

Local News

Leave For California — Mrs. Kate Chamberlin and grandson, George, have left Roseburg for Sacramento, Calif., where they will make their home.

Returns To Work — Mrs. R. E. Herrin, secretary of the Douglas county chapter, American Red Cross, has returned to work following a month's illness.

Happy Hour Club To Meet — Riverside Happy Hour club will meet at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. H. B. Kruse Wednesday. Mrs. Nell Christian will be co-hostess.

Attend Grand Session — Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hampton and Mrs. R. B. Rhodes are attending the grand session of Job's Daughters in Portland.

At Mercy Hospital — Tom Ollivant of Lookingglass is ill in Mercy hospital. His brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Bacon of Oakland, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Lottie Hoover of Salem, are in Roseburg to be with him. Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson brought Mrs. Hoover to Roseburg.

Meeting Time Changed — Roseburg Toastmasters club will meet tonight for dinner at Carl's Haven at 7:30 o'clock, instead of 7 o'clock, as previously announced.

Fullerton Study Group To Meet — The Fullerton PTA study group will meet Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the lunchroom at the school. All interested are invited.

Son Born — Word has been received that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Poyer of Sunny-side, Wash., April 5. Mrs. Poyer is the former Doris Shortridge of Roseburg.

Visit Son in Portland — Mr. and Mrs. E. Kenneth Jones have returned to their home in Roseburg, following a trip to Portland to visit their son, Ed, a junior at Hill Military academy.

Benefit Assn. To Meet — The Women's Benefit association business meeting will be held Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Joras at Winston. All new members are urged to be present.

To Visit Father — Donna Rae Lee, daughter of Ida Firman, Pine Court apartments, Roseburg, left Saturday for Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where her father, Charles Lee, is seriously ill of heart trouble.

Attend Funeral — Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barcus of Roseburg left last Friday for Dodge City, Kan., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Barcus' father, A. Liberty. They expect to be gone two weeks and will visit Mr. Barcus' parents before returning home.

Goes to Eugene — Mrs. Paul R. Shanklin Sr. of this city left today for Eugene to attend the University of Oregon Singers' concert this evening. Her daughter, Miss Genevieve Shanklin, is a member of the group.

Return From Meeting — Mr. and Mrs. Merle Gots have returned to their home in Roseburg, following a three-day stay in Portland, where Mr. Gots represented The News-Review at a meeting of Associated Press editors. While in Portland, they visited relatives and friends. Mrs. Gots returned to her work in the office at Smith Motors this morning.

Better Weather Makes Possible Work Increase

Snow and wet weather held up a rise in employment during the first three weeks in March in Douglas county. But at the month's end, a gradual opening of various lumber operations created a demand for workers in this field, the monthly report of employment trends submitted by George T. Foster, manager of the local Oregon State Employment service office, reveals.

There is still considerable snow in the higher elevations that will not permit logging firms to get started, but this condition should take care of itself within two or three weeks, the report states.

Construction work is in full swing. Many jobs that have been held up all winter by weather conditions have been re-activated. New construction is still a doubtful quantity. Federal regulations prohibit new commercial building, but residential building is not restricted as yet and there are several proposed residences on which work will start very soon.

Retail and wholesale trade is in between the Christmas rush and the spring business. Prospects in this field appear to be good. The economic picture of the area is expected to show but little change from last year.

The labor supply is giving indication of being extremely short. The armed forces and defense work have made their mark on the available manpower. The training of experienced workers in key jobs will become more and more necessary as the year progresses.

From Homes To Hotels New Legislators' Trek

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fore it breaks the all-time record of 97 days, it is not surprising that home owners are kindly but firmly insisting that they want to get back into their houses.

Those lucky people, who have been taking world cruises, or vacationing in Mexico, etc., with most of their expenses paid by the interim occupants of their houses, naturally want some place to park their suitcases when they return. Other owners feel that spring gardening, painting, etc. needs to be done and have lost all patience with the governmental processes.

Children Are Problem — This doesn't present too much of a problem for those who have come without their families. But where children are involved and sudden transfers are necessary it becomes complicated. Hotel existence isn't for the little ones so emergency plans have to be made to get them home and back into their usual school environment and properly cared for so mothers can come back and finish out their duties if they are involved as secretaries. So some families are wondering if perhaps it wasn't a mistake to try to bring the little ones after all.

