

Smith River Legion Post Gives Flags To Schools There

SMITH RIVER—The local unit P.-T. A. held its regular meeting Monday evening at the school with President Warren Engdahl introducing Andrew Mellon, of Post 712 American Legion, who gave a history of the American flag, and presented four large flags to the school, with standards, to be used in each room.

Accepting the flags for each room were Julie Westbrook for the first grade; Sharon Landerholm for the second and third; Bruce VanZee for the fourth and fifth, and Elaine Richard for the seventh and eighth grades. Each thanked the post for the gift.

A large flag was presented to Principal Helen Tracy, to be displayed on flag pole each school day.

Several important matters were taken care of during the business session. The local group voted to form a P.-T. A. council unit to meet with other units of the county to carry on projects.

The group also voted to help bring the Girl Scout movie picture to Del Norte soon. Principal Helen Tracy announced a baseball team for both boys and girls have been formed.

The attendance prize was won by the first grade for having the largest percentage of parents at the meeting.

Girls of the fourth to eighth grades take up sewing with a number enrolled in 4-H club, under leadership of Mrs. June Brogan and Mrs. Mary Ostrom is leader for the other group. At the May meeting Forest Taylor of the YMCA at Eureka will show movies.

Get-Together At Lake Earl

Lake Earl Grange hall was the scene of a get-together meeting and pot luck supper Wednesday evening, April 13, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Alf Goodlin who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary April 14. Large attendance of friends gathered to extend congratulations to the pioneer couple of Smith River, who were married in the historic Methodist church here.

The honored couple was presented a beautiful electric table lamp with shade. Mrs. Ada Nelson, who celebrated her birthday on April 14 was honored, and a heather shrub and birthday cake were given her.

Sunrise Services Held

Easter sunrise services were held at the ocean beach Sunday morning at 6:30, attended by about 150 from Smith River and vicinity. The fog prevented seeing the sun but three huge bonfires made by Ashford Lopez, provided warmth for the crowd.

Herbert Newman of Crescent City Radio shop, assisted by Ronald McClish, set up a public address system and everyone could hear the singing and speaker. The

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young folks of the local choir sang hymns. The Easter message was delivered by Rev. E. C. Hicks of the local church. Breakfast was served on the beach and the ladies of Gushchu and Smith River churches scrambled the eggs. Amelia Brown was in charge of coffee making. A vote of thanks was extended the Indian members for getting the beach ready.

Easter services were held at the local church at 11 a. m. with a large attendance. Mrs. B. J. Slater accompanied all hymns at the piano. The program:

Duet, "Neath the Olive Trees" by Daroline Nelson and Helen Waterman.

Special, "Crowns Become the Victor's Brow," by the choir.

Duet, by Lopez singers.

Six were received into the church and three were baptized at the baptismal services.

"First Great Easter," was the sermon topic of Rev. Hicks.

The church was decorated with white flowers, arranged on the piano and altar. Mrs. Chester Maris had charge of the arrangements.

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Mrs. Alf Goodlin and daughter Mrs. Jesse Lehmkuhl, were hosts at a dinner party at the Goodlin home Sunday, honoring the husband and father, who observed his birthday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Goodlin, Jesse Lehmkuhl, Nadine, John and Linda Lehmkuhl.

"Flower Girls"

The Flower Girls and their leader, Mrs. Lockland, gave a

dance and skit, "Fun with Flowers," at the Garden Club meeting last Thursday. We gave our 4-H pledge and then our dance. "The Fun with Flowers" was last on the program.

Maxine Moore presented Burton Hutton, 4-H leader for Oregon, with a buttonier and the girls presented Mrs. Aha with a box of bulbs.

We girls and Mrs. Lockland wish to thank the Garden club for the beautifully decorated 4-H table and cakes prepared for us.

We also presented our program Friday evening for the Grange, which all seemed to enjoy. We presented Mrs. Lockland with a corsage.

We will not meet this week as all of us are too busy in our gardens.—JoAnn Clendenin, reporter.



By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

The house is in recess this week but in the last ten days or more, before the holiday, business was transacted at a rapid rate. The business, however, was not the adoption of any part of a legislative program. The house worked mostly on appropriation bills and during the last three or four days before recessing accounted for the expenditure of some 29 billions of dollars. Just exactly how much money that is cannot readily be understood unless the figure is divided into simple, small and understandable terms. Twenty-nine billion dollars is equal to \$200 for every man, woman and child in the United States—or \$800 for each family of four. But the 29 billion is only about 69% of the total

budget for the next fiscal year. The total budget, the amount of money to be spent by our federal government during the 12 months beginning July 1 this year is 42 billions, in round numbers. This, divided by the total population, estimated at 140,000,000, equals a cost of \$300 per person.

Think of it—federal government expenditures for the coming fiscal year will amount to an average of almost exactly \$100 a month for each family of four!

The ancient philosopher solon wrote: "No more good must be attempted than the state can bear." I wonder how much more we CAN bear?

Nevertheless, only the existing program of federal expenditures is accounted for in the above gloomy figures. The program on which President Truman was elected last fall and which he is trying frantically to get enacted by Congress, would if passed, increase the above figure by at least one-fourth.

We already have a debt burden greater than the combined total debt of all of the other peoples in the world. Unless this congress refuses to travel further down road toward bankruptcy and denies the passage of the "Truman spending program" we shall become the most tax-ridden people on earth.

Just to make a gloomy picture complete, we must not forget that state income taxes and the property taxes must be paid annually in addition to the federal levy mentioned above.

The legislation to authorize the continuation of our program of aiding the economic recovery of Europe (known as ECA) has been completed. If carried on with a careful regard for the welfare of our own economy, it is good business. In addition to being fairly good business venture, it has the benefit of being most destructive to the Russian ambition to communize Europe.

It must be clearly understood that the legislation just enacted is only a law to Authorize the continuation of the ECA program. That bill did not appropriate the money.

Many people, including some members of congress, have taken the attitude that the sum named in the authorization bill is the amount we are putting into the ECA program. That is not the fact. The actual appropriation bill comes later. I did what I could to keep the record straight on this point by taking the floor. A portion of my statement to the house, follows:

"... I feel satisfied to vote for the bill as a continuation of a program we have started but the record must clearly show, and the people of the country must clearly understand that we are not today dealing with an appropriation item but we are setting a figure which is a maximum for the program."

I feel certain the appropriation for ECA will be considerably less than the five and one-half billion figure in the bill.

"Homemakers"

By ALDENE N. AHO, Home Demonstration Agent

Just received: New canning books called "10 Short Lessons in home canning." The supply is limited so if you are interested send a request to the county extension office and we'll mail one to you.

Our 'pressure saucepan cookery' meetings are fun. If meeting hasn't been held at your unit, do make a special effort to attend. See your newsletter for a date, time and place.

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