

Flax Processors Seek to Awaken Sleeping Industry

By Loreta E. Dehler
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MT. ANGEL — Representatives of Oregon flax plants made plans to awaken the sleeping flax industry Friday night when they put into working order the co-op organization known as the Oregon Flax Processors.

A group of 16 men representing plants of Mt. Angel, Molalla, Canby, Springfield, St. Paul and Santiam voted unanimously to pool all fiber and set the price of at least 75 cents to the grower for average grade flax fiber (C grade). All sales will go through the one organization. The committee handling sales would include one member from each plant having fiber.

It was decided to pool tow in the same way but no price was fixed.

Plant representatives were told to advise growers of this action and to assure them a price that would cover cost of production plus a reasonable profit. Several inoperative plants have expressed desire to reopen if such assurance could be given farmers to induce planting of sufficient acreage.

Oregon Flax Processors was organized at the end of the last war when the booming flax industry suddenly had the bottom knocked out by the government's wholesale purchase of foreign flax, which was shipped into this country at a price below cost of production. It, like the flax industry, went into a decline.

The purpose was to secure by co-operative association a medium of producing, processing and marketing flax and flax products to the best advantage of the growers and to stabilize price, marketing conditions and standard of grades.

It provides also for acceptance of flax and flax products from non-members in the pool when these do not exceed the amount pooled by members.

The meeting Friday night was called by Fred J. Schwab, president of the Oregon Flax Processors and manager of the Mt. Angel plant. Ray Smith of St. Paul, vice chairman of the State Flax and Linen board, represented that group at the meeting.

It was noted that the amount of seed available in Oregon for the 1951 flax crop was sufficient for only 4000 acres but that it would be allocated in fair distribution.

Most plants have membership or grower meetings coming up within the following week when the decisions of tonight's meeting will be discussed, after which final action will be taken.

Valley News Briefs

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Sheridan—The Women's Study club will sponsor a community hobby show March 22. Persons with hobbies to exhibit may contact Mrs. Charles Wright or Mrs. Adolph Pelzer.

Willamina—Police Chief John Wanless has asked for volunteers for the police reserve in connection with civil defense plans. Veterans or men with police training are especially urged to join this group.

Sheridan—Louis Gross, Yamhill county agent, will speak Monday noon at the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Macleay—Ladies of Macleay grange will serve a turkey dinner at 6 p.m. February 10. A carnival also is scheduled.

Hazel Green—The Hazel Green Community club will meet at 8 p.m. next Friday at the school. The Labish Garden club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday with Mrs. Ralph Gilbert.

East Salem—Mrs. Paul Barham entertained members of the Merry-go-round club Thursday night. There were 14 members and a guest, Mrs. Willard Friesen, present for a white elephant exchange.

Stayton—Annual meeting of the Co-operative Switchboard association is scheduled at 8 p.m. Monday. Officers will be elected.

Mill City—Patricia Wolverson will leave this week end for her home at Vashon Island, Wash. She has been staying at the Lents home to finish the school semester.

Gervais—Mr. and Mrs. Antoine DeJardin are in Portland visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mannion.

Sheridan—The sisterhood of the Christian church will meet Monday night at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Faulconer with Mrs. Floyd Mattheus as co-hostess. Mrs. Frank Zook will be in charge of devotions.

Jefferson—The Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service met Wednesday with Mrs. Ada Young and Mrs. Nila Settle. Mrs. C. M. Cochran led devotions. Mrs. Earl Phelps reviewed a study book chapter. Mrs. Scott Hawk and Mrs. Robert Smith will be hostesses at the next meeting.

Pedee—The Women's Society of World Service of the Evangelical United Brethren church met Tuesday at the R. J. Smith home with 15 members present. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Sidney Howard and Nola Womer participated in the study program.

Sheridan—Two troops of Sheridan Girl Scouts recently raised \$55 for the Suh's family benefit at a food sale.

Gervais—A recent guest of Marie Manold was Sister Clara Marie of Maryhurst, who has been assigned special musical work in Salem.

