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PARENTS AND
TEACHERS OF
COUNTY JOINPermanent Organization
Formed at Meeting
Last EveningCONSTITUTION AND
BY-LAWS ADOPTEDMrs. C. Cleaver Elected
President at Preliminary
Session Here Three
Weeks Ago.

The organization of a Union County Council of Parents and Teachers was completed last evening and a constitution and by-laws adopted when the second meeting in the interest of the organization was held in the new gymnasium at 11:30 p. m. with delegations present from seven parent-teacher associations in the county.

The first meeting was held in La Grande about three weeks ago when the organization was started and officers were elected.

Mrs. Cleaver Presides
Mrs. Charles Cleaver, president, presided over last night's meeting and Mrs. Lloyd Pierce acted as secretary in the absence of the regular secretary.

The constitution and by-laws were presented by a committee composed of the presidents of the parent-teacher organizations in the county, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lloyd Pierce. It was voted that a second vice president be added to the executive board, the office to be filled by the county superintendent of schools, E. A. Sayre.

The ladies girls club opened the meeting with several songs and an interesting program, arranged by the Imbiber P. T. A. under the leadership of Mrs. H. H. Huron, was given.

Hunter, Wallis Speaks
The Rev. Hall K. Wallis, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Wallis talked on the cooperation of parents and teachers in the education of the child and Senator Hunter told what the Parent-Teacher organization is doing in the state, dwelling principally upon the legislation for the betterment of children which has been put through by the cooperation of the parents and teachers.

Mrs. Carl G. Helm, district vice president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, was called upon for a short talk.

After the meeting everyone was invited to remain for a get-acquainted hour and refreshments. During this time each association was asked to tell what had been accomplished during the year. Probably the most outstanding accomplishment was that of the Imbiber association in building the new gymnasium.

TO ORGANIZE
BIRD SOCIETY
HERE MONDAY

A La Grande Audubon society will be organized Monday night in a meeting at the Neighborhood club-rooms. It was announced today by Mrs. L. I. Bussey.

A preliminary meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon for the public will begin half an hour later. Bird pictures will be displayed and W. S. Raker, state organizer with headquarters at Portland, will attend.

The local society, which will be directly affiliated with the national organization, will be the first to be formed in Union county. It will not be confined to birds but will be open to all who are interested in birds and wild life in general.

"STARTS
AND
STOPS"

Population is always moving. Some people are moving to other towns and cities. Others are leaving former homes and coming to La Grande. In the circulation department of The Observer is found constant evidence of the change—but the "starts" are always far greater in number than the "stops."

To the circulation manager that means a very obvious growth in population—new people, new citizens, new prospective customers for the business men of the community. Naturally these new families familiarize themselves as rapidly as possible with the community life by subscribing to the community's daily newspaper. And naturally the advertising messages therein will have a marked influence on their future buying habits.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Forest Week To
Be Observed By
Chamber, SchoolsTuesday Luncheon Is Set
Aside for This Purpose
—Baker Forest Service
Man to Speak

Tuesday's forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce will be in observance of national forest week, which will begin Monday and continue until May 1. Fred Furst, assistant supervisor of the Whitman national forest, of Baker, will be the speaker. He will also address a high school assembly on Monday.

National forest week will be observed in all of the schools of the city during next week, with members of the boy scout troops here speaking in the various grade schools.

Edwin Kirby will be the speaker at Central school, Claire Perkins at Greenwood school, Virgil Kochen-sperger at Riviera and Robert Weeks at Willow.

In addition to the forest week observance an effort will be made to have as many of the new members as possible present for Tuesday's chamber of commerce luncheon. The membership drive has reached 15 new members. Captains of the various teams are now cleaning up their lists, which will be entirely finished by Tuesday.

FALL FATAL TO
FOUR-YEAR GIRLLittle Lawanna Ruth
Scott Falls to Recover
Despite Operation

Little Lawanna Ruth Scott, the four and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Scott, died at the hospital this morning the result of a fall received several days ago, which caused a hemorrhage on the brain.

The little girl was taken to the hospital and was operated on last night, but without success.

She was born Sept. 15, 1922. Her parents live at 1912 Jefferson avenue. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at one o'clock from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel. The Rev. C. V. Dunn will be the minister in charge.

Mrs. B. A. Benham
Is Called Beyond

Elizabeth M. Benham, wife of B. A. Benham, local real estate man, passed away at her home here at 1909 Second street last night. Although she had been in poor health for a long time the last illness was only of a few days duration.

