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HOME BUILDING AT LAST SHOWS RESULTS

Six New Homes Under Construction And Six More Contracts Let or Will be Soon—Many More in the Spring.

Ontario's home building plans are at last showing real results. Six homes are now under construction, and contracts are or will be let soon for six more. Beside these there is assurance that by spring the full list of 25 new homes.

Beside the L. I. Hirsch house, the first stated there are five other homes within the city limits now going up. Al Chance and J. R. Fortier have the excavations started for their homes on South Virtue street. Charles Gebert has begun work on the house on his acre tract in the north end of town, and Alex Loehnd will soon start work on two new homes.

Dr. E. S. Fortner is preparing to let the contract on his home and Larue Blackaby has plans prepared for his home which is to be built on South Virtue.

E. C. Van Petten expects to have the excavation for his home so that construction can start before spring and H. L. Peterson is ready to proceed with the construction of his home.

While there are delay in starting some of these houses it is apparent now that the work is going to proceed and that Ontario will make good on its campaign for additional homes.

The demand for housing space is still growing. Many new families are expected and would be here now if there were houses ready for them to occupy.

NO LET UP IN DEMAND COLONIZATION LANDS

Two Thousand Acres of Warm Springs Land Included in Reported Sales of Oregon Western Colonization Company This Week

That all the raw land under the Warm Springs Irrigation system will be sold by spring is evident from the demand which the Oregon-Western Colonization company is having for its holdings in the district. Since the last visit of W. P. Davidson, president of the company in August, nearly two thousand acres or to be exact, 1924 acres, under the project have been sold.

In the same period 15,000 acres of range land has been sold by the agents in Ontario and Prineville. In spite of the fact that the company has been reporting huge sales of this class of its holdings for several years especially the past two years the demand continues, until it appears that the prophesy of the day when the open range will be no more is nearing fulfillment.

The following is the list of sales given out by W. J. Pinney, agent for the company in Malheur and Harney counties:

Sales since Aug. 25, 1919.	
T. C. Powell	40 acres
E. I. Stanbrough	20 acres
Cook Bros.	80 acres
A. P. & C. L. Graham	230 acres
D. C. Deming	40 acres
Miss Sears	40 acres
F. B. Zutz	40 acres
A. W. & Paul Erwin	40 acres
Arthur Ellis	80 acres
A. V. Ellis	80 acres
Minerva Ellis	40 acres
J. A. Baldwin	40 acres
C. L. Cole	144 acres
Hainline & Sons	370 acres
Trent Johnson	320 acres
E. J. Fisher	40 acres
F. J. O'Malley	120 acres
Beeson & Barnes	160 acres
H. J. Lister	1924 acres
A. R. Rogers	6400 acres
A. B. Terrell	640 acres
S. Rasmussen	1000 acres
C. Evans	800 acres
N. F. McCain	1280 acres
G. Breen	640 acres
James Young	3140 acres
C. Floyd	400 acres
A. & B. Pringle	320 acres
Total	18464 acres

RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP IN CITY SHOWS DECREASE

While the country precincts within the jurisdiction of Ontario Chapter A. R. C. practically maintained the standard set in the war time membership, Ontario itself fell down badly. While last year, after the armistice was signed, Ontario enrolled more than 1000 members, this year the city has only 500 out of a total enrollment for the chapter of 1156. There are still three committees to hear from and Chairman R. W. Swagler expects the grand total to reach fully 1300. Last year the total enrollment was 1700 for the chapter and its auxiliaries.

ROUTE FOR ROAD ON DEAD OX FLAT VIEWED

Ranchers There Hope to Have Route Selected Which Will Not Cut Diagonally across too Many Fields.

For the purpose of getting acquainted with the desires of the ranchers on Dead Ox Flat relative to the route for the Old Oregon Trail Highway in this section, a committee from the Commercial club visited the Flat Monday afternoon. The members of the committee were: E. C. Van Petten, E. A. Fraser, H. C. Boyer, J. R. Blackaby and H. H. Tunny.

On the Flat they were met by a number of citizens including F. M. Northrup, L. R. Briethaupt, S. S. Hill, P. M. Boals and others who went with them over the route which the ranchers would prefer to see selected. After making the trip the club's committee agreed with the ranchers that if it could be done they would like to see the road take the course desired by the people of the Flat and assured them of their desire to press the Flat's request to the Highway authorities.