Aumsville—Peter Jaques of New Zealand, who has been visiting at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Ambrose J. Dozier of Aumsville, has left for Vancouver, B. C., to be with his brother.

Pedee—Recent visitors at the Rufus Dodge home were Mrs. Bertha Fel Fuqua, Amity, and her daughter, Mrs. Vena McClurg, Willamina.

Mill City—Patricia Brown has been elected treasurer of the GAA, replacing Laura Karr who moved to Stayton. Patricia is a sophomore at the high school.

Grand Ronde—Advanced first aid classes of the Red Cross started January 16 in the Women's club. Joseph Bowers of Grand Ronde is instructor.

Willamina—H. A. Parrett, VFW post commander, has announced that club rooms in the new building may be completed within a month.

Sheridan—The Sheridan Majorettes will meet at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the grade school.

THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

From The Oregon Statesman's Valley Correspondents

Speaks Today



WOODLAND—Clyde R. Dickey of Portland, Oregon department commander of the American Legion, will participate in the annual district 2 conference today at Woodburn post 46.

Church to Care For Four DPs In Silverton

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SILVERTON—Plans for caring for four adult Displaced Persons were made Thursday afternoon at the meeting of the Immanuel Woman's Missionary federation. The four people are expected to arrive in San Francisco from the Philippines about January 23, and later to come to Silverton where the Immanuel group will arrange for them.

Mrs. Harold Satern, newly-elected president, presided for the first time. Other officers who served Thursday for their first regular meeting were: vice president, Mrs. John Overlund; secretary, Mrs. E. V. Swayze; treasurer, Mrs. Chester Bjorke.

The Rev. Arnold W. Nelson, who was installed as pastor of the church last Sunday, told of his two years' work in Germany under the Lutheran World Federations. He worked most of the time in the British zone and described how happy persons in that area were to receive food and clothing.

Mrs. Nelson was introduced as a new member of the group. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Eric Fanborg, Mrs. Jonas Byberg, Mrs. Chester Bjorke, and Mrs. John Overlund.

Mrs. Dean Withers Elected to Head Adult Bible Class

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LIBERTY—New officers elected to the Young Adult Bible class of Liberty Christian Church of Christ were: President, Mrs. Dean Withers; vice president, Mrs. Roland Seeger; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Muriel Taylor.

Committee chairmen appointed were: Social, Mrs. Arthur McClellan; bulletin board, Mrs. Robert Hammond; nursery, Mrs. Bill Hill.

Stayton IOOF, Rebekahs Hold Joint Officer Installation

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STAYTON—Joint installation rites were held January 12 in the IOOF hall for Stayton Odd Fellows lodge 64 and Eva Rebekah lodge 92, Stayton.

Carl Shower, district deputy grand master, and Mrs. Beulah Lessard, district deputy president, were installing officers, assisted by a corps of officers.

Otto Limbeck was installed Noble grand, C. R. Bruce as vice grand, Angus Ware as secretary and Ben Schaefer as treasurer.

Appointive officers were: Harold Wodtly, Joe Schlies, Tex Kimsey, L. H. Wright, Leon Hilton, Carl Shower, John Rock, Merrill Boyle, Bill Hargin, Jim McGill, Delbert Chrisman and Clair Limbeck.

Mrs. Irene Rock was installed noble grand of the Rebekahs. Others were: Mrs. Teva Deetz, vice grand; Mrs. Merille Ware, secretary; and Mrs. Gertrude Sheffer, treasurer.

Appointive officers installed were Mrs. Thelma McGill, Mrs. Worth Burmester, Mrs. Marie Cole, Mrs. Shirley Darby, Mrs. Beulah Lessard, Mrs. Velma Limbeck, Mrs. Agnes Stupka, Mrs. Zoma Baldwin, Mrs. Ruth Wood, Mrs. Tressa Van Nuys, Mrs. Barbara Shower and Mrs. Dorothy Humphreys.

Music was by Mrs. Velura Lierman from Silverton, who was installing musician. Candles were lighted by Mrs. Frances Caskey and Mrs. Humphreys.

