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## YEOMEN INSPECT PROPOSED SITE

### Lodge Officials Endeavoring to Find Suitable Place For Home

## COME FROM EUGENE

### Speaker at Lane County City States That School Law Recently Passed Here May Prevent Location

The delegation of Yeomen lodge officials and their wives who are making a trip through the west for the purpose of inspecting proposed sites for the children's home which that order expects to erect in the near future, arrived in Roseburg this morning and spent the greater part of the day inspecting the Curry ranch which is being offered to them here. The delegation is composed of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Frink, Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Ward F. Sonn, Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Vrooman and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ezell, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Mark T. McKee, who were members of the party, were called back to Eugene and left from Eugene last night. Mr. McKee has been greatly interested in the selection of the site and it is regretted that he was unable to come to Roseburg today.

A delegation of Roseburg business men met the lodge officials at Eugene this morning and brought them to Roseburg in automobiles. The party went to the Curry ranch for lunch and then spent the afternoon on a trip of inspection. Tonight a number of local business men will meet the visitors at a banquet to be given at the Umpqua Hotel.

## School Law is Bar

EUGENE, May 3.—Oregon, with admittedly the best building sites, may not get the Yeomen's home for children. That is what Mark T. McKee, Detroit attorney who is a member of the board of directors of the Yeoman lodge and chairman of the home committee, told members of the Chamber of Commerce at the luncheon last night when Yeomen committee members and their wives were entertained, and spoke.

The school bill passed at the November election, may keep the brotherhood from locating its cottage plan school for orphan children in this state, he said, unless some means is found to get around it. McKee said that other states had passed laws making it easier for the Yeomen to favor their commonwealths; Oregon was the only state that had raised the bars. He further declared that the committee would not have come out here on their inspection trip if they had known more of the law. Along with the other visiting speakers, he praised Oregon spirit and said people here were fine hosts—busy men having dropped their work to drive them from town to town by automobile.

McKee, called the "father of the cottage school idea," said 350 sites were up for examination and that after the committee had been over the ground, only 25 would be left for extensive study.

It is their plan to build a number of cottages, each under the direction of a man and wife so that true home environment could be secured, for about one thousand parentless children. In this they will be helped by the Moose, who have a wonderful home of this nature in Indiana. The American Legion, McKee said, is planning the same sort of an establishment.

George N. Frink, national president, said "the committee is sold on Oregon climate," and would like to locate their school here. He promised that money for politics would not count in the selection—only the site to be considered. Further, he pointed out, no money is sought by the order. All will be furnished by the lodge.

Several observers reported a huge plane headed west over here early today. It is believed certain to have been the army monoplane making the trans-continental non-stop flight.

## WILLIAMS TIED FOR FIRST PLACE

(By Associated Press.)  
SANDWICH, England, May 3.—Dr. O. F. Williams of Portland and Francis Outmet, of Boston, former American open champions, were tied today for first place in the two days' stroke competition for the St. George's challenge cup, one of the most important English golf trophies. Williams and Outmet each had 153. They will play 18 holes tomorrow to decide the winner.

## PUBLIC LANDS TO BE OPENED

### Government Announces That Large Tract Will Be Thrown Open

## VETS GET PREFERENCE

### Ex-Service Men Have Ninety Days in Which to Exercise Homestead Rights, Then Land Open to Public

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 3.—A tract of 220,000 acres of public lands in Coos and Douglas counties were thrown open to entry by former service men today. The entries will be restricted to 160 acres and after 91 days the lands will be thrown open to the general public.

A rush of homesteaders to this city as a result of the announcement made by the general land office today, is anticipated here. The local land office has not yet received any information regarding the opening of the lands other than the statement contained in the above dispatch from the Associated Press as it is the policy of the general land office to send this information by mail in spite of the fact that the announcement is made to the press as soon as the plans are given official approval.

The lands opened include Coos Bay Wagon Grants lands and Oregon-California railroad grant lands the greater part of the land lying in the western part of Douglas county and in Coos county.