On Tuesday evening M. O. Bennett, division engineer for the commission reached Ontario and the local committee, first and the 'Dead Ox Flat' committee later in the evening each presented the case of the district to him, and were assured that the tentative route suggested last spring was not final and that all of the factors presented by the committees would be taken into account before the route was finally fixed.

Mr. Bennett left Wednesday morning for Crane and expects to be back in Ontario on either Friday or Saturday and on the following day will go over the route with representatives of both committees.

MONEY FOR ONTARIO HOMES IS AVAILABLE

Ontario Men who Promised to Build Homes, Need Not Delay Their Plans for Lack of Capital.

The proposed building boom in Ontario has for from fallen flat. There is no reason it should for there is no lack of capital. During the past ten days A. Helander, general manager of the Pacific Building and Loan association of Tacoma, together with C. W. Chadwick state agent have visited the city on an investigating tour and they announced that when Ontarians want funds they will be forth coming.

"We are convinced that Ontario justifies the making of substantial plans here," said Mr. Helander, "and we have the funds to supply the needs of the people."

BOULEVARD IMPASSABLE FOR SEVERAL DAYS LAST WEEK

Owing to the deep mud on the graded section of the Boulevard the mail carrier was unable to serve the ranchers of that section for several days last week. The high winds however have dried the roads so that they are now passable and the contractors, Porter & Connelly have their crews at work on the Highway.

EASTERN STARS WILL ENTERTAIN OFFICIALS

Ontario, Vale and Nyssa Each to be Scene of Elaborate Gatherings—Chapter at Nyssa to be Installed Next Friday

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week will be gala days in the history of the Eastern Star Chapters of Malheur county. The occasion will be the visit here of Mrs. Alberta McMurphy, grand worthy matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, and E. G. Kiddle, grand worthy patron of the same organization. Mrs. McMurphy comes from Eugene while Mr. Kiddle comes from Island City.

On Wednesday Star Chapter of Ontario will be the guests of Vale Chapter at Vale for a ceremonial session followed by a banquet, and on Thursday evening the visit will be returned by the Vale members at a session in Ontario.

On Friday evening the Ontario and Vale Stars will unite with the visiting Grand Officers in the ceremonies of instituting a chapter at Nyssa for which there will be 50 charter members. In the institution of the Nyssa chapter the two grand officers of the state organization named above will be assisted by Mrs. W. W. Letson of Ontario, associate grand conductress of the Grand Chapter.

TWENTY ONTARIANS STUDYING AT O. A. C.

Largest Delegation Ever Sent From This City Takes Wide Variety of Studies.

CORVALLIS, ORE., November 10: Twenty students are registered at O. A. C. from Ontario this year, it became known this week, when lists were available at the register's office. Seven students are enrolled in the school of commerce, and five are studying home economics.

Peter T. Beckman is a sophomore this year, in commerce, Amy Canfield and Viola Husted have also enrolled in the school of commerce as freshmen, although both are carrying advanced commerce subjects. Henry Cassidy, a freshman in agriculture, finds that study to his liking. Cassidy is an Alpha Pan Delphian.

Donald V. Conklin, a senior in agriculture, is also president of the Mask and Dagger Club. Conklin is a member of the Kappa Theta Rho fraternity. Roscoe Conklin is a freshman in agriculture. Chemical engineering has attracted Jennings B. Neeh, who has enrolled as a freshman. Stephen Cox is a sophomore in chemical engineering, and is captain of Battery A of the field artillery.

Delta M. Hill is a freshman in commerce. Ruth Lackey is specializing in music. Nettie L. Peterson, of the Pi Beta Phi sorority, is a junior in home economics this year. Erna R. Readen is a sophomore in home economics, and is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, while Edna Readen is registered as a freshman in the same school.

Virginia M. Smith, who is a junior in home economics, and a member of the Pi Beta Phi, is taking a leading part in student social activities this year. Fred Test is a freshman in mechanical engineering, and is pledged to the Alpha Tau Omegas. Dorothy Turner is another Ontario student in the school of commerce. Marjorie Turner is a freshman in home economics. Orville L. Walker is a freshman in civil engineering.

This is the largest number that Ontario has ever sent to the institution. College authorities have attributed the sobering effect of the war as a cause for the unprecedented enrollment of nearly 2900 this year. But in Ontario's case this does not apply, for 11 of the 20 students from the Snake river town are girls.

Major and Mrs. Fred W. Kraus of Washington, D. C. are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Powers who have moved into their new home on South Richardson street.

