

LANG SYNE HOLDS ANNUAL REUNION; 275 ARE PRESENT

The Lang Syne society, organized nine years ago with 100 members, includes 500 of Portland's most prominent business and professional men. The largest and one of the most enjoyable gatherings in the history of the organization was the annual reunion and dinner given Wednesday evening at the Hotel Multnomah, with 275 present.

The officers of the society, Frederick V. Holman, William R. MacKenzie, Dr. J. W. Hill and Frank Dayton, and the guests of the evening, Robert A. H. T. Mayo, United States navy, retired, and Brigadier General Richard M. Blatchford, commander of the 10th Cavalry, received the guests on the main floor and the banquet was served in the assembly room.

Admiral Mayo was the speaker of the evening and he delighted his audience with reminiscences of Portland, Seattle and Olympia in 1878. General Blatchford spoke briefly on the nation's need for preparedness and closed with a tribute and toast to the women in recognition of their valiant service in the World War. J. K. Gill paid tribute to the grandfathers of the society, Frank Dayton, secretary-treasurer, whose indefatigable efforts are largely responsible for the success of the society, read the roll of members who have passed away during the past year, as follows: F. S. Doernbecher, Charles J. Schnabel, Dan Marka, Edwin Caswell, W. J. Patterson, Charles H. Dodd, Rev. C. E. Cline, Judge George J. Cameron, Ed H. Hagberg, Charles O. Davis, E. C. Frost, E. L. E. White, Colonel Milton Welder, and Professor A. P. Armstrong.

Others who spoke informally were J. D. Lee and W. M. Killingsworth. One of the most delightful features of the evening was the program of music and fancy dances. Miss Frances Dayton gave two beautiful piano numbers. Gerald L. Ryan gave two baritone solos. Miss Inez Chamberlain gave violin solos. Jane Friedlander gave two exquisite dances. The entire company joined in the singing of "America" and "Auld Lang Syne," with Ralph W. Hoyt at the piano. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. Thomas L. Elliot. Attractive gifts from the society were sent to all of the grandfathers of members, a total of 500 being distributed.

CHEST WORKS LIKE MAGIC AGAINST WANT

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of every person who will have aught to do with the campaign's success. All generals and colonels, both of the men and the women, met at noon today at the Multnomah hotel for final instructions preliminary to the kick-off meeting. The flying squadron of the men's division held a meeting at the same place and the same time with additional substantial evidence of chest enthusiasm in the form of larger subscriptions.

Colonel Edlender's captains met for training and instruction at Peninsula National bank in St. Johns this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

ONE GIVES \$1000

In the first mail returning subscriptions from foreign corporations—those with branches in Portland—H. R. Blauvelt, chairman of this division, found \$1000, with \$1000 from one firm.

With John T. Donagh in direct charge, Brigadier General Senechal has opened headquarters at 905 Spaulding building, telephone Broadway 1224.

All organizations are now practically ready for the campaign, it develops from recent reports to General Smith. Some of them:

Captain George Wolfe—"Thoroughly organized, enthusiastic and ready to shoot."

Captain Burt C. Jones—"My group is ready to go."

Captain Martin B. Fitzgerald—"Everything in readiness for an early start next Monday morning, lieutenants on their toes."

"ASLEEP ON THEIR GUNS"

Captain H. L. Vorn military fashion—"Pursuant to general order No. 2, I have the honor to report skeleton company A, Fifth regiment, Colonel Jewett commanding; Rainbow division (B) is organized, drilled and accounted. Monday night, men will sleep on their guns preparatory to gas barrage at 7:15 a. m., Tuesday. Lieutenant enlistments by captains, as indicated, were reported today to Colonel Leslie Cranbourne as follows:

R. A. Southwick; Lieutenants W. W. Crowder, V. G. Lohr, E. H. Reed, H. B. Karr.

Charles E. Couche; Lieutenants James H. Cassell, S. B. Carrington, Ted Emerson.

B. C. Culler; Lieutenants Lew Hansen, Fred Carlton, L. S. Martin, R. Charles Nite, H. A. Stewart, G. A. Morgan, G. F. Pugh.

J. G. Dimm; Lieutenants S. H. Slocum, Eric LaMada, Elmer Cloypool, C. VanBuren, Harold E. Case, J. M. Jasper, Dr. Carl Loven, F. A. Voget.

