



RADIO CLUB INTERIOR—Bob Reece, radio control officers for Douglas County Civil Defense, mans a 400-watt transmitter at left. In Background, Jim Armstrong, veteran radio "ham," looks up from the 120-watt set. (Photo-Lab photos).



EXTERIOR OF HEADQUARTERS—Reece (beside car) and Armstrong simulate a mobile to base station call. The \$5,000 building will be the site of an open House Saturday. The Umpqua Radio Club is closely connected with Civil Defense.

Overseas Talk Planned By Club

Douglas County servicemen stationed at almost any point in the world will be able to talk to the folks at home Saturday when the Umpqua Radio Club opens its headquarters here.

Bob Ellenwood, the club president, outlined some of the day's doings during an open house that will last from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Through 400 and 120-watt stations installed in the China Wall building, the club will be able to relay messages between here and points as far away as the South Pole. And it's offering to do just that for folks who haven't heard their relatives' voices for a long time.

Two Will Be On Duty

Two operators will be stationed in the building at all times during the day. When not relaying messages, they will be explaining the operation of "ham" radio and its relation to Civil Defense.

Between 9 and 10 p. m., a closed channel between the club building and the 8th Army headquarters at the Presidio, San Francisco, will be effected.

That will be the cue for Mayor Arlo Jacklin, Sheriff Ira C. Byrd and Brig. Gen. J. T. Pierce (USA-Ret), director of Douglas County Civil Defense, to exchange notes with the military there.

The channel will be effected through the Military Affiliated Radio System.

Speaking from the Presidio end of the closed channel will be Col. Steven S. Cerwin, 6th Army signal officer, and Maj. Francis D. Ivey, 6th Army MARS Director.

Free coffee and sandwiches will be available for the cold and hungry during the festivities. See Scouts from Myrtle Creek and Sutherlin are to handle parking at the building site, atop the China Wall next to the ground observation post.

Hospital News

Mercy Hospital

Admitted

Surgery: Mrs. Robert Godfrey, Dillard; Mrs. Henry Thompson, George James, Roseburg; Lloyd Meyer, Sutherlin.

Medical: Mrs. Wright Mallory, Roseburg; Mrs. Floyd Knott, Winston.

Discharged

Karen McLain, Mrs. I. B. Riddle, Ronnie Wyatt, Charles Weber, Roseburg.

Douglas Community Hospital

Admitted

Surgery: Mrs. Frank Ter Bush, Roseburg.

Medical: David Workinger, Willard Nickolus, Roseburg; Tommy Keel, Riddle; Virgil Smiley, Sutherlin.

Discharged

Mrs. Benny King and baby, Debra Ann; Patton Johnson, Charles Woods, Roseburg; Mrs. Lloyd Gal-Geo, George Buckner, Winston; Verna Clark, Canyonville; Eva Reck, Tualuma.

'Ham' Radiomen Vital Link In Civil Defense Operation

Communications for disaster will be more complete Saturday when the Umpqua Radio Club opens its new headquarters atop the China Wall in northeast Roseburg.

The public will be one of the major beneficiaries of the year-long effort, for the amateur radio club has tied itself directly to Civil Defense and will be standing by in case of enemy attack or other disaster.

Don Bell, chairman of the club's building committee, told the background leading up to an open house at the clubhouse Saturday.

In December 1955, there was no closely knit "ham" organization in Douglas County. And in that month, the need for one was pointed out tragically, for on the day after Christmas, the county suffered its second flood in four days. Victims included the Neal family at Remote, five of whose members died in a mud slide that crushed their house.

Bell was in the party of rescuers which battled over a pulverized Highway 42 to bring three surviving children in the family to safety.

Although the rescue was pulled off successfully, it was brought home that a larger disaster could find only disorganized help.

A nucleus of about 15 "hams" began planning an organization, and soon the Umpqua Radio Club had replaced a less-organized club. Then they began looking around to see how the public could use their services.

They soon found the answer. The Douglas County Civil Defense organization, headed by Brig. Gen. J. T. Pierce (USA-Ret), found itself shy of a communications network.

A deal was struck whereby the club would affiliate as a service branch of Civil Defense, at the same time retaining its identity as a hobbyist group.

Then began the next task — that of finding a site for a communications center. It was found in a convenient location — next to the Ground Observation Corps post on the China Wall.

