

More Support Urged In Clothing Drive

First week efforts in Lane county's current drive to provide old but usable clothing for the war needy of Europe and Asia were not strong, Chairman J. J. Kamerman said Monday.

In order to uphold Lane's position in the state and national drive, Kamerman urged every citizen of Eugene and the county to turn out every possible piece of excess clothing or bedding. It has been suggested that each contribution include a message of friendship and cheer to the recipient, along with the donor's address to encourage international goodwill.

Kamerman has urged the young folks to reserve next Saturday morning to attend a free showing of Zane Grey's "Riders of the Purple Sage" at the McDonald theater doors will open at 9:30 for the 10 a. m. program and the only price of admission will be a bundle of clothes.

There is also a need for cardboard cartons in which to pack the anticipated material, the chairman said, urging merchants, especially, to get them to the fair-ground collection point. Other places where clothes may be deposited include all the schools and churches in Eugene and the fire department and the public market, where a special booth has been set aside.

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MEDFORD, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Crater Lake will be wired for sound today.

Men who accompanied Federal Geologist F. W. Cater to Crater Lake lodge and installed him there to watch for any recurrence of the lake's smoke burping, said the job could be done.

The rim is covered with 12½ feet of snow. From it a mile-and-a-half path leads to the lake 1000 feet below. After studying it, the men reported installation of sound-measuring equipment in the water appeared possible.

Soil Committee To Place Proposals Before Farm Parley

The soil improvement committee of the Farm Planning conference, which will be held Tuesday at the Masonic temple in Eugene, has made ready certain recommendations on soil fertility, drainage and irrigation to be placed before the delegates.

This announcement came Monday after a Friday afternoon meeting of the committee under County Agent O. S. Fletcher. H. H. Myers, Springfield, as chairman, will make the recommendations drawn up with the assistance of C. D. Hale, Crow Stage route, Harry Harbert, Route 2, Stephen Ford, Route 5, P. A. Flynn, Route 4, F. B. Simmons, Springfield, O. H. Bruce, Mohawk, A. G. Johnson, Junction City, Noland Huntington, Florence, L. N. Ashley, Lorane, and Hugh Trunell, Cottage Grove.

The conference will open at 10 a. m. Tuesday with the outlining of the program and opening statement by Fred G. Knox, president of the Lane County Agricultural council.

Reports of the various committees, which will make up the majority of the program after Fletcher talks on "The County's Agriculture" and "Some Major Problems," will be held short enough to allow discussion from the floor.

Besides soils, committees will report on livestock, dairy, horticulture, farm labor, rural youth, land use, farm crops, farm home and rural life and poultry.

"Opportunities for Improvement in Rural Life" will be the subject of Miss Frances Clinton, assistant state home demonstration leader, from O. S. C.

Those attending the conference will lunch on sandwiches and salad which they will supply, and coffee and ice cream, which will be provided without charge. There will be noontime entertainment.

Lane Gets \$39,832 From Highway Fund

Lane county has received \$39,832 as its share of the state highway fund for 1945, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. has announced. Oregon counties as a whole received \$2,598,427, representing 15.7 per cent of the revenue from motor vehicle registrations, fuels taxes, carrier fees and fines.

Lane county also received \$634 as its portion of amusement device taxes for the three-month period ending Dec. 31, 1945.

SCOUT DATE CHANGED

The regular monthly meeting of Boy Scout committeemen at Santa Clara has been changed from the second Thursday of the month to the first Thursday, in order to avoid a conflict with the Boy Scout court of honor to be held in Eugene on the latter date. Arrangements for a special Scout room, in the basement of the Santa Clara school, have been completed and the room will be appropriately decorated, it was announced.

More Service By Red Cross Here Outlined

Editor's Note: This is the second of two articles based on a recent report of the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross.

One of the active Red Cross committees in 1945 was the group of nurses' aides, according to the annual report of the Lane county chapter, just made public. Sixty-four members served during the year, working 6427 hours.

Mrs. E. E. Foss, most active of the aides, was placed on the national nurse's aide honor roll for having given more than 2000 hours of volunteer service in local hospitals as of Sept. 1, 1945. Mrs. Mary Brockelbank is chairman of the nurse's aide group, and Mrs. Condon McCornack contributed to the success of the program during 1945. Mrs. McCornack is a former chairman of the committee.

Six members of the Red Cross motor corps traveled 21,966 miles in 1945 on Red Cross mission, and 111 persons were graduated from the basic first aid courses taught by the Red Cross. Mrs. C. E. Wethered was motor corps chairman.

The camp and hospital committee, under leadership of Mrs. C. A. Huntington, channeled donations of all county residents and groups to the naval hospital at Corvallis. Among their activities were obtaining enough musical instruments to outfit a band, giving each boy a birthday party, and each overseas veteran a free call home upon arrival at the hospital. Weekly entertainment and refreshments were given in the wards, 570 gifts, food and decorations were supplied for the Christmas celebrations, and many books and magazines were collected and taken to the hospital.