They are chiefly valuable for grazing and stock raising, there being a comparatively small percentage suitable for farming purposes. There is some land which can be used for farming and pasture land, but this is not in any great quantity. The government, in classifying land divides it into three classes, power sites, timberlands, and agricultural. Agricultural lands are those tracts containing less than 300,000 feet of timber on each forty acres. No requirement is made regarding the suitability of the land for agricultural purposes. In former entries many young men have rushed to this community hoping to find valuable lands, being led to believe that there would be no difficulty in finding homesteads. The fact is, that only a small portion is suitable for such purposes, and that the majority must be used for grazing stock or some other such use.

The grant lands now being thrown open were originally given to the Oregon-California Railroad company and the Coos Bay Wagon Road company. These two concerns were each given every odd section for twenty miles on each side of the right of way of the railroad and the wagon road.

A few years ago it developed that the companies were failing to sell the land at \$2.50 per acre as was provided in the agreement and consequently steps were taken to revoke the grant. The title was re-vested with the government, the companies being paid \$2.50 per acre by the government. Settlers on this land are now required to pay the \$2.50 in addition to homesteading the land.

## SAYS WHITFIELD TOLD OF CRIME

### Cell Mate of Accused Boy Declares He Told About Attacking Girl

## GIVES STORY IN DETAIL

### Roy Moore, in Jail for Alleged Robbery, Goes on Stand and Tells of Alleged Confession Made to Him

(By United Press.)  
VANCOUVER, Wn., May 3.—Roy Moore, a fellow prisoner of George Whitfield, in the Clarke county jail, today told a sensational story of an alleged confession of Whitfield, whose trial opened Wednesday, for the murder of 11 year old Anna Nosko.

After telling of the attack, Moore says Whitfield told him he cut the girl's throat because she was "suffering and I thought it would put her out of her misery. I was sorry for her."

In telling his story Moore said: "He told me that he met the girl walking down the railroad track—that he grabbed her and that she screamed. He said he hit her with his fist and she screamed louder. Then he knocked her out with a sap, the sap flying out of his hand."

It was at this point that Whitfield made his second outburst.

After he had been quieted, Moore continued with his story.

"He told me he picked the girl up and carried her through the barbed wire fence to a rock. Then he went down to the railroad track and ran out of the brush to get her parasol. He saw her little brother but didn't think the little brother saw him."

"I asked him 'what did you cut her throat for?'"

"Well, she was lying there gasping and groaning and apparently suffering and I thought I would put her out of her misery. I was sorry for her," he replied.

"Did they get a knife off you?'"

"I asked him."

"Yes," he said.

"That the knife you cut her throat with?'"

"No, I threw that one away."

"Ed, what about this chicken story you told the officers? Did you really kill a chicken?'"

Whitfield had told the officers in explanation of the blood found on his clothing that he had killed that day.

"No I didn't," he replied, "I thought of that story on the way into town."

Moore's story remained unshaken despite sharp cross-examination on the part of the defense, which was marked by frequent clashes between Joseph E. Hall, prosecuting attorney, and the defense counsel. Upon cross-examination, Moore said he had been in the county jail almost continuously since his arrest for the circus holdup September 17, 1921. He has charge of the county jail in that he sees that the jail is kept clean and that order is kept among the prisoners, he testified. He related how he heard Whitfield shaking the lock to his cell one night and the following morning Moore said he told him "I heard you fooling with the lock last night. Do you want to get out and get me, too?'"

"What do you mean, 'get you too?'" Whitfield is alleged to have replied.

"Well, you won't get me and if I catch you monkeying with that lock again I'll knock your hand off," Moore says he told Whitfield.

"Whitfield asked me if I was going to testify against him, at the trial," Moore said in another part of his testimony. "I told him I was."

"Roy, have mercy," he said.

"Ed, you didn't have a bit of mercy on that poor little girl," I told him.

Moore's motives in consenting to become a witness were sharply questioned by the defense and frequent objections were made by Mr. Hall. The objections were sustained in most cases by Judge Simpson, who presided. An attempt to inquire into details of the circus robbery brought the response from Moore: "Mr. Yates, I'm not on trial for that now." He was sustained by the court.

of 200,000 acres have been opened since the war. These attracted hundreds of ex-service men from the middle west particularly, but only a few remained. It is expected that the new opening will again draw a large number.

