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SOLDIERS TO BE GUESTS

Estacada Park To See Series Of Picnics During Coming Month

Estacada Park will continue to be the scene of unusual picnicing festivities for the balance of the summer, according to the report of the traffic department of the railway company.

Last Sunday was a gala day at this popular resort, when the employes of the Albina Engine Works of Portland, with wives, families and sweethearts spent the day here.

On Sunday the 4th of August, the park will be given a rest, as no excursion is scheduled for that day, but on the following Sunday, the 11th, the Coast Ship Building Company of Portland will hold its annual outing, with several thousand picnicers being arranged for.

The climax of the season will occur on Sunday. August 18th, when the Knights of Columbus, through their War Work Committee, will entertain five hundred soldier boys here. The K. of C. will act as hosts and an extensive program has been arranged to assure the soldiers having a good time, including free dancing all day.

As no soldier can have a good time without his or somebody else's sweetheart, plenty of girls will be on hand to aid in the entertainment and dancing, and an invitation is extended to the young folks of this community to join in the festivities and help in showing our soldier boys a good time.

Sheriff Rounds Up Strayed Picnicers

A pair of rather tough kids from Portland, who had spent the day at Estacada Park Sunday at the Albina Engine Works' picnic apparently had such a good time and were so favorably impressed with this locality, that they decided to remain indefinitely.

On Monday morning a message was received from the sheriff's office, asking as to the whereabouts of the pair, who were later on rounded up and headed towards home on the Monday afternoon train. The boys, who were typical "tough guys", had spent the night in the park and didn't seem to welcome the assistance of the authorities in getting them to their homes.

Nation Calls For Volunteer Nurses

The government is now issuing a call for women between the ages of 19 and 35 years for training and service in connection with the U. S. hospital units.

Oregon's quota is 310 and while applicants are preferred who have had high school or college education, this is not required.

All volunteers will be listed in a reserve corps to be subject to call on or before April next, in the meantime being given thorough instruction in the U.S. nurses' training courses.

Applicants from this locality are requested to obtain application blanks and detailed information at the Estacada library on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon of next week, between 2 and 5 o'clock, or may obtain same from Miss Minnie Schrepel of Estacada, who is in charge of the work in this district.

Two Local Boys Rejected By Board

Burt Moore of Estacada and Albert Hoygaard of Faraday, who last week reported at Camp Lewis with the last draft contingent, have been rejected by the army physical examining board.

This refusal of the army to accept these young men was a surprise to the rejected ones and their friends. Mr. Moore returned home early this week and will continue his work with the P. R. L. & P. Co., while Mr. Hoygaard is temporarily remaining at Tacoma.

Library To Be Closed Temporarily

By a vote of the Civic Improvement Club at its special meeting Tuesday afternoon, it was decided to close the Estacada public library from August 1st until October 1st.

The ladies of the C. I. C., who have for years past been supporting this philanthropy, feel that outside aid should be forth coming, believing their efforts at this time should be directed along lines pertaining more directly to the war needs.

As a public library is an essential matter, especially among the students, it is hoped some arrangement may later be made by the school board or the city authorities to keep the institution open, after the schools begin.

Body Of Engineer Found Saturday

The remains of engineer Wm. Murray, who was killed in the collapse of the River Mill bridge three weeks ago, was recovered Saturday noon, when in the raising of one of the locomotives the body which had been pinned under the wreckage, came to the top.

The body which was badly bloated was immediately placed in an undertaker's box and taken to a Portland undertaking parlor, from which place funeral services were held Sunday.

The two sons of the deceased, Harry and Lawrence were present at time of the recovery, the former having conducted a search since the accident, the latter, who is enlisted in the navy, having returned on furlough from Philadelphia a few days before.

Local Slacker Caught By Authorities

Wm. J. Black, whose address appears as Estacada R. F. D. and who lives in the Dodge or Elwood country, is the first young man from this community to come under the heading of a slacker.

Black, who is little known in Estacada, claims to be a conscientious objector, which in this case seems to mean the owner of a "yellow streak." Black was subject to the draft of last week and failed to respond to the call.

The authorities nabbed him a few days later, prior to his departure for parts unknown. He was at once taken to Vancouver, where he is in jail and where he probably stay.

It will be recalled that Black was the young man, who in his questionnaire stated that "War is unconstitutional" and gave as a reason why he should be exempted the term, "I am morally unfit."

C. I. C. President

Resigns Office

At a special meeting of the Estacada Civic Improvement Club held Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. R. M. Standish presented her resignation as president of the organization, which was duly accepted. Her resignation at this time was necessary owing to the probability of her removal from Estacada within the next few weeks. Until a regular meeting is held no successor will be elected.

CHEESE FACTORY CLOSES

Shortage Of Dairy Foods And Lack Of Co-operation Responsible

On Friday, July 26th, the plant of the Estacada Co-operative Cheese Association formally suspended operation, with all milk routes discontinued and cheesemaker Garrison released.

This action was found necessary by the directors, after a futile effort to continue the industry in the face of a steadily decreasing amount of milk and the lack of finances due from stock subscribed but not paid for.

The Estacada Association began operations in July 1917, with the plant at that time handling about 4,000 pounds of milk per day and with a capacity of about a thousand pounds more. Despite the efforts of the directors and a few loyal stockholders, this volume of milk has more or less steadily decreased, until on the day of closing, but 900 pounds was received.

Two fundamental reasons can be assigned for this failure of the home industry. First, the shortage of dairy feeds raised in this locality during the past dry season and the high prices of imported substitutes. Second, an unwillingness on the part of some of the stockholders and patrons to loyally stand by the industry at a time when the support was most needed.

The product of the local plant had already gained an enviable reputation on the Portland market, the Estacada cheeses commanding within a fraction of a cent the prices offered for the famous Tillamook brands and with the demand steadily growing.

It is to be hoped this suspension of operations will be but a temporary matter and even if the industry is not opened again as a co-operative one, it is more than likely it will later be taken over by private interests and conducted along more business-like lines.

Est cada's Streets Being Regraded

Under the supervision of City Marshal John Lovelace and with the aid of ex-marshal John Page, the streets of Estacada are being re-graded. This is a much needimprovement and a good job is being done, with the Howell tractor used for motive power.