Before the clubhouse was completed, some 43 businesses and individuals had donated materials and labor for the building. They included the Carpenters and Joiners Local in Roseburg, which turned to with hammers and saws. Enough donated help and material was found to cut the cost of the 32-by-20-foot building to around \$5,000.

The headquarters is set up now for disaster. Civil Defense owns the two radio transmitters and receivers installed in the building, and has left them in charge of the radio club.

Gen. Pierce emphasized the importance of the club's role in Civil Defense. He said the new building will be county headquarters in the state communications network, and in turn, the club will form the county network.

One of the major things that may be required of the club in a disaster would be location of evacuees from the Portland metropolitan area. Douglas County has been assigned to care for 25,000 persons

if an enemy should choose Portland as an aerial target.

Drain, as northern gateway to the county, would be the processing center. It would be up to the radio club to keep in radio contact with Drain and other points in the county to find shelter for the 25,000.

A residual duty in that event would bring families together. Gen. Pierce cited this example: If an attack on Portland should occur during school hours, children would be evacuated en masse, with no attempt at first to put them under shelter with their families.

The club then would go to work contacting other points in the state in finding parents for children, and vice versa.

The radio headquarters is equipped for disaster here, too. Portable generators are on the scene to keep power up in the event of electrical failure.

Then, too, the club has affiliated with the Moose Lodge disaster squad, an outfit formed recently to take charge in search and rescue operations. The club members plan to design and build walkie-talkie radios for the squad.

Bell estimated that about 40 "hams" now are licensed in Douglas County. The club alone has more than 40 members, although not all are licensed. But FCC examinations have been given to 12 or 15 members during the past year, according to M. F. Peterson, a member of the club who administers the tests. So interest is obviously growing.

Bell had a comment: "It's only by our record of public service that we justify our existence. We don't spend all our time just yacking."

30 Pupils Participate In Piano, Organ Recital

Thirty piano pupils of Ruth Trued took part in the final series of piano recitals of the season.

The group included all of the students of high school age. Both beginners and advanced students appeared on the program this week. Several of the members performed on the pipe organ and in organ and piano combinations.

Pupils appearing were: Mary Lou Owens, Dawna Hutchins, Richard Reece, Stephanie Fowler, Martha Kay Vance, Patricia Patton, Roberta Rompner, Ruby Ann Vance, Roberta Hebard, Floyd Wilson Jr., Ruth Burrill, Betty Buckwalter, Carol Fray, Carol Jean Labrenz, Sandra Christensen, Judy Nordling, Patricia Reece, Ellen Webb, Kent Copeland, Juanita Danchok, Lynn Williams, Linda Buck, Judith Patton, Nancy Grass, Carolyn Bihler, V. Ellis Vance, Lois Harvie and Mrs. Gerald Myers.

NAMED TO BOARD

SALEM — Mrs. E. B. MacNaughton, Portland, member of the state Board of Higher Education since 1946, was reappointed Wednesday to a six-year term by Gov. Holmes.

She taught at Reed College from 1921 to 1944, when she married E. B. MacNaughton, Portland banker.

Today and Tomorrow

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY — FEB 28

Evergreen Grange Home Economics Club, noon potluck, grange hall. Work party scheduled.

Beta Iota Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, 8 p. m., home of Mrs. Roy Fent. Social meeting.

Red Cross first aid classes to start, 7 p. m., Tenmile Ladies Club building. All men and women over 15 years of age eligible to attend.

Roseburg Pythian Sisters, 8 p. m., Knights of Pythias Hall. Mrs. Armon Brown, grand chief of Oregon, to make official visit.

Bible Study Group of Pine Grove Church at Dixonville, 7:30 p. m., church. Dr. R. L. Dunn of Roseburg will discuss outline of study. Everyone invited.

Drain Union High School public hearing on budget, 8 p. m., Drain High School.

Linfield College Chamber Music Players, 7:30 p. m., First Baptist Church, Roseburg.

Sutherlin Teachers Assn., 8 p. m., Sutherlin High School.

Glide Cub Scout Pack 12 blue and gold dinner, 6:30 p. m., multipurpose room at Glide High School.

Lady Bug Circle, 8 p. m., home of Mrs. Marvel Johnson, 1629 SE Booth Ave., Roseburg.

Melrose Grange Home Economics Club, 7:30 p. m., home of Mrs. C. E. Reece.

Canyonville PTA box social, 6:30 p. m., Canyonville Youth Center.

Douglas High School musical comedy, "Showboat," 8 p. m., high school auditorium.