A. C. Lomar; Lieutenants Harold S. Gilbert, Lance F. Korst, H. H. Korst, J. W. Palmer, Floyd E. Dorris, A. W. Moth.

Tom Gawley; Lieutenants C. C. Chapman, H. W. Jacobson, J. W. Ansley, William S. Nash, J. A. Converse, D. L. Carter, E. G. Bortum, E. C. Bortum.

W. Chase, C. H. Chenoweth, L. M. Phillips, E. Day.

R. H. Jones; Lieutenants L. P. Arant.

Rodents Infest City Hall; War To Death Opens

"Kernel" Simmons, custodian of the city hall, has declared war. Rats and mice in great numbers have been suddenly put in appearance at the seat of municipal government and Simmons is preparing to fight to the finish. No quarter will be given on his side, he said this morning, and to open the campaign he is setting out traps and seeking information on the best and most deadly varieties of poison.

P. W. Lee, J. K. Tomlinson, Myron C. Wood, MacCormac Snow. (Also has three employees at the public library to canvass exhibit.)

100 Per Cent Home Display Continues To Please Throng

Such care has been taken to have the home exhibit of the Portland Federation of Women's clubs furnished 100 per cent with home products that even attendees at the show are just beginning to realize the detail, furnishing work done by Oregon manufacturers.

Every visitor notices the stove, the dining room table and the bed, but few have inspected close enough to notice that the bricks in the fireplace, the paintings on the walls and other decorative features are made in Oregon. Even the initial stencils shown on personal goods are made in Oregon, having been supplied by Mrs. Aaga Enna.

Clubs and organizations in charge of the afternoon program today were: Portland Woman's Research club, chapters A, C and E of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, Portland Railway Woman's club, Portland Social Science club, Portland Study club and Woodstock Study club.

The program for tonight has been arranged by the Professional and Business Woman's league and the Woman's Advertising club.

W. A. Elliott, vice president of the Oregon Audubon society, will show a set of new slides on Oregon bird life, which have been prepared for classes of the university of Oregon and other colleges of the West. These slides will be shown preceding the dinner dance which will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

Children Occupying Seats in Jury Box During Divorce Case

The eight children and stepchildren of Katherine and Henry Schweitzer sat in the jury box in Circuit Judge Morrow's court today as a sort of ex-officio jury in their parents' divorce case. They seemed to be entirely on the mother's side. The old mother, brown and wrinkled by years of hard work, sat with a handkerchief covering her face while her husband told his troubles.

Schweitzer's principal complaint was that his family was too noisy, running around the house at night, starting the motorcycle at every kind of hour and slamming the door "with devilish force," he complained. They wouldn't let an old man sleep.

Mrs. Schweitzer contends that her husband kept a hatchet under his bed and threatened to kill her, that he drank and gambled and that she was in constant fear for her life.

Their home is at 658 Insley avenue.

American Railway Express Officials Here on Inspection

George C. Taylor of New York, president of the American Railway Express company, and other officials of the organization, have been visiting in Portland since Wednesday on an annual tour of inspection. Accompanied by local officials of the express company, the officials were making a tour of surrounding districts today. They will leave tonight for San Francisco.

Accompanying Taylor are A. Christenson, vice president in charge of the Western states, with headquarters at San Francisco; A. Lutz of New York, vice president in charge of accounts, and M. M. Whittle, general manager of the Seattle office and former head of the Portland office.

Veterans Interested In Land Settlement

Inquiries averaging 30 a day are being received from ex-service men by the land committee of the American Legion, of which Robert O. Case was appointed secretary recently. The ex-service men are preparing to take advantage of the state loan provisions in the settlement of lands being made available to the land committee.

Although it takes about 25,000 apricot kernels to produce one gallon of press has been invented to extract their oil, useful for food.

REAL PROPERTY PAYS HEAVY TAX, FIGURES INDICATE

Real property, using the legal definition of the term, paid 5.2 per cent of the tax roll of 1921, according to a compilation submitted to the tax investigation committee Wednesday. The remaining 14.8 per cent was from personal property. In 1920 the percentages were real property 84.5 per cent; personal 15.5 per cent.

Other figures gathered by the committee show that the percentage of assessable intangible property, such as money, notes, accounts and shares of stock is growing smaller.

