

56 Years In Oregon—Story Of Chase Gardens Told At Rotary

Pursuing Rotary's present plan of acquainting members better with local institutions through a program of talks by local men, Elmo Chase was the speaker at the Tuesday noon luncheon at the Osburn hotel, his topic: "Fifty-six Years in Eugene." He discussed Chase Gardens, its establishment by his father, Frank B. Chase, and its development as a horticultural enterprise from a garden and a door-to-door vegetable sales route, into its present status of three separate businesses. The company operates as Chase Gardens greenhouse and Chase Gardens retail store, with a wholesale house maintained in Portland.

He told how the elder Chase drove a team of buckskin horses as he delivered his fresh vegetables to the older Eugene families, and that these would frequently give excitement to the community by running away while he was out of the wagon.

Vegetables originally were raised between the rows of the ornamental trees which were set out, following general practice of that time; gradually, the trees were torn out to make room for other specialized crops.

The speaker related how the growth of the business had run parallel with the growth of transportation in the state; the first

outside market was the Coos county area, which was opened by the building of the Southern Pacific lines to Coos Bay, in 1916; the completion of the line to Klamath Falls gave another. The wholesale department now ships to all parts of the United States, and with the expansion of air routes, this is being enlarged.

Pioneer Irrigation

Irrigation was touched upon, and the evolution from wooden flumes to modern sprinkling system. The Chase Gardens property, (40 acres derived from part of the original donation land claim of the Harlow family by purchase) he said is probably longest under continual irrigation of any plot in Oregon.

The idea of growing vegetables and flowers under glass is only about 70 years old in the United States, he said, and was brought from Europe. Greenhouses originally were heated by brick flues, before steam pipes, head lettuce, spinach, tomatoes and cucumbers, are the crops most grown in this manner.

Flowers were added to the greenhouses of the Chase company originally with little idea of the business it would grow to be; it was more as an experiment. Now this is a business which rivals the parent enterprise. Chase quoted statistics on annual flower production: 1 1/2 million roses; 1 million gardenias; 500,000 carnations; 60,000 orchids.

He gave a quick view into the scientific production of orchids from seed, which are sent to the state college laboratories to be sown in test tubes and sealed, where kept for a year; then transplanted annually for six or seven years, until the first blooming of the plant.

Other statistics included: 80 to 70 persons employed steadily, and double this amount in summer; 100,000 pounds of beans grown for the cannery in the past year, as well as 30,000 pounds of corn, and 75,000 pounds of beets. The gardens also produced between 50,000 and 60,000 bulbs. From 500 to 600 units of hog fuel are used in heating the greenhouses, annually, and 75,000 pounds of fertilizer is put into the earth, this being one of the few items not bought in this area.

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Mrs. Sarah McMillin

VENETA—Mrs. Sarah Jane McMillin, 94, died Jan. 25 at Payette, Idaho. She was a former resident of Veneta. She was born as Sarah Jane Hunt in Iowa, July 25, 1850. Her grandfather was a nephew of Benjamin Franklin. She was married to Thomas A. McMillin, a veteran of the Civil war, more than 77 years ago. He died in 1932.

Four of her eight children also died before her, one daughter, Mrs. E. E. Hunter, of Veneta, dying but a few days earlier.

During her lifetime, Mrs. McMillin headed five generations through eight different lines.

Besides a grandson with the U. S. forces, she had 11 great grandsons in the service, one of whom recently was killed in action. A grand-daughter, an army nurse, also has lost her life in this war.

Surviving are two sons, Adam McMillin of Payette, Idaho, and James E. McMillin of Buhl, Idaho; two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Adams of Chambers, Nebr., and Mrs. Iva Hart of Portland; 31 grandchildren; 70 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren. Many relatives live in Lane county.

Three-fourths of the U. S. wartime shipments of cobalt have been coming from the Belgian Congo's vast mining area in the southern province of Katanga.

Way Paved To Pass 'Work-Or-Else' Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The house today cleared the way to passage of the May compulsory work bill by voting down the controversial amendments that might have killed it.

Shortly after rejecting an anticipated stop amendment by a vote of 178 to 142, the house voted 148 to 113 against a proposal by Rep. Charles R. Clason, (R-Mass.), to insert a fair employment practices provision in the measure.