## BAD TRAIN WRECK IS FATAL TO SEVEN

(By United Press.)  
GRAND JUNCTION, Col., May 3.—Seven were killed and thirty injured at 11 o'clock last night when the Denver-Rio Grande passenger train Number 1, eastbound from California, ran through an open switch at Woodside, Utah, overturning both locomotives, double header, two baggage, the smoker and chair cars. A relief train with nurses and physicians was rushed from here.

List of killed.  
SALT LAKE CITY, May 3. (A. P.)—Five persons were killed, one is missing and 23 injured in a wreck of the Denver and Rio Grande western passenger train, eastbound, at Woodside, Utah, last night, according to official advices today.

The dead are:  
Arthur Hocky, naval training station, Great Lakes, Ill.  
Mrs. E. C. White, Soldier Summit, Utah.  
Edward Partridge, Provo, Utah.  
F. R. Rader, locomotive engineer, Grand Junction, Colo.

A train baggage man is reported missing.

Deaths Total Seven.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 3. (A. P.)—Seven are dead and thirty injured as a result of the Denver and Rio Grande western wreck at Woodside, Utah. The death list was increased this morning when Mrs. Irene Mohr and infant daughter died aboard the special train enroute to Salt Lake City.

The wrecked train left here yesterday afternoon. A majority of the passengers were from the Pacific coast. Among the injured is Mrs. Hattie Snook of Portland, Oregon who sustained a fractured skull.

## NEW PRESIDENT ASSUMES DUTIES

### Dr. A. C. Seely Presides at Regular Rotary Luncheon Held Today Noon

## COMMITTEES NAMED

### Work for the Past Year is Reviewed by Retiring President Dexter Rice—Excellent Results Attained

At today's luncheon of the local Rotary club the retiring president, Dexter Rice, reviewed the work accomplished during the past year, touching briefly upon those important matters that the local organization had carried into effect during his term of office. For the good accomplished, and the club has been a mighty factor in many ways to bring about various improvements, the retiring president deeply thanked the members for their untiring efforts and close cooperation in the work undertaken, expressing the thought that credit was not due the president but to the club for its efforts to bring about a happy and successful term during his incumbency.

Mr. Rice has made an untiring official as the head of the Rotary club in Roseburg and it was with much regret among all the members that his term of office had expired. He has always given the club's activities the closest attention and strived in every possible manner to bring it to the highest standard of perfection that it might accomplish its purpose to the fullest extent. Service above self can properly be applied to the retiring president, for he has given the very best possible service to the club ever since it was first organized in this city and his leadership has brought the standing of the organization to the highest point of success.

Dr. Seely, the new president, in making his initial address to the club today noon spoke in glowing terms of the retiring president, and then, in his usual good manner, made a heart to heart talk to the members, urging their assistance that the activities of the club be not retarded under his supervision. He promised his untiring efforts to accomplish even greater results than had been obtained, now that the club is in good working shape and the members are confident that the new president will meet every obligation and will have their fullest cooperation.

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## KENTUCKY FEUDS STILL SMOULDER

### Seven Lives Taken Recently in One County—Fight Fiercely

## ENTIRE FAMILY BATTLES

### Posse Surrounded House and Finally Secured a Surrender—Woman a Crack Shot—Children Left Orphans

(International News Service.)  
HARLAN, Ky., May 3.—The flash of gunfire, with its inevitable aftermath of tragic death, sweeps the Kentucky foothills today with a regularity only duplicated in the popular vein of fiction which recounts her most famous blood feuds.

In this one county, high in the Blue Ridge Mountains, seven lives were taken recently within forty-eight hours in a trio of gun battles. The dead were Kell Walker, Bell county deputy sheriff; Ike Strong, a mountaineer; Mrs. Strong, his wife; George Strong, his brother; Constable Alex Little, Constable Caudle Short, both pioneers of the hills, and Ernest Gilliam, a boy.

