



Aquitania Goes to Rest—The 45,000-ton Aquitania, luxury liner, merchant cruiser, hospital and troop ship, passes into Gareloch on her way to Clydebank shipbreakers.

Middle Grove Scout Troop Gives Camp Demonstration

Middle Grove, Mar. 6.—Leaders of Boy Scout troop 42, Middle Grove, did as they have for several years, attend the leaders' camporee held at the Silver Creek area camp over last weekend. Due to their excellent camp, which they set up at Turner a year ago, troop 42 green bar members were assigned to put up a model demonstration camp.

They also put on a stunt at camp fire meeting Saturday night. The green bar patrol meeting was held at the home of their leader, Robert Wagers, Friday night, when plans were made for the March activities of the troop.

Thursday night the monthly meeting of the committeemen and their auxiliary was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Laanen. The main topic of business was added troop equipment, made necessary by the rapid growth of the troop, and some arrangements for the Green Bar Camporee.

Those going left Salem Saturday noon and returned after 3 o'clock Sunday. The purpose of the meeting was to train leaders prior to the regular camporee in April.

Attending were Patrol Leaders Marvin Cage, Lewis Patterson, Jr., and Jack Wikoff, Jr., assistant patrol leaders, Gordon Fromm and Wayne Goodie; scribe, Dean Way; quartermaster, Dick Bye; Robert Wagers, scout master, and Robert Pickering, assistant scout master. Transportation was furnished by Cleo Keppinger and John Van Laanen. Members of the committee present for the Thursday

night meeting were Cleo Keppinger, chairman; Bert Bye, secretary; Ted Kuenzi, treasurer; Jack Wikoff, Lewis Patterson, Sr., William Kleen, John Van Laanen, Robert Wagers, scout master, and Robert Pickering, assistant scout master. A social hour followed the business meeting, with refreshments served to the committeemen and their wives by Mrs. Van Laanen.

There were 17 members and two guests, Mrs. Raymond Kimmerling and Mrs. Gil Blankenship, present for the March meeting of the Middle Grove Mothers club, held at the school house Wednesday afternoon. At the business meeting plans were made for a social hygiene class which will have its first meeting March 9, 1:30 p.m., at the school house. Mrs. Jack Wikoff will be present and assist with the first meeting.

Miss Lindall Birkbeck was guest speaker. She discussed "Hearing and Auto Meter Tests." She showed the film, "Right to Hear." Hearing tests will be made at Middle Grove school April 11 for all school children. Later individual tests for those in special need will be made and parents are asked to be present for these tests.

The attendance plaque and

Boeing Engineer Accidentally Shot

Seattle, March 6 (AP)—An 11-year-old boy, shooting at a tin can, fatally wounded Hugh N. Wilson, 30-year-old Boeing engineer, yesterday at an old rifle range south of the city.

Acting Detective Captain Harold C. Wieland said Mervin Johnston, one of two 11-year-old youngsters in the pit at the time, had signed a statement saying he fired the fatal shot.

However, statements from two adults in the group—the Johnston boy's father and a neighbor—said the last shot had been fired by the other boy, Bruce Graham.

The shooting occurred after Wilson and a fellow engineer, Leo J. Montague, had finished "sighting in" their sporting rifles and had gone to the bank to dig out bullets from the target area.

The shooting had another near-tragic aftermath when a police prowler car speeding to the scene hit a flooded spot in the road and plunged over a 15-foot embankment. The driver, Sgt. Wesley B. Moore, escaped with minor injuries.

Guests Fowler Home

Grand Island—Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brewer of Castle Rock, Wash., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Fowler. They were neighbors there more than 36 years ago.

Book were awarded again to the first and second grade pupils. Hostesses for the social hour were Mrs. John Anglin, Sr., and Mrs. William Kaufman.

NO JACKPOT

British Recognition Fails To Spur Communist China

Hong Kong, March 6 (AP)—British recognition of communist China has not given this colony the business jackpot it had hoped for.

Warehouses are crammed with goods, but there are few buyers and the incoming cash is down to a trickle.

There is a housing and office space shortage, but real estate values are off by 40 per cent because of financial market troubles. Also, because some of the rich are afraid the Reds one day may make things hot for Hong Kong militarily.

Hong Kong is important commercially as a clearing house in trade between China and foreign countries.

Businessmen say these are the reasons for its hard times:

1. The Nationalist air and sea blockade of the China coast has closed Shanghai, the biggest Chinese port, and may spread north to Tsingtao and Tientsin. Attacks on American merchantmen are making the stoutest mariners think twice before trying to run the blockade.

2. The purchasing power of the Chinese communist government and the Chinese people is not too high right now. Chinese industry and agriculture are not in very good shape.

3. The communists do place bulk orders in or through Hong Kong. But these don't help the private importers and exporters much. The communists call these middlemen "exploiters," and buy most direct from the manufacturers or through a few agents.

4. The Hong Kong middlemen, for their part, also want to get around the communist trade agencies. They say the communists are too rigid and unrealistic in their dealings.

5. Exports to China took a beating when the Reds stopped the barter system three months ago. Under this system the exporter couldn't get his proceeds back in foreign currency, but he could get it back in imports.

The communists dropped a financial problem in Hong Kong's lap when they banned Hong Kong banknotes, at a time when about half of Hong Kong's note issue was circulating on the mainland.

