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Merger Is Discussed At School

Both Sides of Consolidation Measure Presented

One university is sufficient for the taxpayers to maintain, declared Mrs. Eloise Bilyeu of Portland in opening the debate on the Zorn-Macpherson school merger bill in the Washington school auditorium Monday night. The University of Oregon and the Oregon State college are only 38 miles apart, she said, and the work of the first two years is identical. This consolidation could be made, she maintained, without the building of a single wing or any new building on the Corvallis campus, which, she asserted, in 1919 accommodated only 100 fewer students than the combined enrollments now, and with 50 per cent less capacity. On the other hand she declared that according to a federal survey the university if it is to remain in its present location at Eugene would have to engage in a vast building program to replace the worn out and hazardous buildings on the campus.

The Ashland and LaGrande normal schools, Mrs. Bilyeu said, do not have enough students to maintain their standards, and are already offering junior college work. There would be no difficulty, then, she continued, in changing these to junior colleges. California has 100 such colleges.

The Monmouth school, only 15 miles from Salem, could be used for one of the state institutions, she believed.

No new building would be needed on any campus, Mrs. Bilyeu asserted, even for the law school to be placed in Salem, as the 50 or 60 students could find class room in one of the state buildings.

Consolidation, she concluded, would put an end to the bickering and strife that had existed between the university and college for years.

Mrs. Inez Miller Replies
Mrs. Inez Miller of Monmouth, who opposed the Zorn-Macpherson bill, corrected Mrs. Bilyeu's statement as to the number of law students, which she said was 105, and declared that a building would be necessary for them in Salem.

She also took exception to Mrs. Bilyeu's declaration that no new buildings would be necessary on the Corvallis campus. For instance, she stated, there are attending the University 1500 or 1600 girls, while there is dormitory space in Corvallis for only the girls already there.

Besides the cost of new construction, she added, there would be the heavy loss through abandoned property. The valuation on the Monmouth buildings for insurance purposes is \$712,000, she asserted. The buildings would not be suited for any state institutions, and boards would have to be nailed to every window. The state accident commission had bought \$60,000 worth of water bonds of the city of Monmouth, the system having been put in because of the needs of the normal school. What would the bonds be worth if the school is closed? A still heavier loss would be encountered from dormitory bonds at Eugene, paid out of income from room rentals, and the state would have to make them good when the income from the small number of teachers in attendance under the proposed plan would be insufficient to meet the payments.

Mrs. Miller pointed out also that the junior college plan as provided in the bill would be a source of huge expense, as other communities would feel that they are as much entitled to state-supported junior colleges as Ashland and La Grande, and might bring pressure to bear to add to the number.

Kentucky is the only other state

Democratic Nominees To Address Rally Next Week Friday

Harvey G. Starkweather, democratic nominee for congress, will be the principal speaker at a Democratic rally at the Legion hall Friday, Nov. 4 at 8 p. m. John L. Storla, candidate for district attorney, O. Henry Oleen, candidate for state representative, Wm. Pringle, candidate for county commissioner, will also speak. Delegations from St. Helens, Rainier and other parts of the county are expected to attend.

Dunne Threatens To Tie Up Highway

Wolf Creek Road Never to be Built Says Senator

Prediction that the Wolf creek road to the sea would never be built was made by Senator Joe E. Dunne as reported last week in an interview under a Salem date line.

"I expect to institute a suit against the highway commission soon that will tie up that road in court for some time to come," he was quoted as saying.

Thirty-four members of the house and 25 members of the senate are pledged to support a flat \$5 automobile license, Senator Dunne stated. He declared that he would introduce the bill himself early in the next session of the legislature.

Roll of Honor Announced in Grade School

The following pupils are on the roll of honor for the first six weeks at the Washington grade school—some grades not yet reported:

Miss Kizer's room, second grade—Marian Wallace, Dean Henderson, Robert Kent.

