

Society

EVERGREEN H. E. C. MEETS THURSDAY

The Evergreen Grange Home Economics Club met Thursday at the hall for a potluck luncheon, after which the chairman, Margaret McCord, conducted the business session. Many new ideas were submitted and adopted. All members, who were not present, are urged to contact the chairman and be instructed in the new work.

March 5 was chosen as the date for the chicken pie supper to be held at the hall at 6:30 o'clock. The public is invited. Cards will be in play during the social hour.

L. A. TO LETTER CARRIERS ASSN. TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The Ladies Auxiliary, No. 712, Oregon State Association of Lettercarriers, will meet at a 6:30 o'clock potluck supper Friday evening, Feb. 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Long in West Roseburg. Members and their families are cordially invited to attend.

ROSE P-T. A. TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Rose P-T. A. will meet Monday night, Feb. 7, at 8 o'clock at the schoolhouse to observe Founder's Day. A program will be presented and a silver offering will be taken. All parents and friends are invited.

TOWNSEND FOURTH DISTRICT COUNCIL TO MEET FEB. 6

The Townsend Fourth District Council will meet Feb. 6, at 10 a. m., at the home of Mrs. Rutter in Edenbower. All members are asked to be present.

Fact-Finders Asked to Enter Railway Dispute

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The principals in the lengthy railroad wage-hour dispute have asked the presidential fact-finding board to enter the dispute and "try to work out a settlement between us."

The request was made jointly by George Leighty, representing the 16 non-operating unions totaling some 1,000,000 members, and Daniel Loomis, of the carriers.

They said both sides agreed to ask the return of the board.

It was dissatisfaction with this same board's recommendation last year that preceded the lengthy current talks.

The negotiators met yesterday without giving any hint of how close they were to settling the 10-month-old dispute.

The railroad submitted a proposal at Monday's meeting. Its terms were not disclosed but a union official described it as one "for settling the principal points of the dispute."

The unions can call a strike at any time if they fail to reach a settlement as all procedure required by the National Railway Labor Act has been followed.

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GOOD MOUSERS—Malcolm Humphreys, warehouse foreman at the Douglas County Flour Mill, holds two of 13 black cats used as mousers at the mill. The cat on the left has been "on the payroll" 14 years. His brother was found sick with poisoning just last Saturday, and was taken to a local animal hospital, where he died.

Squad of 13 Black Cats Unlucky For Rodents at Douglas Co. Flour Mill; Color Protects Them From Autos

Thirteen black cats receive their ration of fresh hamburger, bread and milk every morning, for effectively keeping away the rats at the Douglas County Flour Mill. Two of the cats—brothers—were on the "payroll" together 14 years, until a poisoner took one's life last Saturday.

Robert Bashford, assistant mill manager, said the cats don't answer to any name, just "Here, kitty, kitty, kitty." But they are worth all the meals of hamburger and milk which are set out for them, because the mill is not troubled with rats or mice and it has never been necessary to fumigate the building.

The cats are the particular charges of Malcolm Humphreys, warehouse foreman, and Paul Gregory, warehouseman, who make daily purchases of a pound

of fresh hamburger meat, one loaf of bread, and two quarts of milk. After this breakfast, the cats usually stretch out on top of feed sacks to sleep during the day. They do their prowling at night.

Bashford explained that all of the company's cats are black—a safeguard against getting killed when they cross N. Pine St. from the mill to the hay warehouse. It used to be that motorists wouldn't slow down for the gray-striped cats employed by the mill. Even cats with nine lives found they didn't have a long life expectancy there.

Now cars grind to a halt when the cats saunter across the way, or nap in the hot summer sun in the middle of the street. The motorists don't want any black cats crossing their paths.

Administration Dodging Farm Program Pledge, Horan Charges

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Rep. Horan (R-Wash.) said yesterday the Democratic administration is "trying to get out from under" on its promise to enact a farm program that will meet the needs of farmers and please city dwellers.

"After leading administration figures helped swing the 1948 election by denouncing the long-range farm program of the 80th Congress, they now find themselves sorely put to offer an acceptable program of their own," Horan said in an interview.

"The parity and price support problem is as large as ever but the Agriculture Department has yet to offer a solution."

"Instead, the job has been put squarely up to Congress — to

which the administration can send anyone who doesn't like the result."

