

Coast Drives Interest Legionnaires Going to Astoria

MONMOUTH BOOSTS OLD AGE PENSIONS

MONMOUTH, Aug. 4.—So much interest was manifest last night (Thursday) in a mass meeting held here to discuss the Townsend old age pension plan, that the original meeting place of the American Legion hall was changed to the high school gymnasium in order to accommodate the crowd. Many were present also from Independence and adjacent communities of this section. Election of permanent officers for the local organization resulted thus: P. H. Johnson, chairman; W. L. Smith, vice-chairman; Thomas H. Gentile, secretary; E. M. Elbert, treasurer; F. K. Skeen and Arthur Moore, executive board members.

Bayard T. Merrill, of Eugene, explained the Townsend plan at considerable length, and answered many questions concerning its proposals. He pointed out that the government of the United States, in 1937, at close of the Civil war, issued \$5,000,000 of paper money in \$5 notes, for which there was—and is—absolutely no backing. What has been done can be done. A revolving fund could be started, and would need to be started by the government to establish the pension on a working basis. In California, he said, more than \$90,000 signatures to petitions approving the plan have been secured. The movement is being heavily promoted in 23 states of the union. In his own home county, Lane, petitions are being circulated in every section, with full expectation of securing 15,000 names. These signed petitions will be presented to our congressmen for inspection in January.

A booklet is being published and sold to explain the Townsend plan in detail and the money received is used to help finance the spread of information about the plan. Other speakers included Rev. W. A. Elkins of the Christian church of Monmouth, who said he believes the great need for old age insurance is so insistent that a tryout of this plan, or some similar form of it, is imminent. Also that President Roosevelt has indicated throughout his administration an urgent desire to benefit humanity, and we, as citizens should do all we can to help on a worthy cause of this sort.

In Vicinity Where Legionnaires Will Gather



Scenes from the northern Oregon coastline, within easy driving distance of Astoria where the American Legion convention will be held August 23, 24 and 25. Upper left, Haystack Rock and Cannon Beach from Chapman Point. Upper right, Rocks and beach, looking south from Ecola Point. Center, offshore view from Crescent Beach. Lower right, Indian Beach from Ecola Point, looking north.

Dr. Eldon Davis stated that a proper distribution of the wealth of our nation—or of any nation—would eradicate poverty in that nation. It would restore peace, break down poverty and further the cause of humanitarianism.

Thomas H. Gentile briefly reviewed pertinent phases of the proposed plan, and commented on a recent statistical survey made of the number of banks having tremendous deposits of "dead" money—that is, money which is not circulating. Spending of money, he said, will bring prosperity. Hanging to it will keep prosperity away. This pension, with its consequent turnover of money in every sort of merchandising enterprise, will start the wheels of industry and keep them moving.

It is estimated that in Monmouth and community are nearly 60 persons who would be eligible to receive such a pension. The capacity crowd attending the mass meeting evidenced unusual interest in the plan. Petitions were signed by a large part of the group present last night, and volunteers were provided with blank petitions, and apportioned territory, to secure signatures for presentation to congressmen.

ALUMNI SPEAKING CONTEST FOR FFA

be open two days a week as an inducement for boys to build handy farm devices to take to the fair. All F. F. A. members are urged to either finish up things they started during the last school year, or to build something new.

AMITY, Aug. 4.—Considerable interest is being shown by graduates of Amity high school in the alumni speaking contest which is to be held in Portland during the Pacific International Livestock exposition this fall. A preliminary tryout will be held at the local high school to pick the representative for Amity. A total of \$150 in prizes will be offered by the Portland Union Stockyards to the victorious alumni speakers. Any boy who has taken the Smith-Hughes work in high school and who is a Future Farmer in good standing may enter the contest. Since the state fair is not far off, the shop at Amity high will

Has Silver Tea for M. E. Ladies

TURNER, Aug. 4.—Mrs. L. M. Small entertained at her home Friday afternoon for the Methodist ladies' monthly silver tea. She was assisted by Mrs. Gunning and Mrs. Rosa Webb. Devotions were led by Mrs. F. C. Gunning. Music was furnished by Misses Katherine Hawk, Lois Gunning and Kathleen Sparks. Mrs. U. E. Denyer and Frances Clark gave readings. Recitations were given by Doris Webb, Evelyn Jensen and Alice Roberts.

