 margin in the House.
 The Oregon State Grange and many little districts objected to the provision that little school districts could be forced into the bigger units.
 The Grange got it referred to the people, who defeated it by only 6,274 votes. The count against it was 301,974 to 295,700.
 Some legislators think they should pass the same bill again, refer it to the people at the 1954

general election, and put on an extensive campaign for it. This way, they believe, they could get the bill passed.
 Gov. Paul Patterson, a strong supporter of the bill, said he'll bring both sides together and try to work out a compromise.
 There is some doubt that opponents of the bill would compromise, now that they have won their election victory. The chief opposition comes from the many little districts that want to keep their own little schools.
 It's hard to see how anyone could compromise the question of whether to force the little districts into consolidations. Either you force them in or you don't.
 The 1951 Legislature's education committees tried to compromise this question, and couldn't.
 "School reorganization is a major problem," Gov. Patterson said, "and we can't afford not to do something about it."
 One of the major influences behind the bill has been Mrs. Georgia Patterson, member of the State Board of Education. Now she's the wife of the governor.
 She worked very hard for the bill, and she'll keep it up. She's still a member of the Board of Education, and improving schools is a subject close to her heart.

New Orleans 'Flame' Dances

DALLAS, Tex. — The "Flame of New Orleans" has a new night club engagement here, murder charge notwithstanding.

The "Flame" is attractive brunette Billie Shonnes, 23, charged with murder in the fatal shooting of Alfred Rosenfield Jr., 38, last Sunday.

Also charged in the shooting is Roscoe Ails, 54, a balding, sad-faced night club comedian. But Ails doesn't have a new engagement. He's still in jail without bond.

The "Flame's" agent, Dick Leonard, said his client has received several offers to appear in what she describes as an "exotic" dance since she was released on \$5,000 bond.

Rosenfield's bullet-riddled body was found in Ails' apartment. Ails told police he shot the former cafe owner in self defense after Rosenfield made his third trip to the apartment between 3 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Miss Shonnes, who said she was nicked on the arm by the first shot fired, was arrested the next day in Cedardale, Okla. Her lawyer, Maury Hughes, said the shot was fired by Rosenfield as he and Ails drew at about the same time. Ails and the "Flame" are married, Hughes said.

It all added up to a lot of newspaper space and radio time. So tonight—and for the rest of the week, at least — the "Flame" dances.
 "And please," she says, "don't call me a stripper!"

Senator Praises United Nations

WASHINGTON — Americans should not let allegations that subversives have infiltrated the U. S. staff at the United Nations undermine their faith in the world organization, Sen. O'Connor (D-Md.) said yesterday.

O'Connor is a member of the Senate internal security subcommittee, whose hearings have been a factor in the discharge of 29 U. S. nationals from the U. N. staff. The Americans were fired on the ground that they may be disloyal to the U. S. government.

O'Connor said in a statement: "Even such an unsavory condition has been disclosed—which can and must be corrected—should not be permitted to tear down or endanger the structure of international co-operation which has been so laboriously erected."

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Slain Children Services Due

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Neither parent will be present when the three brutally slain Connett children go to their graves today.

Their father, high school teacher Archie Connett, 31, said by officers to have killed them by swinging them by the heels against walls and furniture, has a self-inflicted slit throat.

His estranged wife, Wynona, 28, suffered so severely from knife wounds and shock that only yesterday was she told her children were dead.

"She took it numbly without evident surprise," said Dr. Milton Chatton, hospital superintendent.

"She seemed to have sensed something had happened."
 The sheriff's office said Connett went into a blind rage Tuesday during a pre-Christmas reunion at his wife's home when she suggested she spend the night at his own apartment 30 miles away. Officers said he first stabbed his wife, then killed the children.

Both parents are recovering. Connett from a slashed throat and wrist and the effects of gulping

poison pills for the children—Teresa, 2½, and Carl Paul, 3 months—were arranged by their mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gottlieb of Denver.



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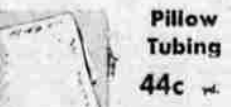
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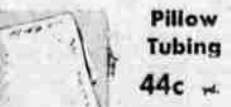


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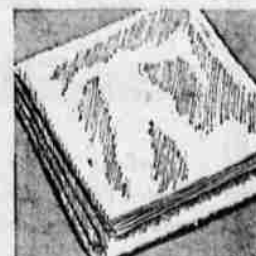
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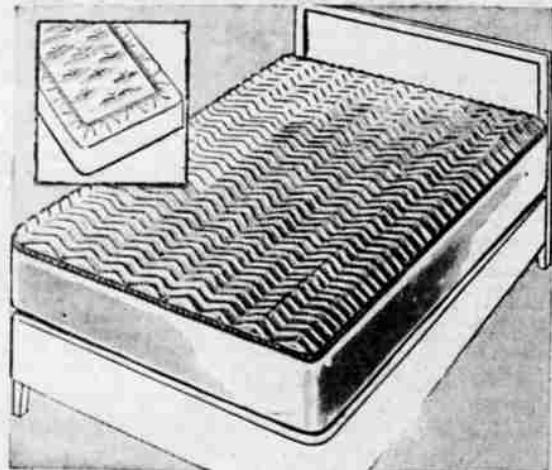
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