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SUCCESSFUL
INSTITUTE IS
CLOSED HERE

The First Annual County Business Sessions Held in Sacajawea Inn

CREDIT DISCUSSED
BY PROF. BOSWORTH

Some Phases of Advertising Explained by Prof. Vance Last Night; Talk Is Illustrated

The first annual Union county business sessions were held last night in the ballroom of the Sacajawea Inn.

This institute, sponsored by the Union county chamber of commerce and County Agent, Wray Lawrence, and given under the auspices of the extension service of Oregon State college and the Oregon Retail Merchants' association, has brought for the first time to the merchants of Union county a service of the college comparable to that enjoyed by the farmers and stock men of the valley.

New Service Here

For many years agriculture has dominated and has enjoyed the assistance of specialists from Oregon State college in their peculiar problems but the merchants who have contributed largely to the support of the college have, until now, failed to avail themselves of the services of experts in their lines, it is said.

That this institute will prove of much value to the merchants of this county is the consensus of those in attendance. Besides the two evening sessions when talks on advertising, selling, credits and collections and retail store management were given, yesterday was filled with private conferences between interested merchants and Professors H. T. Vance and E. E. Bosworth.

Last night's session was opened with a discussion of "Credits and Collections" by Prof. Bosworth. "Credit granting is one of the most valuable of the services rendered by the merchant to his customers. The credit man of the store is the most valuable salesman and sells more people than any other salesman in the store," Prof. Bosworth declared.

Credit a Big Factor

"Credit given to the consumer," he continued, "has been one of the chief factors in the extraordinary growth of the business of this century. But wise administration is necessary that this prosperity shall continue. The basic factors in granting of credit are character, capacity and capital and the greatest of these is character."

The prime essentials of a good collection policy, Prof. Bosworth said, were tact, firmness and persistence. The merchant's credit

MORE SNOW IN
CITY DURING
THE MORNING

Snow continued to fall occasionally in La Grande during last night and for about an hour this morning. Although it melted rapidly some estimated that the snow would have measured about half an inch.

First sunshine of the day came shortly before 11 o'clock.

Local weather observers point out that unsettled weather is not unusual at this time of the year. Last year on Mar. 27 two and a half inches of snow fell in La Grande, records reveal.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 23 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning Mar. 24, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

Far western states: The outlook is for generally fair weather and normal temperatures in California and Nevada and frequent periods of unsettled weather with temperatures generally below normal in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

PENDLETON, Ore., March 22 (AP)—A mixture of rain and snow was falling in Pendleton today, the snow melting as it hit the ground.

WEATHER TODAY

30 a. m.—31 above, 32 below, 32 above.

Condition—Cloudy, snow.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 42, minimum 29, above.

Condition—Rain .92 inch, traces of snow.

WEATHER MAR. 23, 1929

Maximum 59, minimum 39 above.

Condition—Rain .31 inch, traces of snow.

Sarah E. McCall,
Pioneer of '65,
Called Beyond

Death Comes Quietly at Her Home; Funeral Services Will Be Held Monday Afternoon

Going as quietly and as sweetly and as peacefully as she had lived, Mrs. Sarah E. McCall passed away last evening about 6 o'clock at her home on Oak street. With enough warning that her children, who were near her, could be with her, yet without any period of suffering or anxiety, the end was as Mrs. McCall would have wished. After having visited on the veranda of her home with Miss Mildred Hoyt, in whom she was especially interested, Mrs. McCall returned to her favorite chair by the big window and was there to greet her daughters when they returned within a few minutes. Her cheery smile and greetings, a bit of conversation, and then she was stricken with an affection of the heart. Every possible ministry was given her but she slipped away within a comparatively short time. And in her going, she has left nothing but pleasant memories, memories cherished in the hearts of all—those old, old friends of the years, and those in all the succeeding periods of life, down to the children who were her dearest friends and who always noticed her kindly face at the window when they passed her home, or enjoyed the little sweets and dainties which she was constantly preparing for them.

