

Efforts Continue To Hold Federal Airport Here

Local Project May Be Scuttled After Middle of Next Month.

CHAMBER MAY EMPLOY PART TIME MANAGER

Efforts will not be abated to have the local governmental airport continued, although the probabilities are that the project will be discontinued after December 31st, it was announced at the weekly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, Carl Rynearson presided at Tuesday's meeting in the absence of H. E. Eakin, president, who was absent on account of some business matters, and read a telegram sent from the Civil Aeronautics authority regional office at Seattle, Washington, conveying the information that the port would be discontinued after December 31st. Although, according to Mrs. Sharp, manager of the airfield, the project will not be discontinued until after January 15th. Chamber of Commerce members were of the opinion that the organization should keep in contact with Senator McNary with the hope that the department would stay its decision to abandon the airport until some other plan might be worked out.

To Employ Manager
Members present were desirous of seeing the Chamber of Commerce employ a part time manager for 1940, the decision to be left to the board of directors as regards the stipulation and length of time which the manager would serve. E. R. Lemley has been mentioned as a manager and it is understood Mr. Lemley will accept, if elected or appointed.

The Chamber accepted the report of the nominating committee. No further nominations were made at this time and the following officers were declared unanimously elected: L. C. Schroeder, president; L. J. McCoy, vice president; C. L. Stroup, second vice president, and R. P. Boyce, treasurer; E. R. Lemley, secretary. H. E. Eakin and Roy Short were made members of the board of directors at large.

Annual Meeting
January 9th has been set as the date of the annual meeting to be held at the Palace Cafe. Dr. Chas. Howard, president of Monmouth College, has been selected as the guest speaker for the occasion. There will be no meeting of the Chamber on January 2nd, since business houses will be closed in observance of the new year.

COLLISION ON WHITTAKER

Whittaker avenue continues to lead all streets and avenues in Cottage Grove with collisions. Friday noon a near serious wreck occurred when Fred Knickerbocker, traveling east, collided with a car driven by Lloyd Swanson. The collision occurred at the center of the intersection of Whittaker and North 6th. A. W. Swanson, father of Lloyd, was an occupant of the Swanson car, and was slightly bruised on the forehead, but no one involved in the wreck was seriously hurt. Both cars were damaged.

VEATCH HAS FIRST PAPER

I. H. Veatch has the first copy of Cottage Grove's first paper, the Cottage Grove Leader, issued June 15, 1889. In scanning the issue, the Sentinel failed to find a single familiar business house or individual, identified with the business life of the community now. The Leader told of a sawmill finding a likely gold ore deposit east of here in a mill stream.

Heavy Turkey Movement Finished This Week for the 1939 Season

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Rites for Pioneer Woman to Be Held This Afternoon

Rites for Mrs. Amanda Tope Sears, 80, pioneer of this section, will be held at the Mills chapel this afternoon at 1:30 p. m. with the Rev. H. W. Davis, Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will be made in the Sears cemetery east of town.

Mrs. Sears died Sunday at the family home five miles east of here. She had lived in this vicinity for the past sixty-seven years, coming here when there were only a few people living in south Lane county. She was the widow of the late Charles Sears, who died in 1922.

Three sons and a daughter survive: Brison Sears and Clarence B. Sears of Cottage Grove, and Dr. A. W. Sears of Jacksonville, Florida, who recently visited his mother here, and Mrs. Edna Sears Brumfield of Cottage Grove, and one sister, Mrs. Anna Hoffman of Eugene, also three grand children.

Xmas Pageant of Holy Grail to Be Given Sunday Eve

The Christmas pageant of the Holy Grail will be presented at 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening in the Methodist church. It is the story of a dream King Arthur had on Christmas eve. He seemed to see the Christ-child in the manger and the shepherds and the wise men. In his vision as the third wise man knelt to present the Cup of the Holy Grail an angel appeared and took it. Never again would the Grail be seen in Camelot nor the heavenly Christmas music be heard till one of the Knights of Arthur should present a gift worthy of the Christ. So Arthur sends his knights on this quest. The fourth scene of the pageant concerns their return on Christmas day a year later. The role of King Arthur is played by Boyd Allen and Galahad by Ross Adkins. The Knights of the Round Table are Allan Reed, Brian Stroup, Charles Cooley, George Hopper, Keith Wooley and Richard Balch. Musical accompaniment throughout will be played by Marcia Adkins, Harry Sturges, Bob and Russell Woolcott, Irene Hagen, Helen Wells, Alberta Adkins, Hazel Wells, Donna Clark, Delbert Wells and a choir of young people. The Reverend Ellsworth Tilton is the reader.

