

"Floras Lake Banner" Started Just 41 Years Ago This Week; Where Is It Now?

March 26, 1910, almost 41 years ago, to a day, Volume One, Number One, of *Floras Lake Banner*, was put in the mails. This fact was revealed last week when Mrs. Dewey Akers returned to Brookings with a copy which had been loaned to her at Boise, Idaho.

What became of the newspaper, how long it was published, and other information concerning its existence may or may not make several paragraphs in the forthcoming history of Coos and Curry counties, now being compiled by Emil Peterson of North Bend, Oregon.

Published by Smith & Quarles, the Banner carried but two pages of "home-print" all of which was pure propaganda concerning the opportunities offered in Curry county, especially Lakeport, on the banks of Floras Lake, which the editors claimed was the garden of Eden for those in the congested far east.

Quoting: "Floras Lake Banner was born on the banks of Floras Lake, March 26, 1910. Its life will be devoted entirely to placing before the public the great undeveloped resources and possibilities of Coos and Curry Counties. It will be a booster in all things that relate to these counties that will help develop and tend to the prosperity of the entire southwest part of Oregon. It will be our earnest desire and sole aim and purpose to speak well of our neighbors, to help everyone in the county; to aid in the building of railroads, canals, sawmills and every industry that Coos and Curry counties can support."

Choosing at random from the so-called personal items: "Port Orford is to have a bank with mine host Louis Knapp as president. The institution will be a strong one, as the stockholders and board of directors are composed of the best men of the county in whom the public has confidence."

Interesting indeed was the market report: "Eggs 25c; Butter 30c; roast beef, 10c lb.; boiling meat, 6-8c; sirloin steak, 12½c; round steak 10c; porterhouse steak 15c; pork chops 15c; pork roast 12½c; leg of mutton 12½c; mutton stew 8-10c; veal roast 10-15c; chickens 12½ to 15c; potatoes, 1½c."

What became of Floras Lake Banner is not known to this writer. Its existence was not known until Mrs. Dewey Akers returned from Boise, Idaho, where her sister-in-law furnished her with a copy of Volume One, Number One, which should be of interest to Emil Peterson of North Bend, who may like to photograph it for his historical data to be used in writing a history of Coos and Curry counties. The copy is wanted by its owner, or it would be surrendered to the society.

Perhaps some of the older residents of the county, especially of the northern end, could supply Mr. Peterson with much information, and possibly a few copies of this old newspaper. No doubt there lies quite a story back of Lakeport, and the Banner, which may or may not have had considerable bearing on Curry county history. At least the searching of this data may uncover much for Mr. Peterson who is "all ears" to anything historical.

As far back as 1910, the United States had knowledge of Japan's covetousness of Pearl Harbor, for in this issue of the Banner was reprinted an article from the Portland News, telling of the Japs' activities of photographing and drawing maps of Pearl Harbor.

other grains from us on credit; the committee bill insists upon making it a gift.

2. Under the bill the grain would be sent to the government of India. The Indian government would then sell the grain to the people. The net proceeds, about \$150,000.00, would be used on the construction of their irrigation and reclamation projects.

3. India needs some 50 million tons of grain and has obtained most of it from other countries. The amount we would be sending would not equal more than four per cent of their total grain consumption. Accordingly, I do not think it can be honestly said that the amount we might supply would prevent starvation.

4. We need burlap and other supplies from India—and need them badly—but no effort is made to protect our needs in return for supplying even a very slight portion of their grain need.

5. If this bill comes to the floor of the house in its present form, there is very real possibility that it will be rejected by vote of the house. That, indeed, would give us a black eye in Asia. Those people would have no knowledge of the details of the bill. They would merely know that the United States had

refused to let India have food when India needed it.

There is considerable more to this story, but I believe the foregoing will give an idea of what is actually involved in the controversy when it develops.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson spent Easter week-end at Coos Bay, visiting.

Riders Set Dance

Chetco Wranglers Saddle club has booked a dance for Saturday, April 14, at the Grange hall. Like in the previous dance, western music and refreshments will be the treat of all who attend. An advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue.

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By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

A bill providing for the construction of housing and all other necessary community facilities, will be acted upon by the house shortly. While conceding the need for some such legislation especially for enormous installations like the one down in Kentucky for the Atomic Energy Commission, I am apprehensive about the long future effect of this bill. It is drawn too loosely. The powers it confers upon the president are much too broad—my belief is that legislation should be specific so that we do not depend upon what the Executive will do or intends to do. Instead we should know clearly what he can do. As I read it, the defense housing bill is broad so that the president can do just about anything he wants to in any community in the United States, so far as housing and community facilities and services are concerned.

Somehow I am reminded of what happened to the people in Roumania. They came under dictatorship by vote of their own legislative body. A law known as the Economic Sabotage Act was

passed. It seemed like a very good idea for the people to protect themselves against such sabotage. But that law was very broad too. It was so broad, in fact, that under it any individual who is out of favor in the eyes of the present rulers of Roumania can be arrested and thrown in jail—or worse. The people are actually controlled by an act which was passed for their protection.

I do not mean to imply that the Housing bill can be used in any such way, but as I read it that bill could be used if any president wanted to so interpret it, to socialize most of the housing in our country.

You will probably be hearing and reading quite a lot about the question of sending wheat and other food grains to India. On the face of it the general idea is a pretty good one. The people of India are in need of some grain. We have substantial reserves of grain now held by the Commodity Credit Corporation. It has long been our practice to go to the relief of stricken or starving people.

But the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which is the voice of our state department in congress, has reported a bill which is so unrealistic that instead of quickly and quietly accomplishing something, it may develop heated controversy. Such a situation will surely do us nothing but harm in Asia. Here are some of the facts about this matter:

1. The government of India has asked to buy some wheat or

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