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Appeal Made For Funds For Veterans Memorial Building

Approximately 3,000 letters are being mailed out this week from the Veterans Memorial Inc., asking the people of South Lane county to contribute to the proposed all veterans memorial building here. The project is sponsored jointly by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations. A lot for the proposed building has been purchased.

Sponsors of the memorial hope to have the building under construction before the close of the summer.

The appeal:

To our friends of southern Lane county: The veterans of southern Lane county are asking you to assist in erecting a memorial to the men of our vicinity who will not come home. Many of you have sons and brothers or other relatives who have given their lives for our country and to secure for us the homes we live in and that we might continue to enjoy the privileges of a free country. We are asking you to join with us in expressing an appreciation of their sacrifices and to help in erecting a memorial building in their honor.

This building is to be used as a center for patriotic organizations. It is beautiful in design and will be a credit to the community. We are asking you to give towards its erection as much as your circumstances permit that you may feel you have an interest in honoring the boys that are resting in far countries and give the honor and respect due them. Our community needs this living memorial to keep their memory sacred. We think you will be pleased to have a part in this memorial and ask you to give what you can in bonds or cash to this fund.

For your protection, send your donation to the Veterans Memorial Building Fund or hand it to H. E. Eakin at the First National Bank; C. J. Kem, chairman of Chamber of Commerce Memorial committee; Chas. S. Hall, chairman of Veterans Memorial Building fund.

George F. Anderson Rites December 30

George Frederick Anderson, 85, resident of 1236 Ash avenue, died at a Eugene hospital December 25. He was born June 1, 1860 in England. He was married in 1881 and had resided here since 1914. He was a machinist by trade.

Surviving are his wife and five children, Alma, George and Alfred, all of England, and Mrs. Lillian Culver and Fred Anderson of Cottage Grove. Also by 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Mills mortuary Sunday, December 30, at 2:30 p. m. with the Rev. Frank Brown officiating. Interment was in the Masonic-I. O. O. F. cemetery.

SKELTON-MITCHELL SAW- MILL SOLD

Belated news has been received of the sale of the Skelton-Mitchell Lumber Co., sawmill at Lorane to George Barker of Eugene. The new owner also operates the West Side Lumber Co., of Eugene. The sale was effective December 1st.

Harry Skelton, who operated the Lorane mill and who lives on South Sixth street, said he would probably devote his efforts to constructing new homes here.

SURPLUS PROPERTY BOARD

A surplus property board has been set up in the state and public schools will have opportunity to purchase surplus property from the federal government. Governor Snell Saturday appointed Rex Putman, state superintendent of public schools, Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of higher education, Dr. Herbert G. Smith, head of the Willamette university, The Rev. Arthur J. Sullivan, representing private schools and Geo. Aiken, state budget director.

December rainfall was 9.29 inches, 2.41 above normal.

Two New Teachers On School Faculty

The local public schools resumed work on Wednesday with two new teachers on the faculty.

Dwight R. Whitaker, a veteran of the Italian area, arrived this week to take over the classes of Frank L. Grannis for the remainder of the year. Mr. Grannis has been granted a leave of absence on account of illness.

Mr. Whitaker, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, came to the coast following his discharge from the service and has been employed in a Portland store. He is interested chiefly in educational work, however, and taught in Nebraska before entering the service of the army. Having had training and experience as an athletic coach, he will assist in this work at the high school.

The problem of housing is confronting this veteran as it is many. Mr. Whitaker has a wife and two-year-old son who would like to live with him in Cottage Grove, but thus far no house or apartment has been found. It is hoped the citizens of this community will be on the lookout for something and will notify Supt. H. B. Ferrin if a modern house or small apartment is available. As in other communities, the situation here has become so serious it may be necessary for some with large homes to share with these fine citizens who desire to locate here.

The other newcomer on the faculty is Mrs. Doris Day, a graduate of Oregon College of Education and the University of Oregon, who will take the work of the second grade in Adams school to release Mrs. Pearl Gischler for the "over flow" from first grades, those rooms having been crowded to more than capacity since the first of school this year.