Miss Erickson's room, second grade—Joy Willard, Margaret Anderson, Donald Zeiner, Helen Chandler, Juanita Hanson, Betty Olson.

Miss Erickson's room, third grade—Jack Meyers, Georgia Mills, Mancee Lee Rose, Patricia Moran, Edgar Culbertson, Kathleen Lolly.

Miss White's room, fourth grade—Lyle Beveridge, Jim Byers, Dorothy Dobkins, Barbara Dustin, Jean Ryves, Roy Soejima, George Turner.

IOWA MEETING PLANNED
An Iowa meeting is to be held November 6 in the social hall of the Evangelical church. Basket dinner will be served at 12:30, and the afternoon will be spent with a program and in visiting. People who have lived in the state of Iowa are invited.

to have state-supported junior colleges. In other states, such as California, the junior colleges are organized and financed by districts, as is the case with union high schools in Oregon.

Mrs. Miller also took exception to the argument often advanced by the merger advocates that Oregon should have a four year teacher training course in the proposed teachers' college at Eugene. Now is not the time to be asking for taxes for any new four year college, she asserted.

Mrs. Bilyeu, given the privilege of rebuttal, claimed that the falling off in registration this year at both the University of Oregon and the state college is due to the efforts of reorganization by the board of higher education. Oregon can't compete with states offering full curricula.

Musical Program Given
Preliminary to the debate, Miss Mary Erickson's second and third grades sang two songs, "Autumn Leaves" and "October." Numbers were also rendered by the grade school girls' glee club, directed by Mrs. Luluh E. Fullerton. Betty Jane Jagen rendered a violin solo accompanied by Leona Fetsch.

Chairman of the meeting was Mrs. F. W. Gough, president of the Parent-Teachers' association, under whose auspices the debate was held.

Club Discusses Art Contributions

Study Club Listens to Paper Regarding Jews

"To take away the Jews from the musical life would leave most of the big orchestras in America leaderless," quoted Mrs. Lloyd Thomas in a paper on "Jewish Contributions to American Art," which she presented at the meeting of the Vernonia Study club Thursday afternoon, for which Mrs. H. V. Holcomb was hostess. Mrs. Thomas mentioned an astounding number of our greatest musicians, writers, artists, theatrical producers, playwrights, and actors who are of the Jewish race.

Mrs. E. A. Green reviewed the book "Upstream," by Ludwig Lewisohn, a German Jew of the intellectual type who tells of his experiences of trying to fit into American life, and his reaction to our religious and social customs.

During the business meeting members reported the results of their solicitation for community chest funds. Books were brought for the city library, and members occupied themselves sewing on Red Cross layettes for the community chest.

Mrs. Holcomb served pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee to the following: Mrs. A. C. Knauus, Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, Mrs. E. S. Thompson, Mrs. Judd Greenman, Mrs. E. A. Green, Mrs. Dave Marshall, Mrs. A. J. Hughes, Mrs. L. H. Dewey, Mrs. Fred Wall, Mrs. E. E. Garner, Mrs. Glenn Deamer, Mrs. Ray D. Fisher, and Mrs. J. H. Burnside, a guest of the club.

Rebekahs Report Good Attendance At Carnival Friday

Attendance at the Rebekah depression carnival Friday night at the I. O. O. F. hall was gratifying, members of that organization state, and the receipts even better than expected.

Mrs. Mike Miller and Mrs. Edna Kilby were in charge of the apron booth, and Mrs. Ora Glassner the fishing pond. The table committee consisted of Mrs. Mary Mellinger, Mrs. Anna Webb and Mrs. Irene Spencer.

POMONA GRANGE TO MEET IN BIRKENFELD SATURDAY, NOV. 5

Columbia County Pomona grange will hold their next meeting with Winema grange, No. 652, at Birkenfeld, Saturday, November 5, 1932. The election of officers will be held at this session.

MISS WHARTON MARRIED

Portland daily last week contained the notice of the issuance of a marriage license to Miss Eugenia Wharton and Theron C. Hoover, both of Salem.

