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SEEK WATER FRANCHISES

SCHOOLS

The South Whidbey high school Senior play was presented to the Coupeville high school last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Lester has built two new bicycle racks for the school. Now it is up to the boys and girls who ride bikes to school to use them.

The Girls Club gave a party and dance for high school students in the cafeteria, Wednesday evening between 8 and 10 o'clock.

All high school classes held meetings this morning to elect a princess for the Homecoming. The Seniors nominated two girls from their class, and the entire school voted upon which one will be the Homecoming Queen.

Scores of the basketball games played last Friday:

Second Team—Coupeville, 45; Friday Harbor, 33.
First Team—Friday Harbor, 47; Coupeville, 41.

Results of the Basketball Jamboree: LaConner first; Coupeville second; Oak Harbor third; Langley fourth.

Scores at the Jamboree:
Coupeville, 7; Oak Harbor, 9.
Coupeville, 19; LaConner, 14.
Coupeville, 10; Langley, 8.

See and Hear of Conservation

Mr. Alm, of the Washington State Bureau of Conservation showed a movie and discussed conservation with the Washington History and Biology classes this morning.

The American History and the Chemistry classes met with Mr. Alm during the second period.

Mr. Robbins' Fifth and Sixth grades, and Mr. Hopkins' Seventh and Eighth grades met with Mr. Alm at stated periods during the day.

Science Club Meets At Engles

About 30 members of the high school Science club met at the Will Engle home, Monday evening.

Al Sherman presented slide pictures taken in Europe when he was there the past summer as a representative of the 4-H clubs. The group was very interested in the pictures, mainly depicting farms and farm life over there.

An exchange of Christmas gifts and lunch completed the evening's entertainment.

Auxiliary Plans Xmas Party

The Auxiliary of Oak Harbor Aerie No. 3040, Fraternal Order of Eagles, held their regular meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th.

An election of officers was held for two vacant offices. Mrs. Karla Halverson was elected Vice President, and Mrs. Henrietta Fisher, Outside Guard.

Plans were completed for a pot luck dinner and Christmas party to be held at the I. O. O. F. hall in Oak Harbor, December 23rd at 7 p. m. All Auxiliary members and their families are invited to attend. Each lady is asked to bring a pot luck dish, a present for each child attending, and a lady's gift not under 50c. These gifts will be exchanged, and Santa will have a bag of candy for each of the children.

The Auxiliary and Aerie will hold their meetings immediately following the Christmas party.

TO SPEED UP CHRISTMAS MAILING

Postmaster Easton Mudgett asks the co-operation of the public in expediting delivery of Christmas mail. Following are some suggestions:

Purchase your stamps in advance of the rush period. Prepay postage fully on all mail.

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Patrons having a number of greeting cards to deposit, are urged to tie them in bundles with addresses all faced one way before mailing, so as to facilitate their handling in the postoffice.

Do not enclose letters or messages, no matter how brief, in parcels, as doing so subjects the entire parcel to the letter rate. Communications enclosed in envelopes prepaid at the letter rate, may be securely fastened to the outside of parcels sent at the third- or fourth-class rate.

Posse Giving Christmas Dance

On Christmas night—Thursday, December 25th—the Island County Sheriff's Posse is sponsoring a modern and old time dance, to be held in the Rec. Hall in Coupeville.

Net proceeds of the dance will be used to replenish the funds in the organization's exchequer.

Admission will be \$1.50 per couple.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On Saturday evening, several couples dropped in on George DeVries to help him celebrate his birthday anniversary.

Whist was the diversion of the evening. Mrs. Paul Fisher received high for the ladies, and Mr. Fisher low for the men. Mrs. Glenn Palmer was low for the ladies, and Mr. DeVries captured men's high.

A tasty midnight lunch was served the guests, and young folk returned from the basketball jamboree made up the second table.

December 7—Freida Neinhuis.

SAN DE FUCA

Mrs. Don VanCleave of Alaska is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lane Boyer, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Henry Verigan visited her son and family in Kirkland, Friday.

LOCAL NEWS

On Saturday evening the Orthodox annual Christmas party was held in the school gymnasium.

Carl Gillespie of Seattle enjoyed a nice visit and lunch with the Ralph Engles, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Snyder and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Youderian in Olympia over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Engle were Mount Vernon visitors Wednesday.

Tommy Reuble of Blaine was a Coupeville visitor Monday.

James Stoddard, from Bellingham, called at the Ralph Engle home Sunday.

