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 "A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY"

OUR 21ST COUNTY FAIR

Interest in Lane county's 21st annual County Fair foreshadows some new records in attendance and success in every department of that huge and heterogeneous undertaking. The exhibits are there. The people are going. In these war days, the response to this sort of homely, healthful enterprise is very reassuring.

The manager of the fair, Allen Wheeler, has tried to tell us that the chief purpose of the fair is educational. Right! You can learn a great deal about Lane county and its products and its people by visiting the fair and studying the exhibits.

Somehow we fancy there will be few—except our earnest reporters—who will dash from place to place notebook in hand, consciously learning. The real educational process is more subtle. The fair is really a lesson in practical democracy. It indicates a behavior pattern which could transform our so-called civilization if we were wiser. The fair tells us that the normal interests of people are "normal". Handicraft is a more lasting human influence than statecraft; war is not the natural destiny of man, as Hitler and some of the crackpot philosophers maintain; our real talents are for simple things, plants and animals and neighbors.

The thirty-one Granges of Lane county are responsible for rescuing the County Fair at a time when many of us thought it had been swamped in the hectic hurly-burly of "modernity". Their energy and their gifts for cooperative endeavor have saved it. We recommend the County Fair as the place to visit this weekend for relief from "bad news" and worry as to what we are coming to.

CITY SHOULD KEEP ITS PLEDGE

Although it may seem inconsistent to grant pay increases for employees at a time when the city must ask taxpayers for an increased levy to cover the assessment bond deficit, the citizens committee which is working with the council on the budget has these facts to consider:

The increases are the last part of a 3-year plan for gradual advances in pay adopted in 1937 in the effort to correct the city's extremely low pay scales. The total \$7000 is only about 3% of the budget, the average increase is about 10% on each pay check.

The city should keep its pledge to its employees because that is good business, essential to efficiency and morale.

The proposed increases are but a small fraction of the budget, and we need to remember that in the dark days of depression these people took heavy cuts and it was mainly through their cooperation that Eugene weathered the storm.

That improvement bond deficit? We are all to blame for it. Back in prosperity we expanded streets, sidewalks far beyond ability of much property to pay. Now we have a loss of about \$300,000 which must be taken up at about \$50,000 a year.

Actually that loss calls for about 4 to 5 mills of extra taxes, but by thrifty management of the general bond account, the city can slack off on general bond requirements and hold the net increase to 1.7 mills.

The budget plan is sound. It permits no fancy operations. Close economy in all departments is still the watchword. But there is no reason to delay the promised advances in pay because of mistakes to which we all were party in former years.

An Iowan makes his living painting tops of flagpoles, girders, and tower clocks. Some more of this high life we've been hearing about.

A Quebec prison, complete with air conditioning, private baths, indirect lights and a sun porch, boasts it has no bars. A jail like that doesn't need bars.

Europe can keep her war scares, reads an editorial, and we'll keep our ragweed and hay fever. The writer has evidently never had hay fever.

An Ohio town is painting its fire plugs in the local school colors. Now the kids can just borrow the corner hydrant to use in lieu of banners at the big game.

Republicans are starting to forecast a 1940 victory already. They'll be all right as long as some magazine doesn't come out with a poll in their favor.

Attacking opposition to WPA theatrical projects, a speaker said major hope of the

American theater now rests in college students. In which case, heaven help the theater!

A Pacific Coast couple were married after a three-year courtship by amateur radio. Everything will be peaceful if they continue their married life by wireless.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN W. KELLY
 (Register-Guard Washington Reporter)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—From his private office behind the senate chamber, John Nance Garner mounted the dais, held his gavel in midair as he watched the minute hand of the clock point straight up. Bang, sounded the mallet on the marble slab, and congress convened for its most momentous session in 22 years. Paramount question is: Which is the better policy to adopt to keep the United States out of war—sell no munitions to anyone, or sell munitions to anyone who will pay cash and take the materials away? Every American and every taxpayer will be affected by the decision.

There is a realignment in congress. Democrats who have been vigorous opponents of the new deal and are at odds with Mr. Roosevelt, are prepared to support his "cash and carry" program. Republicans deeply rooted in their party are with the president. Members elected in new dealers are joining veteran isolationists in their position that the way to keep out of war is not to sell supplies to belligerents. Pressure and propaganda are on every hand.

Outstanding advocates of the policy to place an embargo on all war supplies come from the Far West: California's Johnson; Idaho's Borah and Clark; Washington's Bone (invalided at present) but Bone's colleague Schwelbensch wants to sell munitions to Britain and France but apply the embargo to Japan; Utah's King; the two senators of North Dakota; ditto South Dakota. All these westerners are on record.