IMPROVE ROADS IN POLK COUNTY

DALLAS, Aug. 4.—Further improvements on the secondary highway systems in Polk county have been authorized by the state highway commission. The main item on the new program will be the completion of the re-routing of the Wallace bridge road from Mill creek to the McMinnville-Tillamook highway. The appropriation for this work is for \$90,000 with an additional \$20,000 provided for a new bridge across the Yamhill river at the highway junction.

This road has been under construction for several months with improvements being made between Salt creek and Mill creek, including two new bridges and straightening of the road over Butler hill. Surveys for the balance of the work through to the junction have been made and it is probable that the contracts for this work will be advertised soon. The work will call for re-routing the road from near the Fern school to a new bridge on the Yamhill river, about a half mile below the present crossing.

A sum of \$5000 was set aside to improve the highway entrance into Dallas, which will include rebuilding the hill section over the Dimmick hill and widening Orchard avenue from the foot of the hill to the LaCreole creek. The commission also desires to straighten the highway from the bridge to Academy street, provided the city can secure the right of way. Straightening this stretch would necessitate the moving back of three houses on South Main street.

The secondary highway from Brunks Corner to Independence has been assigned \$27,000 for grading and graveling in order to complete the highway from the end of the present improvement to the highway near Oak Point.

Molalla's Historic Stage Coach Will Be Seen at Shows

MOLALLA, Aug. 4.—Molalla's historic old stage coach that has been in races and parades during nearly every buckaroo here will be seen in two more western shows this year.

Representatives of the Centralia show were in Molalla Wednesday to take it to Centralia for that western show. They will return it to Oregon City, where it will be seen Saturday and Sunday during the Round-Up.

Hold Reunion of Neal Family

JEFFERSON, Aug. 4.—Descendants of William and Mahala Parker Neal, pioneers of 1850, held their annual reunion Sunday, July 30, at Greens bridge. A basket dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour, after which a business meeting was held. Ornel Neal Edwards presided. The following officers were elected: President, Ornel Neal Edwards; vice-president, Clifford B. Trask, of Hillsboro; secretary-treasurer, Josephine Neal Parrish, of Jefferson; historian, Velma Lenbeck, of Scio. Sports, games and swimming were enjoyed during the day.

The old homestead is located six miles north of Jefferson on the Pacific highway. William and Mahala Neal settled there in 1850, coming to this locality by ox team. William Neal was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, April 3, 1819, the son of Louis and Pamela Cox Neal. When a youth he worked with Abraham Lincoln splitting rails and owned a Bible which was autographed by the great emancipator. There were 53 people present for the occasion. Those present from Jefferson were Mrs. Josephine Neal Parrish and children, Jack and Patricia. It was voted to hold the next reunion at Silver Creek Falls.

MASONIC PICNIC IS SLATED FOR AUG. 7

DAYTON, Aug. 3.—The annual picnic of the members and their families of Jacob Mayer lodge No. 108, A. F. and A. M. of Dayton, and Electa chapter No. 29, Order of Eastern Star of Dayton, will be held at the city park Tuesday, August 7. A 7:30 o'clock potluck dinner and a program are features of the affair.

A Yamhill county American Legion picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 5, at Hirt's amusement park near Dayton.

Professor J. L. Wursten, agricultural instructor at the high school, has moved from the Keen acreage to the apartment adjoining the Dayton meat market, vacated by the Bunn family, who moved to the Rippy property. The J. Hill family has moved to Newberg.

