

Closure Asked For Funerals

Silverton—At the regular meeting of Delbert Reeves post No. 7, the members went on record as endorsing a move to request the business houses of town to close during the funeral hour of any returned men who sacrificed their lives in World War II.

The Legion will sponsor, with the VFWs, a dance at the armory January 31, for a March of Dimes benefit. The Legion is also asking the city council to revise the present dance ordinance.

A number plan to attend the Salem meeting of district No. 2 conference, Saturday afternoon and evening of this week.

The members met with the auxiliary for their joint session of the legislative program arranged by Mrs. F. M. Powell, department chairman of legislation, also unit legislative chairman. Rev. Ben F. Browning, holding the rank of Lt. Colonel with the National Guard, 41st division, senior chaplain, gave an address on history background leading up to the present day serious need of Legion legislation, depicting the conditions existing and the responsibilities of the leading nations. Mrs. C. J. Towe directed the group in serious and comely songs. Mrs. A. J. McCannel at the piano.

A supper was served both groups following the program.

Catholic Foresters Are Hosts at Dinner

Mt. Angel—The Catholic Order of Foresters were hosts at a banquet for their ladies Tuesday evening at the St. Mary's school dining room. Rev. Valentine Mottentier, pastor of St. Luke parish, Woodburn, acted as toastmaster.

The program included: Invocation, by Rev. John Cumiskey, O.S.B., state chaplain; address of welcome, William Blum, Chief Ranger, Court No. 1293; vocal selection, Laura Schwab, Marian Unger, Lucy Van Cleef, and Pauline Wicks, accompanied at the piano by Stella Dummer; address, Rev. Gabriel Morris, O.S.B., principal of Mt. Angel preparatory; membership, Michael Benedict of Sublimity, State Chief Ranger; song by Bernard Smith, Mrs. Vincent Smith accompanied; remarks, Edward Ball of Stayton, state secretary; and "God Bless America" by assembly.

State officers also present were Andrew Weber of Portland, treasurer, and Joseph Wavara, trustee.

Woodburn Business Houses Close Earlier

Woodburn—A number of Woodburn business houses have announced earlier closing hours on Saturday evenings until spring, and will close at 8 p.m. Saturdays instead of at 9 p.m. beginning January 17.

Temple Will Initiate

Aurora—Elaborate plans have been formulated for initiation night in the Knights of Pythias hall Wednesday when six candidates will become members of Una Temple No. 26, Pythian Sisters.

Water Improvement Bonds Are Approved

Mt. Angel—Ninety-nine citizens voted in favor of general bonds, not exceeding \$50,000, to be issued for water improvement at the special city election held in Mt. Angel, January 12. Seven voted against the project. Members of the election board included N. M. Lauby, chairman, Frank Aman, Leo Schwab and Edward Schaefer.

Lions Club Wants More Information

Stayton—The Stayton Lions club, voted to have the secretary write a letter of inquiry to the East Side Bus line concerning its announced discontinuance of the Portland-Sweet Home line as of January 8. Lack of patronage and poor road conditions were listed on a card posted in the local bus depot, the Bon Ton cafe, as reasons for the discontinuance.

It was thought such a statement should be sought, since the Lions club was active in getting the line established here. The club desired to learn if the plans were permanent or whether the bus line would function again later in the spring.

A talk on the criminal laws of Oregon was given by circuit court judge George R. Duncan, who called attention to the recent wave of bad check offenses and asked that merchants become increasingly alert when cashing checks.

Harry Michelson of Albany, deputy district governor of Lions clubs, was present and told about organization of a Lions club in Seio, with 27 members enrolled and more expected.

Several members of the Stayton club signified their intention to attend the Mill City Lions club meeting Friday evening.

Idanha Power Man Burned by Blast

Detroit—George Humphrey, who is employed by Paul Reynolds of the Idanha Power company, was badly burned about the face and hands Tuesday when a kerosene stove upon which Mrs. Humphrey was preparing breakfast, exploded, setting fire to the house as well. Considerable damage was done by the fire to the residence which belongs to Paul Reynolds. Humphrey was given first aid by Mr. DeSully of the Idanha first aid station.

Two generators of the Idanha power company had burned out earlier in the morning when the exciter stuck on the hydro-electric plant, not the recently installed diesel. School in the first and third grades as well as the high school building was closed until noon when the generators were replaced, as the rooms are heated by means of electric fans from the furnace.

Mt. Angel—The annual school budget election was held Monday evening at the auditorium. The school district 91 budget committee presented the budget as posted for approval, for 1948-1949. Following discussion the budget was accepted by the taxpayers.

Stayton Mutual Seeking Dials

Stayton—A comprehensive survey of what would be required to convert the local telephone exchange to an automatic telephone operation, was asked at the annual meeting of the Stayton Mutual Telephone company when stockholders voted to direct its representative on the Stayton co-operative switchboard association's board to request it.

In the opinion of the stockholders' business people of Stayton would like to see this done if at all feasible. Although relatively new, the present switchboard was said to have already become inadequate because of the increased number of patrons within the last two years.