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City Manager—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The mayor and city council will act in policy-making and advisory capacity.

The new manager was arranging a conference with Mayor Earl McNutt Wednesday and hoped to meet soon with the city council to discuss the local situation.

After considerable searching, the Seegers have found and are buying a home here, the manager said. The house is to be ready toward the end of February, at which time Mrs. Seeger and their 14-year-old twin sons, Deane and Hartley, are to come from Bellingham.

Announcing Seeger's acceptance of the appointment in December, A. C. Farrington, chairman of the city council committee named to secure a city manager, said:

"Mr. Seeger was our choice from a very broad field of outstanding men with talent, and we are most happy he has accepted the offer. He has a fine background of experience in municipal work and the committee feels no better choice could have been made."

The 36-year-old manager has had 15 years experience in city government. In Bellingham he served on the city council and as city comptroller. He has had several years experience in newspaper work.

Comish Article Deals With Job Of Manager

The functions of the manager in small retail stores is the subject of an article by N. H. Comish, professor of business administration at the University of Oregon, published in the January issue of the Oregon Food Merchants Magazine.

Mr. Comish, whose work on retail store organization is nationally known, cites the following functions for the good manager: determining policies, kinds of trade, sorting of goods, credit extension, price maintenance, adjustments, settling disputes, coordinating forces within the store, supervising displays, selling, credits, deliveries, the office, watching for leaks, controlling expenses, planning business ahead, cultivating trade and selling goods.

"The manager who can shift responsibilities and divide wisely tasks will not ordinarily find the foregoing functions too great a burden for him. . . it is hard to see how he can assume fewer functions in the smaller store and still make a success of his business," the article states.

Reasons for the assumption of the functions listed are detailed in the article, with suggestions as to how to handle them.

Senate Votes Funds For Liquor Inquiry

SALEM, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The Oregon senate, after an hour's hot debate, passed 19 to 10 and sent to the house today the bill appropriating \$25,000 for expenses of the five-man legislative committee named to investigate the 1943 whiskey purchases by the state liquor commission.

New bills in the house today would give school teachers a minimum salary of \$1200 per nine-month school year, instead of the \$75 a month they now get; provide for non-partisan election of district attorneys, compel vitamin enrichment of flour and bread, and allow savings and loan associations to loan money to veterans if the loans are guaranteed by the federal government.

COLD CLOSES SCHOOLS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Gresham and Corbett schools were closed today by a silver thaw which iced eastern Multnomah county roads and the hills fringing Portland.

Negroes Ask 'Civil Rights' Bill Passage

By ERIC W. ALLEN, JR., United Press Staff Correspondent SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Negroes are "full blooded Americans," Rev. J. James Clow, of the Mt. Olivet Baptist church, Portland, said last night in a hearing before the Oregon senate judiciary committee on the "civil rights" bill.

The bill would make it a misdemeanor to refuse public accommodations to a person because of race, color or creed. The meeting was attended by more than 500 white and colored people.

"We want the basic rights which every American has," Rev. Clow stated. "This bill is not exactly what we wanted, but it is a step in the right direction. We believe that it would bring about better race relations."

Opposition Voted

More than 15 persons spoke in favor of the bill. Chief arguments opposing the measure were presented by Walter Evans, Jr., representing hotel associations. His arguments had three main points:

1. That a "law against an evil doesn't necessarily wipe out the evil," and it has not been demonstrated that this type of law has been effective in the 18 states which have similar statutes.
2. It is a question of educating the public against intolerance rather than forcing it by law.
3. The law would work against the traditional policy of "selective choice" upon the part of hotel owners.

Racket Feared

In illustrating his last point, Evans said that hotels often refuse accommodations to people of all races, colors and creeds, not because of prejudice, but because it would be bad policy to accept undesirable guests indiscriminately. If the law were passed, it would be possible to work a racket, he said, in which a person refused accommodation would charge he had been discriminated against.

R. V. Carlson, a restaurant owner, said he thought that the law would force owners to grant accommodations to Japanese returning to the coast, and spoke strongly against it.

Rev. Clow said that if the bill is not passed, the colored people will come back for it "again and again."