Mrs. Day is the wife of a veteran soldier but is living with relatives here. She has taught previously in the Coos Bay area, Corvallis and Springfield.

From Old Files

30 YEARS AGO

The New Year was ushered in here with a beautiful tribute from the heavens in form of two inches of snow.

A sight peculiar to the Willamette valley was to see rosebuds and other flowers peeping out through the white snow here.

There were more than three times as many births as deaths in Cottage Grove during 1915 and of the 16 deaths only two were under 15 years of age; three between 15 and 50 and 11 between the ages of 50 and 83.

By the decisive score of 28 to 10 the local high school team defeated Springfield in a basketball game Saturday.

When school opened after the holidays there was an unexpected increase in attendance. Five new pupils entered high school and quite a number enrolled in the grades. This brings the attendance up to 600 in grade school and 162 in high school.

J. P. Graham returned Thursday to his work at Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Trask have moved into the Mrs. Dora Fields house.

20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. William Baker, librarian, has prepared her annual report of the Cottage Grove library which shows 14,347 books have been read during the year. Money received from fines totaled \$79.99.

The planet Venus achieved its greatest brilliancy on January 3rd and due to that fact and that weather has been clear it has been plainly visible in day light.

Cupid is still on the job—in 1925 according to County Clerk Bryson, 446 marriage licenses were issued during the year.

The operation of punch boards within the city was prohibited by an ordinance enacted Monday night by the city council.

Guests at a party given last night at Herbert Eakins home came near having to go without refreshments. During the party some one stepped up on the porch and made away with the cream for the coffee and part of the ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Culver, after a short honeymoon spent in Portland, returned here Thursday. Mrs. Culver is on a 30 day terminal leave.

Record Flood Hits; Damage Runs Into Millions From 4.32-In. Rain; Dam Holds

ALTON BALFOUR



Cpl. Alton Balfour, son of Mrs. Jane Asker of Drain, and William Balfour of Cottage Grove. His wife and daughter also live at Drain. Cpl. Balfour received the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operation against the enemy on December 31, 1944. Left here in September of 1940 with the National Guard.

A. B. DOOLITTLE



A. B. Doolittle, GM1/C, who served with the Seabees with the 55th battalion in New Guinea. Spent 18 months overseas, returning to the states in January 1944. He spent from April until December in a New York hospital, where he received his discharge in December.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

T/4 Gordon E. Asbury arrived at Cottage Grove December 19 after being discharged at Fort Lewis. He served 27 months in New Guinea and the Philippines with Battery C, 51st Field Artillery. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operations service ribbon with two battle stars and one bronze arrowhead; the Philippine liberation ribbon with a bronze service star; the good conduct medal; the Bronze Star medal and Victory medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Asbury of Cottage Grove.

Lt. Col. Glenn C. Asbury FD arrived December 19 from Denver, Colorado where he has been attending the University of Denver, since arriving from overseas in August. He is spending his vacation with his parents, brothers and sister. He has not seen his brother Gordon for about four years and it was a grand reunion.

Robert F. Gierau, PHM1/C, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Gierau, was discharged from the Shoemaker, Calif., separation center December 30. Gierau was one of the 1,500 high point navy veterans aboard the "Magic Carpet," the USS Ferguson.

Clp. William R. Booher, son of William F. Booher of 745 South 1st street, was enroute home last week, being one of the 1,631 high point army veterans aboard the USS Bowie. He left Guam, December 12.

William F. Githens SADI/C, who has served in the navy the past three and a half years, arrived home Sunday, after being discharged from the Bremerton separation center. He is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Githens and will probably be associated with his father in the operation of the Githens Motors or enter school.

Vernon Stout AEM 2/C, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stout, of Cottage Grove, graduated from the local high school in 1943 and entered the navy in June of the same year. He is now serving in China on patrol duty on board the USS Antietam, carrier of the 7th Fleet, 2nd task force. This carrier was the first to wing over China and Korea. He has sent a copy of the "Go-Get-Em" Gazette which contains many interesting pictures of the beauties of the ancient and modern Oriental wonderland. This has pictures of the modern metropolis of Shanghai, known as the "New York" of the Orient, the greatest seaport of the Orient and most important city of modern China; also pictures of "Hermit Kingdom"—Korea, better known as Seoul, the ancient capital of Korea; Peking, the "Forbidden City"; Tsingtao and Chi Mo.