There are few of her friends but

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Guard Company
Begins Its Sixth
Year This Month

Company E, 18th Infantry, will hold quarterly inspection and muster Monday evening at the armory, according to announcement today by Capt. W. A. Bean. He urges all members to be present.

The La Grande unit of the Oregon National guard is observing its fifth birthday anniversary this month and at present has a full-strength outfit.

Four of the men who were identified with the guard here when it was first formed are still in the service and are now entitled to honors for their continuous service. A few other members of the original company are in the company now but their service has not been continuous. The four are: Major R. R. Huron, Capt. Bean, Sergeant Porter V. Webb and Sergeant Orson J. Brandt.

When the company was first formed here Mr. Huron took the command as captain, later being promoted to the position of commanding officer of the Second Battalion, which also includes Baker, Pendleton, Union and The Dalles. G. L. Dutton became captain after Mr. Huron, and when he moved to Portland, Mr. Bean, then a lieutenant, was advanced to company commander.

At the drill Monday night squads will be permanently organized for the annual training period at Camp Clatsop, beginning early in June. It is also announced that range practice, which must be completed before camp time, will begin as soon as the weather is favorable.

Arrest Two Men
Following Raid
On Pine Street

Two men, Hal Williams and J. M. Cox, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Jesse Brecheers, following a raid on a home at 2134 Pine street at 1 o'clock. The sheriff reported today. He said that 500 bottles of beer were found at the house.

Williams was arraigned in the justice court, pleaded not guilty and was released upon furnishing \$200 bonds. Cox is to be arraigned this afternoon.

Jim Harrison, arrested at 1201 Eighth street, is charged with possessing a bottle of liquor while in an automobile. The sheriff also reported. Harrison has not entered a plea but is under bonds in the amount of \$250.

Will Reorganize
Pendleton Camp

Several members of the Spanish-American War veterans' organization and its auxiliary in La Grande left here early this afternoon for Pendleton, where they will assist in reorganizing the camp and auxiliary at the Round-Up City.

Those making the trip follow: Nathan Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Matheson, L. R. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitt, Mrs. Nelson and daughter, Marian, Mr. and Mrs. F. Marr, Mrs. May Gump, W. W. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chandler, Ralph Huron, H. J. Ritten, Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. W. W. Fowler, Mrs. Lee Hanford and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Turner.

BOYS SWEEP
INTO FLOOD;
SIX RESCUED

One Scout Believed Dead and Three Injured Near Rockwood, Tenn.

THREE KILLED IN
MISSISSIPPI TOWN

Dikes Holding in Illinois; Mounting Toll of Damage and Deaths in the Southern States

By The Associated Press.

Reports late today indicated that at least one boy scout of 23 in a cottage washed from its foundations near Rockwood, Tenn., was dead and that from six to 22 had been rescued. A message from Spring City said 14 had been rescued alive and one body recovered. The Western Union telegraph operator at Reddy, Tenn., said that 22 of the 28 had been rescued. Reports from Rockwood said that six were known to have been rescued shortly after 2 p. m. One boy's leg was broken and two others had been injured internally. Another group of the boys, with their scout master, was on a pile of driftwood and was exchanging signals with persons on the bank.

Notified that a cloudburst had flooded the boys' bungalow, families and friends hurried from Rockwood to the creek, and arrived in time to see a wall of water sweep the bungalow from its foundations and throw the scouts into the water. The only bridge had been swept away, a member of the rescue party said, and fathers of the scouts watched helplessly as their

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OLDER BOYS TO
MEET APR. 26-28

Expect 150 in La Grande from Eastern Oregon; Dean Dubach to Attend

A character building and educational three-day Older Boy's conference is to be held in La Grande April 26 to 28 inclusive. The conference is for boys in Eastern Oregon who are older than the Boy Scout age and is sponsored by the La Grande Rotary club, chamber of commerce and churches and schools of this city.