Four of the seven, including Mrs. Strong, were slain in a fierce battle waged at the Strong home between the family and a posse of Federal and county officers. The posse was raiding in search of a still and had surrounded the house before calling on the family to surrender.

Woman Was Crack Shot  
Mrs. Strong, a powerfully built woman, opened the front door and blazed away with a rifle. Her first shot was believed to have struck Deputy Sheriff Walker, a member of the posse. His body later was found riddled with shot, in front of the home.

The answering fire of the raiders crashed time and again through the house until all signs of life had ceased. For a long while, though, the Strong maintained a constant counter-attack on the posse, but when silence reigned again the possemen broke into the house to find Strong, his wife and his brother lifeless on the floor.

Children Left Orphaned  
Five little children of the family were found huddled under the bed, where they stared, terrified, at the lifeless bodies of their father and mother. The posse took the children away to place them later in a State institution.

Search of the dwelling also revealed two monster stills, 600 gallons of mash and 75 gallons of whiskey.

Three persons were killed in the second battle. A trio of town constables—Claude Short, Alex Little and C. H. Gilliam—participated in it, at the town of Kirts, near here. The quarrel was said to have started over "nothing" when the mountain spirit suddenly flared. At any rate all three "pulled" their guns, and when the fire ended Little was dead in his tracks, and Short was fatally wounded. Gilliam escaped unscathed, but his young son, Ernest, had been struck down by a stray bullet. The youth and Short died within an hour.

"Deadshots" Tangle Up  
The third battle was between "deadshots" and the two gunmen who participated were both badly wounded, but probably will recover. George Belcher and Jess Pace, feared by all the mountaineers for their straight shooting, m and quarelled. Belcher fired first, and Pace fell drilled through the chest. Lying on the street desperately wounded, Pace drew his gun and blazed away. Five times his gun spat lead at Belcher, and when the latter fell the five shots were seen to have struck within a circle of eight inches. Both men were rushed to a hospital and operated on immediately. There is some hope they may live.

Calm observers declared all three battles were caused by the "mountain spirit" born in the days of feud when lives were held in contempt and only the "honor of the family" counted. Even with modern schools invading every nook of the backwoods this spirit of sudden warfare is not expected to die. It is an integral part of the mountain life.

Brings in Strawberries  
A. J. Tuck, of Edenboro, who is responsible for the first strawberries of the season in that section, yesterday brought in a crate to the local markets. This was preceded by several boxes which he brought to town the other day. They are very fine berries, large and sweet, and were quickly absorbed by the local market.

## PEARE ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT SUICIDE

(By United Press.)  
MARSHFIELD, Ore., May 3.—L. W. Peare, convicted murderer of his wife and James Culver, sentenced to hang on June 2, slashed his throat with a safety razor blade Wednesday afternoon. The physicians do not expect him to live.

Peare was unconscious from loss of blood when found by the jailer, only a short time after he had been out of sight of other prisoners.

## LEAGUE OPPOSES NEW PROJECTS

### Resolution Adopted Asking Court to Start No New Road Work

## WANT JOBS COMPLETED

### Work Now Underway Should Be Finished Before New Contracts Are Allowed Directors Believe

A resolution asking the county court to open up no new road projects and to allow no more contracts other than those already advertised, was adopted yesterday afternoon at the monthly meeting of the directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers League. The meeting was held at the Douglas Abstract office with the full board present.

The county has only a small amount of bond money left, it was stated, and there is a question as to whether or not there will be enough bond money to finish up the roads already started. It was the sentiment of the directors that all tax money should be used for improvements and maintenance on existing roads and not for new construction other than minor changes and alterations. The bond money should be used, they believe, to complete the projects for which it was voted. These jobs should be finished, and until that work is done, the court should not take on new work outside of the adopted program. As soon as the projects covered in the bond program are finished, there will then be no objection to spending the remaining funds, if any are left, to other important roads.

The resolution also recommended that the county court force all contractors to give bond and that 25 per cent of the contract price be reserved until the contract is completed. The reserve would force the completion of the project according to plans and specifications.