One thing is certain: this special session will make or break presidential ambitions, and the nominating conventions are but nine months in the future. Talks of "politics is adjourned" is hogwash. The political effect will not be overlooked by anyone, from the White House to the majority cloakroom in the house where the so-called damogogue club (Martin Dies chairman, meets).

Politicians of Europe have never paid much regard to the opinion of the United States, but while this special session of congress debates, the foreign offices of France, Germany, Russia, Great Britain, Italy, Poland, belligerents and neutrals, will have speedy and accurate reports. Decision of congress with respect to munitions may turn the tide one way or the other. It is the publicly expressed prediction in France and England that the Americans will "come across."

Senators have been informed that the reason American opinion is so little respected in Europe is because Americans are always willing to tell Europeans what to do but refuse to assume any responsibility themselves. Sample: the United States refused to join the League of Nations after advocating it; the United States was telling France and Great Britain to save the Czechs and denouncing them for not fighting instead of the appeasement of Munich; told Hitler what he should do with minorities, etc.

All this will come out as the debate rolls on.

One man in Washington believes that America can keep out of war, if certain policies are pursued. Mr. Roosevelt has implicit self-confidence in himself. Among precautions: Forbid Americans traveling on vessels of belligerents; prohibit American ships entering war zone waters; engage in any commerce with belligerents except at their own risk; minimize "incidents" which might lead to embroilment; guard against sabotage; prohibit American citizens from raising funds for belligerents or enlisting in belligerent armies (these prohibitions already announced through proclamation); let the Philippines have their independence as planned—President Quezon is not in such a hurry now—thereby relieving the United States from policing that part of the Pacific ocean; warn industry that too much foreign war business will be followed by a recession (as after the first world war); build up national defense until no potential enemy will care to engage in hostilities with the United States.

Before the house committee swings into investigation of the Wagner act and the NLRB, members of the latter agency are hurrying to wind up the odds and ends in Oregon and Washington; have checks made of unaccounted ballots in elections, and settle—after months of procrastination—whether CIO or AFL are entitled to represent workers in plants, principally sawmills. There are several cases which have been hanging fire for as long as two years.

One of the unanswered questions of the future is what will become of the decisions of NLRB when the national defense plan takes control of industry and labor and places a ceiling on profits. There is a belief in Washington that if an emergency arises calling for the functioning of the control of production, the administration will not tolerate the strikes which marked the entrance of the United States into the world war and handicapped construction of ships and other vital supplies. FBI has a list of the professional agitators and trouble-makers. These will be taken care of without fuss or feathers.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
 Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine
 Poison ivy is not the only weed that might cause skin irritation. Nearly every type of weed contains some resinous substance capable of producing eruptions on the skin.

Anyone who touches the leaves of the poison ivy vine or who comes in contact with some object contaminated by its sap is likely to have skin irritations. Eruptions resembling eczema may result from contact with weeds.

The eruption usually appears in the spring or early summer and continues until the first frost. It spreads during succeeding years, because the body becomes increasingly sensitive to the materials in the weeds. Scratching and rubbing tends also to spread the eruption and to thicken the skin wherever the eruption occurs.

Eruptions appear first on the face, backs of the hands, the wrists and the ankles. They spread to the forearms, legs and other parts of the body frequently touched with the hands.

Farmers, farmers' wives, and oil field workers are frequently afflicted because their occupations bring them in contact with weeds. If the source of trouble is removed and the skin is treated with the usual protective measures, the eruption disappears in from five to six weeks.

Dr. Bedford Shelmire has made a special study of weeds and the manner in which they produce these sensitivities. When the plants are discovered, the leaves, stems and other parts are extracted with various chemicals. Then these extracts are used to test the skin of the people who are sensitive.

If the person has a sensitivity, the skin will flare up with eruptions. In some people, during the entire period when these plants pollinate, there will be crusting and irritation in the nose.

New discoveries on weed irritations indicate the importance of keeping gardens and fields cleared of these plants that are likely to react on the human body.

Mrs. Larkin Honored

BELLFOUNTAIN, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Sunday, September 17, marked the eighty-fifth milestone in the life of Mrs. Addie Larkin, more familiarly known to her friends as "Grandma Larkin." Mrs. Larkin was born in a pioneer home on the Tualatin plains near Scholl's Ferry on September 17, 1854. She is the daughter of Joseph Boone Scholl and Sarah Ellen Scholl who came to Oregon with their family in 1853. Mrs. Larkin has spent the majority of her life in the Willamette valley, and has been a resident of this vicinity since her marriage to Rev. A. Larkin, an early day minister and pioneer of 1852, on December 27, 1891 at Hillsboro. The first seven years of her married life were spent on the Larkin homestead south of Alpine in Lane county. In the fall of 1898 the family moved to Bellfountain, where they have resided continuously since that time, for many years operating a small boarding and rooming house.

