

Chamber to Hear President Newburn

With homecoming weekend in mind, the Eugene Chamber of Commerce is planning to hear President Harry K. Newburn of the University of Oregon Friday at its weekly forum luncheon. Orlando John Hollis, president of the Chamber, has announced that Dr. Newburn will address the forum audience on "A Ten-Year

Look Ahead" for the university. R. E. Kleinsorge, chairman of the building committee of the state board of higher education also will speak at the noon meeting in the Eugene Hotel. Other members of the board of higher education have been invited to the luncheon to add their comments to the presentation of the university's plans for expansion as now proposed for the next decade of growth.

AIR BASE HOUSES FAMILIES

HOULTON, Me.—(U.P.)—An air base here which also was used as a war prisoners' camp during World War II now is the home of 14 families. The base was converted into a village after being returned to the town by the federal government.

Kansas City Winning In War on Rats

KANSAS CITY —(U.P.)—Kansas City's rat-control program, which has attracted national attention, now has "rat-stopped" 1280 business buildings. William J. Dixon, commissioner, reports.

When the work was begun 16 months ago, merchants were losing more than \$8,000,000 annually because of rats.

Each building in a block is inspected. Owners and occupants are given reports of what they should do. The owner then sees that the work is done, either by a contractor or his own maintenance crews.

"Rat-stopping" a block means elimination of all rats in that block and proofing the buildings so the rodents cannot return.

Williams Gets Death Penalty

EVERETT, Wash. — (U.P.) — Wayne Williams, 31-year-old former Tulsa, Okla., factory worker, was under sentence to hang for the slaying of his wife, Hallie Lucille, near here several months ago.

Superior Court Judge Ralph C. Bell pronounced sentence but the court did not set the date for execution.

A superior court jury convicted Williams three weeks ago and recommended the death penalty. Wife, Child

Authorities said Williams beat his wife to death by striking her on the head with fist-sized rocks. He then bludgeoned his four-year-old daughter, Mary Bernice, and shoved the girl and her mother's body over a cliff. The child survived the beating.

Defense Attorneys Arnold Zemple and James Tynam served oral notice of appeal.

Williams also was convicted of first degree assault in connection with beating his daughter but the court withheld sentence on that count pending filing of the execution warrant.

Gray kangaroos seem to grow as long as they live.

New ORC Pay System Set

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Army has prepared regulations for paying inactive duty training pay to members of the Organized Reserve Corps, it was learned this week.

The new regulations are expected to give first priority on available pay to members of ORC units which have been assigned "D-Day" roles in support of the planned 18-Division Army. (D-Day is the day hostilities start.)

Next on the priority list are ORC members who have individual "M-Day" (mobilization-day) assignments.

Third priority goes to members of ORC divisions of "B-class" status (divisions at less than full strength).

ORC units not part of the 18-Division Army will get their drill pay on a percentage basis, depending on the amount of money available.

WANTS EARLY START

BOONEVILLE, Miss. — (U.P.) — "Wanted," said the ad in the local newspaper "to swap my town rooster that crows at 5 a.m. for a country rooster that crows at 4 a.m." The advertiser gave the following reason: "I am going in business and want to get an early start."

Irrigated Land Income Totaled

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — (AP) — Farmers operating on some 4,000,000 acres of irrigated land in Oregon, Washington and Idaho had a cash income of \$480,000,000 last year, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers' Pacific Northwest section was told Thursday.

L. R. Swarner, irrigation engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation, in a speech said that this cash income on the farms is exceeded by the value of indirect benefits of irrigation. Processing and manufacturing plants, hardware and implement firms and other businesses serving the farm areas all profit through irrigated land production.

He pointed out that irrigated land produced more than a third of the total cash farm income of \$1,347,000,000 in 1947 in the three states.

Many Miles Approximately 30,000 miles of canals have been built to serve the lands and capital investment in northwest irrigated farm land is more than \$210,000,000, he said. The potential of irrigated land has only been half tapped, he continued, with approximately 3,700,000 acres of new northwest farmland being possible. The acreage can be economically served with water, Swarner said.

Four major problems in connection with irrigation require additional research, he told the agricultural engineers: water requirement and consumptive use as related to crops; irrigation application, including soil, water and plant relationship; drainage and reclamation of wet and alkali lands; and conveyance, delivery and measurement of irrigation water.

Roosevelt Jr. High Council Selected

Members of the 1948-49 Roosevelt Junior High School recreational council have been selected, the city bureau of public recreation and parks announced Thursday.

The council, which soon will have its counterparts in each of the other Eugene junior and senior highs, will meet each Tuesday morning with a staff member of the city bureau to plan activities for recreational enjoyment.

This Saturday, from 7 to 9 p.m., Roosevelt Junior High students will attend a "gym night" program at the school.

President of the school's recreational council will be Dale Overbeck. Other members are: Don Smith, vice-president; Chris Siefke, secretary-treasurer; Jim Hite and Sue Ross, ninth grade representatives; Roger Larson and Helen Johnson, eighth grade representatives; Richard Gongen and Dawna Renfro, seventh grade representatives; and Carol Aiken, publicity chairman.

Turkish Women Start Military Training

ISTANBUL — (U.P.) — Turkish women are taking military training and learning how to shoot guns for the first time in the country's modern history.

The program began last year with simple nurse training under military supervision.

It is a war-time measure, but Turkish officials are thinking in terms of preparedness. They saw how America and England made good use of women in their armies during the war and decided it was time for Turkish women to learn how to defend their country.

Using last year's nursing course as a beginning, officials this year designed courses which now include anti-aircraft operation, radar operation, communications, transport and supply.

Savings Group Reports Home Building Boom

CHICAGO — (U.P.) — The nation's savings associations channeled more money into the building of new homes during the first half of this year than ever before, according to the United States Savings and Loan League.

The league is the trade organization for more than 3,650 savings and loan associations and co-operative banks.

It reported that 115,000 mortgage loans totalling \$524,000,000 were made for new homes during the first six months of 1948. That is a 40 per cent increase over the 82,000 new homes financed by the loan associations during the same period last year.

The league reported that the average size of the loans this year was \$4560.

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