A ten-minute musical recital will precede the pageant. The people of the community are welcome.

New License Plates On Sale Dec. 15th; January 1st Deadline

Quite a number of local motorists have purchased new 1940 license plates, although buying has not been heavy here yet, according to Miss Mary Clerin, deputy collector at Woodson Motors. The new color scheme, blue on white shows the plate up well and can probably be seen at a greater distance than the 1939 plates, black on yellow. January 1st is the deadline for the purchase of the new plates and the Woodson Motors will likely experience a rush after the holidays. So far as known no extension will be granted. Last year about 1,500 plates were issued here.

HOMES SOLD

Elmer Neet has purchased the William Beck home a mile southeast of town. Mr. and Mrs. Beck expect to vacate the property next week and move to Portland where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Neet will occupy the home as soon as vacated. The new residence recently completed by Mr. Neet on South Sixth street has been sold to Buck Cagle.

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May Organize Flood Council

Since the approval of the Willamette valley flood control project, army engineers have spent considerable time in studying conditions of the basins, especially with reference to the history of all high water marks and floods. Unofficial studies of local conditions have led the engineers to the conclusion that a major flood occurs here about every seventy years and is now overdue, while minor floods occur at five-year intervals.

Suggestions have been made and discussed in some communities relative to forming flood councils until such time as the government flood control project is completed. These councils would have an organization that would take over in times of emergency, notify the population when to evacuate certain areas, would do rescue work and prevent flood damage as far as possible. Logical organizations suggested to take over the emergency work are the national guard, boy scouts, American Legion or citizens committee.

According to records investigated, the area where Cottage Grove now stands was once flooded under twelve feet of water. There has been considerable argument here as to how bad the floods have been and how much damage has been done. Bible readers will recall there was the same argument in the time of Noah and that when Noah started construction on the Ark, his neighbors laughed at his efforts. Well, history repeats itself.

TAGGED FISH FOUND

Returns are beginning to be received by the state game commission on a number of tagged rainbow trout ten to twelve inches long that were released about a year ago in the Alsea river near the location of the trout hatchery. Three of the tagged fish were recently caught in the Siletz river, the fish having traveled to spawn in a stream 47 miles farther north than the one in which they were released. All fish had made a good growth, one of them weighing approximately four pounds.

SUNDAY BIG DAY IN XMAS TREE INDUSTRY

Sunday was a big day in the Christmas tree industry in and around Cottage Grove. Cars went out in all directions to get Christmas trees for the homes. There must have been at least 500 trees brought in on that date.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnston Jr. and their son Billy Jr. of Eugene spent Sunday here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnston Sr.

Christmas Tree Industry A Big One for Section

Cutting Christmas trees for export is a substantial forest industry in the Douglas fir belt, according to a statement from U. S. regional forester Lyle F. Watts, Portland, Oregon. Several million trees are shipped south and east annually from Oregon and Washington. "It is a legitimate industry," says Watts. "It helps payrolls and brings some revenue to the owners of cut-over forest land. Unfortunately, a good many abuses are connected with this industry and these should be corrected."

To the purchasers of Christmas trees who wish to get their money's worth, it is suggested that setting the tree in a tub of water or moist sand will help keep the needles from falling.

Another method is to set the tree in a wide-mouthed container that holds about one gallon. Mix five grams of citric acid and six grams of malic acid or pectin with three quarts of water. Later, add 15 grams of calcium carbonate to the acid solution. As the tree uses up the solution, add more water. These chemicals are not expensive and will give good results for practically all kinds of Christmas trees except hemlock.

FORMER RESIDENT KILLED IN ACCIDENT

LaVerne Breese, aged 22, of Portland, a former resident of this city, was killed there, December 13th, in an accident, according to news dispatches from Portland. He met his death instantly when a flywheel was hurled from a woodsaw he was operating. The wheel broke, half of it pierced his body and landed 250 feet beyond.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Breese, formerly of Cottage Grove, and graduated from the local high school. Surviving are his parents, four brothers and a sister.

TO BEGIN PRACTICE

Everyone in Cottage Grove and the surrounding communities who is interested in singing is urged to be present for the practice of the Carolers and Balladeers at the Presbyterian church Thursday, January 4th at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Edna Leslie Pearson will again direct and the two organizations will meet in joint practice. Carolers may contact Mrs. Ruth Stewart Caldwell or Mrs. Ellsworth Tilton, and Balladeers, Schofield Stewart.

