

## County Fire Meeting Sees Pictures: Discusses Portable Radio Equipment

CORNELIUS—County fire meeting was held in the city hall Tuesday evening. Captain Shuter of Portland was present and showed pictures of the disastrous fire at Oregon Shipbuilding corporation last fall also the fire at the Salem mill. Portable radio equipment on the county fire trucks was discussed.

The Pot-luck club will have its regular meeting today at the home of Mrs. Alice Olson.

William Mueller and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Musolf and daughter Marjorie have been visiting relatives in the community and attended the wedding of their sister, Lytia.

Neighbors and friends surprised Perry LaFollett with a birthday party at his home Wednesday evening.

Margaret Jane Doohar spent the week-end with friends and classmates from Maryhurst college at their home in Aberdeen, Wash.

**Gives Party**  
At their Saturday meeting the Girl Scouts discussed the merit badges they would work for next.

Mrs. Zettler, the leader, entertained them with a party in honor of Girl Scout Week.

The Cornelius Fire Department wishes to express their appreciation for the help and support received in making the annual ball a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mayfield and Dr. and Mrs. Ross McNeill of Olympia, Wash., visited Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walker Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield are the parents of Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Crowell.

Men of St. Peter's Lutheran church at Blooming had a work day on church property Tuesday. At noon the women served their lunch.

Jerry VanLom left Thursday for Korvick, Ky., to bring a plane back to the Portland Flying Service.

Margaret Mary O'Donnell, visiting her brother Pat Sunday at the naval hospital in Astoria, where he is receiving treatment.

Mrs. Gilbert Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schneider, will live with her parents while her husband is at sea. She is a nurse at the Jones hospital.

**Team Wins**  
The grade school basketball team from North Plains Friday with a score of 20 to 11. The team will compete in the grade school tournament at St. Mary's academy this week, playing Aloha first on Tuesday.

**Club Meets**  
Cornelius Civic club will meet today at the city hall at 2 p. m. Harold Simmetl returned home this week from Good Samaritan hospital.

Three will be a study club of the Catholic church held each week at the home of Mrs. William VanLom, beginning this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spieschaert visited Sunday with his mother. They are leaving for Chicago this week, where Spieschaert will attend a restaurant convention.

Mrs. Henry Jacobson visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rustig in Woodland, Wash. The Rustigs are former south Cornelius residents.

**Aloha-Huber Teams Defeat Gaston**  
ALOHA-HUBER—Aloha-Huber defeated Gaston 23 to 23 in a close game on the Aloha-Huber floor Friday night. Gaston was ahead in the first quarter but by the second half Aloha had a large gain. The line-up for Aloha was Vern Williams, Don Pitts, Glenn Olson, Don Hambleton and Jerome Olson.

The coaches of all the western league teams selected nine outstanding players. One player from each team was chosen and two teams had two players selected.

Aloha-Huber girls played Gaston girls in the Aloha gym Friday. After a long hard battle the girls of Aloha turned up with the winning score, 23 to 22. The line-up was as follows for the close, exciting game: forwards, Barbara DeHaan, Beverly Hoelt and Ivalta; guard, Norma Emerick; Jane Bemis and Doris Schaeffl.

Luzel and Bud Waterbury withdrew from the Aloha school Friday. They were in the second grade.

Mrs. Stroeve, sixth grade teacher, has entered a Portland hospital. She plans to be back in school next week. Mrs. Christiansen of Weth Hazel is substituting for Mrs. Stroeve.



## WAKE UP AMERICA!

### Compulsory Health Insurance—Social or Political Issue?

As debated by

**Dr. Ernst P. Boas**  
Chairman, Physicians Forum for Study of Medical Care; Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Columbia University.

**Dr. Louis H. Bauer**  
Member, Board of Trustees, American Medical Association.

**DR. BOAS OPENS:** A sound issue becomes a political issue when people become aware of a social need and learn how to provide for it. Thus compulsory health insurance is a political issue today. The American tradition accepts compulsory social security and a compulsory school system. Compulsory medical insurance is the next logical step. The fact that the AMA figures 75% of American families need assistance to meet the costs of serious illness demands a comprehensive national health insurance. The Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill now before Congress provides such a program. Because it calls for decentralization, for individual freedom and maintenance of doctor-patient relationships, this Bill discredits fears of so-called "medical dictatorship." Voluntary insurance is inadequate and expensive—even with recent expansion, only 3% to 4% of our population has comprehensive medical insurance. Under national health insurance about 90% of the people would be insured. Costs would be distributed by ability to pay, instead of fixed fees for rich and poor alike. The proposed 2% tax on all income up to \$3,600, divided equally between employer and employee, would overburden no one. Precedents have been set by other countries which, with progressive legislation for distribution of medical care, are ahead of us in mortality records. With such precedents and proved beneficial results, and with the Bill's guarantees of democratic organization and distribution, there is every reason to promote this alliance of medical and political science.