"If we must have a law against the murdering of men's bodies," he said, "can we not have a law against the murdering of men's souls?"

Who Chopped—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

face in the Creswell fir must not be overlooked.

In 1821 Oregon was still an uncolonized wilderness; the waters of the Willamette were undisturbed by Indian canoe and the grasslands of the valley were seldom trod by Russian boots or American deerhide brogues. America, under the James Monroe regime, was still a young republic with its chief interests centered on the east coast. Andrew Jackson, the president who accomplished most in arousing the nation's awareness of the West's potentialities, was a young man appointed governor of Florida in 1821.

It was the year after the state of Maine had entered the union. In 1821 Beethoven was still composing in Europe; Franz Liszt was a 10-year-old child, Mendelssohn was 12, Lincoln, in 1821, was a tall, skinny youngster of nine years, helping his mother by carrying water to the Kentucky cabin.

Louis XVIII was the king of France and George IV ruled England in 1821, the year the Stanley Lake tree was chopped. Robert Southey was writing love lyrics as the poet laureate of England, and in America Martin Van Buren became a United States senator. Before the Oregon Trail.

Twenty years after the tree in Creswell was chopped a few wagonloads of white men rumbled into the Oregon country. In 1842 Oregon Institute, now known as Willamette university, was organized in Salem—the first institution of its kind to appear west of the Rockies. And it was not until a year later that covered wagons from the east began to bring hosts of pioneers to the mountains and valleys of Oregon.

MISSION SOCIETY MEET

SPRINGFIELD—The Woman's Mission society of the Free Methodist church, Springfield, will have a meeting Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips. The group is to begin the study of China at this meeting.

SPRINGFIELD

STUDENTS TO HEAR DISCUSSION

SPRINGFIELD—A program on "Juvenile Delinquency" will be given Friday afternoon in the high school for the students. The discussion will be held by members of the public speaking and social economic classes of the high school, according to Principal Owen Sadin.

DAUGHTER BORN

SPRINGFIELD—S/Sgt. and Mrs. Myron Davis announce the arrival of a daughter born to them Jan. 20 in Palmdale, Calif. Mrs. Davis was the former Ardele Meats of Springfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Meats.

ODDFELLOWS MEET

SPRINGFIELD—Odd Fellow lodge 70 of Springfield will hold a regular meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the IOOF hall. Work in the third degree will be done.

FINES

SPRINGFIELD—A fine has been assessed in the recorder's court against Jacob H. McKenney, \$15, basic rate.

POSSE AT STATION ONE

SPRINGFIELD—Thursday evening at 8 o'clock will be the meeting time of the uniformed sheriff's posse at station 1.

Chicago—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

E. Cushman, professor of religion, chairman; Dr. Lawrence S. Bee, assistant professor of sociology; Dr. Jerre H. Bond, professor of history and social science; Dr. Samuel Haig Jameson, professor of sociology; Dr. Carl F. Kossack, assistant professor of mathematics; Dr. C. J. Sullivan, assistant professor of philosophy, and Dr. Astrid Williams, assistant professor of Germanic languages and literatures.

Dr. Cushman stresses the point that the lectureship is a community enterprise, made possible to a great degree by community contributions. It should be as an interrelation between the community and the university. All who are interested are invited to attend any or all of the conference meetings, he states.

Other Strong—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

bend formed by the Oder and Warthe rivers, which merge at Kustrin, 22 miles northwest of Zielenzig, said Berlin. Zielenzig is 25 miles northeast of the Oder river fortress city of Frankfurt.

In East Prussia, the capital of Königsberg was nearly surrounded, and German escape to the sea had been blocked there.

Large numbers of Germans, including elderly men and boys, were reported in a dispatch from Moscow to be moving up from Berlin to the Oder to make a stand there in defense of the capital.

Berlin, beset with a pressing refugee problem, said the weather on the eastern front was "of the unimaginable fury of a natural catastrophe."

The German radio said the severe cold, in which "our helpless women and children are fleeing before the Russians, had frozen lakes and streams, facilitating Russian crossings. The Germans were blasting the ice in some places.

London sources in touch with German internal affairs estimated 1,500,000 German civilians and soldiers have been trapped or overrun by Russian armies in East Prussia.

