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YOUNG LEADERSHIP

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We had the extreme pleasure of attending the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet held Thursday at Drain. It always is an enjoyable experience to meet with friends in neighboring towns and to get acquainted with newcomers. One of the great disadvantages of an editorial desk is the loss of widespread contact with people. Thus it becomes doubly a pleasure when we have opportunity to attend meetings such as the Drain Chamber of Commerce affair.

As we visit throughout Douglas county we are impressed by the large number of young people taking active part in civic affairs.

The Umpqua basin, as we have mentioned previously, has an unusually high percentage of young residents. We also are fortunate in the fact that an exceptionally large number of these young people, planning permanent residence, want the best possible community in which to live and are willing to work for their objectives. Consequently we find young men and young women, full of enthusiasm, energy and determination, taking over the promotional work in our various towns. We predict that within a few years, as soon as the results of this aggressive spirit can be measured, the Umpqua basin will be widely known for its civic enterprise.

Drain Has Fine Achievement Record

The Drain community for several years has been noted for its civic activities. Successful promotion of its Living War Memorial attracted nationwide attention and commendation. That enterprise, which would be an outstanding accomplishment for a city many times the size of Drain, helped solidify the spirit of the community and was followed by the organization of a Chamber of Commerce.

A glance at the report covering 1949 activities shows how aggressively the Drain chamber has attacked its community problems.

One of the major problems was that of a road along the south side of Elk creek to provide an outlet for many families. Drain citizens contacted the county court and gave a most thorough presentation of the project—a presentation so effective that the court made the desired improvement despite a temporary policy of building no new roads.

A study has been made into the need for flood control. Approval has been gained for plans presented by chamber representatives. The matter now is before Congress, with hope that authorization for approximately \$95,000 in appropriations will be voted this year.

The organization is working on plans for a community hospital while also endeavoring to attract a resident dentist.

Recreation Is Major Project

The Drain chamber has been particularly interested in recreational projects.

It has worked closely with the North Douglas Sportsmen's association in fish and game matters. It cooperated with the American Legion in sponsoring Legion Junior baseball. It invited the annual state B basketball tournament, and would probably have been successful except for the limited seating capacity of the high school gymnasium. The chamber sponsored a 4-H club program, presented baseball trophies, and sponsored community Christmas decorations and activities.

We have long proclaimed the theory that any community expecting to be a trade center must also be an entertainment center—that recreation and trade go hand-in-hand. Drain has made excellent progress in matching its trade promotion with recreational development.

We believe the community is to be congratulated for its fine record of achievement—a record we well know will be maintained during the coming year under the very efficient leadership the Chamber of Commerce enjoys.

Landmark On Cow Creek Gives Way To Progress

By MRS. ILLA QUIRKE

Another landmark in Douglas county history succumbed to progress recently when the old house known as the Elliff place, on Cow creek, was torn down to make room for a new structure.

The old house first gained recognition as a road stop for freight wagons and stage coaches traveling the Roseburg-Grants Pass route. The house was mentioned in Ernest Haycox's saga of early days in Oregon, "Canyon Passage." T. Johns bought the "Ranch" in 1890 and owned it until his death, at which time it was passed on to his sons, Leland and Ed.

The lovely old oak trees are still standing at the site of the house and will make a beautiful setting for the new home. The location has been called one of the best in Cow Creek valley, with the view of Snow mountain, Green mountain and Quartz Mill creek. These form the watershed for Starvation creek, one of the oldtime "gold creeks." Incidentally, there is still "gold in them thar hills."

During the past year, another new home was built on the farm by Ed Johns.

If the old pioneers were to travel highway 99, near the knoll on which the old house stood, they would indeed be surprised at the "new look" which the old Elliff place has acquired.

Polio Follows Family To United States

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Last summer, with an infantile paralysis epidemic sweeping the United States, it had seemed like a good idea to Paul Atlas to leave his young daughter in England.

She would be safer there, he thought.

"o he came home from the family vacation to his grocery business in Brooklyn. His wife and their six-year-old daughter, Malca Ruth, stayed behind.

Thursday, a big military transport plane, flying on a special mercy mission, brought the little girl home.

At La Guardia field, she was carried out of the plane on a stretcher.

She was stricken with polio in London.

New YMCA Building To Be Built At Tillamook

TILLAMOOK, Feb. 25.—Ground will be broken Monday for a new community YMCA building.

The \$38,000 structure will be built on a corner of the high school property near the business district. When a projected new school is built, the Y will take over the old structure, adding the gymnasium to its facilities.

The expanded YMCA program here got under way after Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Beals offered \$75,000 if the community would match that sum. It did, and John Gardner, Salem, was engaged a year ago as secretary.

Canyonville Club Hears Account Of Early Pioneers

Glenn N. Riddle of Riddle, gave an interesting account of "Early Days in Oregon," when he was guest speaker before the Women's Civic club of Canyonville Tuesday night. He told many humorous stories as well as serious incidents passed down from his father.

His father was 12 when his family left Illinois to come to Oregon. In all their traveling they remembered the Canyon as being the worst. They drove their ox teams and covered wagons down the bed of the creek. From Azalea to the Pioneer bridge or camp was one day's travel and from the Pioneer to Canyonville was another day's travel.

Riddle also told of Indian wars, how the pioneers built their houses without nails or saws, the rail fences, how the women counted the revolutions of the wagon wheels to determine the number of miles traveled, about the first railroad built into Roseburg, the visit of President Hayes to Canyonville and numerous incidents that took place in and around Canyonville.

A short business meeting took place with President Mrs. Norman Chappell, in charge. A committee, appointed to plan a public St. Patrick's card party to raise money for the library fund, follows: Mrs. H. M. Anderson, Mrs. John Bingham Sr. and Mrs. William Cox.

Refreshments were served from a table decorated for Washington's birthday centered with a realistic cherry tree with red, white and blue candles on either side. Cookies in hatchet shapes also carried out the theme. Mrs. John Bingham Sr. and Mrs. Ray Hays were hostesses.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Brinkworth, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Weaver, Albert Mault, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn N. Riddle, Mrs. H. E. Taylor, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. George Binder, Mrs. Fred Elliot, Mrs. Lloyd Fairfield, Miss Jean Fairfield, Mrs. Elmer Stanley, Mrs. William McFall, Mrs. Frank Sullivan and Helen Couglar.

Members attending were Mrs. John Bingham Jr., Mrs. Norman Chappell, Mrs. Olive Homme, Mrs. H. M. Anderson, Mrs. Clarence Crowl, Mrs. John Bingham Sr., Mrs. Henry Ford, Mrs. Harry Howard, Mrs. G. L. Anderson, Mrs. Ray Hays, Mrs. Walter Jensen, Mrs. Albert Mault, Mrs. J. B.

REALIZE that as long as we take care of everybody else by laws and subsidies we must take care of the farmer by laws and subsidies. But I grew up on a farm. I hate to think of the time when the American farmer might fall to the status of a mere pensioner of the government, going through the motions of raising crops but knowing all the time that it made no difference whether he grew much or little, whether he handled his land well or poorly, whether he grew good stuff or bad stuff—that his government check would take care of him anyway.

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