

## Keizer Fire Protection District Talked Again

Keizer, Feb. 21—A great deal of agitation for a fire patrol district has sprung up again in this community since the demolishing of the Harvey Plummer home between Keizer and Chemawa by fire last Wednesday night. The home and all its contents were a complete loss. Several residents and the clubs of the district are planning gifts to the family and Shirley Plummer's class, the sixth grade, gave her a surprise gift of several dollars Friday to help her replace in part the loss of her possessions.

Last year petitions were circulated among the residents of the district for the formation of a fire patrol district, some temporary officers were elected, meetings held and the petitions presented to the county court. The petitions were returned to the temporary officers to be more completely filled out but to this time nothing more has been heard about them.

With the summer only a few months away several small groups have met or are planning to meet at various homes to plan toward another mass meeting soon to see what must now be done toward forming the fire patrol district. It is hoped the meeting can be held sometime early in March, the place and date to be announced later.

Cub Scouts Mothers club, Pock No. 41, met Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Walter Gogle. The club decided to postpone the Father and Son banquet until April 2, since the former date chosen, March 28, falls on Good Friday.

The club went on record as being against the establishment of a beer tavern in the Keizer district. A delegation was appointed to meet with other representatives of Keizer organizations who are meeting in protest at Judge Murphy's chamber on February 27 at 10 o'clock.

Present were: Mrs. Arnold Pedersen, Mrs. Gilbertson, Mrs. Wright Knoll, Mrs. Otto Yunker, Mrs. Dale Pingle, Mrs. Robert Boynton, Mrs. Hugh E. Adams, Mrs. Stuart Cooper, Mrs. McClanahan, Mrs. Lauren Stettler, Mrs. Roger Morse and the hostess, Mrs. Walter Gogle. The next meeting, March 17, will be held at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Arnold Pedersen on North River road. At the close of the evening Mrs. Gogle served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Shaede of New Hampshire who have been visiting in the Keizer district, have been called to the east to attend the funeral of Mrs. Shaede's sister. They plan to dispose of their eastern holdings and return in about six weeks to make their home in or near Salem.



Chairman—L. A. Ballmer is general chairman for the annual American Red Cross fund campaign in Marion county, the drive to start March 1 with a quota of \$55,000 for the local chapter.

There are several newcomers in the community who have moved in, in the past few weeks. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasmus who have bought a new home in Manbrin Gardens and Mr. and Mrs. Stauney, formerly of Arizona, who have purchased a farm between Keizer and Clear Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy and two sons who have bought the former Paul Geil home on the North River road, have great plans for horseback riding in the neighborhood since they own a horse and the lanes nearabout are suitable for riding.

Mickey Hickman, Scoutmaster of Troop 41, Boy Scouts, reports that Mr. Murphy has consented to allow the troop six weeks to two months to vacate the quarters on the rear of his property, the Scouts have been using as a meeting place. The troop committee together with the Scoutmaster and the neighborhood commissioner will meet Monday night to consider other quarters for the Scouts.

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another hot report criticizing the army for using public funds to propagate a peace time conscription.

Harness will charge that the Army is continuing its propagandizing at public expense, despite a report by the House Expenditures Committee last July clearly showing that Brass Hats were violating the law and had spent more than \$50,000 of the public's money for lobbying purposes.

When called on the carpet, Secretary of the Army Royall said he had "no personal knowledge" of the lobbying campaign and he "had no apologies to make."

Royall was technically right on the first point, since he became Secretary of War in July, though as Undersecretary of War he should have known what was happening and used his influence against it.

However, Congressman Harness' second report will charge that since July the Army has been sending men from its new UMT unit at Fort Knox, Ky., to all parts of the country to make speeches before Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs; plugging Compulsory Military Training.

The Congressman from Indiana will charge that these and other speeches are made at the taxpayers' expense.

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MERRY-GO-ROUND

It was Mississippi's sharp-tongued Senator Eastland, together with routin' tootin' Congressman John Rankin, also of Mississippi, who organized the boycott of the President's recent

reception for Congressmen. They were sore over the President's Civil Rights Message.

Meanwhile, a committee is being organized in New York to put the Civil Rights program into effect. Those invited are Bing Crosby, Irving Berlin, Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard; Mike Cowles, publisher of Look magazine; Barry Bingham, publisher of Louisville Courier-Journal; Bernard Baruch, Herbert Bayard Swope, Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan, Charles Taft, Sumner Welles and John D. Rockefeller.

General MacArthur has been cabling Washington every week or so asking that the U.S.A. either get out of Korea entirely or else take a firm policy.

Taxes and congressional tax hearings are supposed to be something which the entire public has a right to know about. But Ways and Means Committee "Czar" Knutson of Minnesota has mysteriously ordered that no copies of the recent tax hearings be given to the public. (Wonder what he's trying to hide?)

Hard-working Congressman Wright Patman of Texas has introduced a bill authorizing the government to set up internships for Federal employes to give them a chance to learn the workings of Government. Patman points out that learning to be an efficient Government servant is just as difficult as learning any other trade or profession. (Copyright, 1948)



Commissioner Claude E. Bates with a message for young and old will speak at the Salvation Army, 241 State Street Sunday Evening 7:30 P.M.

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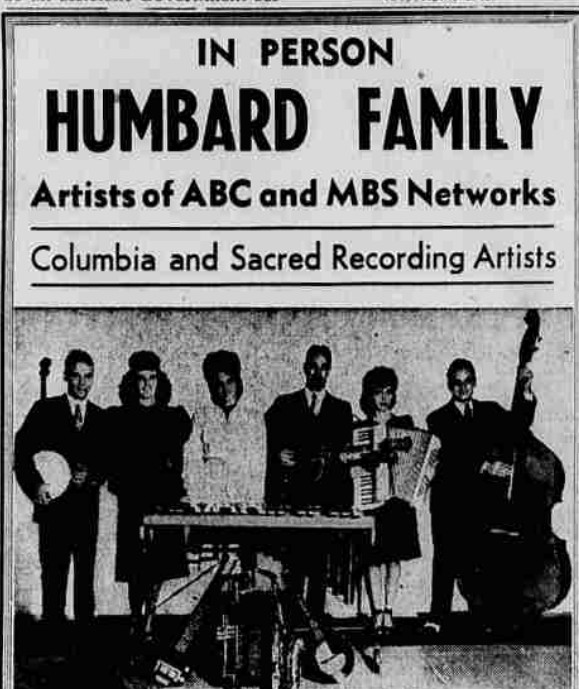
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This means that if we vote for the full amount, the people of School District No. 24 (which includes Salem, West Salem and the immediate areas) will place in the hands of the School Board \$2,000,000 on which interest will have to be paid. Moreover, a bond issue of \$3,500,000 would raise the local tax levy to the highest figure it has ever been.

Our present tax structure is an attraction to industries which we want and which would provide work and wages for the growing population. If that tax structure is made less attractive, new industries will be discouraged from coming into this area.

Let's vote against the \$3,500,000 bond issue and vote for what is actually needed, \$1,500,000, at the next election. Let's pay as we go and protect our tax structures and our credit rating.

**CITIZENS' COMMITTEE**  
Henry R. Crawford, Chairman

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