In 1901 the percentage to all other property was 9.08. In 1910 it was 4.30 and in 1920 3.62. In 1921 the figures were 3.49.

An argument against transferring motor vehicles to the taxroll was made by W. B. Dennis, who said that it would disrupt the present license system, which could not go beyond raising more than enough revenue for policing power.

COUNTIES GET REVENUE

With an array of figures Dennis showed that under the present license system counties are receiving more revenue from this source than if the vehicles were replaced on the tax roll. He also showed that the present system is cheaper for the auto owner than if he paid a property tax based on valuation. Referring to the number of vehicles which escaped taxation under property tax he said that in 1915 only 56 per cent of the registration of that year appeared on the county tax roll.

The highway construction of the state is based on the auto license, and if the vehicles are transferred to the taxroll it would result in the cost of construction being borne by direct tax. In 1921 the direct tax would have been \$34,000 for interest on highway bonds.

The peak of the highway loan will come in 1929 when the sum of \$3,600,237 will be required.

Asked by Chairman Day if he thought the present schedule of motor vehicle licenses would carry additional bonds, \$10,000,000, Dennis said that he thought not. There is a possibility that the saturation point in the number of registrations may be reached sooner than anticipated, he said, in which case all the revenue derived will be necessary to amortize the bonds already outstanding.

He said provision should be made to provide a sinking fund for the peak loan in 1929. He thought that a danger point had been reached and said the gasoline tax should be zealously protected for highway maintenance.

REFUNDING BONDS PROPOSED

Benjamin Sheldon of Medford suggested that the peak loan in 1929 could be relieved by refunding bonds based on the permanent elements of the road such as bridges and grades.

In the matter of an income tax Sheldon said he thought the rate should be flat and not graduated.

That much revenue will be ever derived from a tax on the net income of the orchardist is doubtful, "was the conclusion of Committeeman Brandt, in a survey of the fruit industry. He found that there is no uniformity of assessment in the various counties of orchard lands.

Only 10 per cent of the orchards ever become self supporting and yield as much as land in crops. Not only is the income small but the waste of climate and mismanagement are great. In some sections of the state he finds that 90 per cent of the orchards are irrigated and in other sections as high as 95 per cent.

In apple raising in order to make interest on the investment it is necessary to produce 320 boxes to the acre and sell them at \$2.14 per box. At \$2.70 per box it is necessary to produce 600 boxes to the acre.

INQUIRY POSTPONED

The committee has for a time postponed further inquiry in order to digest the information it has gathered the past three days. Four members of the committee, Day, Pierce, McKenna and Brandt, will go to Seattle Sunday to meet with the Washington tax commission, which is also making a study of the tax question, next Monday.

DANCE QUESTION IS TO BE TAKEN UP AGAIN TONIGHT

Moot questions of permitting community dances to be continued in public school buildings will be considered further in a special meeting of the board of education tonight, it was announced today, following assurances given Wednesday by Dr. Clarence True Wilson, head of the Methodist ministers' committee, that evidence of harm resulting from dances as demanded by the board would be filed during the day.

Wilson declared this morning that the committee is completing the supplementary statement which he said would contain sufficient evidence to satisfy the board that the schoolhouse dances should be discontinued. He was distinguished, however, to reveal in advance of the report what this evidence consists of.

The board had previously set an arbitrary "deadline" for the submission of this evidence, this period expiring at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Wilson reiterated, however, that the committee does not propose to cite names of mothers or of girls who have been made delinquent because of the dance. He indicated that schools where objectionable dances have been held would be listed, however.

BAPTISTS APPROVE

The Baptist Superintendents and Workers' union, composed of all the officers and teachers of the Baptist Sunday schools of Portland, have adopted the following resolutions in support of the Methodist action.

"Dancing is not a part of our educational system, and the school buildings have just one purpose—education. No good can come of such a practice, and much harm has come of it as we have observed."

"In our homes and Sunday schools we are teaching our children that dancing is wrong. That there is more vice than virtue in it. But dancing being allowed in public schools and in high schools is a subtle kind of temptation. Indeed, the dance craze has been one of the worst of the high school or girl that will not dance is set on one side and made fun of."

"We submit that we are taxed to support the public schools, not dance halls."