The Sundry Items committee reported that they had examined the bills for the past two months and found all bills to be properly itemized. One of the directors, who has been on the committee for the past three years, stated that the accounts are in better shape than they have ever been on this committee.

The executive committee recommended that a public accountant be hired to check over all expenditures of bond money since the date the first bonds were issued.

R. A. Hercher, chairman of the road committee, reported that owing to his illness the committee had not yet completed its report. This committee, however, has been working for about two months and has a considerable amount of data to submit at the next meeting.

## FIELD MEET TO BE HELD MAY 18

### Final Arrangements Made for County Athletic and Declamation Contest

## BIG CROWD EXPECTED

### Believed That Many Out-of-Town People Will Be in Roseburg on 18th to Witness School Contests

The annual field meet and declamation contest among the schools of the county will be held in Roseburg on May 18. These contests were started several years ago and have met with much favor and are a means of stimulating athletics among the children of the county. A program of events is arranged early in the year. Each school then makes up a team to compete in these various events. The events themselves are divided up for classes, the classes being based on the weight of the children participating. This limits competition to children of the same size so that there is not apt to be any overstrain or dangerous exertion.

The county is divided into districts and after each school has made up its team by elimination methods, all of the teams in each district get together in an elimination match and, the winners in the various events form a team which will represent the district in the county meet, held in Roseburg. Because of the advantage which Roseburg has in the matter of selection, the city schools are given a heavy handicap so that every school in the county has an equal chance. The prizes are ribbons denoting the place taken by the contestants and the children work as hard for these prizes as if there was a liberal cash award.

At the previous contests large crowds have been attracted. Over two hundred children participate in the athletic events and naturally there are other students and parents present to witness the event, so that usually there is a very pleasing attendance.

At a meeting of the officers and sectional directors for the arrangement resolutions and final arrangements were adopted and are being mailed to all school teachers and others interested throughout the county.

These resolutions required that a child in order to enter in the county meet must be a winner in the sectional meet. The director in the sectional has the right to fill any vacancy which may occur, which provides that there may be four entrants for each event but only three may start.

In the baseball throw for accuracy the distance for girls and class A and B boys will be 30 feet and for C and D boys, 60 feet.

All sectional directors are urged to hold their meets before May 12 and to report at once to the county office so that the books may be made up for the final contest.

The teachers of all schools are requested to ask the board of directors of their district for a holiday on the 18th so that all pupils may attend the county meet. It is desired to make the day a great school rally day.

A great deal of attention is being shown this year in the declamation contest and the chairman of this event is very anxious that the full quota of contestants from each section be present. This means a boy and girl from each section for both high school and grade school. Teachers are referred to Miss Rosa R. Parrott or Mr. Edith Faibe of Roseburg if in doubt as to whether or not the author selected is standard. Rules for the contest have been mailed to each teacher.

A charge of 15 cents for school children and 25 cents for adults will be made for the field meet and declamation contest, the price going to 25 and 35 cents on the day of the meet.

## NON-STOP PLANE SIGHTED IN N. M.

(By United Press.)  
TUCUMCARI, N. Mex., May 3.—Several observers reported a huge plane headed west over here early today. It is believed certain to have been the army monoplane making the trans-continental non-stop flight.

ROAD CONTRACTS LET  
Three road contracts were allowed today by the county court. The surfacing of the Stephens section was let to W. C. Roberts in the sum of \$3,000. Mr. Roberts also received the contract on the Fairbairns section, bidding \$5,375. The contract on the Anchor section of the Johns ranch-Anchor road, was let to J. W. Thomas in the sum of \$2,150.

CHEWING TOBACCO AND SNUFF DRUG ON MARKET  
ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio, May 3.—Snuff and plug tobacco are no longer in demand, says Elwood Kyle, local grocer. In the old days snuff and plug tobacco were staple articles, much in demand. Even the smallest store had its cutter for cutting "J. T." and "Star" plugs. Scrap has taken the place of plug tobacco. Chewing gum has replaced snuff among the women.