Other parents, who left their children at home, are so besieged with letters from home-sick youngsters and are worried about upkeep of their neglected homes around the state, are wondering if an overall immigration to Salem wouldn't have been better. There isn't any perfect arrangement for family adjustments on this not-so-temporary set up.

Being a little sarcastic about the length of the session, I heard the remark the other day that the reapportionment committee could forget its worries because if we stayed much longer we would all be residents of Marion county.

Wardrobes Also Worry — The usual feminine lament about "nothing-to-wear" is very appropriate here for many wives optimistically brought only their winter wardrobes and didn't count on weather when cottons and spring suits would be in order. No doubt this lack of foresight has been a boon to Salem fashion stores where the ladies have not too reluctantly had to replenish their supplies.

The lobbyists have joined in the complaints and have conspired to wear unbecomingly loud neckties every Monday from now on as their remonstrance against the delays. So the lobby takes on a vivid and rather flashy appearance on Monday. Perhaps black for mourning would be better.

The senate roads and highways committee introduced a memorial asking Congress not to increase the federal gasoline tax and the excise tax on automobiles.

A bill appropriating \$12,000 for studies of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin in the U. S. capitol was passed by the Senate and sent to the House.

A state arboretum and botanical garden will be built by the highway commission under a bill sent to the governor by the Senate.

Tilt Over Truck Weights — The argument over the bill fixing truck weight limits and overloading penalties got hot in the senate highway committee.

Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon, stalked out of the committee meeting after committee Chairman Elmo Smith, John Day, accused Gill of "trying to find loopholes for loggers." The committee was discussing proposed fines for overloading of log trucks.

"You can take this committee and have it," Gill told Smith as he left. "That's the first time anybody ever challenged my integrity."

Gill came back to the meeting later and Smith apologized. Smith said he would carry his fight to the floor against the amendments which a majority of his committee put into the house bill.

Greater Weight Favored — The majority voted to boost maximum weights on tandem axle trailers towed by four-wheel log trucks to 36,000 pounds during a two-year temporary period. This type now can haul 32,000 pounds, and the highway commission wants a limit of 32,000. The House voted for 34,000.

Smith and Sen. Sam Coon, Baker, protested the amendments. "We aren't running anybody out of business," Smith said, "they have been highly abusing the highways for a long time. There are people driving cars in this state besides the log truckers, and they deserve some consideration."

Gill and Sen. William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, both from logging areas, led the battle for the log trucks. The committee didn't finish work on the bill.

Legion Chief's Views Cancel Visit To Truman — WASHINGTON — (AP) — The White House said today it canceled an appointment for national Legion Commander Erle Cocke Jr., because Cocke first publicly announced his plans to visit President Truman — that he supports Gen. Douglas MacArthur's controversial position on Far Eastern policy.

This eliminated the need for the conference which had been set for today, the White House said. Cocke said he supported Gen. Douglas MacArthur's proposal to use Chinese Nationalist troops against the Chinese Communists.

The Mongols and Turks destroyed the irrigation systems of Iraq more than 400 years ago, a blow from which it has not yet recovered.

Jaycees Pledge Aid In Getting Voters To Polls

City Manager Matt Slankard recruited the services of the Junior chamber of commerce Monday night for the coming city elections on the issues of a city hall tax levy and passage of the city budget.

Speaking at the regular semi-monthly Jaycee dinner meeting, Slankard expressed a desire to get strong support from the organization. The group agreed to take an active part in backing the two measure by getting voters to the polls.

Another plea for support was issued by Phil Hulley, chairman of the Portland Rose festival parade. He asked the Junior chamber to sponsor a float in this year's parade since it is a statewide affair. He noted that his object in attending the meeting was to get as much participation from outside Portland as possible. He expressed disappointment in the small number of participants in 1950 from the rest of the state.

Another featured speaker was V. V. Harpham, chairman of the Roseburg school board. He spoke on the board's stand in relation to the teacher and coaching problems.

Completing the program was a color film shown by Standard Oil representative Mose Palmateer. Called "Lifestream," the film depicted the role played by oil in the American economy.

Churchill Dates Talk In America

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — Winston Churchill, who will deliver a major address at the University of Pennsylvania next month, won't take a penny's pay for his speech, it was disclosed here.

Churchill agreed to speak at Pennsylvania May 8 as part of the university's 200th anniversary after conferring with Harold E. Stassen, Penn's president, and Robert G. Dunlop, president of the Sun Oil company.

