

Aviation Unit Will Be Formed Valley Fliers

Albany—The first steps toward organization of a local chapter of the National Aeronautic association will be taken when a group of aviation enthusiasts will gather at the Albany Chamber of Commerce from Salem, Corvallis, Eugene, Lebanon, Cottage Grove and Albany.

Chief action to be taken at the gathering will be the founding of a Greater Willamette Valley chapter of the national association, according to announcement made this week by Carl Curlee, secretary of the local chamber and member of the N.A.A.

Seventy five persons have been invited and all who are interested in flying or the promotion of flying are urged to attend. Included in the list of prominent officials to attend is H. K. Coffey, N.A.A. governor of Oregon.

Good Building Year

Albany—Twice as many residential buildings were constructed during the past year in Albany as in 1936, but the total construction here totaled only half as much as the previous year's records show, according to a report by City Recorder Karl Horton. The building permit record shows that a total of \$116,000 was spent for construction here this year, in comparison with \$285,343 last year. However, the statistics also disclose that \$176,161 was incurred by the building program of the Albany school district No. 3.

Defendant Wins Case

Albany—After deliberating six hours a circuit court jury brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant in the case of the Oregon Portland Cement Co. vs. M. O. Wilkinson, Alpheia Wilkinson, doing business under the name of the Cummings Transfer Co., and Roy Hand, a damage suit involving counterclaims. The case grew out of a collision of a cement company truck and a Cummings truck on the West Side highway south of Corvallis November 11, 1936, in which Roy Hand was assertedly injured. The jury verdict allowed no counterclaims, merely imposing the burden of costs upon the plaintiffs.

Sentence Is Deferred

Albany—Waiving indictment in circuit court Thursday Charles H. Dickerson and Robert Patzer, Brownsville, and Homer J. Martin, Scio, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary not in a dwelling, as a result of their theft of cigarettes and wine from the Fred Gustavson pool hall and confectionery in Brownsville Sunday night. The trio were released on their own recognizance pending their appearance at the term of court to be held in March, with Judge L. H. McMahon deferring sentence until that time.

Dallas Graduating Class Has Reunion

Dallas—A reunion of the members of the graduating class of 1937 of Dallas high school was held on Wednesday evening at the high school in honor of Miss Mary Beck, class advisor. The following program was preceded by a covered dish dinner:

Talk by Miss Beck with regard to her experiences in the south during the past summer; a group of songs by a male quartet composed of Bennie Friesen, John Friesen, Waldo Wall and Frank Peters, and a short talk by Robert Woodman.

Covers were placed for the Misses Mary Buck, Betty Jelinek, Marian Jelinek, Juanita Jones, Winona Elliott, Nada Embree, Ila Smith, Betty Pease, Margaret Riggs, Jean Tharp, Iris Heiselman, Margery Sileo, Bernice Buhler, Ann Schmitt, Patricia Murray, Margaret Lindahl, Beverly Bales and Jeanne Hartman.

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Valuable Hop Lands Escape Storm Damage

Independence—The flood waters of the Willamette river began to recede from the 24-foot level reached here on Thursday, about 10 o'clock Thursday night and fell about 14 inches during the night. This fall was welcomed by all the farmers along the river as a few more inches would have brought further destruction to their lands and stock.

Several feet of water flowed over the new revetment wall north of Independence on the river bank, which was repaired last summer by the government engineers. A great quantity of drift is lodged against the piling, which was placed along the bank as a protection to the revetment work. The current has changed, according to farmers living in that locality, and the holding of this drift will keep it off the valuable hop lands in that vicinity.

Robert Phillips, manager of the Walker ranch, came to town in a rowboat, landing near the Hanna hop houses. Bridges on the highway leading to the Walker ranch are damaged as is the fill made last summer by the county court. Upstream farmers have lost several acres of land by erosion of the current and wash, considerable debris is scattered over their lowlands and fruit orchards are damaged to a considerable extent.

On account of the water from the Luckiamute river the V & S, railroad trains were halted near the Helmick state park and passengers were taken to Independence Thursday by the company speeder. Part of the roadbed at that point has been undermined by water and it will be several days before traffic can be resumed. The roadbed will be rebuilt on higher ground along the right-of-way.

The Seckay dam owned by the C. K. Spaulding Logging company is also reported to have given away under the rush of water.

The government boat, "Rickrell," was here during the high stages of water studying the currents and effects of flooding upon the revetment work, with Robert Steward, U. S. engineer of Portland, in charge. Trips were made several times down stream and return, the boat being tied up here at the Perry slip over night. The ferry, "Claggett," is still out of commission, due to the high stage of water running drift in the river.