Mr. Larkin died in October, 1918, and since that time Mrs. Larkin and her daughter, Miss Edith Larkin, have lived at the family home. A number of friends and relatives called during the day to greet Mrs. Larkin and brought her a number of gifts.

Among those calling were Verlin Post of Corvallis; Dr. and Mrs. Edward Bennett, Patsy Marie Larkin and Mrs. T. H. Hughes of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Larkin and daughters Maxine and Ida May, of Alpine; Mrs. Jack Garrett, Mrs. Clarence Davis; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Post; Mrs. Mary H. Gragg; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. White and granddaughters, Eunice and Evelyn White; Miss Louise Davis; Miss Hazel Buckingham; Miss Barbara Post and Miss Mary Kathryn Hull.

CHANGE SCHOOL HOURS

DEERHORN, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Plans were made at the monthly meeting of the school board to start classes at the Deerhorn school at 8:30 in the morning instead of the usual hour of 9 a. m. The change is made to facilitate matters in connection with the bus service, which is in the experiment stage. The Deerhorn youngsters will all arrive at school in time for school to begin at 8:30 and they will be dismissed one-half hour earlier than usual. The bus, which also serves the Leaburg district, will take the children of that neighborhood to school at 9 a. m., as usual. This arrangement will last until the middle of the term, when the time will be reversed and the Leaburg school will begin earlier and Deerhorn will begin later in the morning.

At the monthly meeting of the school board, permission was given the teachers to dismiss the entire school, if the parents indicate that they so desire, so that the children may attend Lane county day at the county fair in Eugene this week. No definite day was set by the board. The day will be made up at the close of the school year.

FOR MRS. HAWES

OAKRIDGE, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Helen Hawes, bride-elect of Kenneth Smith, was honored with a miscellaneous shower

given recently by Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. Boyd Jennings, at the Miller home. The afternoon was spent viewing the many gifts and visiting. Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. Those present were Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. Bertha Smith and daughters, Patty and Barbara, Mrs. Edie Jordan and daughter Naomi all of Wendling, Mrs. Don Kimball of Trent, Mrs. Manly McBe and son Tommy, Mrs. Claude Miller, Mrs. Clifford Materson and children Beverly and Claude Charles, Mrs. William Ellefson, Mrs. Clayton Kelsay, and daughters Nina and Hope, Mrs. Esther McClure and children LaVern and Douglas, Mrs. E. O. Hawes, Mrs. Ola Bradford, of Portland, Mrs. Val Lee, Mrs. Ira Lee, Mrs. Henry Cook, Mrs. John Bier and daughters Margery and Verna, Lois Miller, Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Miller. Those sending gifts and unable to be present were Mrs. Walter Blagely, Mrs. George Greer, Mrs. Guy Shorey, Mrs. Sidney Bales of Dorena, Mrs. Albert Smith and Mrs. E. E. Crandall both of Wendling.

HARRISBURG NEWS

HARRISBURG, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Mrs. J. W. Moore entertained two tables at bridge this week. Mrs. Quinn was a special guest. Mrs. A. J. Jacobs won high score and Mrs. George Scott second.

Miss Margaret Anderson, primary teacher in the local schools, arrived at her home in Colton, Oregon, after having spent the summer vacation with relatives in London. She left England the day that war between England and Germany was declared.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynne Owen and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baumgartner left the first of the week on a combined business and pleasure trip to Burns. They went over to see some timber near there and before returning will hunt for deer.

Another deer hunting party including Mr. and Mrs. Guy Herman, Joe Hayworth and Richard and Margaret Hayworth have left for the John Day country, where they will be guests of Harry Wolfe, who is in the government employ for fire control. Mrs. Herman will visit with her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Quam, while the others hunt. Other hunters to leave this week for various points are Paul Hathaway, Lester Coate, Royal Carpenter, who went to Ochoco country, Deb Tandy, George Balkovic, Cart Bass.

FROM COBURG

COBURG, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Merrell, of Portland, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Campbell, recently. Mrs. Merrell and Mrs. Campbell are sisters.

Harold Estep, of Summit, South Dakota, is visiting with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gustafson and family.

OBSERVE BIRTHDAY

COTTAGE GROVE, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kent celebrated the third birthday anniversary of their small daughter, Patricia Ann at their home Monday night. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kent and Miss Betty Jones.

BELLFOUNTAIN NEWS

BELLFOUNTAIN, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Starr and sons Dan, Lee and Roger of Myrtle Point have arrived for a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Starr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McClavey moved the past week-end from the Liles place in the Bunker Hill community to Greenberry where Mr. McClavey has employment. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Liles and family have moved into the house vacated by the McClaveys.