Elkton Cub Scout blue and gold banquet, 6 p. m., Elkton Grade School.

Douglas County Mounted Sheriff's posse and auxiliary, fairgrounds.

Army Reserve, 8 p. m., 1614 W. Harvard Ave.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church choir practice, 7:30 p. m., Catholic Center.

Roseburg Lions Club, 6:30 p. m., Hotel Umpqua.

Order of Eastern Star Chapter 91, 8 p. m., Masonic Temple.

Roseburg Order of DeMolay.

Winston-Dillard Job's Daughters

7:30 p. m.

Roseburg Junior Woman's Club, 8 p. m., Roseburg Woman's Club building.

Pancake Supper by women of Esther Circle of Oakland Community Church, 6 to 8 p. m., Veterans Memorial Building.

Myrtle Creek High School band and chorus winter concert, 8 p. m., high school gym.

FRIDAY — MARCH 1

Lookingglass Cub Scout Pack 15 blue and gold dinner, 6:30 p. m., schoolhouse. Awards to be given.

Rice Valley Home Extension Unit, 10:30 a. m., Rice Hill hall.

Dixonville Cub Pack 45 blue and gold dinner, 7 p. m., South Deer Creek Grange.

Melrose Home Extension Unit, 10:30 a. m., home of Marcella Johnson. Helen Chandler, home extension agent to demonstrate on herbs and other seasonings. Women to bring lunch.

United Workers Class of First Christian Church, 2 p. m., home of Ethel White.

Sutherlin American Legion Auxiliary, 1:30 p. m., home of Mrs. Edith Gerard.

Douglas High School musical comedy "Showboat," 8 p. m., high school auditorium.

Elks Club duplicate bridge, 12:30 p. m., Elks Club. Open to all players whether Elks or not.

Loyal Order of Moose game night, 8 p. m., Moose Hall.

Veterans of World War I, Douglas Barracks 176, and auxiliary, 8 p. m., Veterans Memorial Building in Roseburg.

Douglas Camera Club, 7:30 p. m., Order of Amaranth Douglas Court 18, 8 p. m., Masonic Hall.

REVERSES STAND

OLYMPIA — The Senate reversed itself Wednesday and passed, 26-20, a bill which would permit the city of Tacoma to resume work on its stalled, 138-million-dollar Cowlitz River power project.

Circuit Court

Complaints Filed

Charles E. Bourne vs. Arthur L. Moothart. Plaintiff seeks forfeit of sales contract on property for \$4,252.21.

State Unemployment Compensation Commission vs. Craig E. Heath. Plaintiff demands \$632.57 unpaid contributions and \$63.26 penalty.

Gus Rinella vs. Barbara Johnson Keller, administratrix of Crystal Johnson Freeman estate. Plaintiff seeks \$2,000 real estate broker's commission.

Dismissals

Daria DePew vs. Edwin C. and Mary Crystal.

Judgments

Herbert D. Quine and Lois M. Quine vs. Lloyd J. Sconce and H. J. Winter. Based on mandate of State Supreme Court upholding circuit court judgment granting restitution of real property to plaintiffs.

Tom F. Sibold vs. Darlene G. and Ernie Rogers. Plaintiff awarded possession of logging truck and trailer.

Divorce Decree

Anita Rea Burns from Thomas Leroy Burns.

Swedish Contractor Plans Return In Style

CHICAGO — Ragnar Benson, who as a teenage boy from Sweden started working in 1915 for \$5 a week, plans to return to his homeland in style and with plenty of company.

Benson, now a wealthy Chicago contractor, has chartered a Scandinavian Airlines plane and will take 72 relatives with him on the trip of some 9,000 miles. It will cost him an estimated \$40,000.

The 56-year-old contractor, who is proud of his American citizenship, will take a letter of greeting from Mayor Richard J. Daley to the mayor of Malmö, one of Sweden's principal cities, which is about 15 miles from Benson's birthplace, Almhult. He is scheduled to leave here April 14 and return May 6.

Bill Asks Government Control Over Churches

CAPETOWN, South Africa — A bill has been introduced in Parliament to give the government control over church services attended by both Europeans and Africans.

Under the proposed law, permission of the minister of native affairs is required to conduct in urban areas any church, school, hospital, club, institute or place of entertainment which admits Africans. An exception is made in the case of places that existed in 1938.

The bill is part of the National-mission of the minister of native affairs is required to conduct in strict racial segregation.



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