

Talent Show Set Friday At Benson

"April Frolics," a benefit show sponsored by the Benson PTA is slated Friday at 8 p.m. in the Benson school gym. Proceeds will be used to help finance the sending of two Benson PTA delegates to the state PTA convention. A full program of entertainment is planned including baton twirling

by Norma Hill; acrobatic numbers by Carol Lee and Pat Davidson of the Sally Hill Studio of Dance Arts; skate dancing by Cookie Archer and Donald Horton who recently won the state championship for juvenile dance skating in Portland; ballet by Joyce Johnson of the Patterson school of Dance; vocal numbers by Mrs. Lee Mortensen; skip-rope act by Mrs. Miller's Camp Fire Girls; barber shop quartet selections; and accordion band numbers by Mrs. Jack Smith's group.

Frank Benson, sixth grade pupil at Benson, is the master of ceremonies.

JOINS NAVY

Stanley Richard Barg, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil A. Barg, Roseburg, enlisted in the navy on March 27. He attended Roseburg Senior high school and prior to his enlistment, he was employed by the Wilbur garage.

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Northwestern Wheat Vies With Rice In Orient

The increasing amount of northwestern-grown wheat being used in the Orient today was the topic of E. J. Bell, administrator of the Oregon Wheat commission, who addressed the annual National Farm Loan association meeting held Monday in Roseburg.

Four times as much wheat is being consumed in the Orient now than before World War II, despite the fact that rice has been the preferred grain because of the small amount of fuel needed to cook it, according to Bell, who headed a

department of Agriculture mission of three men sent last year to study agricultural conditions in Japan, Hongkong, the Philippines, Malay peninsula, Indonesia, Thailand and Pakistan. Though much wheat is produced in large quantities in China, Japan and northern India, much is imported from the western countries. Usually the wheat is made into noodles which can be cooked quickly with soup. Japanese kitchens do not have ovens, Bell pointed out, due to the amount of fuel needed to heat them. Even street litter, bits of rope and tiny pieces of paper, are swept up to provide cooking fuel.

Japan produces a large amount of electricity by harnessing her small mountain streams but all, except a minimum doled out for household illumination, is used in industry to manufacture articles for export.

Locomotives sold to Argentina buys wheat from that country; textiles shipped to Thailand bring a return in rice, and shirts sold in Canada, manufactured from U. S. cotton, buys more wheat. Though all of Japan's tillable acreage is under intense cultivation, 110 million bushels of grain must be imported to feed the population. Most American wheat is bought by the U. S. government and given, through Army distribution, to the Japanese.

Bell showed slides illustrating his talk and commented on the numbers of children who appeared to pose, each time a picture was taken. He pointed out that rationing, though stringent in Japan, was being well managed and the children appeared nourished and healthy.

The children have had no small influence on the change in Japan-

ese eating habits as they have taken the husky American soldier as their model and, noticing that Americans are bread eaters, have asked for the same fare in their homes.

Bell's talk was preceded by a discussion by C. D. Putz, regional manager of Oregon for the Federal Land Bank of Spokane.

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Pvt. Leon Arney At Marine School

CAMP COOKE, Calif. — Pvt. Leon Charles Arney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Arney of Roseburg, has been sent to the Marine Corps school at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., for instruction in the operation of amphibious vehicles.

Pvt. Arney is assigned to Headquarters company, 747th amphibious tank and tractor battalion, currently in training here. He was ordered into the army Jan. 24 and sent to the army reception center at Fort Lewis, Wash., before coming here.

Before last January he was a shipping and receiving clerk in Roseburg.

Upon completion of the 12-week course at Camp Pendleton, Pvt. Arney will be sent back to his amphibious battalion, where he will be assigned to the maintenance section of his company.

NO FIRE DAMAGE

The Roseburg Fire department was called out Monday by a fire at a residence in Umpqua park. Fire Chief William Mills reports: He said no damage resulted from the fire.

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