Mrs. Benham had made her home in La Grande for 22 years, coming here May 4, 1905 with her husband and buying the property on Second street, where they have since made their home. She was born at Walcott, Minn., Jan. 29, 1866.

She leaves to mourn her loss her widowed husband and one daughter, Miss Viola Benham. One child, a boy, died in infancy.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel. The Rev. Oliver Wiley officiating. Interment will be made in the Masonic cemetery.

Moco Eldorado
Closes Tonight

Tonight is the last night of the Moco Eldorado at Legion hall, and members of the Moco club of the Moose lodge, which is sponsoring the show, are looking forward to a record crowd. The show started Wednesday night and has been well attended each evening. Games, music and dancing are the features. A door prize is also being given away each evening.

Last night was successful as the two previous nights, with a large attendance and a good time.

Two Americans
Shot In Paris

PARIS, Apr. 23 (AP)—The bodies of Julian Meredith, of Buffalo, N. Y., and his fiancée, Miss Marion Roberts, a New York pianist, were found in an automobile on the outskirts of a Parisian suburb today. They had been shot to death. A pistol was clenched in Meredith's hand.

PRUNE MEN TO MEET
FOREST GROVE, Ore., Apr. 23 (AP)—A state wide meeting of representative prune growers to take action along lines recommended in a report recently made by the department of agriculture on the prune situation in the Pacific northwest, will be held at Corvallis June 28 and 29. It was announced at a meeting of Forest Grove cooperative prune growers, headed by Ed Allen, secretary of the local body, was appointed to represent this section at the Corvallis meeting.

ANTI-SALOON
LEAGUE LISTS
ITS CHOICESGov. Smith, of New York,
Not Included in Can-
didates ApprovedCOOLIDGE, LOWDEN
BOTH ENDORSEDSome Leading Democrats
Want Both Smith and
McAdoo to Withdraw
from Race.

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (AP)—The New York World today says Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon league, has informed a representative of the paper that he strongly approves six democratic and two republican candidates for the presidential nomination. They are: Republicans—President Coolidge and Frank O. Lowden. Democrats—Senator Carter Glass of Virginia; W. G. McAdoo, Robert L. Owen, Governor Deane-hy of Ohio, Senator Barkley of Kentucky, Edwin T. Meredith.

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (AP)—The New York Times and The World, supporters of Governor Smith, say today that the leaders of the democratic party have seriously discussed circulation of a round robin among leaders of the party calling upon both Smith and William G. McAdoo to withdraw as candidates for the presidential nomination.

The Times quotes these leaders as saying that the withdrawals would be asked "to save their party from defeat which would be inevitable should they remain in the race."

The movement, the Times says, originated in the south.

Operetta Plays
To Bigger Crowd
On Second Night

With even a larger audience than on the opening night the last presentation of the high school operetta, "The Captain of Plymouth," took place last evening in the high school auditorium, with success equal to the first performance.

About 50 students took part in the operetta, which was directed by W. W. Nussbaum, music instructor. In addition to the cast and chorus, a complete orchestra of about 12 pieces accompanied the production.

MISS MACKAYE



Dorothy Mackaye

Friendship of the beautiful Dorothy Mackaye, wife of Ray Raymond, medical comedy star, for Paul Kelly, motion picture juvenile, caused the tie fight in Los Angeles between the two men that resulted in Raymond's death. Kelly was held after an alleged confession. Miss Mackaye told police that her refusal to stop seeing Kelly precipitated the encounter.

Pullet Lays Egg
Of Record Size

NORTH POWDER, Ore., Apr. 23—An egg, said to measure six and a quarter by seven and three-fourths inches, is on display here. A white leghorn pullet is responsible for the enormous oval, which was gathered at the Homer Carpen farm west of North Powder. It is believed to set a record in Oregon for large eggs.

Attend Umatilla
Grange Meeting

John Wells, of Alief, and W. B. Gekeler, of La Grande, attended the Umatilla county Panama grange meeting at Milton Thursday as delegates from Union county and took part in the day's program.

The state market agent, Seymour Jones, County Agent W. A. Holt and County Grange Master A. R. Shumway were other speakers.

Resolutions were adopted asking all granges in the county to arrange an open meeting and discuss special election measures and to strive to get voters to vote.

The grange is to arrange for a cooperative exchange of farm crops over the county under the direction of agricultural committees.

Thirty-seven members were given the fifth degree.

EXPLOSION IN
DETROIT ENDS
LIVES OF 20Auto Company Plant En-
veloped in Flames After
Series of BlastsFIREMEN PLUNGE
INTO RED DEATHTwo-Thirds of 25 Serious-
ly Injured Expected to
Die—Many Treated in
First-Aid Stations.