Dad's Day Week-End Canceled By U. O.

Dad's Day week-end on the University of Oregon campus has been canceled.

Complying with a request from the office of defense transportation, Gene Vandenberg, Salem, president of the Oregon Dad's organization, announced Tuesday evening that the annual business meeting and gathering of Dads on the university campus would be omitted this year. The executive board of the organization will meet in Eugene on the date set and transact business for the Dads.

Lumbermen—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

face the industry and which will add to ultimate cost of product were listed by Johnson as: (1) almost certain increased cost of water transportation which carried 40 per cent of pre-war lumber output, (2) higher labor costs in this industry which has been paid employees in lumber industry in nation, (3) sustained yield costs, (4) increased refining costs in seasoning, processing and treating.

Listed as favorable developments to the industry in contrast to the unavoidable factors which Johnson said would increase the cost of manufacturing lumber, were (a) fairer taxation on stumpage, (b) the new sustained yield law which enables government to join with industry in creating perpetual forest harvesting areas (c) natural elimination of costly over-production by reduced available virgin forests.

One of the most important possibilities in reducing the cost of manufacture, Johnson concluded, is research being pursued by industry to improve utilization of the natural products and convert more of the present sawmill and woods waste into products of value, thus spreading the realization from the log over a wider range of commercial products than at present found in the raw lumber product.

Dean Johnson's address opened the fourth war-time meeting of the nation's largest lumber producing group, which has supplied one-third of all lumber for war use from the forests of Oregon and Washington. Other important features of the program were demonstrations of new research by Carl Rishell, nationally famous researcher, and an address by Leonard Lampert, Minneapolis, ex-national retail lumber president, and others.

The session concluded with a luncheon meeting at which Phil J. Boyd, WPB lumber chief, spoke, as did Hal V. Simpson, Washington representative of West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Tight Outlook

"Lumber restrictions will remain tight; fires will continue to be scarce; the manpower situation will probably not improve much, and the lumbermen of the west coast will have to bear the brunt of the war in the Pacific," forecast J. P. Boyd, director of the lumber and lumber products division of the war production board, another Wednesday speaker.

Boyd congratulated lumbermen on the fine job they have done in the face of many production handicaps, but warned that lumber is much more critical now than it has ever been, and that every foot of it is needed. Even after the defeat of the Germans, lumbermen cannot expect much of a let-down in demand since there will be a great need of the product in the reconstruction program overseas, as well as a terrific pent-up demand in this country.

Maintain Outlets

The big problem is providing and maintaining outlets for lumber and working out a program between lumber manufacturers and dealers to effectively compete with manufacturers of substitute materials, declared Leonard Lampert, past president of the National Retail Lumber Dealers' association. Pointing out that many defense plants will be equipped to convert to the production of aluminum, steel and other competitive products after the war, Lampert suggested an intensified advertising campaign to sell the public on lumber. Competition for the consumer dollar will be keen, he predicted.

"The British have submitted through the foreign economic administration a request for 200,000,000 board feet of Douglas fir and West Coast hemlock," revealed H. V. Simpson, manager

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of the West Coast Lumbermen's association in Washington, D. C. In the post-war, the northwest's shipping will again move primarily on tramps, but the Japanese tonnage which formerly carried a substantial proportion of the trans-Pacific cargoes must be carried by ships of other flags, he said.

A large display of laminated wood products was shown and explained by Carl A. Rishell, research coordinator, Timber Engineering company, Washington, D. C. Rishell also told how wood sugar is made from sawdust and predicted that soft wood would be used for flooring by impregnating it with certain chemicals.

Mrs. Anna Krenik

CHESHIRE—Mrs. Anna Krenik, 90, formerly of Cheshire, died Monday at the home of her son, James Krenik, at Santa Clara. She was a native of Czechoslovakia, born Feb. 29, 1854, and came with her family to this country when she was six, settling in Minnesota. Her husband, a son and two daughters died before her.

Surviving are six sons: Joseph and Charles, both of Cheshire; James at Santa Clara; Michael, of Tacoma, Wash.; Jake, of Madison Lake, Minn.; and John, of Le Center, Minn.; one sister and two brothers, all in Minnesota; 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren.

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