

PERMITS ALMOST REACH \$50,000

Just \$910 Short of That Figure in Spite of Disagreeable Weather

With the month of April half over and the disagreeable weather still very much in evidence, the Grande building permits are continuing to climb, although not yet at the speed which is expected to come with warmer days.

Yesterday afternoon the total permits for the year lacked just \$910 of reaching the \$50,000 mark. Six permits last week and one Monday bringing up the total from \$46,550, where it stood on April 6.

The tendency to alter and repair, and modernize homes in this city continues to grow and of the seven new permits, five of them were to alter and repair residences. Those five totaled \$11,500, ranging from \$150 to \$750.

One permit called for the construction of a \$1,000 dancing pavilion on Jefferson between Cove and Spruce, which it is said, will take the place of one of the dance halls during the hot summer weather.

The permit issued yesterday was to W. T. Grider to alter and repair a home on Adams avenue between Cedar and Oak streets, the work to cost \$1,000.

Permits issued during the week ending April 15, follow:

Apr. 9—E. Mortier, to alter and repair a garage on Benton between First and Cedar, work to cost \$40.

Apr. 9—H. H. Trowbridge, to alter and repair a residence on Second street between L and K avenues, work to cost \$200.

Apr. 10—Ray Buel and William Andrus, to erect a dance pavilion on Jefferson avenue between Cove and Spruce, to cost \$1,000.

Apr. 10—O. C. Osborn, to alter and repair a one-story residence on Fourth street between Z and Cronk, work to cost \$150.

Apr. 10—C. H. Arnoldus, to alter and repair a home on Ash street between Y and Benton, work to cost \$200.

Apr. 11—Charles Binger, to alter and repair a two-story residence building on Cedar street between Washington and Main avenues, work to cost \$200.

Cove Students Get High Marks In Examinations

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent) COVE, Ore. (Special)—In the last six weeks examinations, six pupils received grades above 90, Bertha Neiger 95, Ruth White 93, Darcy McCool 92, Jean Baum 91, Alvin Peterson 90 and Jack Paige 90. Two in the seventh grade, Lloyd Mills, who received 95, and Charles Fisher, 91.

Mrs. A. G. Conklin and Mrs. S. K. Thomas, delegates to the convention at Baker, returned to their homes Sunday afternoon. The convention ended Saturday evening after three days filled with the plans for the work of the Episcopal church in Eastern Oregon. Saturday was one of the most interesting days. It began with a conference on "Evangelism," led by the Rev. J. Henry Thomas, of Klamath Falls, with three classes, first "Methods" by Archdeacon Crossley, second, "Future of the Church Army in This District" by Captain T. Thomas Lewis and third, "Lay Leadership" by Clarence Porter.

A conference on church program and plans of the National Council, leader the Rev. Fred Bartlett, field secretary of the province of the Pacific. A conference on the ministry leader by the Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle, first "His Call," the Rev. Phil Sturges, second, "His Preparation," the Rev. Schuyler Pratt, third, "His Work," the Rev. John Richardson. The day closed with a young peoples conference led by the Rev. Herbert Prossy. Three services were held at St. Stephens church Sunday morning and afternoon, with services in all the churches of Baker by the visiting clergymen in the evening.

The venerable and Mrs. S. W. Crassey visited over Sunday night at Cove as guests of Mrs. A. G. Conklin.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hallmark in Cove Wednesday evening, Apr. 11. Both mother and babe are reported to be doing nicely. He has been named Keith. This is the Hallmark's third son.

The Cove school has begun work on the May day program. The senior high school play, "Crooks for a Month," will be given Wednesday, April 24.

Miss Lenna Nelda Price celebrated her tenth birthday anniversary Wednesday evening, April 10. Her mother gave a dinner in her honor. The guests were the Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Sturges and Miss Ruth White.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Roberts, Miss Clara Roberts and Mrs. Leonard Towle attended the Holmes meeting in North Powder Wednesday. Mrs. Pierson, who has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Karl Haug, for the last month, has returned to her home in Everett, Wash.

Improvement Gossip

Much Small Work—

The Bugk Paint company reports considerable small jobs over the city—paper hanging, painting, etc. The company has just completed decorating and painting the Woolworth store and the Larson Chevrolet garage.