ONTARIO EX-SERVICE MEN TO JOIN LEGION

Meeting Held on Armistice Day When Petition of Fifteen is Prepared and Forwarded for Charter—Others Urged to Enroll

At the City Hall Tuesday afternoon fifteen ex-service men met for the purpose of preparing a petition for a chapter of the American Legion. The work was completed and the necessary number of names for the Charter roll was secured and the petition has been forwarded to the State headquarters.

During the meeting there was considerable discussion concerning the name for the Post which finally resulted in the decision to call it Ontario Post.

An effort will at once be made to enroll all the ex-service men in this section and to that end all who have not joined are asked to communicate with L. B. Cockrum, secretary of the temporary organization who has the necessary application blanks. The question of dues and other details in connection with the organization of the local post have not been completed but will be taken up immediately upon the formation of the Post on the receipt of the charter.

The following is the list of those who applied for the charter:

L. B. Cockrum, S. M. Boucher, C. E. Boyer, Larue Blackaby, Alfred C. Holland, M. D. Thomas, William C. Orcutt, Herschel M. Browne, Earl S. Griffin, Earl Blackaby, Wallace Strane, W. L. Boyer, J. B. O'Keefe, G. B. Parsons, Lloyd S. Perkins.

NEW FIRM PURCHASES AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS

A. S. Brown Auto Co. Changes Hands—Salesman and Repair Man New Owners.

The A. S. Brown Auto Co. changed hands this week, Mr. Brown selling his stock to L. S. Perkins of Oakland California and A. C. Tovrea of Durango, Colorado. The new company will go under the name of the Service Automobile Co.

Mr. Tovrea will take over the repairing end of the garage and maintains shop for expert repairing.

Mr. Tovrea is out from Durango, Colorado where he owned and operated one of the largest garages in that city. He has had seven years practical experience in expert repairing.

Mr. Perkins is just up from Oakland, California where he severed his connection with the sales organization of one of the leading big district automobile companies, since his discharge from the army as an infantry officer.

MRS. M. E. OSBORN SELLS BUSINESS TO MRS. BEDFORD

Mrs. M. E. Osborn who has conducted the Osborn Millinery and woman's furnishings store here for the past four years left last night for Southern California where she will spend the winter months. She expects to be back in Ontario some time during March or April.

Before leaving Mrs. Osborn disposed of her business here to Mrs. N. O. Bedford of Twin Falls, Idaho, who has been with her for some time. Mrs. Bedford is an experienced milliner, having been connected with similar institutions in Twin Falls for a number of years.

SIGN MOVERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE WHEN WALL GIVES WAY

When Mel Dolling and his line-man, Thomas Jones, were moving the big sign that hung in front of the old location of the Service Battery & Electric company last Sunday afternoon the coping on the wall broke letting the big sign down upon them. The boards hit each of them and knocked them off the ladder on which they were standing. That they escaped more serious injuries was declared remarkable by those who witnessed the accident. As it was each of the men nursed a score head for several days and Mr. Jones suffered from a slight scalp wound.

PAVING PLANT ARRIVES AND SURFACING WILL START SOON

The paving plant for which the crews of the Warren Construction company have been waiting arrived in Ontario yesterday and is being set up on the grounds near the Boyer Packing plant. Superintendent Bostic reports that with the material on hand that he will be able to start surfacing Ontario's streets in a few days.

In the mean time work has been started on cutting holes in the sidewalks for the laying of parkway cables for the cluster lights.

BUSINESS CEASES FOR MEMORY OF ARMISTICE

While No Public Program Is Held Ontario Takes Note of Significance of November 11—Schools Have Holiday.

While there was no public celebration of Armistice day in Ontario, never-the-less the day was not forgotten by the citizens. The schools and the banks closed for the day and all other business closed during the hours from 1 to 3 to mark the first anniversary of the war's end.

It was the generally expressed opinion that in the future the day will be more formally observed, as it would have been this year had a start for a public program been made sooner.

The boys and girls of the public schools and the employees of the banks enjoyed a full holiday. The school holiday resulted from a petition circulated early Monday among the pupils and presented to the faculty and later to the school board whose members received it favorably.

In the evening the Oregon club gave a big dance which proved a fitting close of the day and more than a hundred couples enjoyed the program, in the handsomely decorated ball room.