Miss Wharton is well known here as she lived in Vernonia with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Wharton, until about six years ago. She was employed in the local bank and her father was auditor for the mill.

The Wharton family now lives at Westfir, near Eugene, and Miss Wharton has been employed in the state house at Salem.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

SEEN HERE AND THERE

Josh Rose spreading gravel at Rose avenue and Bridge streets . . . The Democratic gang in Skinny Washburn's razing some Republican handbill distributors . . . Albert Childs and Henry Fogel in an argument over the school merger . . . Loel Roberts counting unemployment registration cards . . . Frank Lisenby's truck backed up to load planks from Tom Crawford's old house . . . Jake Neuner hauling a Jersey cow through town on a trailer.

Republican Mass Meeting to be Held In Joy Theatre

George Neuner of Portland, U. S. district attorney, is to address a Republican mass meeting in the Joy theatre tonight at 7:30. He will speak on the tariff and other issues of the campaign.

This will be the first mass meeting of the Republican party in Vernonia since the beginning of the campaign. A delegation is expected from St. Helens and Rainier, states A. F. Baker, who is in charge of arrangements.

Odd Fellows Are Host to County Association Here

The Columbia County Odd Fellows' association met with the local lodge Tuesday evening, about 50 being present. The program was provided by the delegation from Rainier.

This is the second time the association has met in Vernonia. The next meeting will be held in St. Helens in January, the exact date to be determined later.

Fine Summer in Sweden Reported By Mrs. Hedman

A beautiful summer, with warm sunshine and twilight lasting all night long was experienced in northern Sweden by Mrs. Carl Hedman and daughter, who returned two weeks ago after four months in that country. In all they were gone for five months.

The depression has hit Sweden, Mrs. Hedman reports, but hard times are not so severe there as here because the people are well taken care of. There is no such thing as a bread line, she reports, as an unemployment pension provides for the immediate needs of those who are out of work. Taxes are not delinquent as here, for with the people there taxes come first. The unrest so noticeable in this country is not in evidence.

The northern part is largely devoted to lumber and mining, Mrs. Hedman says. The timber is mostly small pine and only those trees which have been measured by the government and oiled can be cut down. The wood is used chiefly for pulp. The forests are clean, and one may walk anywhere among the trees without encountering underbrush. Forest fires are unknown.

It was Mrs. Hedman's first visit to her old home in 11 years, and she found many changes. Much as she enjoyed the trip she says it was thrilling to see the Statue of Liberty again.

TELLS OF FARM LOANS

Ira Hyde of S. Helens, editor of the Mist and now engaged in field work for the U. S. farm loan board was in Vernonia yesterday on business.

The work of the board now consists in making collections, he says. Yakima county, Washington, which had the highest percentage of loans in the northwest, has also the highest percent of collections, he reports. Most of southern Washington and western Oregon show good collections, but eastern Oregon and eastern Washington except in Yakima county are not so good.

HOUSE TO BE WRECKED

The T. M. Crawford house on Second street which was damaged by fire last summer is being wrecked by Frank Lisenby, who will make use of the lumber. Mr. Crawford has decided not to rebuild at present.

GRANGE PARTY SATURDAY

The Vernonia grange hard times masquerade is to be held in the grange hall tomorrow evening.

HEARS FROM HALL FAMILY

Daisy McDonald is in receipt of a letter from Modena Hall, daughter of Dr. R. G. Hall, formerly of Vernonia and now of Paradise Valley, Nevada. Until a few months ago the Halls lived in Craig, Alaska.

Declamatory Match Dated for Nov. 2

National Motion Picture Critic Also to Speak

A silver medal declamatory contest for seventh and eighth grade pupils of the local school, in conjunction with a speech by Miss Maude Aldrich, national motion picture critic recently returned from Washington, D. C., will be given in the Washington grade school auditorium on Wednesday evening, November 2, at 7:30 according to the announcement of local W. C. T. U. officials, who are sponsoring the event.