One hundred and fifty boys are expected to be present for the meetings, which may be held in the high school building, although plans are not yet definite.

C. W. Binger, chairman of the boy's work committee of the Rotary club, is in charge of the conference and his committee includes Eugene Walker, W. W. Nussbaum and Ralph Clark.

Dr. G. G. Dubach, of Oregon State college, will be present on Friday, the day of the convention and will take an important part on the program. Dean Dubach's talk is expected to be one of the outstanding attractions of the sessions.

A banquet will be held the opening night of the conference and a fellowship banquet is scheduled for the following night. Group meetings will be part of the program.

Second Night Of Operetta More
Successful Than First Staging

The second presentation of the Japanese operetta "Yokohama Maid" by the glee clubs of La Grande High school last night in the auditorium of the school, surpassed even the first night performance, according to those in attendance. The players performed excellently, each showing the results of careful training. They played to a capacity audience.

The stage effects of the operetta are worthy of favorable mention in themselves, and consisted in good part of the lighting effects, from the border and foot and spotlights used to produce the background. The lighting effects on the cyclorama, the gray and yellow curtain which enshrouded the stage, gave a blue hue at the back to form the sky and a yellow shade in the front to produce the appearance of daylight. Blends of red and other colors tended to the richness of the setting.

W. W. Nussbaum was in charge of the music for the operetta and Miss Catherine Sartain directed the dramatics.

The chorus were simple yet effective Japanese costumes, designed by Miss Ann Arnoldus, domestic art instructor of the high school. The more spectacular costumes were worn by the head actors.

COAST GUARD
SHIPS SINK
RUM RUNNER

Guns Bark on British Schooner Imalone Off Louisiana Coast

ULTIMATUM DEFIED
BY PURSUED CRAFT

Government Officers Decline to Forecast What Action May Follow the Shelling of Ship

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 23 (AP)—Coast guard cutters Dexter and Walcott plowed up the swollen Mississippi to New Orleans today, bringing in from the crew of the British schooner Imalone, including one dead member, the victim of a gun battle at sea off the Louisiana coast, after a 24-hour flight.

The Imalone was shelled by Dexter yesterday when her ultimatum to search on being overhauled by the coast guard boat and sent to the bottom with a suspected cargo of contraband.

Elusive Craft Sunk

The elusive craft which coast guardmen say carried on successful liquor smuggling operations for three years off the coast of New England was sunk near "Sixty Deep" off Marsh Island.

Government officials here and Admiral P. C. Billard, commander of the coast guard in Washington, said reports at hand indicated that the guns fired within the jurisdiction of the United States.

The Imalone "ran up against the coast guard once too often," Admiral Billard said.

Tried to Avoid Firing

Radio reports from coast guard patrol boats concentrating on rum ships in the Atchafalaya section to Lieutenant Commander A. H. Bixby, dry squadron commander at Pascagoula, Miss., stated that everything possible was done to avoid firing on the Imalone.

Orders were issued to the cutter's masters to arrest all craft within the limits suspected of engaging in smuggling operations. The guard ships Dallas, Forward and Dexter were ordered to converge on the section as soon as Warrant Officer Frank Paul, commander of the Walcott, first radioed that the Imalone was sighted Thursday.

Defied Ultimatum

These reports said the master of the rum schooner defied an ultimatum of the commander of the Dexter to leave to and submit to

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Tells Of
His First Job

Long before he decided to come west and practice law, Eugene Ashwell, La Grande attorney, was engaged in his first pay job. When he was 15 or 16 years old he worked for a dollar a day on a farm in his home state of Kansas stacking straw on a threshing machine.

Mr. Ashwell lived in Kansas from the time he was four years old until 1909 when he came west to La Grande. Soon after that he began his law practice here. He was reared on a farm in Kansas. He later graduated at the Kansas State Law college at Lawrence.