**DR. BAUER CHALLENGES:** Although education is compulsory, Americans always insisted on its local control. Compulsory health insurance would be federally controlled. Education through high school lends itself to mass teaching. Medicine must be individual. The W-M-D Bill does not provide individual freedom of maintenance or the doctor-patient relationship. It sets up a federal bureaucracy under an administrator subject only to the Social Security Board. It avoids mention of costs, but the President mentions a 4% tax, which, on an income of \$3,600, would be \$144 per employee—far more expensive than any voluntary system. No country leads us in mortality records except New Zealand whose statistics are based on the white population.

**DR. BOAS REPLIES:** Dr. Bauer would be wise to read the Bill before attacking it. Sec. 212(b) provides 3% of wages up to \$3,600 for health insurance. The earlier Bill, still actively pending, stipulates 1.5% payment by employer, 1.5% by employee. Employees earning \$3,600 would pay \$54 for family coverage, not \$144. Sec. 203(f) requires local-area committees for administration purposes. Sec. 203(f) promotion of doctor-patient relationships. League of Nations statistics until the war show that in life expectancy for white males at 20 years, we rank 9th among countries; at 40 years, we rank 12th. Only political action for social benefit can make medical care the right of all.

**DR. BAUER OPENS:** Compulsory health or sickness insurance introduced for political purposes by Bismarck in Germany and Lloyd George in England. Generally, where compulsory insurance operates, there are at least two lay employees to every doctor. With the bureaucratic extravagance in this country, doubtless the proportion would be even greater. Such a huge bureaucracy can wield tremendous political power. Organized labor also has used compulsory health insurance as a political weapon. In New York and California, which are among the wealthiest states in the Union, and where medical facilities are among the best, there have been more demands for compulsory health insurance than anywhere else. Were the necessity for improvement in medical care the reason for demanding it, one would expect such calls from states such as Mississippi, where medical care for the whole population is not up to the nation's best. Organized labor sponsors or supports most bills introduced for compulsory health insurance. By organized labor is meant union leadership, for the workman himself is often afraid of socialized medicine. Strow and Hirschfeld have stated, "The evidence points to the probability that, contrary to popular belief, the legislative proposals for compulsory health insurance are based not so much on social needs as on political interests, and that the ability on the part of labor to organize and press the demand, rather than the concern about the state of health, is the primary consideration."

**DR. BOAS CHALLENGES:** Dr. Bauer distorts the facts. Our social security program proves that we can administer compulsory social legislation economically and efficiently. Medical insurance in other countries fills a definite social need; indeed they are all endeavoring to expand it. Public opinion polls of American people—not of union leaders—show that 68% favor medical insurance under social security. People in states with greater advantages traditionally have more interest in the division of life people today are urging compulsory health insurance. The opposition—the AMA, the pharmaceutical and surgical supply houses—are those who place vested interests before the nation's welfare.

**DR. BAUER REPLIES:** There is no reliable evidence 68% of the people favor medical insurance under social security. At least that number favor prepayment of their medical bills, but the majority prefer a voluntary, not a compulsory system. Dr. Boas is inaccurate about the opposition to compulsory insurance. Do the farmers, small business men and many others he fails to mention, "place vested interests before the nation's welfare"? Every advance in public health, medical education, improved standards of medical care in the U.S. has been sponsored or supported by the AMA. The AMA does not favor paternalism, or national socialization, towards which compulsory health insurance is a definite step.

## CAPITAL PARADE

(By Murray Wade)

### Smaller Loaves

Now the shortage disorder hits our loaf of bread. It is to be shorter, lighter and darker. Federal directives say so and there is nothing we can do about it. There is no "states rights" law to back up the Oregon statute providing that a loaf of bread produced by a baker in Oregon for public consumption must weigh one and a half pounds or multiple of one pound. The new OPA ruling, under federal wartime controls, has permitted a reduction in the size of loaves by 10 per cent.

An opinion by the Oregon supreme court, as recent as last December, declared that the emergency price control act, under which OPA operates, is "the law in Oregon and within Oregon it is the supreme law of the land and the courts in their official capacities are bound thereby."

**New Tourist Bureau Chief**  
Manley Robinson has been appointed director of the state's tourist and information department to succeed Harold B. Say, who has resigned to take over management of the Oregon caves resort. Robinson, who will take over the job June 15, served the Portland chamber of commerce for several years as publicity director and as manager. Until Robinson arrives, Oscar Cutler, an engineer for the highway commission, will handle the job. Cutler held the position during the war while Say was on leave of absence with the navy.