In Foley Building—

Fred Speth is doing the plumbing work in that portion of the Foley hotel building on Adams avenue secured by Mr. Hulsbath.

Can't Wait—

People over the city, filled with the urge to get busy with hammer and saw, can't wait for good weather. The Van Pelt Lumber company reports a large number of small orders of lumber, etc., to local property owners to be used for fences, minor repair and remodeling jobs, etc.

Busy Week—

Lynch and Leighton have completed the decorating of the interior of the Harry Cleaver home. The company is now working on the Carr Furniture company contract.

New Water System—

Nate Zweifel has installed a new Fairbanks-Morse water system at the Frank George place near Riverside park.

New Apartment House—

The Beattie Mires residence on O avenue and Fifth street, recently damaged by fire, is being made into a five-apartment house. Nate Zweifel is doing the plumbing and is also modernizing the heating plant.

French Hall At Cove Destroyed By Fire Sunday

By Mrs. J. R. Price (Observer Correspondent) COVE, Ore. (Special)—French hall, which was owned by the Eastern Oregon diocese, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday morning at about 2 o'clock. The fire was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Gorham but had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the building although a large number of men gathered soon after the alarm sounded. The strong wind fanned the fire and the building burned very rapidly. It has not been fully ascertained whether the building is included in a blanket insurance on the Ascension property or not, but Bishop W. P. Remington, who was in Cove for a short time Monday, states that it will be rebuilt as soon as possible.

The hall was purchased from the Cherry association some years ago. It had been used as an exhibition and packing shed and the ends were open. The Episcopal church put in a floor, closed in the ends and added a fire place at a cost of \$600 making the building worth approximately \$1,000. The hall has been used as a meeting place by the scouts, rangers, camp fire girls and a great many other organizations of Cove. The origin of the fire is unknown and as the roof burned first it seems unlikely that it started from the fire place.

BILLY EDWARDS WINS

SEATTLE, Apr. 16—(AP)—Billy Edwards, Kansas city grappler, was declared victor over August Sepp, Boulder, Colorado, when the latter was unable to return to the ring for the third fall. Sepp won the first fall and Edwards the second. Sepp was so weakened after the second fall that he was unable to continue the match.

Fashionable London has taken to counterparts of the type Queen Elizabeth used, made by milliners wives in distressed coal fields.

home of Miss Bess Kelly and the fourth at the home of Miss Vina Conley where the evening will be spent playing bridge. The women's husbands will be guests.

Miss Clarice Conklin, Miss Lucy Hanson, and Mrs. E. Ransome, of Walla Walla, were overnight guests Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills.

The party given by the junior

Time to Re-shingle

The artist has pictured here an intimate scene in the home life of Mr. Alonzo B. Bizzy. It is raining, as you may have guessed. Mr. Bizzy is reminded of a fact learned in school, viz: that water seeps its own level. The only cure for this is a new roof. Look, we're loading the shingles onto the truck for you now. When do you want 'em delivered?

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Zoning Spreads Rapidly, Survey Of Nation Shows

The extent to which the municipal zoning idea has spread through the United States in recent years is revealed in a survey just completed by the division of building and housing of the department of commerce. In 1918, the survey shows, zoning regulations were in force in only eight cities. The number increased slowly until 1926, after which the progress was rapid. At the end of 1928 754 cities, towns and villages in all parts of the country, having a total population in excess of 27 millions, had regulations designed to promote construction and use of buildings as to conserve the interests of home owners and other property holders, in conformance with the public welfare.

During 1928, 87 municipalities passed zoning ordinances, while 101 either adopted more comprehensive zoning ordinances or amended existing regulations to make them more effective. An analysis of the 87 new zoning ordinances which were passed shows that 44 were comprehensive; that is, the use, height and area of buildings were regulated; 27 merely controlled the use of buildings; seven regulated the use and area of buildings; and two were merely temporary ordinances, pending the preparation of a zoning ordinance to suit local requirements.

Evident in All States

Zoning activity is evident in practically all states, the report shows. New York led in the number of municipalities zoned during 1928, with 23 cities, towns and villages, second place with six each, Youngstown, Ohio, Waterbury, Conn., and Altoona, Pa., were three of the largest cities which adopted zoning legislation last year. South Dakota and Idaho were added to the states having zoned municipalities when four cities in the former and three in the latter adopted zoning ordinances during the year.