World Oil Trust
May Be Formed,
Daily Mail Says

LONDON, Mar. 23 (AP)—The Daily Mail says today that the world's oil "kings" at a forthcoming meeting in New York expect to make arrangements to enable them to control the output and price of gasoline throughout the world.

The Mail says: "The object of the conference is to establish in fact if not in name a world oil trust. This scheme has been made possible by the recently concluded agreement with the reeds of Moscow which, at the expense of the consumer, has eliminated for the benefit of the petrol combine, competition of cheaply marketed oil from the confiscated oil fields of Russia."

The Mail says the affair really began with a mysterious meeting at Achnacarry Castle in Scotland last year of the three oil men, Sir John D'Almeida, Sir John D'Almeida and Sir John D'Almeida.

NEW YORK, March 23 (AP)—The petroleum leaders of the western hemisphere are gathering in New York for the American Petroleum Institute meeting next week to take definite action on curtailing oil production in North and South America for the 1928 level. Production is now running approximately 290,000 barrels a day ahead of 1928 output.

STATE COLLEGE GLEE AND MADRIGAL CLUBS



One of the most tuneful and entertaining operettas, "The Chimes of Normandy," is presented in most elaborate fashion by the combined glee and madrigal clubs of Oregon State college, now on tour of the state. Many special costumes designed for use of the students, together with specially constructed stage settings being carried along in a special car, makes the presentation of the operetta a gorgeous spectacle aside from the music itself.

Musically and dramatically the operetta this year has been declared the best in the four years Professor Paul Petri, director of music at the college, has been making spring tours of the state with these offerings. The cast of 32 persons, the largest ever taken by the college, includes a selected orchestra trained by Marguerite McManus, head of the college stringed instrument department. Dramatic work was coached by Mrs. E. L. Potter. The operetta will be staged at the high school auditorium Tuesday night.

Aviator Plunges
To Death While
Cameramen 'Shoot'

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 23 (AP)—The fatal fall of an aviator from the clouds was safely recorded on a celluloid film negative today as "movie realism," while the lifeless body of Phil Jones, the man who supplied the thrill, lay crushed and broken in a canyon.

Cameramen in three planes turned the cranks as the tri-motored Gotha bomber, breaking a wing at an altitude of 7,500 feet, hurtled to the ground through a pall of artificial smoke, with Jones, 23-year-old aviation mechanic, in it.

Al Wilson, stunt aviator, his partner, made a parachute leap and landed with minor injuries.

The tragedy occurred during the filming of the last scenes of a "war" picture in which Wilson and Jones, "double" for Ben Lyon and James Hall, motion picture stars. Scores of horrified spectators, watching the filming of the aerial movie, witnessed the crash.

Wilson, a noted daredevil, was stung when the left wing of the plane broke. He yelled to his companion: "Jump, Phil!" and leaped into space. One wing broken, the huge bomber went into a nose dive, and crashed. The body of Jones was taken out of the wreckage. "I saw Phil fall when the plane passed me," said Wilson. "He was not frightened."

Aviators expressed the belief that a pall of smudge smoke, which was being used to simulate smoke from a "burning" plane, blinded Jones so that he was unable to make his way out of the Gotha's cabin. When his body was taken from the plane the parachute pack was found to be in perfect condition.

Japanese Adopt
Lumber Tariff
Schedule Today

TOKYO, Mar. 23 (AP)—Both houses of the Japanese diet today passed a new and higher tariff schedule on lumber. The schedule will affect principally pine, cedar, spruce and hemlock, most of which comes here from the American northwest.

It is expected to increase revenue in this country by about 6,500,000 yen (about \$2,500,000). It will affect an American-Japanese lumber trade of about \$40,000,000 annually. The bill was opposed strenuously by Japanese consumers and American importers.

DEFENDER OF
VERDUN DIES
AT AGE OF 72

PARIS, Mar. 23 (AP)—General Maurice Emmanuel Sarrail, one-time "Defender of Verdun" and former high commissioner in Syria, died today at the age of 72.