Miss Maude Aldrich, whose home is in Gresham, returned following the recent session of Congress at Washington, D. C. She will speak on political questions as well as on her work as motion picture critic.

The silver medal contest entries include seven boys and girls from the seventh and eighth grades who have prepared dramatic readings based on subjects related to the prohibition question.

Those who will participate are Norman Crowder, Bertha Thompson, Howard Rundell, Melvin Bock, Elizabeth Wall, Ada Mills and Elbert Sherlott.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting, for which admission is free. A silver offering, however, will be taken to help defray expenses.

FIRST STATE AUTO TAGS SOLD ON FLAT \$3 BASIS REPORTS HAL E. HOSS

An automobile license selling for \$3 would not be a novelty to Oregon, according to records on file in the office of Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. The first motor vehicle registration sold in this state went for a flat tax of \$3 and from 1905 to 1911, the rate was in effect, Secretary Hoss points out. Only 218 automobiles were registered in 1905 but the 1906 "depression" cut that figure to 142 vehicles, or a loss of more than 33 per cent of the previous year's registration.

The \$3 tax prevailed until 1911 when the law was enacted fixing the horsepower of the motor as the basis of taxation and providing a sliding scale of \$3, \$5, \$7.50 and \$10. During the year 1911 there were 6,428 motor vehicles of all classes registered, providing a revenue of \$27,316. The horse-power basis of taxation continued in force until 1921 when the law was changed to provide a graduated scale of taxes for motor vehicles on a weight basis. The property tax on autos was abolished in 1921, taking effect in 1922.

Until 1911 there was no segregation as to classification of licenses, but the chauffeurs were segregated that year and 1,671 were given badges. Under the provisions of the act of 1912 another segregation was created under which, in 1914, there were 16,347 passenger cars and trucks; 2,898 motorcycles; 1,838 chauffeurs and 110 dealers registered. From these segregations, fees amounting to \$77,592 were collected.

The registration of operators did not begin until 1920 when a total of 139,568 drivers were licensed. These registrations have increased until there are now more than 550,000 persons living in Oregon licensed to drive an automobile.

Based on the 1930 census, showing 953,786 Oregon residents, the 238,080 passenger cars licensed last year would provide an automobile for nearly every four persons. The state department collected \$5,297,368.68 for license plates sold to motorists last year, representing approximately \$5.50 for every person living in the state.

DANCE TO BE HELD

A dance is to be held at Natal grange Saturday, October 29, according to Lee Osborn, who was in town Saturday. Music will be furnished by the Sundland-Berg orchestra.

Registration of Unemployed Totals 141 Thursday Noon

One hundred forty-one have registered at the community chest headquarters up to yesterday noon, states Loel Roberts, secretary.

The registration cards include information as to the applicant's family, length of residence, previous employment, property, income, and other details that will enable the chest authorities to determine the relative needs of the applicants.

City Treasurer's Bond Approved Wednesday Night

The bond of Albert Childs, appointed city treasurer at the meeting of the council October 17, was approved at a special meeting Wednesday night.

This bond contains no clause exempting the insurer in case of bank failure, the council having insisted that any such clause be left out.

More Contributions Made to Community Chest Relief Fund

Contributions to the community chest are continuing to arrive at the headquarters in the office of Loel Roberts, secretary.

Among recent contributors not previously reported, who have given money, clothing, produce or labor to the chest are the Riverview grocery, Ben Brickel, Mrs. F. D. Macpherson, O. W. Meyers, Mrs. Charles E. Richardson, the Brown Furniture store, J. H. Stubbs, Vernonia Laundry, Ben Cline and Mrs. Charles Malmsten.

Numerous others have promised work or produce in the near future, or as needed by the chest.

Greenman, Evenson, Schunesen Comprise Budget Committee

Judd Greenman of Vernonia, Clarence Evenson of Clatskanie and J. A. Schunesen of Rainier were appointed as members of the county budget committee at a special meeting of the county court Monday. The committee will meet November 22 and 23 to draw up the budget.