SCANNING THE NEWS

Quiz Medic Who Defied Probe

The Senate internal security subcommittee has questioned an army medical officer who, despite his refusal to tell whether he is a Communist, was commissioned by the army and sent to Korea where he had contact with Chinese communist prisoners.

The officer refused to tell the subcommittee whether he is a Communist after being shown what the subcommittee said was his written application for Communist party membership and being told of evidence that he paid dues to the party.

The name of the officer, who lived in Maryland at the time he is accused of applying for membership in the Communist party in 1946, was not released.

Sen. O'Connor (D., Md.), presiding at the secret inquiry, gave the details of the hearing in a statement. He said the officer swore before the committee he had refused—in writing—to tell whether he was a Communist before he was commissioned.

O'Connor instructed the subcommittee's legal staff to investigate the possibility that the army had commissioned other men who have refused to tell whether or not they are Communists and sent them to the Korean war.

With reference to the officer's sworn statement, O'Connor said, "Even more alarming is the fact that despite his written refusal he had been assigned to a sensitive spot in the war theater and was in direct contact with prisoners of war before and after the Kojima island uprising."

O'Connor said the officer refused to tell the subcommittee whether or not he is engaged in subversive activities.

Moreover, O'Connor said that the officer refused to answer when asked if he had made a trip to Russia and whether or not he is acquainted with known communist representatives.

"It seems astounding," O'Connor said, "that after the officer had given the army indication of his unwillingness to declare himself on communist membership he would be commissioned and placed in such a strategic position in the theater of war."

LIONS TO DINE DECEMBER 17 AT GREENBANK

Plans are completed for the big annual Christmas turkey dinner and program. This will also be a ladies night, to be held next Wednesday, Dec. 17th., starting at 7:30 at the Greenbank Club house. The Greenbank Progressive Club will prepare and serve the meal.

There will be an outstanding program, featuring Alvin Sherman and his travels and experiences in Europe.

Because of the Lions Club dance being so successful, an additional \$25 was sent to Harry Lindbeck and his orchestra, for presenting such a good show. Lion Jack Engstrom was surprised to discover in his mailbox one morning that the check had been returned by the Lindbeck organization, requesting that this donation be accepted toward the Lions' polio fund.

It was reported at the previous meeting that Lion Zone Chairman Chester Maxim delivered a very inspirational message on "Fundamentals of Lionism", at Sedro-Woolley recently. Lions Harry Palmerston and George Bradshaw were guests at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Maxim and Max McLain will attend the P-TA dinner in Oak Harbor this evening, after which the men will attend the Oak Harbor Lions Club meeting.

Missing Man Located

Tom Barto of Penn's Cove was reported missing, Wednesday evening. He caught a ride into Oak Harbor, and it is believed it went from there to Mount Vernon.

The Sheriff's office reports that Mr. Barto was found to be in Ellensburg.

'Could This Be You?'

Roy Embley's car was off the road at San de Fuca Saturday night—caused by bright lights of a meeting car.

Jim Lattin and Albert Havern were in a collision on the Torpedo Road, out of Oak Harbor, Tuesday night. Ray Anthony ran into a post at the Ault Field gate the same evening. Deputy Sheriff Bill Kottke investigated both cases.

Methodist Bazaar

An interesting array of items, including fancy work, novelties, and food items were only a few of the articles being offered for sale by the W. S. C. S. at the bazaar which was held at the Methodist church club rooms last Friday.

"The community newspaper is one of the most important bulwarks of the American way of life," —W. P. Marshall, president of the Western Union Telegraph Co.

NOTICE

We invite personal news items and notes of club activities. Mail or bring 'em in.

Phone your news items to Mrs. Paul Fisher, Coupeville 2482.

ON THE ROUTE

Richard M. Johnson, a Navy Chief, is building a rambling, three-bedroom home on Penn's Cove, across the highway but near the Dean residences.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session the 1st of December, at their regular meeting place in the Courthouse in Coupeville. Members present were J. C. Meeter, Chairman; Roy H. Gillespie, Arthur M. Moa, and J. W. Libbey, County Auditor and Clerk of the Board.

The minutes of the November 3 meeting were read and approved.

The November bills and payrolls were approved and ordered paid.

The County Treasurer was instructed to transfer the balance of the County Airport Fund to the County Current Expense Fund.

The Board directed the Engineer to write the State Highway Department regarding striping Highway 1-Y on Camano Island.

Hearings were held on the proposed emergencies in the Sheriff and Auditor offices, and there being no objections, the emergencies were approved.

