

Projects Planned By Unit

Members of Salem Unit No. 136, American Legion Auxiliary, made plans on several projects at their meeting Thursday evening at Kingwood American Legion Hall.

On Monday evening several members will go to the Veterans Hospital in Portland to give the annual hat making party for the patients there. Other aid to veterans' activities was given this week when flowers were sent to Camp White for the annual wheel chair parade at the Veterans Donor-ficiary. Mrs. J. Delaney reported on the project which involved making the flowers for decorating of the chairs.

Juniors of the Salem Unit will be in Sheridan on Saturday for the Junior American Legion Conference and several mothers among the auxiliary members will accompany the girls to the meeting which opens at 10 a.m.

Purchase of a new bed with fracture frame from the proceeds of the recent magazine sale campaign was announced. The equipment will be available for loan where needed. Progress of the poppy sale was reported by Mrs. Milo M. Aeschlimann. Funds from the poppy sale will be used to further the child welfare and rehabilitation work of the auxiliary.

A cooked food sale on April 20 is planned by the group at Meier & Frank's-Salem.

In Portland last week for the banquet for the national president of the American Legion Auxiliary were Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, president of the Salem Unit, Mrs. Jack Simkins, Mrs. Jack Johnson and Mrs. Ellis Drake, the latter giving the report on the evening's program.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Aeschlimann and Mrs. Fred Sellers.



Installed in Office—Installed this past weekend as worthy high priestess of Friendship shrine, White Shrine of Jerusalem, was Mrs. Grant C. Rogers, above. (Jesten-Miller studio picture)

Boots and Spurs

By THELMA YOUNGQUIST

Last week we ran an item about the Monday night call drills being rather small in number to ride. This past Monday night saw many more riders and spectators out. Of course, it being monthly meeting night brought out some of the members and added all together we had a large crowd. Show plans were discussed and most all arrangements settled for the event. Also at the meeting it was disclosed that some person or persons are destroying the signs that have been posted in the barn and on the grounds and it was decided that rather drastic action must be taken by the club to punish those persons found guilty of mutilating or destroying these signs. These signs are posted for the information of the club members and according to our agreement with the fair board, so if at any time you find someone mutilating these signs please report it to a board member.

Seven persons were voted into the club: Joyce Cates, Elmer Hampton, Melody Ann Cates, Everett Struckmeier, Marjorie Ann Kaiser, Jim Tate and Nick Salovich. They are a nice group of new riders and we hope that they will enjoy their membership.

As hard as your reporter tries there are occasions when we just

plain forget to insert a news item and this was the case last week, when we forgot to tell about the colts born at the Cecil Moller stables. Two of the mares at the ranch had colts on the same night — the Arabian mare and the quarter-horse mare. We are sorry to report that the quarter-horse colt died the next day but the Arabian colt is as frisky as can be, in fact too frisky, because they find that he can jump fences already.

There is another new colt at the Glen Conklin barn, too, born last week. The Conklins are acquiring quite a herd of Shetlands and Glen leaves next week for the East to buy another one.

Rex and Esther Hartley and Mattie Mathias are expecting to have a busy time in May when new colts are due. These will be quarter horse colts and we all know what fine horses they have at their ranch.

The show committee met at the Clayton Steink home this week, with Beth and Clayton as hosts. All committee chairmen report that their departments are all ready to go on the show and the ticket sales are going strong. All plans are completed for the Queen's Ball to be April 27. At this dance the queen's identity

Tax Chairman Barton Gets More Mail Than Any Solon

By GORMAN HOGAN
Rep. Clarence Barton, Coquille Democrat, gets more mail than anybody else in the Oregon House of Representatives.

That's because he's chairman of the House Tax Committee, which has the responsibility of coming up with the program for raising the money to operate the state for the next two years.

Everybody agrees that Barton's job has been a big one, but he doesn't get too much sympathy. While he didn't ask to be committee chairman, he did request appointment to the Tax Committee, so they figure he's getting what he asked for.