Mr. Greenman and Mr. Evenson were members of last year's committee which succeeded in reducing the county tax asked for about 30 per cent.

ROSE AVENUE ROCKED

Rose avenue was rocked Wednesday from Bridge street to Nehalem under direction of J. H. Rose, road supervisor. Additional rock will be put on, Mr. Rose states, where needed.

RAINIER GETS \$250

The county court has granted to the welfare bureau at Rainier \$250 for relief work.

E. E. Montague of Portland was in Vernonia Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

Mrs. Wayne Lappe was called to Longview Wednesday on account of the illness of Mr. Lappe.

Mrs. Harold Decker Entertains

Complimenting her house guest, Mrs. Earl Hibbard of St. Helens, Mrs. Harold Decker entertained with two tables of contract bridge at her home Thursday afternoon, October 20.

Mrs. Hibbard was presented with a guest prize and also held high score at cards, the first prize for which she graciously conceded to Mrs. Lowell Hieber, holder of the second highest score. Other guests were Mrs. Ben Brickel, Mrs. Henry Fogel, Mrs. William Heath, Mrs. Frank Hartwick and Mrs. E. H. Washburn.

Mrs. Decker served refreshments following play and her home was decorated in the Hal-low'en motif.

Mrs. Hibbard, whose husband is manager of the Shell Oil company at St. Helens, was Mrs. Decker's guest Wednesday and Thursday.

Committee Makes Out City Budget

Tax of \$23,000 Is Asked; Budget Amount Is \$46,000

A budget of \$46,530.25 calling for a tax of \$23,857.27 was drawn up last week by the committee, Judge W. A. Harris, J. W. Brown, F. W. Gough and Albert Childs, cooperating with the city council, and appears in this week's issue. The last budget, adopted this spring after rejection of the one first drawn up, was for \$34,538.00, with a tax of \$12,804.96. The expenditures for personal service are practically the same, the general fund shows a decrease in allowance for street lighting and a slight increase in some minor items, loss on delinquent taxes in this department, however, being more than \$1,000 higher.

The principal increase comes in the water bond fund, where the interest charge is \$5,945.25 as contrasted with \$3210 in 1929, and in the sewer bond fund, where the interest was doubled from \$2400 to \$4800. Loss on delinquent taxes in the general bond fund is estimated at about \$5000 greater this year.

Estimated receipts are somewhat higher this year, owing to higher this year, owing to increase in delinquent taxes.

Meeting Set for Nov. 18
The budget meeting was set for Friday, November 18, at a special meeting of the city council Wednesday night. Date for election on the right to exceed the six per cent limitation has not yet been fixed.

Caught in The Rounds

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Plumer went to Ostrander, Wash., Tuesday to visit their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Samuel Plumer, who is ill. Her condition, they report, is about the same. They returned Wednesday.

Merle Cline took his son Gordon to the Portland Sanitarium Wednesday for operation on his tonsils and adenoids. Mrs. Ed McMullen also took her daughter Stella for the same purpose.

Mrs. B. J. Cline is to give a chicken dinner to the local high school football team after the game Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Veatch of Cottage Grove were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Miner.

Mrs. J. H. Stubbs returned Sunday from St. Vincents hospital where she was confined for three weeks following an operation. She is getting along nicely.

The Juvenile grange members will have a Halloween party in their hall on Oct. 29. All members are requested to be there.

The Energetic club of the grange will meet next time at the home of Mrs. K. K. Kostur Thursday afternoon, Nov. 3, at two o'clock.

Sheila Williams, Mildred Walters and Pauline Milne spent the weekend in Portland.

C. R. Twineham is seriously ill in a Portland hospital. Mrs. Twineham is with him, and during their absence Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Phillips are in charge of their apartment house.

Roy L. Davidson of Forest Grove is in Vernonia today to help fight the Zorn-Macpherson bill.