

National Scout Executive Will Keynote Regional Meeting Here

"Forward to Fundamentals" is the subject to be discussed by Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, at the opening session of the state-wide conference of laymen to be held in the Eugene Hotel, Tuesday, April 2.

After the luncheon meeting, at which Dr. Fretwell will speak, representatives here from the state councils at Portland, Salem, Klamath Falls, Medford and Eugene will attend general and group sessions, a meeting of national council members and will elect a regional executive committee.

Fretwell is the head of the two-million-member boys' organization and became chief scout executive in 1943. He took the place of Dr. James E. West when Dr. West, instrumental in founding the organization, became chief scout in the movement.

Long-Time Scouter
Fretwell has been identified with scouting since the early days of the organization and served on its national executive board from 1933 to Feb. 1, 1943 when he took his present position. He was formerly professor of education at Teachers' College, Columbia University and organized a physical education program for the Surgeon General's office during World War I, following which he was national director of recreation for the American Red Cross.

After the 12:15 p.m. luncheon delegates to the conference will attend a 2 p.m. general session at which O. D. Sharpe, regional scout executive, will speak on the "State of the Region." From there representatives will go to 2:30 p.m. group meetings which will include study and discussion of administration, operations, service, and senior scouting.

Election Planned
At 4:30 p.m. there will be an election of the regional executive committee. A general session report meeting will be held at 5 p.m. A dinner meeting at 6 p.m. will be followed by an address by Dr. Fretwell, presentation of awards



DR. ELBERT K. FRETWELL

and a candlelight dedication ceremony will climax the conference. The dedication program will feature the Eugene High School A Cappella Choir, directed by Glenn Griffith, and will be broadcast over station KORE at 8:15 p.m. The Rev. Wesley C. Nicholson, chairman of the Lane District of the Oregon Trail Council and pastor of the Congregational Church, will be narrator, and Cub Scouts Larry Small and Craig Bearisto will participate.

Teacher Lack Faces Country

PORTLAND —(P)—America is confronted with a critical teacher shortage, with the older ones retiring and no prospects to take their place, F. L. Schlage, president of the National Education Assn., asserted here.

The Kansas City, Kans., educator, addressing the annual State Teachers Assn. convention, said, "You've got to have people prepared—and young people simply are not entering the educational field any more."

He blamed inadequate pay, and the difficulty presented by communities' expecting too much of teachers, compared with other professions.

Schlage declared, "One out of every 10 teachers in the system today is sub-standard," and said grade schools are likely to break down completely. He called this "a program of tragic proportions."

"How can we teach children international relations when we can't even get education recognized as a national asset?" he asked.

President Harry K. Newburn of the University of Oregon warned that this nation is shifting from "a policy of being prepared to defend ourselves against aggressors to one of accepting the role of aggressor nation—ever ready to strike the first blow." He urged statesmen to convince the people that peace is a constructive accomplishment, not just "an absence of warfare."

In a meeting held in conjunction with the session, Oregon high school biology teachers drew up plans to affiliate with the National Association of Biology Teachers. Irene Hollenbeck, Salem, was named president.

Meat Prices To Be Raised

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that meat prices are figured under a formula based on costs which vary from area to area. Retail prices are rounded off to the nearest cent.

About three-fourths of all pork cuts are being raised in price, but only a third of beef cuts.

Beef liver and cooked corned beef brisquets are increased by two cents a pound, but other beef variety meats remain at the same ceiling. The only items increased by four cents a pound are bulk-dressed beef and packaged Canadian bacon, OPA said.

The agency added that beginning Monday butcher shops will display posters listing new ceiling prices for beef and pork.

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Nazi Testifies To Soviet Pact

NUERNBERG, March 29—(P)—Joachim von Ribbentrop, Hitler's foreign minister, testified before the international military tribunal today that he negotiated a secret treaty with Josef Stalin and V. M. Molotov, defining German and Russian spheres of influence in Finland, the Baltic and Bessarabia.

The alleged secret treaty has been mentioned several times previously in defense moves by Ribbentrop and Rudolf Hess, but the Soviet prosecution had objected to admitting any documentary testimony. Today, the Russian prosecutor sat silent as Ribbentrop related his story of pre-war negotiations with the men of the Kremlin.