Grace Wigle and Clara Sandver, both attending school at Long Beach, are with their parents in the Brush Creek district during the holidays.

Mrs. Ella Moser is spending the holidays at Clyde, Calif., where she is visiting the family of her daughter, Mrs. Donald Gwynne.

A few neighbors planned a surprise birthday afternoon for Mrs. S. Bergland with those attending including Mrs. A. Raugland, Mrs. Ben Gifford, Mrs. A. T. Gunderson, Mrs. L. Opedal, Mrs. Charley Johnson, Mrs. H. Fatland and Mrs. George Walker.

Mrs. and Mrs. Elvin Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Lovelin were honor guests Wednesday night of the members of the Brush Creek Booster club at a reception and social evening at the W.O.W. hall.

These are members who were married during the past year. The committee in charge of plans were Mrs. Dan Hillman, Mrs. A. R. Mathys, Mrs. Andrew Haere and Mrs. Theodore Grace.

Recent guests of Mrs. Lela Shepherd were her mother and sister of Salem, Mrs. R. D. Boyles and Miss Rae Boyles.

John Christensen of Silverton, John Everhart of Molalla, and Henry Leffler of Hubbard left Wednesday evening for a week's automobile trip to California. Everhart plans to remain in San Francisco to attend an undertaking school.

Miss Alma Olson is now cashier of the local PGE office succeeding Miss Helen Hall, who left during the week for Spokane where she will become the bride of Bradford Sypher on New Year's day.

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Lebanon Claim Office Will Open Middle of Week

Lebanon—Announcement by Thomas Palmer, in charge of the state unemployment office at Albany, that representatives will be at the Lebanon city hall Wednesday to receive registration and claims of unemployment has been received with much favor here.

The office, which will be maintained here not only this Wednesday but on other Wednesdays as long as necessary, will be established for the convenience of the unemployed in this district and does not mean that those in this area are required to register or file claims here, Palmer explained.

Two officials will be on hand. One will represent the unemployment department and the other the compensation department, Palmer said.

Late Motorists Apply Lebanon—The recorder's office in the city hall yesterday was a busy scene as scores made last-minute applications for 1938 motor vehicle license plates. Recorder C. H. Whitman, who is local agent, was being assisted in the work by Mervin Gilson.

Marlman Heads Grange Lebanon—George Marlman, prominent farmer of the Sodaville community, was installed as master of the Crowfoot grange at recent joint ceremonies held at the Crowfoot hall for the local officers and those of the Berlin. H. George Morningstar acted as officer and was assisted by Mable Horton, marshal; Genevieve Merchant, emblem bearer, and Audrey Coyle, regalia bearer.

Others who took stations at the same meeting include: Overseer, F. Crosby; lecturer, Mrs. F. Crosby; chaplain, George Simons; secretary, Grace Coyle; treasurer, Frank Steen; steward, W. H. Skeels; assistant steward, John Steen; lady assistant steward, Mildred Stringer; and gatekeeper, Wayne Oakley.

Regular meetings were held at the hall, part of them all-day gatherings with covered-dish lunches at noon.

Stars Will Install Lebanon—Mrs. Victor Carlson will be installed as worthy matron of the Marguerite chapter, Eastern Star, at the regular meeting to be held at the Masonic hall Monday evening. Miss Ruth Wright is the retiring officer. Preceding the meeting a dinner will be held in the dining room of the hall for officers, members and their families.

Nurse Starts East Lebanon—Miss Betty Schenk, who spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schenk of this city, left Thursday to return to Rochester, Minn. Miss Schenk is a student at the Kahler school of nursing in that city and will spend the major portion of next year in Chicago, where she will receive special training in the care of children. The Kahler school is connected with the Mayo Brothers clinic.

Military Medal Slatd Aurora—Lieutenant Harlow G. Dixon of Aurora, member of Howitzer company, 168th infantry, is among those who will be presented with 10-year service medals early in January. Young Dixon is an employee of the Molalla Electric company in this city.

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Suver Reports Water Damage

Suver—The highest water ever known here in years was seen here Wednesday night when Soap creek reached flood stage and broke over the highway just north of the Soap creek bridge, just in front of the Miles Davis place. The water rose rapidly after nightfall, as it lacked between two and a half and three feet of being up to the highway, and by 11 o'clock it was a foot or more deep on the pavement.

A car swirled to one side and went over the bank. A wrecker was called from Monmouth to get it out. A young man, a student at O. S. C., was the only occupant of the car and his calls for help aroused Blair Douglas who went to his assistance, and a passing car took him to Monmouth. Douglas stayed there and with a light showed passing cars how to make it through, wading water until 1:30 a. m. The water at Helmick park was just level with the pavement and just south of the park near the El