**Seek Flood Control**  
There will be another flood control project in Oregon if either of three similar bills introduced in congress are passed. The state department has just been advised that bills have been introduced by Senators Guy Cordon and Wayne Morris and Representative Harry Ellsworth that would appropriate \$250,000 of federal funds toward the estimated cost of \$284,000 for a flood control project on Amazon creek in the upper Willamette valley.

**State Fair This Year**  
The first state fair for the past five years will be held September 2 to 8 this year. Supt. Leo Spitzbart has started booking attractions. Space for commercial display space is being requested earlier this year than ever before in the history of the fair. Many institutions that had displays at the last fair have made requests for twice the amount of space they previously used. Claude Steusloff, Salem, has accepted the superintendency of the livestock section and reports unusual and widespread interest in the division. The fair premium list is in the hands of the state printer and will be in the mails early in April.

**Oregon Mother**  
Who'll be Oregon Mother of 1946? Governor Earl Snell has chosen a committee to select the "Oregon Mother of 1946," who will in turn enter the national contest. These characteristics will be judged, the committee said:

Character and children's achievements; courage, moral strength, patience, affection, kindness, understanding and homemaking ability; science of social and world relationship; and community activity; ability to meet people easily and to make friends.

**Camp Fire Girls Congratulated**  
Tribute was paid to the Camp

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## State Teachers' Association to Meet Next Week

Nineteen prominent out-of-state speakers from as far away as New York and Dallas, Texas, and a host of Oregon educational authorities will appear before teachers who gather in Portland, March 28 and 29, for the 43rd annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association. J. W. Poynter, superintendent of Hillsboro grade schools and president of the O.S.T.A., will preside.

Local delegates to the convention, according to County School Superintendent Austin Scraftford, will be representing Washington county—Mrs. Margaret Simon of Forest Grove, Miss Lois Ann Thompson of Tigard; representing state groups—John R. Cox, high school principal; Scraftford—county school superintendent; Executive committee of the Washington county division of the

Fire Girls of Oregon on the occasion of the 34th birthday of the organization, March 16, by Governor Earl Snell.

"The organization has been an important force in the development of recreational and leisure time activities among girls and has become a constructive force for good in many Oregon communities," the governor declared in a message.

O.S.T.A. will meet Monday, March 25, at the Tulip cafe in Hillsboro for a discussion of items to come up at the annual state convention. Members of the committee are: J. Clyde Hopkins, Sherwood; Mrs. Harriett Ford, Heywood; Mrs. Frances Deaville, Oregon; Dave Leger, Hillsboro union high; Mrs. Noreen Brookhardt, Reedyville; Miss Christine Fern, Forest Grove; Eugene V. Myers, Metzger; Mrs. Dorothy Sellers, Thatcher; Keith Goldhammer, Gaston union high; Alice S. Friday, Banks union high; and Poynter and Scraftford.

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## Delegates Are Named For League Meeting

**SCHIEFFLIN**—Delegates for the Missionary League meeting to be held in Tacoma May 8 were named at the Zion Ladies Society meeting Thursday afternoon. Delegates are Mrs. R. Heinrich and Mrs. Kenneth Biersdorf, and alternates are Mrs. R. Langbecker and Mrs. C. J. Krueger.

The topic was read by Mrs. Herbert Sahnaw Jr. The Lenten window display is in the Washington hotel building in Hillsboro. It was planned by Mrs. Sahnaw assisted by Alfred Simmetl, Mrs. Louis Kuhlman of Snohomish, Wash., was a guest at the meeting. Plans were made to honor the older members at the next meeting. The younger members will be hostesses.

Hostesses for the day were Mesdames Sahnaw and A. F. Kahle. Decorations followed the St. Patrick theme.

**Attended Wedding**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schwanke spent Sunday and Monday visiting relatives in Albany, Sunday evening they attended the wedding of her nephew, Arthur Muller, to Miss Vera Beatty in Immanuel Lutheran church there.

All local, social and fraternal news should be turned in at the Argus for publication in that week not later than Tuesday and earlier if possible. If we go on always look out for Number One, our number is up.

## Pacific Speech Team to Travel

The Pacific university forensics squad is scheduled to travel to California in April to participate in tournaments at Stockton and Los Angeles. A. C. Hington, head of the speech department, announced Saturday.

The group, which plans to leave April 7 and to return April 22, probably will include, besides professor Hington, and Erma Jean Williams of Hillsboro, forensics manager, Don Cate and Helen Siner of Forest Grove, Bill Troutman of North Plains, Jack Sawyer of Tacoma, Annetta Quirk of Sandy, Laroyce Flisram of Portland, and Phyllis Johansen of Bremerton, Wash.

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By Mick

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Janita Lorentzen played a piano solo over KOAC Monday night as a member of the 4-H club at Corvallis. She arrived home Saturday noon for spring vacation.

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