The secretary's report, read at the meeting, showed that the Stayton Mutual on December 31, 1947, had 291 patrons, an increase of 29 during the year. Rentals and dues from members totaled \$3,421.15. Liquid assets included \$680.45, and \$2,500 invested in U. S. War bonds.

Ed Klecker was elected director to succeed the late O. E. Gardner. Others elected and carrying over were Irvin Parberry, president; George Schlies, vice president; Edward J. Bell, secretary-treasurer; Walter Frey, director. Bell was reappointed switchboard representative.

West Hospitalized While Daughter Born

Silverton—The unusual happened at Silverton Sunday evening when the father of the new arrival was also sent to the hospital and was under treatment for a severe injury to his left eye at the time his small daughter, their first child, appeared on the scene.

Bernard West, an employee in a local service station, received painful injuries to his eye when a foreign particle became imbedded in the eye while he was under a truck making repairs. This was removed and the eye bandaged by the time little Miss West greeted her daddy. The small girl is a granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Althuis.

Mrs. Clark Oldest Resident of Dallas

Dallas—Mrs. Amanda Clark, 94, is now believed to be Dallas' oldest resident.

At the time J. W. Hooser, 91, celebrated his birthday recently by splitting wood through the day it was believed that he was the oldest resident. It was then that Mrs. Clark's age was revealed. She was 94 years of age on October 15.

Mrs. Clark moved to Dallas from Sheridan about three years ago and had lived in and around Salem for several years. She has been in poor health lately but she still walks six blocks to and from the home of her niece, Mrs. J. L. Palmer.

Dance Tonite
(Wednesday)
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Unionvale

Mrs. John Hibbs is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Ed Howe, at Albany.

Ivan Crawley of Broadmead was a dinner guest of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Crawley, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dan B. Cason and daughters of Portland were dinner guests of their grandparents here. Before her marriage, Mrs. Cason was Miss Shirley Fowler.

The first of a series of family 7 o'clock dinners will be held at the church.

The Unionvale Evangelical United Brethren Women's missionary society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Withee January 21.

Silverton Council Seeks Building Use

Silverton—The Chamber of Commerce was represented at the special meeting of the city council by the forum secretary, Henry Pritzlaff, when request was made for a place of meeting in the much discussed Washington Irving school building, now city property at First and High streets, for the club of town as well as for the senior and junior Chamber of Commerce.

The city voted to make minor repairs to the rooms desired for use, to give the forum a favorable lease, to keep the building in general repairs to defer deterioration. It is reported by city officials that this arrangement will be begun immediately.

The council urged City Manager Robert Borland to rush sidewalk surveys and demand immediate repairs of dangerous spots.

Michael Faraday, produced the first dynamo.

Butsch Heads Business Club

Mt. Angel—The annual elections of the Business Men's club, held at the Mt. Angel hotel on Monday noon, placed Clem J. Butsch, former vice president, in the president's chair for the coming year. Other officers elected were Louis A. LeDoux, vice president, and Loretta E. Dehler, secretary-treasurer.

Francis Schmidt, who served as president during the past year, thanked all the members for their cooperation, giving special credit to George Schmidt, Red Cross chairman, and to the Flax Festival committee, headed by Jim Anderson.

The first official act of the new president was to appoint a committee consisting of Joseph Wagner, Joseph L. Wachter and William Beyer to take charge of the dance to be given for the benefit of the March of Dimes. President Butsch himself volunteered to take care of the other arrangements connected with the March of Dimes drive.

Francis Schmidt, Wally Smith and Ernie Crowder were named to the membership committee by the president.

A letter from the Mt. Angel creamery, thanking the members of the club for the splendid way of serving the patrons at the annual meeting, January 30, was read.

John T. Bauman reminded the members of the two elections being held in voting on the issuing of bonds not to exceed \$50,000 for the building of a reservoir and to lay new water mains, and the other the annual

school elections which were moved from June to January. Questions on the bond issue were answered by Sylvester Schmitt, councilman, and Doug Harris, city attorney.

Wally Smith made the suggestion that Mt. Angel follow the example of Portland by supporting the first citizen idea. Ed Stolle enlarged on the suggestion chiefly on the strength of its improving public spirit and encouraging men to take on responsibilities for the good of the community. The discussion led to the appointment by the president of the following committee representing the four civic groups, Father Damien, the parish; Ted Lacy, fire department; S. C. Schmitt, city council; and Ed Stolle, Business Men's club. A motion was carried that the president make a fifth member of the committee. This committee is to investigate, discuss and choose the outstanding citizen for the year.

Walter Kruse suggested that the Flax Festival committee be named at the next meeting of the club to insure an early start in the preparations for the 1948 celebration.

Sugar beets contain from 18 to 23 percent of sugar.

Mrs. Kirk President Loyal Borean Class

Silverton—Forty-two members of the Loyal Borean Sunday school class of the First Christian church were present for the meeting at the home of Mrs. I. L. Stewart in Church street, with Mrs. Lynn Neal installing officers elected for the coming year.

Mrs. George Kirk will serve as president; Mrs. Steve Enloe and Mrs. Gus Herr as vice-presidents.

Assisting Mrs. Stewart, hostess, during the serving hour were Miss Ina Harold, Mrs. Ella Wrightman, Mrs. Maggie Terry and Mrs. George Kirk.

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