"Thro' the Years" was sung in honor of the new noble grands by Mrs. Joyce Christensen of the Santiam Choral club. She was assisted by Mrs. Ruth Peek, Max Brown and Harold Lovell in singing three numbers. All are from the choral group.

Odd Fellow service pins were awarded by Robert Massey of Salem to: A. C. Van Nuys, 40 years; C. R. Wiley, Philomath, 40; B. A. Schaefer, 35; R. E. Calavan, 30; H. J. Rowe, 30; Algie Murphy, 30; C. O. Lewis, 25, and R. G. Wood, 25. Pins were earned by Alva Smith, 45, of Estacada; Dr. W. N. Pintler, 40, and C. P. Burmester, 30, who were not present.

The address was given by Clyde R. Freeman, pastor of the Stayton Church of Christ.

At Christmas a group of Odd Fellows visited William Edler at the Odd Fellows home in Portland to present him his 65-year pin.

Mrs. Wood presented the past noble grand's pin to Mrs. Lucille Carter, retiring officer. L. H. Wright presented Carl Shower with a collar signifying his service as past noble grand.

Ben Schaefer was given a special insignia for his lodge collar in honor of having served the lodge 25 years as treasurer. L. H. Wright made the presentation.

DIRECTORS TO MEET

CERVAIS—The board of directors of the Gervais Cooperative Telephone association will meet at 8 p.m. on January 31 at Gervais union high school. A director will be named to fill the expired term of Ernest Andres.

manant and publicity, Mrs. Louis Kurth.

Many members of the church group are working on a church directory to be published soon. Mrs. Robert Hammond and Mrs. Cherri Riley are in charge. They will be assisted by Mrs. Stanley Teston, and the Rev. and Mrs. Elery Parrish.

Activation of Air Warning Post Planned

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STAYTON—Activation of the plane observation post in Stayton has been ordered by the defense department, according to Mrs. Ruth Spaniol, chief observer.

A procedure test and system will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. so that the post could be activated quickly in case of an emergency.

The post will be located in the upstairs of city hall where there will be telephones and other facilities for observation.

While there have been some volunteers to date, there is still need for more and those who can devote time to this important link in our nation's defense are urged to contact Mrs. Spaniol, Marc Landon or A. C. Van Nuys.

All names must be submitted by Tuesday, January 23, as they must be sent to the Western Air Defense at Hamilton Field, Calif., for approval before the test can be made.

Willamina Hi Club Receives New Charter

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WILLAMINA—Willamina union high school's newly-formed and Kiwanis-sponsored Key club received its charter and installed officers at a dinner meeting Thursday night at the grade school cafeteria.

Fifteen Key club members were guests of individual Kiwanians. Instrumental in formation of the club were Past President Ray Morrison, high school Principal Kenneth Stuart and President Lloyd Lewis.

Stuart reported successful completion of a paper drive, which brought \$131, and setting trash cans between the school and town. In process is seeding and fencing part of the school grounds, ushering and ticket-taking at games and monitoring dances.

The charter was presented by the lieutenant-governor of district 14, Al Newby of Willamina, who instructed and congratulated the following officers: Bob Billson, president; Roy Zimbrick, vice-president; Woody Van Drew, secretary, and Bob Thomas, treasurer.

Other charter Key club members attending were Wayne Cox, Mervin Jahn, Jack Bryant, Dick Haake, Lee Miles, Joe Magers, Marion Roberts, Ken Spicer, Roger Wells, Bob Kerns and Lewis Littlejohn.

Howard Reed To Resign as Superintendent

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SWEET HOME—Howard C. Reed, who came here in July of 1948 to become district 55's first school superintendent after selection by the school board from a dozen applicants, informed the board this week he would not be an applicant for re-election.

Reed said he would stay in the teaching profession but has not announcements to make at this time.

During Reed's administration the grade school enrollment has almost doubled and a new school plant of 15 class rooms and offices have been constructed at the south end of 6th avenue.

The school board credited Reed with handling administrative affairs of the school in an efficient manner.