The notes flowed back into Hong Kong. An inflationary

trend developed. Hong Kong began calling in loans and mortgages on real estate to "tighten" the money market. People began selling real estate.

The inflation threat hasn't been licked as yet, but real estate values are down. One bank building in the heart of Hong Kong has fallen in value from HK\$3,000,000 to HK\$2,000,000.

Hong Kong is waiting out the blockade.

Businessmen hope that if the blockade is lifted, and the communist government succeeds in reviving Chinese industries and agriculture, they'll hit the jackpot after all.

Milk War Opens Up in Juneau

Juneau, Alaska, March 6 (AP)—A first-class milk war between a Juneau grocery and local farmers neared a head today, with Canadian milk the cause.

The trouble started when milk from British Columbia's Fraser valley was shipped to a local grocery, selling at 30 cents an imperial quart. The long-established milk price was 28 cents per quart, American size, or four ounces smaller than the imperial measure.

The 20th Century Grocery immediately sold out 130 cases of Canadian milk. The Juneau Dairy association then told the store it could no longer get local milk. The grocery then dropped its imperial quart price to 25 cents, while the supply lasted.

In retaliation, a second grocery dropped its price to 25 cents a quart, but thrifty housewives continued to buy the Canadian product, getting the extra four ounces.

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Atomic Detectors—Closeup view shows two inexpensive and accurate radiation detectors which have been developed at the University of California at Los Angeles. The miniature "Geiger counters" work by evidencing a color change when exposed to such rays as come from fluoroscopes, X-ray machines and, of course, atomic explosions. The device comes in two convenient plastic shapes. Small one at left is about the size of a packet of paper matches and could be worn around the neck like a GI "dogtag." The other is in pencil-like form, complete with clip. (Acme Telephoto)

Stayton Red Cross Campaign Launched

Stayton — With a quota of \$1000 set, Stayton is launching its annual Red Cross drive for 1950. G. W. Schachtsick is general chairman for the area, which comprises Stayton, West Stayton, North Santiam and Marion.

A. N. Arnold, superintendent of Stayton public schools, will be in charge of collections for the schools. In Stayton there will be 24 volunteer workers

with the city divided into various sections.

Mrs. Blanche Schmidt is chairman for Marion, and Howard Gilbert, president of the West Stayton Community club, will be West Stayton's chairman. At North Santiam, Lawrence Clark, who is president of the Community club there, will be Red Cross chairman.

Ladies Aid Called

Hubbard—The Ladies Aid of the Hubbard Community church (Congregational) will meet Wednesday for an all day meeting in the home of Mrs. Lester Will.

Donald Plant Now Rebuilt

Donald—J. S. Fisher Sr. and J. S. Fisher Jr. of Whiskey Hill, who own and operate the Donald Brick and Tile plant, have built an entirely new factory, with driers occupying 130 by 90 feet of space, a machine room 48 by 66 feet and a shop 30 by 50 feet.

The new plant is built with walls of building tile and a metal roof. Production of drain and building tile started ten days ago and with the opening of a new drier in the very near future, the factory will soon be operating at a greater capacity than before the fire last October which completely destroyed the plant.

At Needy, encouraged by neighbors and friends, the Hoffman family, Harold and Melvin Hoffman, and their mother, Mrs. Emelia Hoffman, are reconstructing a garage and blacksmith shop, which was wiped out by fire early in February. The Hoffmans expect to be ready for business again within 60 days, with new machinery and equipment.

PTA Meets Tuesday

Willamina — The Parent-Teachers association will meet Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the grade school gym. The grade school band will play for the group, and a member of the grade school board will give a brief talk. Refreshments will be served.

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When Oregon sawmills began turning to electricity for operating power, Charles Gibbs (left) and his son, Edwin W. Gibbs, of Newberg, took advantage of the trend. They changed their general service electrical business in 1935 to one devoted exclusively to salvaging and remanufacturing sawmill motors. Today their Gibbs Electric Co. is kept busy rewinding motors and providing other electrical services and supplies for Douglas fir mills in its area. The firm has grown to include five full-time employees, and warehouses at Newberg and Carlton. These father-and-son partners credit financial services of the Newberg Branch of the First National Bank with helping them build and expand their business.



Building Oregon Together

THESE FARMERS ARE BUILDING

As a youth, Jack B. Farmer wanted to be a refrigeration engineer. Following war service, however, Jack went to Scio to help develop a Shelburn area dairy ranch started by his father. Encouraged by his wife, Leonore, and son, Billy, 3—and the cooperation of the Scio State Bank, "an affiliate of the First National Bank of Portland—he has cleared much of the 160-acre ranch and developed a herd of more than 20 Guernseys. He also has 75 acres for grain growing. With their ranch progressing, father Carl R. Farmer has resumed his long-time calling, the contracting business, to fill a Scio need. Thus the Farmer family helps build Oregon.

There are no substitutes for sound planning and hard work when it comes to developing and expanding a business, service or farming enterprise. The persons shown here followed such a formula in building successful endeavors. And in the process of bettering themselves, they also contributed to Oregon's growth and prosperity. It is significant that in each instance these energetic men and women made effective use of services offered by banking offices in the First National Bank Group. By making these modern financial advantages widely available to people in all walks of life, we also help Oregon grow—family by family, farm by farm and business by business. Come in and let us know how we can help you.

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