

Bridge Over Willamette River Boosted at Meeting.

Multiple Use Brought Before Annual Meeting

Independence—The advantages of the proposed bridge at Independence for the state and for military use in the national defense program was brought out Tuesday evening at the annual meeting of the Salem-Independence-Kings Valley Highway association held at Campbell's hall in Independence.

R. L. Gray, president of the association reviewed the activities of the association since it was organized a year ago and spoke very encouragingly of the possibilities of the bridge.

Charles Bowman of Monmouth, stated that the people from his district were in favor of the bridge; R. M. Walker spoke of the state benefits as well as the benefits from a national defense and military use. He also pointed out that the proposed bridge would relieve the congestion over the Salem bridge; William Walton spoke of the demands made on members of the county courts and stated that he thought that they would do their best in supporting the bridge.

Ray Rhoten spoke of the advantages for those traveling to the coast fishing grounds; Ross Nelson stated that he was in favor of a bridge even though it would mean the moving of his theater; Philip Schweizer, Monmouth rural mail carrier, stated that the people over his 82 miles route were greatly interested in the bridge which they felt would bring the improvement of their roads; A. L. Thomas stated that he was somewhat shocked when he heard of the possibilities of the bridge coming through his hardware store location, but that he was in favor of it; Jess Johnson of Elkins stated that people from his community were in favor of the bridge and brought this highway association should have a much larger membership.

A. C. Haag spoke of the military value of the proposed bridge; Dr. George C. Knott stated that during the hop harvesting season he often drove around by Salem to make a call only a short distance across the river owing to the congestion of the ferry travel; Chester Dodson and Ralph Dodson of Elkins spoke of the need for the improvement of the road from Lewisville to the west side highway and stated that the people of that district were in favor of the bridge and P. M. Rittner of Pedee spoke in favor of the bridge.

The following officers were re-elected for the coming year: E. L. Gray, president; Lee Eyerly, vice-president; John J. Roberts, secretary-treasurer and Leroy Grote, assistant secretary.

Directors elected for the coming year were C. L. Bush, Kings Valley; P. M. Rittner, Pedee; C. C. Powell, Monmouth; R. C. Dodson, Elkins; W. F. Karbel, Dean Walker and D. F. McCarthy, Independence; John J. Roberts, E. L. Gray, and E. A. Rhoten, Roberts; and Douglas McKay, E. A. Miller, Lee Eyerly, A. C. Haag and William Walton of Salem.

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IT'S A BIG JOB—Chairman Sol Bloom (D-NY) of House foreign affairs committee, well equipped with eyeglasses and pencils, sprawls across his desk to check lend-lease bill.

Retreat Program Is Announced

Mt. Angel—Rev. Father Damian Jentes, O.S.B., S.T.D., of Mt. Angel college and seminary, will conduct the annual retreat Thursday, Friday and Saturday for all normal and college and high school students and visiting retreatants.

Father Damian, director of the seminary and chaplain to the students of Mt. Angel college, is a well-known missionary. Experience in directing youthful retreatants, the local Benedictine conducted a young people's retreat at Pocatello, Idaho, earlier this year and is scheduled to hold another at St. Martin's college, Lacey, Wash., during Lent. Some of the older students will remember him as retreat master here in 1938.

Mass in honor of the Holy Ghost will officially open the exercises Thursday morning at 8:45 o'clock. Schedule for the three days' retreat follows:

8:45—Holy mass.
10:00—Conference.
10:45—Silent spiritual reading.
11:00—Conference (10:45 on Saturday).
12:00—Lunch.
12:30—Silence bell, runs for day students.
1:00—Rosary in chapel.
2:00—Conference.
2:45—Spiritual reading.
3:00—Conference.
3:30—Benediction.

After the 10:45 conference Saturday the retreat will solemnly close with the psalm blessing and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Boniface Will Present Comedy

Sublimity—A three act comedy drama will be presented in the C. O. F. hall Friday afternoon and Sunday evening by the seniors of St. Boniface high school. Friday's performance will begin at 2 o'clock and the Sunday evening show begins at 8 o'clock.

The cast is as follows: Mrs. Edith Russell, Richard's second wife, Margie Heuberg; Mrs. Oliver Woodruff, a society matron, her friend, Marcella Frank; Mrs. Emory Scott, a society matron, her friend, Evelyn Kremer; Briggs, the Russell's butler, Kenneth Bentz; Lucia Russell, their daughter, Mary Gersbacher; Dudley Russell, their son, Leonard Hendricks; Richard Russell, a financier, Raymond Rauscher; Elizabeth Russell (Bess), Richard's daughter from the west, Marcella Nietling; George Garrison, presumably Lucia's admirer, Orville Lulay; Ethel Ashley, a young society girl, Marcella Gries; Lucille Christy, a young society girl, Anna Hendricks; Flora Parrum, Dudley's innamorata, Ida Riesterv.