DETROIT, Apr. 23 (AP)—The number of dead—if any actually were killed outright—in a fire and series of explosions today at one of the main plants of the Briggs Manufacturing company, auto body firm, was conjectured this afternoon as firemen attempted to search the smoldering ruins of the four-story building.

DETROIT, Apr. 23 (AP)—Fire following a series of explosions in one of the main plants of the Briggs Manufacturing company, an auto body firm, today killed at least 20 men and injured more than 100, according to an estimate by firemen.

Two firemen on the roof are believed to have fallen to death in the blazing interior. The building, a new four-story brick and steel structure was destroyed. Many of the dead are believed to be in the blazing ruins.

Flames Controlled
The flames were brought under control shortly before noon. Charles T. Earl, deputy coroner, estimated that a score of bodies were in the ruins. Many of the injured were negroes.

Ambulances took a dozen or more loads to various hospitals. At receiving hospitals, where 25 injured were brought, Dr. Thomas K. Gruber, superintendent said that probably two thirds of them would die.

Wind Fans Flames
A strong wind and the fact that the plant contained large quantities of paints and varnishes, used in automobile body finishing, hampered efforts at rescue work.

More than 2000 persons were at work in the building at the time of the explosion.

Many of the injured were treated in the plant's first aid station, but this had to be abandoned when the flames spread to that part of the building. Most of the injured were victims of the heavy smoke and fumes that spread throughout the building soon after the explosion.

Nearly 100 Injured
As the first continued more than an hour and a half after the explosion, occupants of nearby houses and stores were directed to vacate immediately, it being apparent the walls of the plant would collapse. Police lines were established 500 feet around the plant. The cause of the explosion was not immediately determined but a workman expressed the belief a short circuited motor was responsible.

Describes Blast
Adolph Hussey, a truck driver, described the explosion as follows: "I had just delivered an order to a store across the street from the plant and was coming out of the store when I heard the explosion. There were two of them, one after the other. The whole wall seemed to crumble up and fall into the street, and bricks and stones were everywhere."

"A man was blown through the glass of one of the large windows (Continued on Page Five)

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A SCENE IN FLOODED ARKANSAS



Boats have come into use in the streets of Little Rock, Ark., where 150 houses are afloat in the eastern section of the city. Flood waters have driven 300 people from their homes and 75 blocks are inundated.

3 More Holdups
Added to Rose
City Crime Wave

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 23 (AP)—Three more holdups and the decision of the chamber of commerce to seek advice from Chief of Police Leon V. Jenkins as to the best method of stopping the unprecedented epidemic of robberies advances in the local crime situation.

A sub-committee of the retail grocers committee of the chamber of commerce appeared before Chief Jenkins, asking his advice in the matter of safeguarding both their property and their employees' lives.

None of the three holdups reported to police was large.

In one, three "strong-arm" men obtained \$105. In another the loot was 40 cents, and in another police are without definite information.

Amputates Hand
Following Injury

W. H. McMurren, an employee of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company here, received injuries Thursday which resulted in the amputation of his right hand. He was operating the machinery of the mill, when his hand caught and was practically torn off. He is in the Grande Ronde hospital and is reported to be getting along nicely. He had been employed by the lumber company for about 11 years.

Dewey Cooper, brakeman for the O-W. R. & N., suffered a dislocated right wrist a few days ago, when he was thrown from the top of a box car.

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NEWS REEL MEN
DIE IN COLUMBIAEngulfed by Huge Wave
When Taking Pictures
of Blasting of Cliff

LONGVIEW, Wash., Apr. 23 (AP)—Engulfed by a huge wave when the side of a cliff was blasted into the Columbia river yesterday afternoon, three motion picture camera men, T. O. Randolph and his brother, E. H. Randolph, both of Seattle, and Arthur Bassett, of Longview, were drowned.

They were filming a blast of 30,000 pounds of powder by workmen on the new Ocean beach highway at Bunker Hill cliff, 12 miles west of here, when a rush of water like a tidal wave covered the rock upon which they had their cameras. Swirl into the swirling current they were carried away. Witnesses said they might have escaped if they had abandoned their cameras.

The Randolph brothers were International News Reel men, and were employed by the Post-Intelligencer, Seattle. Bassett was an amateur photographer.

Immediately after the blast search was begun for the bodies. Witnesses said the effect produced by the falling of the cliff into the river was like that seen when icebergs break from glaciers off the Alaska coast in summer time.