It was resolved that a public hearing be held at 1:30 p. m., January 5, 1953, concerning an emergency in the Assessor's office.

Upon application of the Town of Coupeville for a franchise to lay water mains along and across Highway 1-D, the Board set January 5, 1953, at 1:45 p. m., as the time for a hearing on the application.

A public hearing was set for January 5, 1953, 2:00 p. m., on the application for a franchise from the Town of Oak Harbor, to install a water line along Island County Road No. 288.

The Town of Coupeville filed its Ordinance, annexing Prairie Center District to the Town of Coupeville, effective as of January 1, 1953.

The Board received a letter from the Commissioner of Public Lands regarding the dredging of an opening across State-owned tidelands of Penn Cove Park, Div. No. 2.

A hearing was set for January 5, 1953, at 2:15 p. m., regarding the sale of County-owned property on Camano Island, in Sec. 21, Twp. 32 N., R. 3 E.

The special claims of the County Commissioners were filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

P-TA TALKS Consolidation

The P-TA met Tuesday night and discussed the problem of consolidation between the Coupeville and the Oak Harbor school districts.

The Senior class had the highest percentage of attendance at the meeting, in the high school division. The First grade was highest in percentage of attendance, from the grade school.

W. C. T. U. DESSERT LUNCH

Mrs. Ralph Engle will entertain the W. C. T. U. at her home on Saturday, Dec. 13th, with a dessert luncheon at 1:00 o'clock.

After the meeting, the ladies will spend the afternoon promoting the holiday spirit by giving little gifts of holly to the sick, aged, shut-ins and all those needing a little Christmas cheer.

This is part of the annual yuletide program of the W. C. T. U.

WSCS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Methodist W. S. C. S. met at the home of Mrs. Floyd Wanamaker, this Thursday evening. The Christmas program was observed.

The meetings are regularly held at the Methodist church, the second Thursday of every month. The next meeting, as scheduled, will be January 8th.

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Senator Robert A. Taft (R. Ohio) tells members of the press in Washington that he is available for the post of Republican floor leader in the next congress but that he is not running for the job. Mr. Republican added that he hopes that there will not be a fight for the post.

**No H-Bombs in
Next Few Years**

The hydrogen bomb, experts say, won't bring any big, immediate change in global strategy. This is due to the fact that the U. S. will not make many H-bombs in the next few years. Production will await the development of a superior H-bomb and the completion of new H-bomb plants.

With the present recently developed H-bomb, production of the bomb returns less destructive efficiency dollar for dollar than does production of the A-bomb. It may be true that dollar for dollar A-bombs are more efficient than H-bombs will ever be.

An improved H-bomb will cost seven times as much money to develop as the present model and only return four times as much power. And there are probably only approximately 45 Russian targets worth using the H-bomb on anyway.

The H-bomb seems to be having more effect on our allies than on our enemies and may make them a little more reluctant to re-arm. Some friendly capitals in Europe are saying that our development of the H-bomb will deter Russia from moving now and thereby will lessen the necessity for re-arming so swiftly.

Fact that making an H-bomb is possible is worrying American strategists because they take the realistic view that Russia will have the bomb soon also and American industry presents more worthwhile targets than does the Russian terrain.

And, too, while in a technical sense the test can be described as the first explosion of a hydrogen bomb, actually the H-bomb is far from ready for dropping on Moscow.

The bomb that was exploded on Eniwetok's much pounded soil was, in reality, the most powerful atomic bomb yet made. Added to this were small "test tube" amounts of the two kinds of hydrogen which will go to make up the hydrogen bomb.

Such a weapon will have to wait for the completion next year of the giant nuclear reactor on the Savannah river, where one of the basic ingredients of the hydrogen bomb, the triple-weight hydrogen called "tritium," will be produced in quantity.

The "test tube" hydrogen bomb may be compared to the first chain reaction at the University of Chicago Dec. 2, 1942.

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Rep. Joseph Martin (R., Mass.), who is in line to be the new speaker of the House, holds up two fistfuls of gavels to show that he is prepared for the job.

**RED CROSS:
Disaster Is Costly**

Expenditures of \$103,605,782 were listed in a financial accounting of services in the fiscal year ending last June 30 by the American Red Cross and its 3,727 chapters, the majority of which serve rural counties and towns under 10,000 population.

Greatest single item of expenditure was for the organization's services to members of the armed forces in this country and abroad and to veterans. The Red Cross spent \$38,116,276 in dealing with 2,350,000 cases requiring service in personal and family problems, including financial aid, for servicemen, veterans, and their dependents. Of this amount, \$19,743,750 was spent by the national organization and \$18,372,526 by chapters.