Eugene Laux, stage manager; Muriel Gries, prompter and property mistress.

Recreation Program Launched This Week

Independence—Through the cooperation of business men and the First Baptist church Independence will have directed recreational programs according to an announcement made this week by Rev. Loyd H. Vickers, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The program includes a directed recreational period on Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 4 o'clock for all age groups in the basement of the church, with something for all to do, and from 3:30 to 5 o'clock Thursday evening directed recreation for the pre-high school group and from 7:30 to 10 o'clock the same evening the older young people will have access to the facilities.

All young people will be invited to participate in the program which is expected to be enlarged with the addition of various activities for spring and summer.

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Pioneer Christian Endeavorers Gather

Zena—A representative group of old members of Christian Endeavor of 35 years ago and members of the present organization attended the impressive services sponsored by Spring Valley Christian Endeavor commemorating the seventh annual homecoming and the 50th anniversary of the Christian Endeavor movement, at the Zena community church.

Robert Newton, president and Violet Cooper, vice-president, lighted 60 candles on the anniversary cake. Song service including old time hymns, was led by Gladys Crawford. Koneta Nowowiejski was organist.

Welcomes was given by Robert Newton; response was given by Alice McKinlay Miller, who recalled friends of 40 years ago and her father, Rev. G. A. McKinlay, who was pastor of the Zena church for many years; vocal solo by Greta Phillips Hlat, who sang an original song dedicated to the clear toned old church bell which was brought around Cape Horn, prayer by Robert Newton; violin solo, by Arden Shepard, accompanied by Gladys Crawford, while an offering was taken by Seth Dodge and Harold Clark for the deficit in Oregon Christian Endeavor fund.

Thanks were given to Frank Crawford and Ralph C. Shepard for furnishing electric lights for the church; the cemetery board for purchasing new stone and to S. H. Barker and son Roy, for furnishing wood. Corsages were presented by Verle McKinney to Mrs. W. Frank Crawford, Mrs. Elwood Cooper and Mrs. S. D. Crawford for making the cakes used in the services and served afterward; a sacred reading was given by Violet Cooper; violin solo, by Dorothy Wilson; scriptures by Koneta Nowowiejski; vocal solo, Jean Oake; address by R. C. Ferguson, instructor at Capital Business college, whose subject was "Education," combined with a "Christian Life" essay, by Wayne D. Henry, written when a child of nine years while a student at Zena school.

Letters were read by Mrs. Wayne D. Henry which were written in 1881 and 1884, quoting prices on farm commodities of that time in Missouri. Tobacco was reported as almost a failure, lost about six acres; hemp average good; oats and meadows good; season for corn; stock of all kinds low. Of general interest was the letter written to Wayne D. Henry's grandfather which said that negro men were selling for around \$8 to \$9 and negroes for \$6.

Ida McKinney spoke of the 60th anniversary of the Christian Endeavor and its origin. The benediction was given by Ben Swinford, and articles were read from the Zena weekly by Pearl McKinney.

An interesting display was made of old Bibles dating from 1688 to 1840; song books of odd shape and printing. The oldest song book which was dated 1779 was five inches long, three inches wide and two inches thick.

Pictures of the Zena school and Lincoln school taken in 1890 and 1895 attracted much notice.

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Elmer Ray Surprised Upon His Birthday

Dallas—Elmer Ray was surprised when a group of friends dropped in on his birthday. Games were the diversion of the evening and a late supper was served to the following who were present: Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moffett and daughter, Janis, of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Malm, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tull, and daughter, Annette; Mr. and Mrs. Ike Hosman and son, Jerry; Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Friesen, and son, Teddy, Emmett Ray, of Kings Valley and Johnnie Ray.

Prize winners in the various games played were Mrs. Moffett, Mrs. Tull, Hal Moffett, Mrs. Hosman, and the honor guest received a number of gifts.

Quilting in Order

Unionvale—There were 15 members of the Unionvale Ladies' Aid who attended the all-day quilting held at the church Tuesday and working for Mrs. Charles Clow. The wedding ring quilt for the chicken pie and spring bazaar was also worked.

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