WANTS FULL INQUIRY

Director George B. Thomas is going to ask for a thorough investigation of the charges of the Methodist ministers that improper dances are held in Portland schools.

"As a result of this public debate," said Thomas, "the children and the whole school system have been bewildered, and it is up to the board to have a thorough investigation and run the whole thing down."

"This sort of public debate on such delicate subjects contributes as much to the delinquencies of children as anything we could do. When you get to the bottom, if one half of the things the ministers say are so, something should be done. But the real cure is not stopping the dance, but in eradicating the evil features."

CAMPING AREA AT CITY AUTO CAMP IS GIVEN LIMIT

To satisfy residents of Minnesota avenue west of the municipal automobile camp ground, Commissioner S. C. Pier announced this morning that camping would be prohibited in the grounds from the west line of the park 100 feet east.

Headed by C. H. Johnson, realty dealer, a delegation of residents called at Pier's office Wednesday afternoon to protest against allowing tourists to use the grounds adjacent to their back yards. The delegation suggested that the 100-foot strip be turned over to them for garden purposes, but Pier refused this. The prohibition of camping he deemed sufficient.

Pier said work in preparing the south half of the grounds, recently leased, was well under way, and that within two months the grounds will be ready. This week, he said, was the first time in the history of the camp site that no tourists have been there. The season will begin anew, he said, about the middle of February.

The camp site, now consisting of 25 acres, will have accommodations for about 1000 machines, the commissioner said.

Thirty more days will be required for the completion of the new store building at the auto camp grounds, Commissioner S. C. Pier said this morning. The building, costing \$3000, is being erected by G. M. Johnson, who has the concession for a general merchandise store to accommodate tourists.

O. A. C. STUDENTS GUESTS OF

CITY ON BULL RUN JOURNEY

Twenty-two engineering students from Oregon Agricultural college were guests of the city water bureau in a trip to the Bull Run headwaters Wednesday afternoon. Hubert Good, assistant to Commissioner Mann; Fred Randlett, chief engineer of the bureau, and Ben Morrow, assistant engineer, showed the party, headed by Professor Sims, over the new works. An inspection was made of the new dam, the green house and the electric power plant.

Jesse E. Flanders To Go to Alaska to Instal Dry Agent

Jesse E. Flanders, director of prohibition enforcement officers in Oregon, will leave Friday for Alaska to assist in the installation of a prohibition director at Juneau, to handle the dry work in Alaska. Flanders has been ordered north by Washington, D. C. Flanders expects to be gone over a month. This will be the first move in the north to thwart the liquor traffic.

Federal prohibition agents located a 40-gallon still, 1600 gallons of mash and 10 gallons of moonshine Tuesday on a ranch in Washington county and arrested Antonio Polich, Pete Wukman and Philip Streib on a charge of violating the Volstead act. The three are in the Hillsboro jail.

Customs officials also found a quantity of French vermouth and Holland gin on the Dutch steamer Moerdyk. No arrests were made, as the owner of the contraband was not discovered.

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JURY VISITS SPOT WHERE H. PHILLIPS WAS SHOT, SLAIN

The jury in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's department that is hearing the case of John L. Burns, charged with the murder of James Harry ("Buck") Phillips, was taken to the scene of the killing in Moskau bottom this morning.

The state is expected to rest its case soon after court is reconvened. "Bob" Craddock, gun expert of police headquarters, was being cross-examined when court adjourned Wednesday afternoon.

Phillips, an O. W. B. N. special agent, was sent to the Moskau bottom yards the night of June 14 to search a freight train for boxcar bandits. He met them, fought with them and was killed. Three days later John L. Burns and Dan Casey were arrested and charged with the murder.

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Six in Family Dead; Ate Canned Greens

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 24.—Six members of the family of C. W. Tuttle of Cambridge, Idaho, are dead, the fatalities being laid to botulism poisoning due to eating canned greens at a birthday dinner Sunday. Tuttle died this morning and Randall Tuttle, 34, died Wednesday evening. Two guests escaped. The other dead are: Hazel Tuttle, 23; Harriet Tuttle, 17; Bryan Tuttle, 24, a former service man, and Edward Tuttle, 24.

LINCOLN DAY PROGRAM

A program for Lincoln day will be mapped out by the Lincoln birthday anniversary committee, which will meet at 8 o'clock this evening at 1025 Chamber of Commerce building.

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