In the costliest disaster year for the Red Cross since 1937, the organization spent \$21,100,445 in aiding 32,100 families in 300 disaster operations in 45 states and 3 territories. The cost figure included continuing assistance to an additional 27,000 families in the Kansas - Missouri - Oklahoma - Illinois floods which began in June, 1951. Notable among the others were last spring's Missouri-Mississippi Valley floods and southern tornadoes which, like the earlier flood, wrought serious damage to the great midcontinental belt of agricultural states.

Of the disaster expenditures, the national Red Cross organization bore the major portion, \$19,149,590, with chapters spending \$1,950,855, largely for disaster preparedness measures.

The Red Cross blood program, which collected 1,681,500 pints of blood for civilian use and procured 2,439,700 pints for the armed forces from 2,586,000 volunteer donors, cost the organization \$11,358,375. This cost figure was for meeting civilian blood needs throughout the country and for part of the expense of collecting blood for the armed forces.

**LOBBYISTS:
Out of a Job**

The lobbyists in Washington these days are pretty downcast. They are expecting the new Republican administration to do, without any prodding from the lobbyists, just what the lobbyists have been paid for trying to get the Fair Deal to do.

In other words, these sad representatives of people with axes to grind in Washington fear that they will be out of their jobs after January.

During New Deal and Fair Deal ascendancy, they made good salaries keeping their clients in a higher over what the danged Democrats might do if an army of lobbyists was not kept in Washington in behalf of finance, business and industry.

They recall that when the Republican-dominated 80th congress came into power, one of the biggest business lobbies operating in Washington dismissed half of its staff because it was no longer needed. A case in question is tidelands oil. The oil industry has had droves of lobbyists in Washington exerting pressure on legislators to turn the tidelands wealth over to the states. With the new administration advocating just that, this army of lobbyists will be unneeded.

The lobbyists won't have President Truman for a whipping boy. The President may have been no great shakes selling his domestic policies to the people, but the lobbyists have made hay unselling these policies.

But there will always be Democrats in congress and Republicans who need reminding that they are beginning to veer, so the hard core of the lobbyists is not worrying.

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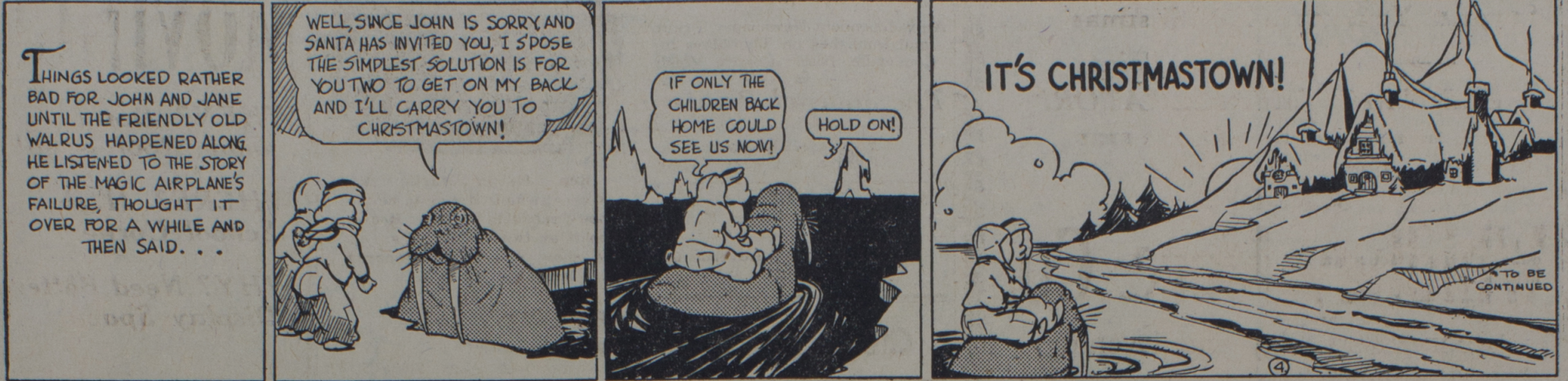
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OFF TO GOOD START, BRAVES WIN TROPHY

Fresh from a victory that saw LaConner win the trophy at the basketball Jamboree at Langley last Saturday, the Braves go to Coupeville for their first league game this Friday night. Coupeville was the only team to beat LaConner at the Jamboree, and the local Braves are pointing for this Friday's game. This Saturday night LaConner plays a practice game at Burlington.