Talked With Stalin

"I went to Moscow on August 22, 1939," Ribbentrop said, "we began with a two hour talk with Stalin and Molotov. The results were these: one, mutual will for placing relations on a new basis which was expressed in the non-aggression pact; and two, agreement to define spheres which came about in a secret agreement."

"We talked about what each should do in case the German-Polish crisis resulted in war and decided on a line of demarcation along the Bug and Vistula Rivers. Territories west of these should be German spheres and those to the east should be Russian. After the outbreak of war, each took over these occupation zones."

Ribbentrop testified earlier he warned Hitler before the war that the British would "fight to the last man for the empire."

Porter Seeks Year's Leeway

WASHINGTON, March 29—(P)—OPA Administrator Paul Porter said today that if price lines can be held another 12 months the danger of crippling inflation will be past.

Porter urged Congress not to force OPA "to default in the last round" by weakening the price control structure. Testifying before the House Banking Committee on legislation to continue price control beyond its June 30 expiration date, Porter warned:

"The next six months will be the most critical of all."

He said there is "serious danger of a severe cumulative inflation in the next 12 months or so."

Serious Danger
"I do not mean gradual adjustment of prices to a moderately higher level," Porter added. "I mean a 30, 40, or 50 per cent increase in prices on the average, with all the spiraling of prices, wages, and costs which that would entail."

"If we can get safely through the next 12 months, I believe it probable that the danger of cumulative spiral of inflation will be past."

The price chief said the developing rivalries among business, labor, farm, and landlord groups concerned about their relative position in the economy are perhaps more dangerous than other inflationary factors.

World Wants Food-Fiorello

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there as chairman of President Truman's Food Emergency Committee.

Assured of Shipping
LaGuardia said that before he consented to accept the position of UNRRA chief he was assured of enough shipping by American Maritime authorities.

If UNRRA is unable to secure additional needed fertilizer, he added, "I intend to ask the War Department not to dismantle all of its power plants."

Appealing for help from the nation's press, LaGuardia, who has persistently feuded with several New York newspaper publishers, said:

"I now swallow my pride—and this is difficult to do—and ask the newspapers for their full cooperation."

Judge Okehs PEPCO Reorganization Plans

PORTLAND —(P)—Federal Judge James A. Fee has approved Estes Snedecor's report on reorganization plans for Portland Electric Power Co., but he rejected a major amendment.

The amendment would have issued warrants to first preferred stockholders, allowing them to buy one share of PGE common stock at \$30.50 in trade for one share of first preferred stock share. Such transactions would have been limited to two years after the reorganization became effective.

The proposal approved by Judge Fee, and earlier approved by the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission, now goes to creditors and stockholders.

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GROUP LEADERS—State and County unit leaders who met with Homemakers of Lane County at the Achievement Day Convention in Eugene Tuesday are shown above. Reading from left, they are: Mrs. Dan Warnock, Lorane Mrs. Glen Patton, Irving, county chairman; Mrs. George Momb, Deerhorn; Mrs. J. T. Lorang, North Lane unit; Mrs. Kenneth McCormack, Florence; Mrs. Asalea Sager of Corvallis, state home demonstration leader.

Grange Notes

JUNCTION CITY GRANGE—Max Neilsen, agricultural chairman, told about a pump for spraying weeds which has been purchased by Lane County and is available for use to the farmers at Grange Friday, March 22. C. A. Pitney, legislative chairman, gave a short report on the UNO meeting now being held in New York City. Committees were appointed for exhibits at the Lane County fair next fall. It was announced the first and second degree teams will initiate at the April 12 meeting. A quilt auction was held, with Mrs. Carol Hult of Triangle Lake winning the quilt for \$30.

There will be a plant and seed exchange at the next meeting with the following refreshment committee: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Layne, Alvin Johnson and Viola Schoofing.

Members of the visiting Triangle Lake Grange entertained with an hour program of skits, music and dancing. More than 30 visitors from Triangle Lake, give from Lake Creek, two from Santa Clara and two from Washington state attended, and about 70 from the local organization.

