

'Oregon Trail' Launching Due On Saturday

Parades and pageantry will feature the launching of the SS Oregon Trail, thirty-fourth in the series of T2 tankers being constructed at the Swan Island yard of the Kaiser company in Portland, on Saturday.

The Oregon Trail Centennial commission will present a contrast of transportation in the days of the Oregon Trail with the modern methods of shipbuilding and the implements used in the construction of tankers. Oxen pulling covered wagons, horse-drawn surreys and stage coaches, Indians in their tribal regalia, as well as groups attired in the costumes of the Oregon Trail period, will mingle with the giant "Whirley cranes," tremendous trucks and trailers, the big Hysters, caterpillar tractors, and the shipyard worker and his steel hat and modern working clothes, to present a picture of Oregon's progress through one hundred years.

A long list of personages instrumental in perpetrating the Oregon Trail and what it stands for, will be honored guests of the Kaiser company at the Saturday launching. It is expected that Gov. Earl Snell will head the guest list and others who will be present include Maj.-Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commander of the 70th division, Camp Adair; Phil Parrish, chairman of the Oregon Trail Centennial commission; Walter Meacham, historian and executive secretary of the commission; and a host of other notables from the Pacific northwest and Oregon. A launching luncheon will be served for the guests immediately following the launching ceremony, in the Swan Island Barracks mess hall.

The tankers being constructed at Swan Island are the largest ships built in the Pacific northwest and are 523 feet in length with a deadweight of 14,400 tons. The SS Oregon Trail is the second in a list of tankers to be named for important points in Oregon. The first was the SS Champeog launched last week. Other ships in the order of their launching will be named Corvallis, Gervais, Umatilla, Klamath Falls, Yamhill, Owyhee, Table Rock, Wallowa, Grand Ronde, Coquille, Jacksonville, Meacham, Nehalem, Tillamook and Pendleton.

Coolmers Attend Rite

UNIONVALE — Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Coolmer attended the funeral services held Thursday afternoon at Silverton for Mrs. L. Mount, a pioneer resident of that place. Their son, Howard, is the husband of Mrs. Mount's foster daughter.

Boyce Observes 97th Birthday



When John Boyce was born, October 16, 1846, the first intercity telegraph line had been in existence only two years and radio was not even a scientist's dream. Here the Salem man is shown enjoying life at age 97, with the aid of this modern invention. Still active, he was host to friends at a birthday dinner.

John Boyce, 97, Watches World Events

Occurrences in this fast-moving world are still matters of absorbing interest to John Boyce, who has been watching them for three years less than a century. Sunday, October 10, on his 97th birthday, he entertained friends at dinner. His home is at 1019 Mill street, where he has lived for about 40 years.

Born in Wedmore, Somersetshire, England, on October 10, 1846, Boyce came to America in 1866 near the close of the Civil war, living first in Dubuque county, Iowa, moving farther west three years later. He arrived in Turner, Ore., on December 22, 1869, and has lived in the Willamette valley throughout the 74 years since, except for brief periods spent in the Puget Sound country and near Yakima, and a trip, begun on his birthday 56 years ago, back to England for a visit.

His first work here was on construction of the Southern Pacific railway line through the valley.

Later he was employed by the pioneer Pringle family, cutting wood for 75 cents a cord and his board. In the '80s he acquired a farm of his own in the Jordan valley of Linn county, operating it for 20 years.

He had married while in Iowa, his wife dying here in 1931. His only child is Clyde Boyce, who is associated with the Ira Jorgenson shops. He also has two grandchildren.

In 1923 upon joining the Christian church Mr. Boyce gave up smoking and chewing tobacco and avers it was no hardship though he had used tobacco for over 50 years. Still active, this past summer he cultivated a Victory garden.

DUBUQUE, Ia. (AP)—When the Stoltz brothers get together it's strictly unorthodox.

Ray Stoltz' car accidentally brushed a pedestrian on the pavement. The pedestrian was his brother, Frank. His ankle was broken.

Police were notified. The officer who arrived to make the accident report was Captain George Stoltz—another brother.

Rotary Learns Work Done by Men Past 40

Goethe completed "Faust" at age 82; Washington Irving's best work was done at age 75; David Starr Jordan won the Nobel peace prize at 75; James Bryce delivered one of his greatest addresses at 84 and John Wesley was of comparable age when he preached his best sermons; Henry Ford was past 40 before fortune really began to smile upon him; and Julius Caesar never saw an army camp until age 49.

These were only a few specific answers given by Maj. Lloyd V. Harmon, post chaplain at Camp Adair, to the question "After Forty, Then What?" which was the topic of his address at the Salem Rotary club luncheon Wednesday.

Even in war-making, old experienced heads make the major decisions, Chaplain Harmon said; and in the difficult post-war world men with the wealth of experience and reflection, especially preachers, editors, educators and public officials, will be needed more than ever, he concluded. Chaplain Harmon was introduced by Rev. W. Irvin Williams.

Wave Learns How to Buck 'Chow' Line

There are all kinds of lines, Yeoman Dorothy Duncan, Wave recruiter, has discovered. There's the line that's the shortest distance between two points. And chow line. And "charge the line" in football. All three are combined at Willamette U.

