

Rotary Conference at Portland Soon

Portland.—Rotarians in 37 states of Oregon and Washington, members of clubs in district 102, are planning to attend the third annual district conference in Portland, April 11, 12 and 13.

Edward C. Sammons, president of the United States National Bank of Portland, is general chairman of the three-day event. Presiding will be Theodore E. Argade, president of the Portland Rotary club, and conference secretary will be A. A. Patterson, secretary of the Portland club. Matt Leavitt, Newberg, governor of District 102, will be in charge.

The Portland club has appointed committees to provide speakers,

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ers, housing and entertainment for Rotarians and their wives for the three days, with each of the 392 Portland Rotarians serving.

Arrangements are near completion for registration, conference sessions, church services, Sunday evening April 11, housing, bowling, golf, luncheons, dinners and entertainment.

Rotary sessions will be held in a major downtown Portland theatre, and church services will be in one of the leading religious centers of the city. All leading Portland hotels will provide accommodations for the visiting delegates and their wives during the three days.

Important problems to be discussed will be international relations, intercity relations and general topics of Rotary International.



By Harris Elsworth

The House of Representatives this week passed my bill, H. R. 5049, which, when it becomes law will open all of the re-vested railroad grant lands, which are now known as the O and C lands, to mining entry and exploration. Senator Cordon has an identical bill in the Senate. I believe this legislation will shortly be enacted into law.

There are some 2½ million acres of the O and C lands. Most of this area is mountainous, and according to the Oregon mineral survey, is rich in minerals. Since the O and C Act was passed in

1937, these lands have not been open for entry. After the bill becomes law, the minerals in them will again become available.

For the fourth consecutive time, a high school senior from my district has been one of the forty winners in what is known as the "National Science Talent Search". This year the winner was Roy Norman Peacock, from Springfield. Mrs. Ellsworth and I attended two banquets which were given the group of forty, and enjoyed a good visit with Norman Peacock.

The Science Talent Search is an annual activity of the Science clubs of America. This year, among some 16,421 high school seniors in the United States, 3,161 completed competitive examinations. Three hundred entrants won special recognition; 260 of them were given honorable mention, and 40 were chosen to attend a four-day Science Talent Institute here in Washington. Their own members of Congress accompany the students to dinners given in their honor. Thanks to the brilliance of the high school students in Oregon's 4th district, I have been recognized as the Dean of the Congressional group, because I have attended more Science Talent Search banquets than any other member of the House of Representatives. Winners the previous three years came from the Euglen high school.

Two days of hearings were held by the Veterans Affairs committee of the House on my bill to compel the Veterans Administration to use the hospital at Camp White as a domiciliary home for veterans. Similar hearings were held in the Senate on an identical bill sponsored by Senators Cordon and Morse.

Chairman Kearney of the Veterans Affairs subcommittee on hospitalization told me recently that he intended to have a few more witnesses appear before his subcommittee. He also said that, if it is possible to do so he will take some members of his committee on a trip to inspect the Camp White hospital and to look over the situation with respect to veterans' hospitals in the northwest.

I attended the hearings conducted by the Senate committee and by the House committee, and listened to the testimony most carefully. The Veterans Administration opposes the bill, but thus far, I have not heard any valid arguments in support of its position.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd James of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Jagers, last Friday evening. Mr. James and Mr. Jagers are cousins.

V. F. W. Officials Will Visit In State

Two national Veterans of Foreign Wars officers, Dr. William B. Morrison, surgeon general, and Reverend Merrett F. Williams, chaplain, will visit Oregon March 16 and 17.

Surgeon General Morrison, of Belmont, Mass., is a surgeon-in-chief of Boston City hospital. He served in the Foreign Legion as a surgeon of Harvard medical unit in 1916. Returning to this country, he volunteered for the U. S. Medical Reserve Corps and was commissioned. He served with U. S. forces overseas and left the armed forces a captain.

Reverend Williams is canon of the Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C., a post that he has held since 1941 with war service interrupting. He served in world war II in the Naval reserve chaplain corps. He holds the Bronze Star medal with Gold Star and a Purple Heart. He was a commander when released to inactive duty.

Oregon department commander Francis G. Gates, Bend, has been advised that the two national officers will inspect Veterans Administration hospitals of the area during their visit. They will meet with department officers, the department Rehabilitation committee, and officials of VA hospitals.

41st division Post No. 3049 will be host for an evening mass meet of Veterans of Foreign Wars members Pythian hall, 918 S. W. Yamhill Street, Portland, March 17.

Co. Agent's News

At the annual meeting of the Curry county Livestock association, last week, resolutions were adopted covering a wide range of problems according to Harvey Crook, who was reelected president for 1948. Sixteen delegates will be sent to the Western Oregon Livestock association's annual meeting scheduled at Roseburg, February 13 and 14.

The Rural Service committee found that less than fifty farmers in Curry county now have telephones as a result of the company's policy in rural areas. The Squaw Valley line is the most recent service area abandoned, according to the findings of the committee. No record was available in the Public Utility commissioner's office to show that any of the abandoned rural lines have been discontinued.

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