Horan said that farm policy makers are caught between demands for 50 to 100 per cent parity price support and the reluctance of farmers to submit to crop control. (Parity is a price the Agriculture Department calculates is equally fair to producers and consumers.)

Horan said he will work for a parity formula which will make it worth while for farmers to produce food but added "we must achieve a flexibility which will not encourage surpluses or price foods off the city markets."

Church Held Not Liable to Artist For Destroying Painting Bought From Him

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—(AP)—A State Supreme Court referee has ruled that a New York artist cannot hold a church financially responsible for intentionally destroying a mural purchased from him.

The decision was made by Referee Charles C. Lockwood in denying the claim of Alfred D. Crimi, 48, for \$150,000 damages from the Rutgers Presbyterian Church.

Crimi said a 35-by-26-foot mural, called "Spreading of the Gospel," was destroyed by the church

Educational Aid Awaits Vets When Benefits Expire

Some 2,300 Oregon ex-servicemen now in college under the GI bill, are expected to turn to the state veterans' educational aid program during the next three years as their federal benefits expire, the State Department of Veterans' Affairs reported this week.

The department queried officials of 16 colleges, including the state general extension division, in its effort to determine future demands on the \$35.00 monthly benefit to World War II veterans who were Oregon residents for one year prior to active service.

Those replying indicated that the need for state assistance to veterans will become greater as GI benefits run out, since the two may not be used concurrently. One predicted that this "change will come about very shortly."

The number of students who will desire state aid during the coming year cannot be predicted except in general terms, he said. "Certainly, however, a sharp increase in applications may be expected beginning with the coming summer session and rising rapidly during the early part of the fall term."

Replies indicated that of those veterans now in school, 700 at Oregon State college will turn to state aid when their GI benefits run out; 500 at University of Oregon; 278 at Multnomah college; 214 at University of Portland; and 152 at Willamette university, with the other eleven schools estimates ranging downward.

Edward T. Taggart, veterans' department educational officer, said the 2,300 figure is necessarily inconclusive because it applies only to those veterans now in college. There is no way of knowing how many others may be attracted to the state program, he said.

ALCOA Plans Plant in Alaska

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—A government official told a Senate Committee yesterday the Aluminum Company of America is considering construction of an aluminum plant in Alaska.

The testimony came from W. E. Warne, assistant secretary of interior, at a hearing before the Senate Interior Committee.

Chairman O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) asked if during the ALCOA is planning a plant in Alaska. Answering in the affirmative, Warne added that the plans have not gone far enough for any public statement as to the details.

Warne went on to say the plant would be in southeast Alaska, north of Ketchikan, and would require a treaty between the United States and Canada as it will "involve international waters."

He said he thought the plans were to have part of the aluminum-making process in Alaska and part in Oregon or Washington. He said the company was attracted to Alaska by the availability of a power supply.

SCOUT EXECUTIVE NAMED
BEND, Ore., Feb. 3.—(AP)—James G. Williams, Logan, Utah, will become field executive for the Boy Scouts of America in this region March 1.

He will succeed Robert Gamage, who resigned from Scout work to become Episcopal minister at Langell Valley Parish in Klamath County.

VETS CLUB LICENSED
PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—(AP)—America's Legion Post No. 46 at Woodburn has been granted a club license by the State Liquor Control Commission.

Reciprocal Trade Law Gets Committee's O. K.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Democrats drove through the House Ways and Means Committee on a 17-to-8 vote today a bill restoring until June 12, 1951, the full powers of the old reciprocal trade law.

President Truman requested the legislation, telling Congress it is needed to remove hobbles put on trade negotiations by the GOP tariff law passed in 1948.

He said full operation of the trade act would build world commerce and promote peace. The legislation gives the President power, without any reference to Congress, to cut American duties up to 50 per cent below Jan. 1, 1941, tariffs, in trade pacts with nations that agree to reduce their trade barriers.

West Germany's Commie Chief Given Jail Term

DUSSELDORF, Germany, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Max Reimann, West Germany's Communist leader, was sentenced to three months in jail yesterday for encouraging discrimination against Germans who aided allied military government.

Reimann was convicted by a British military government court in a trial hurried by Communist demonstrations. The 50-year-old Communist leader was accused of telling an audience of 5,000 Germans that those who cooperated with the Western Allies, particularly with regard to the International Ruhr Authority, would be regarded as "Quislings" who would have to account to the German people for their actions.

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