Members of the college unit, operating at the University of Oregon, assisted during 1945 with the blood donor program, surgical dressings, the nurse's aide program and worked in other capacities. They knitted four afghans, collected gifts, food and Christmas tree lights for the Christmas program at the naval hospital in Corvallis, and did sewing in the Red Cross production rooms.

Mary Landry is president of the college unit, and adviser for 1946 will be Mrs. Paul B. Means.

Committee chairmen pointed out that the number of recorded hours should be more than doubled in order to obtain an accurate estimate of time spent by Lane county men and women in serving the Red Cross. In many cases, such as during the flood, volunteer workers kept no records of their hours of service. Thousands of hours were given by volunteers in the surgical dressing and production units without records being kept also, the chairmen said.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Lane County Red Cross is that of disaster relief. An example of the county disaster relief system was seen during the recent flood, when the Red Cross assumed the responsibility of warning persons in danger areas, assisted with evacuations, fed, sheltered and provided clothing for flood victims. Before the flood is written off Red Cross records, many persons will have had their homes rebuilt and their possessions replaced by the Red Cross.

Rehabilitation Work
The Red Cross relief program for the recent flood has now reached the rehabilitation stage, with extent of total damage not yet compiled. During the flood Mrs. Wellington T. Switzer was acting chairman of disaster relief, and superintended the temporary shelter of 1000 evacuated persons, as well as the housing of persons stranded in Eugene by tangled transportation systems. In Cottage Grove, where Larry Levans was in charge of disaster relief, quarters were found for between two and three hundred bus passengers forced by high waters to stay in that city. Roy Woodruff supervised relief activities in the River Road district, Antone Rasmussen in Junction City and William Fort in Springfield. Almost every Red Cross service group and a large number of local organizations cooperated with the Red Cross during the flood, according to Mrs. Cora Pirtle, executive director of the Lane County Red Cross chapter.

Disaster relief also operated during the year in many single-family cases, where homes were destroyed by fire.

"From this annual report of Red Cross activities it may be clearly seen that the Red Cross must carry on," Mrs. Pirtle said. "It is almost impossible for us to reach and thank properly the thousands of persons and groups throughout the county who have donated their time and efforts to various branches of Red Cross service, but their cooperation has been magnificent, and we know it will continue."

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200 Cities' Leaders Will Air Problems

More than 200 Oregon city leaders and finance officers will discuss reconversion problems and confer with federal and state officials and national authorities at a meeting in Portland Monday through Wednesday.

Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of the University of Oregon, will speak Tuesday evening at a dinner. The gathering will be a joint convention of the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Finance Officers' association.

Eugene City Manager Deane Seeger will be chairman of a panel discussion on airport matters. Mayor Earl McNutt plans to attend Tuesday's meetings, and several Eugene councilmen also expect to attend the session.

Karl Belsler, University of Oregon, and Robert Pierson, planning consultant for the League of Oregon Cities, will take part in a panel of planning experts Monday afternoon.

Howard Buford, Eugene, member of the central Lane county planning survey committee, is scheduled to report on recent planning developments at a city planning clinic Monday morning.

Henry Gunn, Eugene school superintendent, will discuss school district revenues at a meeting to be headed by Carl H. Chatters of the finance officers association.

Highlights Monday will be a luncheon speech by Gov. Earl Snell, a city planning clinic headed by Charles B. Bennett, director of the Los Angeles city planning department; a finance officers' general session meeting, and a banquet address by Carl H. Chatters, executive director of the Municipal Finance Officers' association of the United States and Canada.

Families Of Veterans To Get Vacancies

As vacancies occur, public housing units in Eugene and at Veneta will now be held for occupancy for distressed families of veterans, navy and military personnel and civilian employees of firms engaged in the completion of specific war contracts, according to an announcement by George W. Coplen, regional representative of the national housing agency.

This action is being taken to aid the increasing number of returning veterans to find living accommodations in this area. Present occupants of the public housing units which they are already housed and the applications presently on hand at the project will not be affected, he said.

Springfield Wins State Safety Award

SPRINGFIELD — Presentation of an honorable mention plaque in the 1945 Oregon traffic safety contest was made by Chief of Police Arthur Williams at the Springfield council meeting Friday night.

The award, which was given to the city and signed by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., was in group III for cities of 2,000 to 5,000 population. The small map of Oregon on the lower part of the plaque has a gold star meaning no serious accidents or deaths caused by accidents in Springfield during 1945.

The last safety award, won by Springfield in 1942, was presented by the American Automobile association.

Mrs. Gunn Addresses Lane County Teachers

Mrs. Henry M. Gunn of Eugene was guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Lane county primary and intermediate teachers' associations at the Eugene hotel Saturday.

Mrs. Maria Carstensen of Cottage Grove presided over the meeting. Guests included Mrs. Lucille Kennedy, Lane county school superintendent, and Mrs. Myrtle Clark, county school supervisor. Mrs. Kennedy discussed briefly the teachers' workshop scheduled for Jan. 28 and 29.