Harley Leach and daughter, Donna motored to Portland Saturday on a brief business trip, returning via Toledo, where Donna remained to spend the winter with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Crocker. Donna plans to attend the Toledo high school this winter, where she will be a member of the senior class.

ELECT OFFICERS

HARRISBURG, Sept. 21.—(Special)—The Women's Foreign Missionary society met at the country home of Mrs. A. C. Sperling this week. An election of officers was held, which resulted in all the old officers but one being re-elected. Mrs. Ina Kirschman re-elected president. The following will be in charge for the coming year: Mrs. A. L. Darling, president; Mrs. J. W. Owen, vice president; Mrs. A. C. Sperling, secretary; Mrs. Ina Hughes, treasurer. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Ina Kirschman, Mrs. T. W. Somerville, Mrs. Zona Rexroad, Mrs. Fred Goforth, Mrs. R. N. Warren, Mrs. H. K. Vannice, Mrs. J. W. Owen, Mrs. A. F. Nice, Mrs. A. L. Darling, and the hostess, Mrs. Sperling, and four children.

The Past Noble Grand club will meet Friday afternoon, September 29, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Moore.

HIXSON-FOX

THURSTON, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Genevieve Hixson and Everett Fox, both of Thurston, were married last Sunday and will make their home in Ashland, where Mr. Fox has employment and will also be a student at the Normal school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fox have lived at Thurston for the past several years and both were graduates of the Thurston high school. Mr. Fox attended U. of O. last year.

LONE PINE NEWS

LONE PINE, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Edna Bailor, lower grade teacher at Lone Pine school, was unable to take up classes when school opened. She underwent a minor operation while visiting at Grandview, Washington. She expects to return to her class room in a week or so. Mr. Bailor is in Grandview with her. Mrs. Florine Thurston is substituting for her.

Mrs. Nels Lassen, Miss Dorothy Lassen and Bob Nye have gone to Portland for a few days visit.

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REBEKAHS MEET

OAKRIDGE, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Elm Rebekah lodge met in regular session Tuesday evening with Mrs. Rose Orr, noble grand, presiding. Mrs. Dorothy Stock served as treasurer; Mrs. Mollie Henson, past noble grand; Mrs. Grace Jensen, chaplain; and Mrs. Janet Shorey, inside guardian. A part of the Rebekah work was put on by several of the members.

CLUB BEGINS WORK

WALTHERVILLE, Sept. 21.—(Special)—The Waltherville Community club has been having a vacation during the rush season of hop picking and fruit canning but activities of the club will start up again with lessening of the seasonal work. They met each Thursday at the Rebekah hall.

LEAVES AFTER VISIT

DEERHORN, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Frank Alexander of Henderson, Iowa, who has been visiting her uncles, Milan Wearin and Wesley Wearin and other relatives in this community, left Tuesday for California to visit other relatives. Mrs. Alexander is making an extensive trip through the state with a view of locating here.

IN COTTAGE GROVE

COTTAGE GROVE, Sept. 21.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rydell of Albuquerque, New Mexico, announce the birth of a daughter, Darlene Ann, who was born August 20. Mr. Rydell was principal of the Walker Union school from 1931 to 1934, and moved to Arizona for the benefit of his health.

The sub debt of the high school met with Arlene Anderson Tuesday night. Betty Hopper was assistant hostess. Plans were discussed for their winter program. Betty McCoy and Anna Marie Peterson will be hostesses for the next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Morris have returned from an extended visit at Santa Rosa, Calif. They plan to sell their home and return to California to reside with their daughter.

Willis Seidler is employed at Harrisburg on relevelment work on Willamette river.

Mrs. Armand Wynne who has been in a Eugene hospital for some time was brought home Tuesday and is said to be convalescing satisfactorily.

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THURSDAY
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Afternoon and Evening

-- Program --

AFTERNOON

Here is the Lane county fair grandstand program. It will start each afternoon at 1 o'clock and be given all four days, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The acts will run continuously and may vary slightly from day to day.

Horse show 2:25 race, second heat
 Four horse hitch exhibition
 I. O. O. F. Municipal Band
 Pony express race
 Two-year-old harness race
 Acrobatic act by Emma Drallinger
 2:25 race
 Novelty rescue race
 Two-year-old harness race, second heat
 Skating act by Bobby Black and Corky Briggs

Eddie Burke novelty acts
 Roman race
 Running race
 Eddie Burke novelty acts
 Running race for county horses only
 Harness race for county horses only
 Winston's trained seals
 Charlie race
 Saddle horse race.

EVENING

Here is the program to be generally followed each evening of the fair. The program will start at 7:30 each night.

Christensen's Rodeo
 Skating act by Bobby Black and Corky Briggs
 Tumbling act
 Eddie Burke novelty acts
 Winston's trained seals.

LANE COUNTY FAIR BOARD