Christian Church Bible School to Present Program

Seventy-five girls and boys of the First Christian church Bible school will give the following program at the church Sunday evening, December 24th, at 7:30 p. m.

Processional—"March Pompous" (Schnefer), Mrs. Herbert Boon.
"O Little Town of Bethlehem—Children's choir.
"The Mother," Mary Maude Wilson.
"The Child," Patricia Scott.
"Luther's Cradle Song"—Children's choir.
"First Noel," Girls chorus.
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," children's choir.
"Silent Night," solo by Donald Eastburn, obligato, Maurice Culver.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are," Arthur Clingenpeel, Donald Eastburn, Maurice Culver.
"Joy to the World," children's chorus.

Offertory—"O Come All Ye Faithful," children's chorus and congregation.
Prayer, Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway.

Picture Tableaus—Directed by Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway.

CLASS OF '35 TO HOLD REUNION

Cottage Grove high school graduates with the class of 1935 will hold a reunion at the Row River Inn, the evening of December 29. Dancing and other entertainment will be provided. All 1935 graduates living in this section are invited.

Pre-holiday Spree Started Here Lands Offender in Jail Yesterday

A pre-holiday celebration of the Christmas season landed a stranger in the city "hoosgow" yesterday afternoon. Or maybe the offender was right as to the time of starting the celebration, but wrong in the methods used. Anyway, the celebration was interrupted for a few days at least.

Mrs. L. P. Sanford left the Sanford shop car parked at Seventh and Main, facing north, with the ignition key in the switch. A young man, about 27 or 28, whose name was not immediately learned, chanced by the car and decided to take a ride. He started out at full speed in low, careened down Seventh, turned west on Whittaker and back south on Sixth street. As he passed the Sentinel office the engine sounded like an airplane. The wild driver barely

Schools Close Today for Xmas Holiday Season

Grades Hold Exercises With Exchange of Christmas Gifts.

TEACHERS TO ATTEND PORTLAND MEETING

The Cottage Grove Schools, both high school and grades, are closing this afternoon for the Christmas holidays and will resume sessions on Tuesday, January 2nd. Each grade room held appropriate Christmas exercises today with an exchange of gifts. At the high school the annual Christmas program was given by the Girls' League, at which time contributions were received from the students for the Lions club gift baskets. More than one hundred cans of fruit and vegetables were donated, besides several hundred pounds of fresh vegetables and dozens of toys.

Many of the teachers are leaving today for their homes to spend the holiday season with friends and relatives. Miss Marion Jelinek and Miss Marie Fraser will travel the farthest in visiting relatives in Orofino, Idaho. Among the teachers who will spend the holidays in Portland are: H. C. Williamson, Jack Butterworth, Alice Snider, Bertha Craig, Ingrid Boling, Lillian McCloud.

Among the high school faculty Miss Emma Stadden will travel to Marshfield, Miss Dorothy Price to Corvallis, Miss Clara Dodson to Medford, Charles Christianson to Odell Lake, Curtis French to Salem, Miss Mildred Deal to Alsea, and Winston Gilchrist to Eugene.

Horace M. Robbins, principal of the Central building, will visit his parents at Fossil, Oregon. Miss Jean Rose and Miss Vivian Johnson will return to their homes at Medford. Miss Lola Newman expects to visit relatives in Eugene. Miss Alice Haldeman will spend her vacation at Medford and Klamath Falls with relatives. Miss Eva Wolfe of the Westside school will be at Corvallis.

A number of the teaching staff will attend the Oregon State Teachers annual meeting in Portland during the latter part of the week. Among the teachers expecting to attend this convention are: Principal F. L. Grannis of the high school, Leroy C. Beghtol, Elizabeth Crabbe, Mildred Deal, Zilda M. Hayes, Phyllis Tideman and H. C. Williamson of the high school staff; Mrs. Ilma L. Thum, Miss Alice Snider and Miss Bertha Craig of the Westside school; Miss Ingrid Boling, Miss Lillian McCloud and Miss Dorothy Moore of the Central school staff. H. B. Ferrin, city superintendent, will speak before one of the sectional meetings of the health department, and will attend the Representative Council meeting as a delegate.

HAS TRUCK TO HAUL FOOD

Earl Hill reported yesterday he had secured transportation of food for the Masonic hospital at Portland. A truck carrying the food will leave the Eagle Cigar store Saturday afternoon. If you have any kind of food to donate the hospital, please leave it at the Eagle Cigar store not later than noon Saturday, December 23.

An appeal has been made to donate food for the hospital, since the institution lacks about \$500.00 monthly of being able to make ends meet.