Yeoman Duncan, on a week's recruiting assignment in Salem, was invited by Lt. George C. Bliss to join the sailors in training at Willamette at "chow" in the USS Lausanne. On her first day, she stood in the doorway reviewing the hundred or more boys lined up for drill by Chief Petty Officer Harry "Duke" Trotter. As the luncheon hour approached, Yeoman Duncan smiled enthusiastically while Trotter dismissed the young men who were to escort her to lunch.

She was still smiling when the mob charged but by the time she had reached the crest of the wave, the expression was dazed. After the first day, she's figured out the only way to get chow at Lausanne is to plant herself firmly behind "Duke" Trotter and let the huge former UCLA tackle run interference for her.

Marion Red Cross Employs Full-Time Nursing Supervisor

Announcement is made through Judge George Rossman, chairman of the Marion chapter of the American Red Cross, of the employment of Mrs. Louise Arneson as a full time nursing supervisor of the health programs of the chapter.

This decision was made early this week in the regular executive committee meeting. The action follows the serious need for increased training for lay-people in the care of the sick, who prior to wartime found adequate care in hospitals under competent nurses and physicians.

Judge Rossman in making the news release stated "The chapter's executive committee had employed Mrs. Arneson upon a full-time basis in order to augment the enlistment of nurses for the armed forces, and to provide this vicinity with a larger number of persons capable of supplementing the skilled work of a nurse. Unbeknownst to many, there exists today in this county and state a woeful shortage of nurses," he declared. "Neither the county nor the state is supplying to the armed forces the number of nurses expected of us. If an epidemic should visit our nurses are so few in number that they could not cope with the situation."

"It is common knowledge that following in the wake of all great wars are epidemics that take the lives of vast numbers. The one seems to be the cause of the other. All of us recall the violent epidemic of influenza that came in upon the heels of the last world war and that took the lives of hundreds of thousands. Realizing that we face a repetition of that horror if we do not prepare ourselves so that we can avert it, the Red Cross is everywhere stimulating interest in various phases of the nursing service. It plans to teach millions of people here in America how to detect the first signs of an approaching epidemic and how to care for the victims—if victims there must be—so that others will not be infected.

"Mrs. Arneson will continue to teach nurses' aide courses. She has made a marked success of this work. A nurses' aide course consists of 80 hours of training. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 50 years. At the close of the course they are capable of performing work in the hospitals and are required to give 150 hours of such service to the hospitals. This course provides each member of the class with a knowledge of the fundamentals of good health and of nursing. We are now organizing one of these classes."

Mrs. Arneson will also supervise home nursing classes, Judge Rossman stated, and continued "these classes will be taught by graduate, competent nurse volunteers under Mrs. Arneson's supervision. It is our plan to organize classes of this kind in every community in Marion county. The standard home nursing course of instruction calls for 24 hours of instruction given in a period of weeks. Every one who desires to know something of the primary principles of nursing is eligible for enrollment into one of these classes. At its close no hospital work is required of those who took the training."

"Those who have taken the nurses' aide and home nursing courses have testified to their great merit, Judge Rossman points out. "Our chapter now offers this training without charge to everyone in Marion county," the chapter chairman added, concluding, "As has already been indicated, all this work will be done by or supervised by Mrs. Arneson. The chapter feels that it is fortunate that such a person of her demonstrated ability is available to perform this work."

Rossman called attention to the fact that the graduates of the nurses' aide classes become entitled to wear a blue and white uniform which is authorized not only by the American Red Cross but also by the United States office of civilian defense. Both the graduates of the nurses' aide classes and home nursing classes can properly feel that they have qualified themselves to engage in a work of a patriotic nature, professional medical of the community declare.

Funeral Friday For George Pro

Military honors under auspices of United States marines will be accorded when funeral services for Cpl. George F. Pro, 25, are held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the Rose Lawn chapel. It was announced Wednesday. Rev. S. Raymond Smith will officiate and interment will be at Hayesville cemetery.

Cpl. Pro, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Pro, 1915 Maple avenue, and husband of the former Ruth Arnold, was killed Monday in an airplane crash near Livermore, Calif., where he had been stationed at a naval air base.

Fidlers Visit

ROBERTS — Mrs. B. D. Fidler of Jefferson visited long-time friends here Saturday and Sunday.

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Valley Men to Go To Denver Meet

Intent upon furthering the cause of the Willamette Valley project, a delegation from the valley will attend the National Reclamation association's meeting October 27 to 29 in Denver. It was made known at the Salem chamber of commerce Wednesday. Representatives of all the principal cities along that portion of the Willamette river to be affected by the project's flood control, irrigation and navigation features are expected to attend.

Already scheduled to attend from Oregon are Robert W. Sawyer of Bend, Oregon director of the association; C. E. Stricklin of Salem, state engineer; Angus Gibson of Junction City, a Lane county legislator; Lewis A. McArthur and Kenneth Miller of Portland and Dr. A. T. Oberg of Eugene. The chamber of commerce is seeking to interest others in attending.

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