OREGON CLUB GIVES BIG MILITARY DANCE

Hall Handsomely Decorated—Stacked Arms and Patriotic Colors Lent Martial Aid to Assembly—Uniforms Present Too

With red, white and blue everywhere, with stacked arms about the beautifully decorated hall, and a Red Cross Canteen and its refreshment bowl, Wilson Hall where the Oregon club staged its Armistice Day dance presented a martial appearance.

Every detail of the program was faithfully carried out and the presence in uniforms of recently discharged soldiers heightened the effect. Never in its history as a most successful social club has the organization presented a more pleasing function. That was the verdict of the large number who attended.

According to the "orders of the day" the following was the committee in charge: Larue Blackaby, Sam Taylor and L. I. Hirsch. The music was furnished by Turner's Orchestra and each dance was given the name of some member of the club.

COUNTY IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE MEETS FRIDAY

To Send Delegates to Attend Conference on Irrigation to be Held at Salt Lake November 21 and 22.

For the purpose of considering a number of important matters, including action regarding the sending of delegates to the conference called by Gov. D. W. Davis of Idaho for the formulation of irrigation plans for the West, the Malheur Development league will hold a meeting at Vale tomorrow.

The meeting will open with a luncheon to be served in the rooms of the Vale Chamber of Commerce at which short talks will be made by representative citizens from the various communities of the county.

Following this there will be a business session of the directors and representatives of the various local improvement leagues.

L. C. Kelsey formerly city engineer of Ontario was a business visitor here last Friday.

IRRIGATION WATER IS CAUSE OF HOT DEBATE

Flour Mill for Ontario also Starts Spirited Oratory—Trees Wanted for Ontario—Road Situation Discussed.

Spirited debate marked by expression of positive opinions featured the weekly dinner of the Commercial club last evening at the Blue Bird.

When H. H. Tunny and D. M. Taggart started the discussion of plans for securing an adequate supply of irrigation water by digging sumps in various parts of the city, they found that while everyone present seconded their desire to see more trees and better lawns in Ontario they did not agree with the method suggested.

J. R. Blackaby and E. A. Fraser took up the debate for a surface irrigation system while Mayor R. W. Jones and A. L. Cockrum argued in favor of further efforts to determine the practicability of using the present water system, and to encourage the use of water by reducing rates during the irrigating season.

During the debate there was manifest a determination to have more of Ontario's property improved with lawns and trees and Mr. Tunny's statement that the planting of trees on lots that are now vacant would make them marketable whereas now they can not be sold. Mr. Taggart declared that with water so close to the surface all over town that sumps would prove adequate. W. J. Pinney took the view that sump water was apt to be alkalied and therefore not suitable and he advocated going to Snake river for water.

F. L. Body who presided at the session urged the club to take the matter up with the Council to the end that estimates be furnished so that something could be done before the irrigating season of 1920 arrives.

Flour Mill Starts Debate

E. A. Ferguson who has been examining the field with a view of establishing a flour mill was introduced and made a short talk and proposed a toast to Ontario that was applauded. He said that he would have no definite proposition to make until later.

R. W. Swagler who was called upon to respond to Mr. Ferguson's toast drew the fire of J. R. Blackaby and others when he rather discouraged the building of a mill here. Mr. Swagler's contention was that not sufficient wheat is raised in this section to warrant such action.

Mr. Blackaby in the parlance of the street, "called" Mr. Swagler's statements and declared that with the fact established that Ontario purchases 1000 barrels of flour monthly it is certain that with good business management and a good product a flour mill in Ontario will pay and it is one of the things that the city needs regardless of the fact that its neighboring towns have such institutions.

Reports were received from J. R. Blackaby relative to roads to the south end of the county and from G. K. Aiken relative to the conferences between the Dead Ox Flat committee and M. O. Bennett of the Highway Commission's engineering department relative to the route of the Old Oregon Trail across the Flat.

The club voted to advertise Ontario in a number of Eastern newspapers and to publish a small folder telling of Ontario's possibilities.

Next week's luncheon will be held in the club rooms and the dinner will be served by the women of the Methodist Episcopal Ladies Aid society.

CUP OFFERED FOR O. H. S. BASKET BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ontario Modern Pressary has offered a beautiful loving cup as a prize to be played for by the class basket ball teams of the High School during the winter. The cup is on display at the Blackaby Jewelry store.

While the cup is here and is suitably engraved and all that and is exciting no end of desire on the part of the boys and girls of the High School, there is no place in which basket ball can be played in Ontario this winter, and that is giving the boys and girls something else to think about. That is just one of the many reasons why the Ontario schools need a gymnasium and need it badly.