Gets It from Both Ends

His mail comes from those who want the state to spend less money so they can get some tax relief and from those who want the state to spend more money, mostly for school support.

One correspondent asked that her income be exempt from taxation because she was confronted with a "shortage of money," something Barton says seems to be afflicting a lot of other people.

Another wanted his federal pension declared exempt while a third asked Barton to help figure out her income tax.

A rural telephone company asked for a shift from property taxation to gross income. Employer groups writing to the chairman generally "just want the taxes kept down."

"Trouble is," he says, "most everybody wants the state government run at someone else's expense."

What Is Fair?

The solution, of course, Barton points out, is to arrive at a fair and equitable program that will pay the bill.

"The difficulty there," the chairman adds, "is that everyone has a different definition of fair and equitable."

The tax program drawn by the committee is being shaped to finance a 265-million dollar budget "give or take a few millions," Barton says.

A title insurance business owner in Coquille, where he was born and has lived all his life, Barton became interested in taxation as a member of the city council and through his business associations.

He saw some things he didn't

like in the Oregon tax structure, so he decided to seek a seat in the Legislature to try to do something about it. That's why he wound up on the Tax Committee.

"I don't feel that the timber industry was paying its fair share of the tax load, in my county, at least," he says. "For another thing, studies showed that vast amounts of personal property were going untaxed. These things, he believes will be corrected by the Legislature."

Holed Up in Libraries

After being elected, the 46-year-old University of Oregon and Willamette Law School graduate, took time off to hole up in libraries to study tax programs.

His Tax Committee has encouraged full and sometimes lengthy hearings on the tax situation.

"I don't think star chamber sessions are right," he says. "Public hearings may take longer but I believe they are good public relations and those who have to pay the taxes have the right to approve or object."

Besides, Barton says, the public hearings also served to help educate inexperienced committee members in taxation problems.

Though a novice himself, his wife is a veteran of legislative sessions. She was here four years ago as correspondent for the Coos Bay Times. Two years ago, she served as secretary to Rep. Richard Chapman of Coos County, now a member of the Senate.

"She knows her way around better than I do and her advice is invaluable," he says.

Barton hasn't decided whether he will seek another legislative term. But chances are he will.

"I'm sure I could be more valuable in a second term," he says.

Railroads above Anchorage, Alaska have problems. The trains clear the tracks of snow, but moose and other wild animals take over in the belief that the tracks have been cleared strictly for their comfort. Some casualties to trains, some to moose.

Third A-Sub to Be Launched in Groton May 16

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy's third atomic-powered submarine, Skate, will be launched May 16 at Groton, Conn.

The announcement followed by one day the sailing of the first atomic submarine, Nautilus, for sea trials on her second nuclear fueling. The Nautilus cruised more than 50,000 miles, more than half of that distance submerged, on her initial charge.

The Nautilus returned to Groton in early March to have the first nuclear core in its atomic furnace removed and a refill inserted.

The Seawolf, which has a different type of heat transfer system from the Nautilus, recently joined the fleet. The Seawolf will be operated at somewhat less than full power while the Navy continues its studies of the liquid sodium heat transfer mechanisms to see whether difficulties have been overcome.

The Navy said the Skate is a little smaller than the Nautilus and Seawolf because of improvements in nuclear power plants, since the first two atomic submarines were designed. Both the Nautilus and Seawolf have two emergency diesel power plants whereas the Skate has only one.

Army Digs Up Junk, No Bomb From Big Hole

SAN GABRIEL, Calif. (AP)—One fact emerged today amid the debris and confusion at the Oscar Murphy home: there is a 15-foot hole in the back yard.

That's about all that is certain after two days of strenuous digging activity by Army Ordnance crews.

The Army, without ever quite knowing what it was looking for, yesterday called off the search that began Tuesday when the Murphy's 10-year-old son Pat found a strange hole two feet deep behind the house.

Shortly before the hole was discovered residents of suburban San Gabriel and surrounding communities had been jarred by a deafening blast, apparently caused by a jet plane breaking the sonic barrier.