At the Jamboree, LaConner defeated Langley 9-2; gave the first string starters a breather by sending the varsity reserves against Coupeville, which Coupeville won 19-14; then defeated Oak Harbor 27-12, for a for-and-against point total of 50-33 and a winning margin of 17 points. Coupeville won second place with a winning margin of 5 points, while Oak Harbor and Langley finished last with a minus 11. There was one full 10-minute quarter for each contest. Other scores: Oak Harbor 9, Coupeville 7; Coupeville 10, Langley 8; Oak Harbor 11, Langley 9.

Scoring in LaConner contests: Langley game—Pfeifer 2, Yearsley 5, Steiner and D. Joe each 1. Ellis, B. Joe and Carlson also saw action in this game. Final: LaConner 9, Langley 2. Bragger, with 2, was high point man for Langley.

Coupeville game: For LaConner, Carlson 6, McGrath 1, Bob Joe 6, Alvord 1, Robison, Edge and R. Dalan failed to score. Final score: LaConner 14, Coupeville 19. Sherman and Spangler, with 6 each, tied for high honors for Coupeville.

Oak Harbor game: For LaConner, Yearsley 10, Ellis 7, Bob Joe

Front row, kneeling, left to right: Sgt. R. M. Morrissey, Navy Police, Bremerton; A. L. Johnson, Deputy Sheriff, Kitsap County; Patrolman L. E. Otto, Puyallup Police Department; S/Sgt. P. J. Farrell, 567th Air Police Sq., McChord Air Base; O. J. Tiedeman, Identification Officer, Tacoma Police Department; Patrolman D. F. Hanson, Seattle Police Department; Deputy Sheriff Bert D. Pitts, Clallam County; Special Agent E. E. Bundy, one of the FBI instructors.

Second row: Capt. J. L. Powell Jr., Assistant Provost Marshal, Fort Lewis; Deputy Sheriff Albert J. Aube, Grays Harbor County; Deputy Sheriff Carl J. Hartwig, King County; Inspector Donald E. Hay, Navy Police, Bremerton; Patrolman G. W. Mills,

Vancouver Police Department; Chief Deputy Sheriff William G. Kottke, Island County; Detective Ernest Jensen, Seattle Police Department; Chief Deputy C. E. Fordmeier, Mason County; Officer W. N. Shepard, Olympia Police Department.

Third row: Deputy Sheriff Jim E. Henry, Island County; S/FC P. O. Bishop, 436th MP Co., Fort Lewis; Sergeant G. A. Mumper, Richland Police Department; Patrolman W. E. Skull, Anacortes Police Department; Captain W. A. Ziegler, Richland Police Department; Sergeant A. L. Reil, Richland Police Department; Acting Lieutenant M. H. Meabon, Ellensburg Police Department; Identification Officer C. L. Marsh, Tacoma Police Department. —Cut courtesy Sheriff & Police Reporter (Seattle)

4, David Joe 3, Steiner 2, Pfeifer 1 D. Alvord, Sammers, Carlson and McGrath failed to score. Final score: LaConner 27, Oak Harbor

12. Zylstra, with 4, was high for Oak Harbor.

—Puget Sound Mail.

COURT HOUSE

Permits To Wed

Dec. 9—Jack A. Cornelius and Gladys Stevens, both of Mount Vernon.

Dec. 10—Robert R. Tetzlaff, of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Ruth E. Isaacson of Tacoma.

Auditor Busy Issuing Tabs

County Auditor J. W. Libbey is getting a steady stream of applications for the 1953 car license tabs. He says the number of applications is about normal for this time of the year.

The Auditor is temporarily out of the large plates for new Washington license applications but more are expected daily. They will bear the "IS" prefix for Island County.

John Warnock, Everett attorney, was a Courthouse visitor today.

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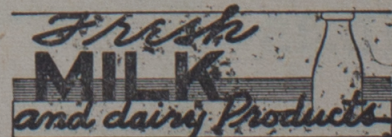
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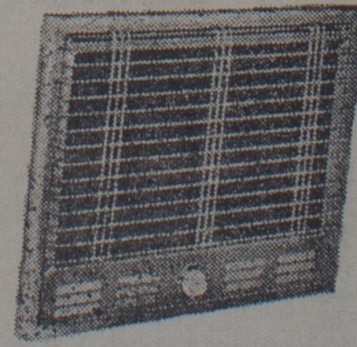
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