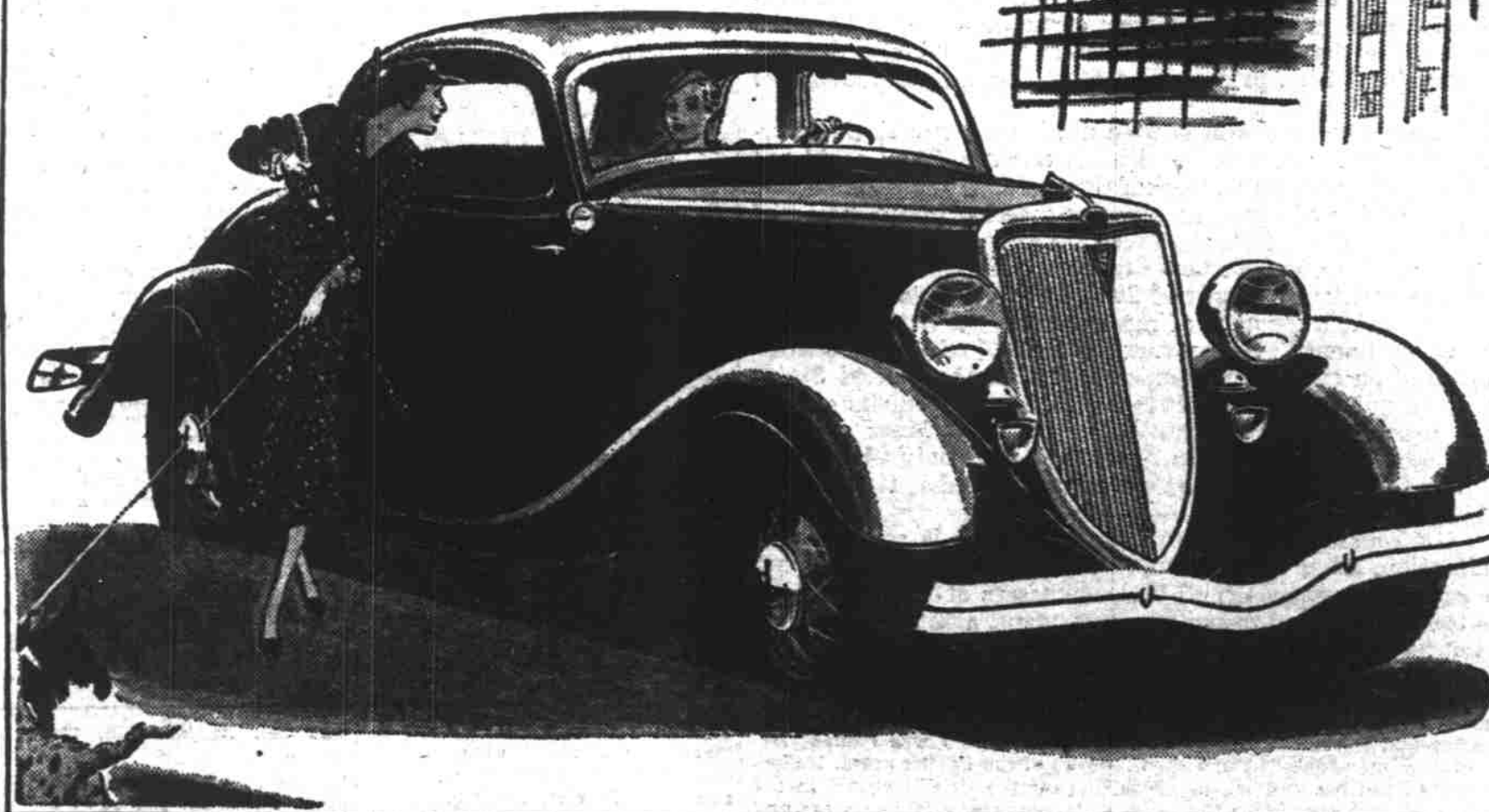
Honoring Dale Fowler on his 40th birthday anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Fred Finnium entertained Wednesday at their home with a surprise 7:30 o'clock family dinner. Present, beside the honor guest and his wife were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tompkins, Mrs. M. Braat, Arnold Braat, Miss Doris Braat, Miss Shirley Braat, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Finnium and daughters Donna Lee and Phyllis Jean.

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