While Air Force intelligence officers maintained a knowing, tight-lipped silence, Army demolition experts ripped up the Murphy's patio and clothes line poles.

When the two-foot hole had become a pit 7-by-7-by-15 feet and only a broken baby carriage had been unearthed, the digging was halted.

"If there's anything down here, it won't hurt anything if it does explode," said one officer.

The hole is being filled in today. The patio and the clothes line poles are being restored.

Kashmir Talks End

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—U.N. Security Council envoy Gunnar V. Jarring held final talks today with Premier Hussey Suhrawardy in his effort to find a solution to the nine-year Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan.

COSTS KEEP RISING Nickel Newspaper Is On the Way Out

By JAMES DEVLIN
NEW YORK (AP)—When you step up to the newsstands these days, you find that fewer and fewer newspapers can be bought for a nickel.

The rise in the cost of everything that goes into making a newspaper — newsprint, labor, materials and services — has forced almost 100 of them to increase their price to 6, 7 or 10 cents in the past year.

In all, 381 of the 1,778 English-language dailies in the United States now are charging those prices.

Still charging a nickel in the face of soaring costs are 1,328 newspapers, or 268 less than in 1951. Only 25 still charge less than 5 cents.

Five New York City newspapers increased their prices in the past month.

All three afternoon newspapers — the World Telegram and Sun, the Journal-American and the Post — went from 5 cents to 10 cents. The morning tabloids — the Daily News and the Daily Mirror — increased from 4 cents to 5 cents.

Publisher Seymour Berkson, in announcing the Journal-American increase, said:

"Our annual cost for newsprint and wages alone is 14 million dollars a year more today than it was in 1943 (when the newspaper last increased its price)."

"With the new increase to \$14 a ton just put into effect on March 1, our bill for newsprint — the paper we print on — has increased 236 per cent in the same period."

Here is how newsprint prices have increased:

The price per ton, delivered in New York, was \$100 in 1949, \$105 in 1950, \$116 in 1951, \$126 in 1952,

\$130 last year, and \$134 this year. And it may go higher.

Sir Eric Bowater, chairman of the Bowater Paper Corp., one of the world's largest manufacturers of newsprint, said last week another price increase was inevitable.

He said the latest \$4 increase "should have been \$8 a ton" and that another boost "will have to come eventually."

The American Newspaper Publishers Assn. reported that average wages of newspaper employees increased from 20 to 27 per cent from 1950 through 1956.

It said the average hourly pay of printers rose from \$2.10 to \$2.62, or 25 per cent, in the six-year period. The ANPA also reported these wage increases: pressmen, 33 per cent; stereotypers, 23 per cent; photo engravers, 20 per cent; and mailers, 25 per cent.

An ANPA study of the top 20 cities in which newspapers have contracts with editorial workers showed that their average top minimums increased from \$95.87 a week in 1950 to a top minimum of \$121.48 in 1956, for a 27 per cent increase.

WEST STAYTON (Special) — A surprise birthday party was given for Mrs. W. E. Read at her home Sunday, honoring Mrs. Read.

Present for the meeting were Mrs. Zepha Downer, Mrs. Merle Hudson, Mrs. Mary Hudson, Mrs. Edna Grimes, Mrs. Alice Albin, Mrs. Violet Whitley, Mrs. Pauline Belen, Mrs. W. Russell, Mrs. Dorothy Nye, Mrs. Read, and Mrs. Ernest Lafkey.

Marilyn Feuds With Partner

NEW YORK (AP)—Marilyn Monroe and Milton H. Greene, the photographer who became vice president of Marilyn Monroe Productions, Inc., are feuding.

In a statement yesterday, Miss Monroe accused Greene of mismanaging the company, of which she is the sole asset. The actress disclosed the rift in answer to Greene's announcement that he had retained counsel to represent him in a disagreement with her over the terms of her contract with him.

Miss Monroe and Greene teamed up two years ago after she left 20th Century-Fox. Greene claims he has a seven-year contract as vice president and is entitled to receive 49.6 per cent of Miss Monroe's earnings.

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