Loon Lake Grange met Friday at 8 p.m., March 15. Three candidates were given the obligations, after which the different committees were appointed. The first meeting in each month is to be a business meeting, and the last meeting a social meeting.

The problem of securing a janitor for the Grange room was discussed, and tabled for the present. Next meeting will be April 5.

Creswell Grange—Birthdays anniversaries to be observed at Grange Thursday evening are Charles Wetzel, Mrs. J. P. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Overholser, B. Vaughan, Mrs. Ida May White, Mrs. Ed Graham, Ralph Rogers, Mrs. H. E. Miller, Mrs. C. J. Gray, J. O. Binns and James Smith. For the lunch those having names beginning A-L are to bring sweet salads, and M-Z, cookies.

Rice Hill Grange Home Economics Club sponsored a picnic social at the Rice Hill hall recently. The proceeds were \$31.50. The evening was spent playing cards. Mrs. E. T. Steuette received ladies high score. Harry Smith won prize in the 500 play.

At a recent meeting of the Home Economics Club, Mrs. John Roach was elected chairman. Other officers elected were entertainer, Mrs. Kenneth Mulkey; prefect, Mrs. Robert Crawford; critic, Mrs. Leroy Churchill.

Thursdays Grange had a large number of visitors present at the meeting Friday evening, March 15. Two were present from Wainville, four from Jasper, five from Four Oaks and 17 from Mohawk McKenzie. Fifty-one members attended.

Drillmaster Harold Gilmour announced officers' drill practice for April 3 as the third and fourth degree team would initiate candidates for these two degrees at the April 5 meeting. All neighboring granges are invited to bring their third and fourth degree candidates for the work at this time.

The Ladies Aid from the Thursday Church was granted the use of the hall for a bazaar April 12. Mr. and Mrs. Minium were given the obligation in the third and fourth degrees.

Mrs. Lois Wicks, HEC chairman, reported a \$10 profit from the recent penny supper. The refreshment committee for the next

Prospects Dim In Coal Strike

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ture Anderson and Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, prepared to meet with principals in strikes of 42,000 farm equipment workers. The officials of three major producers of farm equipment, International Harvester, Allis-Chalmers and J. I. Case, were invited to the conference in Washington to discuss the "grave situation" on food production caused by the work stoppages.

A strike of 7000 workers in Montana copper mines and plants ordered to start Sunday in a directive from the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, will paralyze the country's copper-mining industry. Already about 17,500 are idle in the industry. The walkout in the Montana workings followed failure to reach agreement on demands for wage increases ranging from 21 1/4 to 30 cents an hour.

Twenty thousand production workers in General Motors plants in Michigan and Indiana were recalled to their jobs yesterday. It was the largest number called back in a single day since the strike of 175,000 CIO United Auto Workers employees began last Nov. 21.

Thomas Charges Gangsterism in Meet

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 29—(P)—Retiring President R. J. Thomas of the CIO United Auto Workers charged today that "gangsters and hoodlums" were trying to "pressure" certain delegates to the union's convention.

Declaring "there are men here whose lives are jeopardized," Thomas said he referred to incidents involving a Negro delegate from Memphis, Tenn., and Local 669 of the Wright Aeronautical Corp., Paterson, N. J.

"Local 669 has had pressure brought upon it by gangsters and hoodlums from New York ever since the convention opened," Thomas said in a speech to delegates. "I say to you some men here are afraid of their lives."

meeting: Rose Hensen, Lizzie Gossler, Sylvia Hickson, and Esther Lewis.

Horace Myers of the Mohawk McKenzie Grange announced an important AAA meeting at the fairgrounds March 25 and 26. Members of the county AAA committee will be present to assist farmers cooperating in the program; he stressed that May 1 was the deadline for farmers to sign up for the plan.

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Public Backs OPA in Poll

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were represented. This group unanimously endorsed the extension of price control, as did also the Railroad Local Federation No. 14 (representing some 1500 members), Local No. 332 Sheet Metal Workers; the Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union, and the Carpenters Union.

Comments of those interviewed ran the gamut from enthusiasm to bitter disapproval. "Yes," said one person, "it should be renewed because the public has too much money and not enough sense," while a housewife replied, "No. The OPA is driving my husband crazy."

