

Fort Rock Land, Resource Committee Meet Stormy Everyone Concerned

Fort Rock — The initial meeting of the Land and Resource Committee of Fort Rock Grange on January 21, proved a stormy session for the members, a score of interested citizens and eight government representatives.

The committee was named to study long-term land policies in the Fort Rock area, and to recommend a plan for increasing the production of the area. Acting chairman, A. L. Long, stated at the meeting "to form a plan for good land use, conservation of water, and to develop a plan for the future of the area."

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Semon Is Speaker At Realty Meet

Henry Semon, veteran legislator, was principal speaker at the Klamath Board of Realtors regular luncheon meeting. The subject of his talk was OTI and its value and importance to our community.

In bringing the subject up to date Semon gave a brief history of the school from its earliest beginnings. As early as 1941, interested citizens and legislators felt that Oregon needed one or more trade schools to absorb the high percentage of high school graduates not attending college. Educators estimate that only 18 or 20 per cent of the high school graduates go to college and of this group only 16 per cent graduate.

When the planned source of revenue failed to materialize the trade school idea was dropped until 1947 when returning World War II veterans provided a real need for a vocational school.

The Marine Barracks was offered to the state and both the board of higher education and the state board of education were approached to take the site and establish a school. The board of higher education was not interested but the state board was willing to take the responsibility for establishing a school at this spot.

The story has been told many

times of the time, money and efforts expended by educators, interested citizens and legislators, the result is a school to be proud of.

Semon brought out the fact that OTI is the only school of its kind west of the Rockies, where, contrary to what Multnomah county legislators say, the costs are less per finished student than any other college in the state.

The state board of education values the school plant at 6 1/2 million and the 1953-54 appropriation amounted to approximately 1 1/2 million. This amount, plus the money spent by over 600 students and 45 instructors, most of whom are local residents, is spent in our community.

Semon stressed the fact that the operation of OTI depends on appropriation by legislature every two years and it is the duty of citizens of this community to work toward this goal.

GORDON WEST, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Norman, junior at the University of Louisville, Kentucky has been elected president of his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, according to word reaching his parents. Young West, talented art student and graduate of KUHS is studying on an art scholarship. Mr. and Mrs. Norman live at 1755 Eldorado Avenue.

Library Club Benefit Set

The Library Club Benefit Bridge and Tea, to raise funds for tonallectomies for local needy children, will be held Saturday, January 30 at the Willard Hotel. Card playing will start at 1:00, and tea will be served at 3:30, preceded by a program by a local barber shop quartet. "Circus time" decorations will be outstanding. Guests are reminded to bring their own card table covers and playing cards. Reservations may be phoned to Mrs. Jesse Lillwiler, 2-3323.

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Discussions in Schools Set

Discussions in schools during the present term, were announced following a joint meeting of the boards of districts 1 and 2 on Monday night.

The schedule follows: August 30-31, In-service Institute; September 6, Labor Day; September 11, Armistice Day; October 15-16, Thanksgiving; December 24-January 2, (inclusive), Winter vacation; Monday, March 12-20, (inclusive), Spring vacation; Monday, June 14, Memorial Day; June 3, 1955, Summer vacation.

January 14 marked the end of the semester and mid-term examinations.

It has been set as the tentative date for adoption of the annual budget and decisions on general levy.

Responsibility for the Klamath Arts Center for use of the Mills School building for a second Wayne Amusement in the spring, was announced.

Basketball Games Set Thursday

Miller's Chiloquin Townies will play with the Malin Athletics on Thursday night at the Chiloquin in the top half of a double county league game.

Shore's Chiloquin park will meet the Malin Townies in the second game of the evening. Games start at 8 p.m.

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