

Society

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR FRIDAY

Vice-president of the Olalla Community Executive committee has called a special meeting for the selection of officers and special order of business for Friday, March 19, at eight o'clock at the Olalla Community hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

PUBLIC INVITED TO FINE ARTS PROGRAM

Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor a fine arts program at 8:15 o'clock Wednesday night, March 24, at the First Presbyterian Church featuring Mrs. Walter Monger, who will present "The Terrible Meek."

Mrs. Lester Nielsen, soprano; Mrs. Morris H. Roach, violinist, and Mrs. Homer Grow, organist, will present the musical numbers. The public is most cordially invited.

PUBLIC INVITED TO BENEFIT CARD PARTY
Garden Valley Women's Club will sponsor a benefit card party Saturday night, March 20, at eight o'clock at the clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded winners in five hundred and pinocle. A door prize will also be given and refreshments will be served. The public is most cordially invited.

BELLVIEW CLUB TO HOLD FOOD SALE
Bellview Club will sponsor a cooked food sale Friday, March 19, beginning at 9 a. m. at the Percy Croft building on North Jackson street. Homemade pies, breads, cakes, cookies and salads will be featured.

MR. AND MRS. FINDLAY ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Findlay entertained at a delightful dinner at their home on Keasey road Sunday having as guests Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Patterson and daughters, Martaa, Nesta and Nonda. Brenda Findlay youngest daughter of the Findlays, spent the weekend at the Patterson home visiting and returned to her home Sunday.

RIVERSDALE GRANGE TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

Riversdale Grange will meet Friday night at a six-thirty o'clock potluck dinner at the hall honoring members having birthdays in January, February and March. Garden Valley women will have charge of the kitchen with Mrs. Walter Norris and Mrs. Cliff Hess, co-hostesses. All members are urged to be present.

CHILI AND PIE SUPPER TO BE SERVED FRIDAY

Edenbow Community Club has invited the public to a chili and pie supper to be held at seven o'clock Friday night, March 19, at the school playshed. Bingo and games will be in play by the children attending, while pinocle and five-hundred has been arranged for the adults. Prizes will be awarded.

PIE SOCIAL AND PROGRAM PLANNED

Trail Dust Saddle Club members have invited the public to attend a pie social and musical entertainment at the Glide Grange hall Saturday night, March 20, at 8:30 o'clock. Women attending are asked to furnish the pies.

P. E. O. SISTERHOOD TO MEET ON FRIDAY

Chapter Bl of the P. E. O. Sisterhood will meet Friday, March 19, at a one-fifteen o'clock desert-luncheon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Roberts at 435 Fowler St.

H. E. CLUB TO HOLD ALL-DAY MEETING

South Deer Creek Home Economics Club will hold an all-day meeting Friday, March 19, at the home of Mrs. R. A. Findlay. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon. All members are urged to be present.

Contracts Let For Women's Dorm At State University

PORTLAND, March 17.—(AP)—Award of contracts for the construction of the new women's dormitory at the University of Oregon was authorized here yesterday by the building committee of the State Board of Higher Education.

Contracts totaling about \$1,300,000 were awarded to: W. C. Smith, Inc., Portland, general contract on a low bid of \$1,049,000; A. G. Rushlight & Co., Portland, mechanical contract on a low bid of \$188,270; W. R. Gracie Co., Portland, electrical contract on a low bid of \$85,280.

Final award of contracts is subject to the board's obtaining satisfactory bids on a bond issue to finance the structure. The new dormitory will house and feed 333 girls and will be located on 17th Ave., between Emerald and Beech streets. Construction will begin as soon as possible.

The state board's building committee also approved final plans and calling for bids on the music school addition, with bids to be advertised and opening set for April 23.

Drain IWA Local Will Join Unit in Roseburg

Local 277, CIO, of the International Woodworkers of America, in Drain, at a recent election voted to amalgamate with Local 307, with headquarters in Roseburg. Field Representative Leonard McIntire reports.

Most logging camp employees voted for the union shop recently by a count of 57-1. At Martin Brothers Box Co., the logging crew voted for the union shop clause, 12-4. Bargaining rights were won by the local at a union authorization election at the South Umpqua Remanufacturing Co. at Riddle.