New York is the foremost state in the union in the number of its municipalities having zoning ordinances in effect, with a total of 121. New Jersey is second with 84; California third with 73; Illinois fourth with 71; and Massachusetts fifth with 62. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Kansas follow in the order named.

Martin Reunion Held At Cove On Sunday, Apr. 14

By Mrs. J. R. Price (Observer Correspondent) COVE, Ore. (Special)—A family reunion and birthday dinner took place at the home of Mrs. Nellie Martin Sunday when all her children and grandchildren were home for the day. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Martin and son Bobby, of Baker, Miss Lola Martin, who teaches the grade school in Hilgard, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris and their three children, of Cove, Mrs. Martin's two younger sons, Jay and Neddy, and Miss Ruth Brown, a friend of Miss Lola, were the guests at the birthday dinner in honor of Mr. Harris.

Cove won with a score of 16-11 in the first game of the season which was played against North Powder on the Cove diamond Friday. As the afternoon was very cold and both teams lacked training because of the continued cold weather of the spring, only seven innings were played. C. G. Springer, principal of the high school and baseball coach, in speaking of the game said, "as is quite usual in the first game of the season, the play was a little ragged."

The cooking club held their meeting Friday afternoon in the domestic science room with four guests present. Ruth White and Lona Nelda Price demonstrated the work in the fourth group which consists of milk dishes. They served baked custard, chocolate milk and bread cake to the seven members and Mrs. B. D. White.

Mrs. Ruth Springer, Mrs. Bossie Fletcher and Mrs. J. R. Price, Ada Breshers and Velma Richardson will demonstrate at the next meeting.

Millionaire's Son Is Steel Worker



The steel superstructure of the world's biggest business building, the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, has begun to rise above the Chicago river at Wells street. James Simpson Jr., son of the millionaire president of Marshall Field & Co., is shown driving the first rivet in the steel framework. The building will house 2000 prominent manufacturers, wholesalers and importers. Young Simpson has been helping with the construction work. On the right is shown C. A. Welles, general manager of the Merchandise Mart.

members of the Baptist Young People's union Saturday afternoon was quite successful. It was reported. Games were played by the 14 young people who attended and refreshments of cake, sandwiches and cocoa were served.

Mrs. Tom Harris has received Mrs. Conklin's quilt of poppies which are sold on or before Memorial day. These poppies are made in the veterans' hospitals by the disabled soldiers. The materials which are ready to be assembled cost 1/4 of a cent each and the soldiers get one and 1/2 cents apiece for their work. The remainder of the money made from the sale of the poppies is returned to the hospital for the purchase of medicines and supplies which are not supplied by the regular hospital appropriation and is

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also used to aid the wives and families of disabled veterans. Although the auxiliary at Cove disbanded some time ago the members agreed at that time to continue the poppy sale, and most of the active members have joined the La Grande post since.

Oreta Baum was the honor guest at a surprise birthday party Friday evening at French hall. About thirty of the high school students were present. Mrs. Ray Baum acted as chaperone. A good time was reported by those present.

Alvin Orton is setting iron posts around his fruit trees and berry patch which he is re-fencing this spring.

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Gorham has been quite ill for a week but is reported slightly improved at this time.

Mrs. Nellie Martin is having a modern bath and water system installed in her residence, which is also the phone office, and which has been occupied by Mrs. Cora Bloom until recently.

Mrs. Stuart French entertained the Fun and Joy club Saturday. Mrs. Harris French and Mrs. Keith McCool were guests. Three tables of bridge were at play. Mrs. Georgiana Chadwick winning the high score. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Robert French.

Mrs. J. E. Ransome, her daughter, Lucy, and Miss Clarice Conklin, of Walla Walla, were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills. The girls have spent several vacations with Miss Dorothy Mills, who is taking post graduate work in the Walla Walla high school this winter. Mrs. Edna Conklin, who formerly lived in Cove, came over from La Grande Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Stearns

for a short visit and returned to in Cove. Mr. and Mrs. George Walla Walla with Mrs. Ransome and the three girls.

Mrs. George Williams, of Arrowood, Alberta, is seriously ill of the after effects of the flu, according to word received by relatives years.

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