General Sarrail, who commanded the third French army at the first battle of the Marne and was decorated with the military medal for his courage and tenacity in holding Verdun and the Heights of the Meuse, died this afternoon, just three days after his chief, Marshal Foch.

The general had been ill for three weeks suffering from liver trouble which became serious on the very day that Marshal Foch died. Today death for the second time visited the ranks of France's famous war-time leaders, and General Sarrail died quietly with his wife at his bedside.

Parnassus Death
List Stands at 46

PARNASSUS, Pa. Mar. 23 (AP)—Rescue crews, exploring the explosion-wrecked Knoch mine, 60 feet were to be made later in the day to drain the slope. If the wreckage of the conveyor, and recover the one body remaining in the mine.

THREE WEEKS
AHEAD BUSY
FOR HOOVER

President's Capacity for Fast Work Will Be Rigorously Tested

MANY PROBLEMS
CLAIM HIS TIME

Conferences Cut Heavily Into Schedule; Must Give Attention to Diplomatic Corps

By JAMES L. WEST (Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (AP)—President Hoover's capacity for fast work and plenty of it will get an even more rigorous test during the three weeks immediately ahead than it has in the first three weeks of his administration.

With congress to meet in extraordinary session on April 15, tasks will pile upon him which ordinarily a new chief executive would not be called upon to face until after he had been able to give considerably more time to getting the machinery of his administration running at top speed.

Conferences Necessary

Conferences with congressional leaders on the form of the farm relief bill and the limited tariff revision measure as well as the preparation of his message to the special session on those subjects will cut heavily into his time as he labors with purely administrative matters and the filling of many important government posts.

With Henry L. Stimson of New York, the new secretary of state, arriving tomorrow, early attention must be given to extending changes in the diplomatic corps and in the high official personnel of this state department. American adherence to the world court under the Root protocol and several matters of foreign policy also must be canvassed and decided.

Selection of the new members of the law enforcement commission to study methods of enforcing all laws in general and the prohibition amendment in particular is another matter which the chief executive wants to get out of the way before congress meets.

Another problem before Mr. Hoover is that of remodeling the interior of the executive offices to give more space for the office personnel and the newspaper correspondents, and a permanent office for the administrative assistant to the president, Walter H. Newton, who is using the cabinet room temporarily.

Both Lieutenant Commander Joost T. Boone, the president's personal physician, and Dr. Hay Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior, are insisting that the remodeling plans provide a modern ventilating system for the whole building. Dr. Wilbur finds the cabinet room a "Turkish bath" on cold days when windows may not be thrown wide, and he holds that all of the executive office are poorly ventilated.

LEE WILKINS
HELD GUILTY;
FACES DEATH

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 23 (AP)—Fixing his penalty at death, a superior court jury here today convicted R. L. "Lee" Wilkins of first degree murder for the killing of John W. Brooks last December. The jury took the case at 4:54 p. m. yesterday. Wilkins had pleaded not guilty "by reason of insanity."

Wilkins was emotionless as far as outward appearance was concerned, when the verdict was read. When the jury filed in he watched them closely but otherwise was calm. He may file an appeal.

Stimson To Take
Post Next Week

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (AP)—Henry L. Stimson will take over his post as secretary of state on Monday or Tuesday. He will arrive in New York tomorrow from San Francisco and come to Washington Monday afternoon to be a guest at the white house for a week or more.

BOROTRA WINS

NEW YORK, March 23 (AP)—Jean Borotra, the bounding figure of France, today won the nations indoor tennis championship of the United States for the third time checking a great rally by Frank Hunter, No. 2, American star, 4 in the final round by score of 6-4, 6-0, 4-6, 8-6.

UP TO AL SMITH

NEW YORK, Mar. 23 (AP)—Having failed to pick a man "for the rinks," Tammany today was looking to former Governor Al Smith and other party leaders to help choose a new chairman.