Lt. Helen Morelock of the army nurse corps arrived here yesterday by plane from Fort Dix, New Jersey. She is on a 30 day terminal leave.

\$20,000 Fund For Turkey Research Received By OSC

A research grant of \$20,000 has just been received by Oregon State college from Swift & Co., Chicago, to help finance a project on "Breeding and Management Factors as Related to Hatchability in Turkey Eggs." Wm. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture has announced.

Notification of the grant together with the check and contract came from R. C. Newton, vice president, who wrote that his company is always interested in assisting fundamental studies in the fields relating to meat, poultry, dairy products and agriculture generally.

The research project planned by the college will be financed over a three-year period by the new grant. Attempt will be made to find the cause and control of poor hatchability that is a serious handicap to Oregon's turkey breeding industry.

Turkey breeders generally do not obtain more than about 50 percent hatch, partly because of poor fertility, possibly arising from difficult mating. Whether inheritance has much to do with hatchability of eggs has not been determined. The plan is to work on these and related factors by means of trapping and otherwise to develop more fundamental knowledge in this field.

The contract calls for the experiment station to have complete control of the publication of any findings that result in control of any patents that might be developed from the studies.

Cottage Grove Flying Club to Hold Open Meeting January 8

The Cottage Grove Flying club is holding an open meeting next Tuesday evening at the council chambers in the city hall to perfect an organization. At this time, officers are to be chosen, by-laws accepted and the club hopes to arrange for the purchase of a ship. The old corporation papers of the club are still active, which will eliminate further work on this point.

Anyone interested in flying is welcome to attend. The meeting will be open to the public.

CURLETTE BEAUTY SHOP CHANGES HANDS

The Curlette Beauty Shop in the First National Bank building, which has been operated by Mrs. Gladys Adams for several years, has changed hands this week. The new operator, who has purchased the shop from Mrs. Adams is Mrs. Beatrice Ellis, who took possession yesterday.

Mrs. Ellis recently came from the middle west, where she worked as a cold wave demonstrator, and for the past two months has been connected with the Beauty Nook.

Mrs. Kay Lockie, who has been operating at the Curlette, will remain with Mrs. Ellis.

Mrs. Adams plans to retire after having operated beauty shops here for the past 12 years.

RAINFALL AT BLACKBUTTE

Mrs. Lillian Stimmell, weather observer at Blackbutte, reports the December precipitation at that station amounted to 12.26 inches. The highest for the month was on the 28th when 2.90 inches fell.

SIX OREGON HIGHWAYS ARE STILL CLOSED

SALEM—Six Oregon highways were still closed by high water and slides yesterday as ice and snow made mountain travel hazardous without chains.

The Willamette highway was still closed by a washout above Oakridge, while the Cascade secondary near Portland, the Independence—Granger, Wilsonville—Hillsboro—Silverton, and Bellevue highway remained closed.

DAM HOLDS BACK RISE OF 23.97 FEET; 7 DROWN; 3 NEAR DROWNINGS HERE

Among the 1945 accomplishments locally, it can now be recorded that the Cottage Grove dam has paid another dividend: this time in holding back the worst flood since 1927. The dam held back a flood crest of 23.97 feet reached at 6:30 p. m. Friday, December 29 after 4.32 inches of rain had fallen. The precipitation of 4.32 inches was recorded at the weather station from 8:00 a. m. on the morning of the 27th until 6:30 p. m. of the 29th. But for the forethought of the U. S. Engineering crew, the results might have been worse. After watching his instruments, the resident engineer and assistant decided they should prepare for the worst and let the water out below the minimum pool requirements. Starting from 750.19 (elevation of the dam figured at level) the waters backed up to a total of 774.07 during the three-day period and was within eighteen feet of the top of the dam when the rains ceased. The water could have gone another 18 feet or more without causing any serious consequences.