RUFUS, Ore., Apr. 23 (AP)—William Newmeyer, 35, a traveling salesman of Seattle and his wife, Juliette Newmeyer, 31, were killed instantly yesterday afternoon when an automobile in which they

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Clampitt Finds
Self Without Job
In U. S. ArmyFury of Woman Scorned
Finally Ends Stormy
Career of Chaplain—No
Comments Made.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 23 (AP)—The fury of a woman scorned took its effect today on the career of Chaplain (Rev.) I. Clampitt, army chaplain, who found himself out of a job presumably because of two affairs which have kept army circles supplied with gossip for a year.

Colonel A. V. Anderson, chief of staff of the ninth army corps area, announced here yesterday that he had received an order from Washington to discharge Clampitt. He declined to give out the text of the order, but said it already had become effective.

Clampitt, stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., where he has a wife and four children, refused to discuss the matter. "I was cleared of those charges," he insisted. "There are no charges now."

Remembers Threat
Friends of the chaplain, however, recalling testimony at Clampitt's court martial here about a year ago, to the effect that his accuser, Miss Lucille Swallow, of Kansas City, was "out to get the chaplain because he refused to give her money," shrugged their shoulders and quoted the line about the "fury of a woman scorned."

For although the announcement of Clampitt's impending discharge ignored Miss Swallow's charges, the chaplain's friends regarded those charges as the beginning of his downfall.

Miss Swallow entered the chaplain's life early in his army career. He met her when he was attending a chaplain's school at Leavenworth, Kan. Miss Swallow was a waitress there. She filed her charges after he had been ordered west and stationed at Vancouver Barracks.

Denied Relations
Clampitt denied having illicit relations with the girl, and at the court martial three surprise witnesses testified that she "was out to get him because he refused her money." That unexpected blow so disrupted the prosecution that the court found the chaplain "not guilty," despite the testimony of a cameraman, Seattle, and introduction of Clampitt's alleged love letters as evidence.

Flushed with victory, Clampitt went to Santa Cruz, Cal., ostensibly to visit his parents. When he engaged in a row with Joseph Taylor, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Hazel K. Seddon, friend of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, struck him across the face with a folded newspaper in the lobby of a Santa Cruz hotel, the affair received much publicity. Reporters discovered that Mrs. Helene Taylor was registered at the hotel as Mrs. Helene Jones, and Clampitt was registered as William Jones.

Explained Glibly
Clampitt explained glibly. He said he had registered under an assumed name because he wanted to avoid publicity after the strain of the court martial. He pointed out that Mrs. Taylor and he had rooms in different parts of the hotel. Taylor himself later made a statement exonerating both the chaplain and Mrs. Taylor, and a military inquiry declared evidence of wrong doing was lacking.

Nevertheless, Clampitt was listed for discharge last winter. He demanded a hearing but failed to change with thing given him at Washington. The inquiry was held here last February and although it was conducted with military secrecy, it received the same wide publicity which had attended all Clampitt's recent affairs. The findings of the board were sent to Washington.

Strengthens Bulwarks
With the rush of the floods into the lower valley extra precautions were taken from Vicksburg south to strengthen bulwarks against the assault.

Their homes engulfed by the raging waters, thousands of refugees were in beleaguered cities and towns or clung precariously to house tops, trees, small knolls and levee tops.

From over the entire flooded area of the Mississippi valley came the cry for boats. Meanwhile suffering is said to be intense among hundreds still marooned without provisions or sufficient clothing.

Greenville, Miss., turned into a swirling Venice by waters which broke over the municipal protection levee, quartered ten thousand refugees from the lowlands in addition to citizens. The situation with the water supply gone, most

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Dixon Is Third
In Shotput At
Kansas Relays

MEMORIAL STADIUM, LAWRENCE, Kan., Apr. 23 (AP)—Stiles were partly overcast and a cold northeast wind swept across Memorial Stadium on the fifth annual University of Kansas relays today under way this afternoon. The sun was continuously trying to break through the clouds.

The shot put was won by Leon of Illinois, 46 feet 8 1/2 inches; Thorndahl, Kansas, second, 46 feet 7 1/2 inches; Dixon, Oregon Aggies, third, 45 feet 10 1/2 inches; Brown, Missouri, fourth, 45 feet 2 1/2 inches.

Mother Murders
Three Daughters

FLANDBEAU, S. D., Apr. 23 (AP)—Because she wanted them "to go to heaven," Mrs. Lloyd Overdahl today killed her three young daughters.

While the three slept, the mother slashed their throats with a butcher knife.

RUTH GETS SECOND HOMER

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 23 (AP)—Babe Ruth turned out his second home run of the season today off Pitcher Walberg in the first inning of the Yankees game with the Athletics. None was on base.

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