Stassen and Dunlop flew to London to extend a personal invitation to the British wartime leader.

A source close to the discussion said the agreement with Churchill calls for payment only of expenses for himself and a party of 10, which probably will include Mrs. Churchill.

Dunlop and others interested in arranging the visit will foot the bill.

Churchill has not indicated what his text will be, but sources here expect his address will be of major international importance.

One informant expressed the opinion "that what Mr. Churchill will do is create the 'Gettysburg Address of a World.'"

REDS SIEZE PRIEST — HONG KONG — (AP) — A Catholic here said today the Chinese Reds have arrested Robert Kennedy, 51, a priest from Norwalk, Conn., at Loting mission, Kwangsi province.

They said Kennedy was charged with mistreating and killing orphans in his care.

Funds For Housing Aid Cut In Half By Senate

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tractors to make sworn statement that their mortgages do not exceed their actual investments in the building projects, exclusive of profits.

Other Provisions Listed — Besides its provision for \$1,500,000,000 in FHA mortgage insurance, the bill also would authorize these other steps to spur construction of housing in critical defense areas designated by the President:

1. Federal loans and grants up to \$60,000,000 for hospitals, sewers, water systems and other community facilities.

2. Expenditure of \$50,000,000 for government construction of houses in areas where private industry, given an opportunity, failed to meet the need.

3. Loans totaling \$15,000,000 for the production and distribution of prefabricated houses. But no loan to an individual or corporation could exceed \$500,000.

4. Creation of a \$10,000,000 revolving fund for government condemnation and purchase of land where necessary because of speculation. The land then would be sold to private contractors at cost to build houses.

Also adopted by voice vote was an amendment continuing until June 30, 1953, the program under which the Veterans administration can make direct housing loans to veterans. About \$100,000,000 of the \$130,000,000 authorized last year for such loans has not been used.

'Stumpage' Timber Sales Out Of Price Freeze

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government today exempted all sales of "stumpage" timber from the general price freeze order.

This is the timber in the form of a growing tree or a fallen one that is still at the stump.

The Office of Price Stabilization said price control of such timber is "administratively impractical at this time."

If exemption order is effective April 12.

OPS said price control presents a major problem in this industry because of the great variations in timber from individual stands and because of the thousands of individual tracts that must be dealt with all over the country.

It also said "no two tracts of timber have identical physical characteristics and a wide geographical dispersal" must be dealt with.

Plans Announced For Camporee Of Boy Scout Troops

The Douglas District Boy Scout camporee will be held May 4, 5 and 6 at the fairgrounds, according to John Todd, camp activities chairman.

A meeting of the camporee planning committee was held Monday night. General chairmen include Bob Grant, in charge of publicity; Chuck Friday, arrangements; Roy Crain, program, and Police Chief Calvin Baird, judging.

The camporee is usually considered a dress rehearsal for summer camp, and is generally held in a more primitive area than where it is to be held this year.

However, the committee decided it was desirable that the public be given an opportunity to visit the camp, inspect the troops and see how the boys actually live in camp. Consequently a more accessible location was chosen.

Approximately 250 boys from 25 eligible Boy Scout troops in Douglas district will attend.

Details for the camporee will be furnished at this month's roundtable discussions. One of these will be held in Canyonville Wednesday night; at Drain April 11, and at Riverside school in Roseburg April 25.

License Examiner To Be At Office 2 Days Weekly

A drivers' license examiner will be on duty Thursday and Friday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. every week at the Secretary of State's office at 343 N. Main in Roseburg.

Licenses can be renewed every day, however, the office has announced. A representative of the State Public Utilities commission is at the office five days a week from 8 to 5. Main business of the office is conducted by the State Motor Vehicle division, the spokesman says.

Newly Built Juneau Night Spot Fire's Prey

JUNEAU, Alaska — (AP) — Juneau's newest night spot, the Whang Ding, was destroyed by fire Monday.

It was an elaborate entertainment resort — by Alaska standards — on the highway between Juneau and Douglas, on Douglas island. It was owned by Wilbur Irving Associates, who spent between \$75,000 and \$100,000 to build it about a year ago. An almost solid front of windows gave it a sweeping view of Gastineau channel and Juneau.

The establishment was not open Monday and only a few attendants were at work.



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