Toastmasters Club Now Entitled to Charter

Roseburg's Toastmaster's Club last night reached a membership of 20, enough to obtain a national charter, when Harrison Winston, Glenn Clute and Ronald West became charter members. First organized in 1932 as a non-profit corporation with a membership of 500 clubs the Toastmasters now have clubs throughout the United States, Canada, England and Scotland. The purpose of the club is the self-improvement of the members in public speaking.

Parking Meters Collect Coins of Many Nations

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—(AP)—Coins of many nations reach the desk of City Treasurer A. N. Wyman, though they're of no help in meeting the payroll. Parking meters here have disgorged coins from Canada, Peru, Argentina, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Ecuador, Palestine, Norway, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, China, Japan, the Philippines, Ceylon, Netherlands East Indies and Turkey.

Oregon Employers Set New High in Wages Paid

SALEM.—(AP)—Oregon employers paid more than \$860,000,000 in wages last year, at least \$80,000,000 more than the previous record set in 1944, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission estimated. The employers paid \$13,446,359 into the unemployment compensation fund last year.

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U. S. Merchant Ships Given Italy for Goodwill

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—President Truman yesterday ordered the transfer of 29 merchant ships to Italy as a gesture of American goodwill.

The vessels, including 15 war-built Liberty ships represent a further United States gift to Italy's economic recovery.

Congress authorized the move last August when it gave the president permission to return or replace all Italian ships seized by the United States during the war.

A State Department official told a reporter it is a "happy coincidence" that negotiations for this gift were completed today—33 days before the Italian elections.

Only yesterday the State Department warned that if Italy goes Communist in the election, she will get no further economic help from this country.

Russia Uses Wheat Bait To Lure Western Europe

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—Congress heard yesterday that Russia is offering large amounts of wheat to Western European countries, possibly for "political purposes."

Undersecretary of Agriculture N. E. Dodd told of the Russian move in testimony released by the House appropriations committee. He said it is "complicating the situation very much."

Dodd cited a Russian deal to ship 700,000 tons of grain to England in return for heavy machinery. He added:

"The Russians also offered to enter into negotiations with other Western European countries for wheat in amounts larger than we have in sight at the present time."

Jail Escapee Arrested On Auto Theft Charge

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—Donald Carl Praise, 30, Goldendale, Wash., was held under \$2,500 bail today on a federal car theft charge which involved a 1946 gun battle with police at Chinook, Wash.

Praise was arraigned before a U. S. commissioner yesterday after his arrest in Independence. Police said Praise escaped from a Multnomah County jail gang in March, 1946. He is charged with transporting a stolen automobile from Portland to Chinook, Wash., Oct. 30, 1946. The driver of the car escaped at that time in a running gun battle. Police later recovered the automobile.

LOCUSTS HAVE KICK
SYDNEY.—(AP)—"Grasshoppers" in the Burra district of South Australia (locally locusts) are mowing fowls to death. Fowls have been swallowing the "hoppers" alive and their kicking hind legs, with their saw-edges, have cut the fowls' jugular veins, and caused them to bleed to death.

T-H Law Isn't Cure-All, Forum Speaker Admits

Ransom L. Meinke, Portland labor relations counsel, speaking on the Taft-Hartley law at the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon at the Umpqua Hotel Monday, said that the law is "not a cure-all, but neither is it a slave labor law."

Meinke stated that all of the rights the labor unions had under the Wagner Act are included in the provisions of the Taft-Hartley law, and, in fact, the law should be known as the "Wagner-Taft-Hartley."

The forum speaker admitted that he is probably "prejudiced," since he represents several employer groups on the Pacific coast in their relations with labor unions.

Referring to John L. Lewis, Meinke said that a few labor leaders, who are "drunk with power," have done "more to harm the labor movement than anything else."

Discussing the history of labor laws, he labeled the period of American history before the Civil War as the "age of oppression" by employers and the period before the turn of the century, as the "age of tolerance."

The Taft-Hartley law, he maintained, marks the best era of labor relations the United States has yet seen. He stated his belief that enactment of the law was brought about by jurisdictional strife between unions, which did not consider the good of the public.

In proposing amendments to the Taft-Hartley law, he said

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that, in his opinion, labor unions should have the right to support political candidates and that employers as well as union officers should be required to file non-Communist affidavits.

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