The run off between here and the dam, a distance of 5½ miles, caused the river to overflow at points and prevented city sewers from discharging. The water was further augmented by the discharge of Silk Creek, which overflowed its banks and stopped traffic on the Lorane road and Bennett creek, which also covered part of North River road. Unfortunately Lt. Col. Lalonde and his assistant got the blame for letting the water out of the dam, when such was not the case. The engineering crew worked through the 48 hour period in trying to hold the flood damage to the minimum.

Near Drownings
While at least four people lost their lives below here, this section was fortunate in escaping loss of life, however, a near tragedy occurred while three men, Warren Edwards, Larry Levens and Schofield Stewart were attempting to rescue several people believed to have been stranded in the Baldwin residence, a short distance west of the steel bridge on Row River. The three men started out in a boat to the Baldwin house, found the water too treacherous and were being tossed about helplessly when an oar broke and they were rescued. Levens and Edwards were saved by Louie Caldwell who threw a rope to the stranded men after the boat they were riding in hit a large fir tree. Stewart managed to ride in the bottom of the boat until it struck a log and he was able to wade out, but his companions had already given him up as lost. In the meantime the people stranded in the Baldwin house had escaped over the steel bridge. After this Levens said a warning system would be used and a chairman appointed to warn the people to get out of the district.

Lily Growers Take Heavy Losses
Hardest hit were the local lily growers, many of whom lost their entire crop. One grower, Jim Abbott, living north of town, had just finished planting his bulb crop and lost the entire crop valued at \$1,000. Losses to other growers is expected to bring the total up to several thousand.

Several hundred turkeys on the Abbott ranch were saved, but Abbott, Gilbert Clay and Jim Racknor had to remain in the brooder houses from 10:00 a. m. Friday morning until 6:00 a. m. the following morning without food or water.

In Cottage Grove, many depending on furnace heat from the basement were without heat for two or three days and with a flooded basement. Seventy five to 100 passengers of the Greyhound buses were stranded here Friday night and had to seek shelter in private houses, in schools and churches and in the Masonic building. High water stopped traffic at West Springfield where a flood crest of 18.4 feet was reached Saturday. Highway traffic south was stopped by high water about two miles south of Anlauf.

(By Mosby Creek Resident)
Flood waters of Row River did heavy damage in the vicinity of the steel bridge east of town. Many fences were torn down and bridges washed out. Several poles of the Mt. States Power Co., were washed out, disrupting service from Thursday p. m. until Sunday evening. The small bridge just west of the steel bridge was broken and humped up in the middle and the pavement torn out at each end of the bridge. Mrs. Wayne Baldwin and family living near the bridge were rescued by boat also Mrs. M. Nordstrom. Huge piles of drift left by the flood.

Rites for Roy V. Foster, 79, Lorane postmaster and well known here will be held from the Poole Larsen mortuary at Eugene this afternoon at 2:00 p. m. with the Rev. L. O. Griffith officiating. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery No. 2 at Eugene.

Mr. Foster died in a Eugene hospital December 30. He was born March 16, 1866 at Irving and had been a resident of this county all of his life. He had served as postmaster of Lorane for the past 27 years and had been a member of the Methodist church and I.O.O.F. lodge for 50 years.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Phoebe Brumfield of Cottage Grove, two brothers, William Foster of Seattle and Martin Foster of Lorane with whom he made his home and a number of nieces and nephews.

War Casualties

(From the Army and Navy)
Killed, 261,608; wounded, 651,911; missing, 32,811; prisoners, 124,194. Total 1,070,524.

The Home Front Accident Toll
(From the National Safety Council)
Killed, 355,000; injured, 36,000,000.

(Including 1,250,000 cases involving some permanent disability)

The Traffic Toll Alone
Killed, 94,000; injured, 3,300,000.

The Toll in Homes Alone
Killed, 118,000; injured, 17,500,000.

GIRL WITH 2 HEADS BORN

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Monday
A girl with two heads was born to the wife of an American soldier, officials of the Selly Oak hospital said today.

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