Reed, a native of Lamont, Wash., has been teaching for 23 years. He graduated from Eastern Washington College of Education in 1927 and taught the sixth grade the following year in Aberdeen, Wash., and managed the natatorium and taught swimming. In 1928-30 he taught school in Spokane and coached basketball for Spokane Athletic club. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Washington State college in 1931 and was connected with Astoria, Ore., school system 1931 to 1948, one year as teacher and coach and 16 color years as principal of junior high school.

In 1943-48 he was assistant superintendent in charge of elementary education in addition to being principal of junior high.

In 1949 Reed received his master of arts degree from Washington State. He is a member of American Association of School Administrators, OEA and NEA, and Pi Kappa Alpha.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter Chartered in Albany

By Anna A. Lake
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ALBANY—Formal presentation of charters to Hub chapter 13, Disabled American Veterans and auxiliary, was made at Veterans' Memorial hall Tuesday evening. Officers also installed.

Until six months ago the Albany group had been meeting in Corvallis. Recently they have met in Albany but did not receive their charters until Tuesday.

In behalf of Mayor Lyle Bain, who was unable to attend, greetings were extended by Carl Stanley, civil defense director for Albany. Stanley told of the necessity of cooperation from veterans' organizations of Albany in civilian defense preparations.

Dave Allen, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Frank Berks, past commander of Camp Phillips 4, United Spanish War Veterans, each extended greetings in behalf of their organizations.

Two national DAV service officers, Gerald Kelsey and Lile Dailey, of Portland, were present.

Chapter officers installed were: Floyd Simon, commander; Ray Hart, senior vice; Herbert Ahari, junior vice; Carl Hazen, sergeant-at-arms; L. O. Allen, chaplain; W. Risdon, adjutant; and Kenneth Garey, treasurer.

Auxiliary officers installed included: Mrs. Gertrude Bruce, commander; Mrs. W. Risdon, senior vice; Mrs. Clara Moffett, junior vice; Mrs. Carl Hazen, chaplain; Mrs. LaVonne Hart, conductor; Mrs. Don Mahlum, historian; Mrs. Betty Brunson, assistant conductor; Mrs. Jessie Hart, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Herb Hart, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. R. L. Banton, color bearer.

Refreshments were served by the American War Mother chapter of Albany.

Gervais—Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Holoubek have returned from their wedding trip to Mexico, Arizona and California and now are occupying the O. C. Zastrow home while the Zastrows are at Umatilla.

Vitamin B Probe By Extension Unit

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SALEM HEIGHTS—LIBERTY—The Try-Home extension unit met Thursday at Salem Heights hall with Mrs. Lyle Bayne presiding.

Mrs. O. B. Raymond was appointed to attend the program planning meeting February 9. The club voted to pay the increase in the hall rent. The Azalea House award was won by June Burk. Mrs. Charles Krauger was a new member. Guests were Mrs. L. L. Bennett, Mrs. Ed. A. Carleton, Mrs. Jack Williams and Mrs. R. S. Elsworth.

The project, vitamin B, was given by June Burk. Marion county home demonstration agent.

Mill City—The junior class at Mill City high school will hold a cooked food sale in the near future. The planning committee includes Elvora Albright, Patricia Cree, Alona Daley and Gary Peterson. Vera Loucks, Maxine Scott, Donna Cooke and Delmer Skillings were named to have charge of a candy sale.

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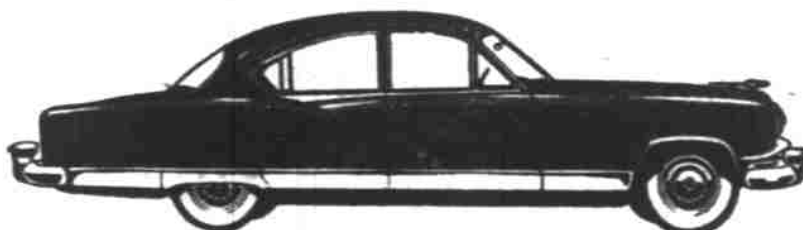
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