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Mahlon Sweet, First Citizen, To Be Honored

Eugene's First Citizen for 1946, Mahlon Sweet, was drawn to make his home here to attend the University of Oregon. Born in 1896 in Western Springs, Ill., just a few miles west of Chicago, he came west to San Francisco to study at a chemical arts school. There he met Fred Mullen, who persuaded him to come to the university here, commencing his course in 1909.

Sweet, designated by the Eugene Realty board, will be honored at the yearly first citizen banquet to be held the night of Feb. 14 at the Osburn hotel. Guest speaker will be Sen. Wayne L. Morse.

Realty President James Rodman Jr. has announced that tickets are obtainable at the Osburn. A 500-person limit has been set.

Sweet, while still in school, worked for Mullen and Zacharias in a garage and took an early interest in roads and transportation which culminated in the naming of Eugene's new airport for him a few years ago.

In 1913 Sweet formed a business partnership with Rollo Drain. When his partner died in 1927 Sweet continued alone.

In 1921 Sweet became the first person to drive a car over the Willamette pass. The road had been an old military road, hardly more than a trail at the summit, however. A meeting was set for the Klamath county court and the Lane county court at Crescent lake to plan building a road over the mountains. Sweet, the late Sen. Charles McNary, Walter Griffin and Lee Bown planned to drive to a point short of the summit. There they had made arrangements with Jasper Hill to haul them over the top with a team.

Sweet and Bown, after looking over the thoroughfare by foot, however, decided they could negotiate the route in Sweet's car, so they refused the horses, stepped on the starter and made it.

Loan Association Reports G.I. Service

Frank Cashman, manager of Pacific First Federal, reports that Pacific has made 66 G.I. loans. Fourteen have been made during the month of January so far. Under the new setup the veterans administration is guaranteeing 50 percent of the loans. Loans are available for the purchase of existing homes or for the construction of new homes. In many cases the veteran does not have to put up any money.

New materials for construction are becoming available. Cashman advises that veterans should plan now to purchase lots and prepare plans if they contemplate new homes.

LIIONS TO PAY VISIT

Members of the Eugene Lions club will go to Junction City Monday evening to be guests of the Lions club there. The local club will have no Wednesday meeting this week. The meeting will start at 6:30 p. m.

Rehearsals Started For Ice Follies Here

Rehearsals have started for the Ice Follies sponsored by the Eugene Shrine club and dates for the event have been set for Feb. 22, 23, and 24, and March 1, 2, and 3. Margie Lee, young skating expert, will be director of the show.

Miss Lee began dancing at the age of five, appearing in an MGM film production and as an acrobatic dancer in the Fox West Coast theaters. At the age of nine she started skating, and skated for two years at Westwood, Calif., receiving instruction from Fritz Dietl. She then went to New York, where she continued her skating under the same instructor.

At the age of 14 she turned professional, appearing in the Hollywood Ice Revels of 1944. Later she skated in "Circus Daze" and "Fantasy on Ice." Her parents recently bought a ranch near Cottage Grove, where they will make their home until their daughter finishes high school.

In addition to Miss Lee, who will star in the show, the Ice Follies will offer a variety of other professional and amateur talent.

The Shrine hospital for crippled children in Portland will share proceeds of the show. Matinees will be held Saturday afternoon each of the two weeks, with all students, including university students, admitted at a reduced price.

For the evening performances, all seats will be reserved, and dates for the ticket sale will be announced later. Evening shows will start at 8 p. m. at the local ice arena.

Money Taken From Aged Man's Wallet

Although his lost wallet was returned, H. A. Hett, 83, of 132 Eighth Avenue west, doesn't feel a great deal better about it. The wallet was rifled, and the \$38 which it contained was gone.

Hett, who has lived in Eugene since 1875, lost the wallet about 1 p. m. Friday in a local store. About an hour later an empty wallet, tattered and torn, was turned in at The Register-Guard office by someone who apparently picked it up from the store floor where it had been discarded.

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Army Rescue Unit To Cover Oregon Forests

PORTLAND—(AP)—Rescue service for missing civilian fliers, hunters and others has been authorized for the 475th rescue unit at Portland army air base, Maj. James M. Keck, commanding officer, said today.

The unit has three L-5 type light planes and two more enroute here, an AT-11 twin-engine plane, a 42-foot crash boat, a 20-foot speed boat, a tractor for use on steep slopes or deep snow known as a "snowmobile," and a "swamp glider" driven by an airplane propeller which can skim along on four inches of water.

Maj. Keck said helicopters and a C-47 plane are expected to be assigned here later.

Propose Use For O. and C. Tax Money

A proposal that some of the Oregon and California reversioned lands tax money be expended for reforestation and fire protection has been forwarded to congress for action, County Commissioner Allen P. Wheeler said Saturday.

The officials of the 18 counties concerned met in Portland Friday to take final action and dispatch the proposal to Sen. Guy Cordon, who has promised his support. Wheeler represented Lane county in the action.

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