Comments indicated that many were seriously concerned with the administration of OPA, as expressed by one person, "many people confuse the blunders of OPA with the principle of price control." One of the criticisms heard most often of the administration is that it penalizes unfairly for small errors. Another, and as voiced by a member of a ration board, is that rules sent down are too complicated for the "butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker."

Other criticisms included a feeling of too many conflicts in directives; OPA is too slow in setting ceiling prices; is not consistent in pricing; had adopted a policy in pricing unfair to those who have been in business and making or selling an article for some time, as against those beginning to manufacture or sell the same article.

Want Adjustments
"It is our opinion that OPA should be extended and we urgently request that you do all within your power to have the OPA extended. We believe that certain adjustments should be made on various articles and commodities based on factual evidence," said Railroad Local No. 14 in writing to congressmen after taking their vote.

Of the individuals questioned by the league's members 135 were asked, "Do you favor immediate renewal of the Price Control Act?" Sixty-six persons wanted immediate renewal; 32 did not, while 37 had no opinion on this question.

Want Renewal Now
"Price control should be renewed immediately. It would stop all this ear-chewing business," was the comment of one person which was substantially borne out by 65 more, some of whom felt it was getting "pretty late even now" and that immediate renewal would "prevent a producers' strike which we are having to some extent now"; "calm the fears of the consuming public"; or "bring goods out of warehouses."

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Anti-Trust Suit In Milk Strike

PORTLAND, March 29—(P)—A Salem dairyman announced today he was asking the federal government to bring anti-trust action against one of the producers groups involved in a five-city milk strike.

Hans Hofstetter, whose dairy broke the four-day-old milk strike in Salem today by resuming deliveries, said he was asking the action against the Dairy Cooperative Assn.

The association, with headquarters here, is one of several producers groups which have diverted milk to manufacturing uses in protest of existing prices. It has a milk-distributing plant in Salem. Hofstetter charged that when he planned to resume deliveries the coop persuaded "some shippers who have been shipping to me for 20 years" to stop sending him milk. He said he was able to deliver only 30 per cent of his normal output today.

He said he was sending an attorney to confer with the U. S. district attorney here, and asking Oregon's congressmen to take the matter up with the Department of Justice.

Association officials had no comment. The dairy cooperative manager, Will Henry, was in San Francisco today with other Portland area producers conferring with the OPA on the price dispute.

Meanwhile, at Roseburg, one of the towns affected by the milk strike, dairies resumed selling milk at noon today.

In Eugene, the situation remained unchanged with dealers awaiting further OPA action.

German Police Shoot Defenseless Jews

STUTTGART, Germany, March 29—(P)—An UNRRA deputy director charged German police with shooting down "defenseless" Jewish displaced persons on the outskirts of Stuttgart today in an army-authorized black market raid which ended in a two-hour riot between 1800 Poles and 220 German police.

One displaced Jew was killed and two wounded in the disturbance, most serious of the American occupation. Several German policemen were injured, but an official Army announcement said earlier reports that an American soldier was wounded proved unfounded.



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Springfield Budget Work

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of overlap of different units. The city of Springfield lies within Springfield School District No. 19 with a valuation of \$3,239,951 (including the industrial area), and within the Union High District 15 with valuation of \$1,702,198 (including the residential area). The city includes independent Kenzie Valley as far as Wallowville. The Springfield and outlying areas with total valuation of \$4,942,149. Within the city of Springfield the final property tax is an aggregate city, county, school district 19, Union High District and Willamalane Park taxes. In outlying areas the aggregate will include county whatever local districts within that particular area.

CHEESE MAN RETIRES
TILLAMOOK —(P)—Tom Christensen, who has been in the cheese business for the last 37 years, will be at a celebration Saturday upon his retirement. The cheese inspector has worked the industry since 1898.

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much is being done to help them by finding out and correcting the condition that leads them to excess."

GEORGE: "How many folks are there like that, Judge?"

OLD JUDGE: "Well, according to scientific research, 95% of the people who drink drink sensibly. 5% do so unwisely, at times. Included in that 5% is the small percentage of the sick people I'm talking about."

GEORGE: "That certainly gives me a clearer picture. It's the most sensible approach I've ever heard of on the subject."