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Royal Neighbors' Record

A survey made by Royal Neighbors of America from its supreme office in Rock Island, Ill., shows that camps of the fraternal benefit society provided fraternal aid and carried on charitable work valued at \$193,614.51 in 1932, 1933 and 1934, according to a report received by Mrs. Mae Waggoner, recorder of Laurel Camp No. 2972, of Coquille.

The survey also reveals the camps did thousands and thousands of dollars worth of good with activities and instances of helpfulness on which no monetary value was placed. In addition there were numerous cases of fraternal service and benevolent work that could not be valued in dollars and cents.

Camps located in 40 states participated in the survey, their reports showing members and non-members shared in the humanitarian efforts.

The survey was in charge of Miss Erna M. Barthel, of Rock Island, Ill., Supreme R. N. A. Recorder, who commented as follows: This com-

mendable record stands as a tribute to the membership of the society. It reflects the fraternal spirit that prevails among our members and should be a source of great pride to all Royal Neighbors. In the 41-year history of Royal Neighbors of America the society and its camps have provided fraternal aid in times of adversity, accident, illness and public disasters amounting to more than a million dollars. Besides the camps, the fraternal aid agencies of the society are the fraternal fund and the Royal Neighbor home, located near Davenport, Iowa.

Townsend Club Meeting

A. M. Williams, of Eugene, accredited speaker for the Townsend movement, gave a very fine address at the Tuesday night meeting.

Mr. Williams stated that there was no cause for alarm at the congressional investigation of the Townsend plan, referring to the fact that some congressmen who do not favor the movement were opposed to such an investigation, on ground that the P. O. department had just recently conducted an investigation of the Townsends and found nothing out of the way.

He also warned members that many of the press reports are but enemy propaganda and that only reports from accredited speakers or that of the official press of the Townsend Plan should be regarded authentic.

Lans Leneve, president of the Fairview club, was present and gave a short but snappy talk. He invited the Coquille members to Fairview next Saturday night, at which time the Fairview club is to have a program and put on a play, "Pay Day." This play has been put on several times around the community and Lans says it is "good."

The Word "Bachelor"

The word "Bachelor" is from old French bachelier, which is from a late Latin word baccalaris. This may be merely a translation of the French word or it may be allied to baccalaris, a late Latin adjective applied to farm laborers, the history of which is very doubtful.

OUT-OF-DOORS STUFF

By Lans Leneve

My dad just drove away from the ranch after a pleasant visit with us. Fresh in my mind are the things that we discussed only a few minutes ago, as we sat about the fire and watched the rain splashing down. The discussion concerned ducks. Both of us have hunted ducks ever since we were able to lug a gun about the marshes. Hunted when there were thousands upon thousands of ducks where there is only one today. I have stood by my dad's side when a small lad and we have watched together thousands upon thousands, upon thousands of ducks in flight. And these birds could be viewed from my dad's front porch at his home in Coquille. I have seen the ducks swoop in and light in a pond that is now a street of Coquille. I have listened to the roar of feeding ducks that sounded like a giant waterfall and heard the roar of whistling wings that sounded like the roar of the motors of a squadron of airplanes. I have observed raft after raft—literally thousands upon thousands of ducks—floating upon the moonlit waters of ponds within gunshot of Coquille. And, sad to relate, I have watched, even as has my dad, the gradual decrease in all species of ducks, down through the years, until at the present time it is really pitiful to have to make a comparison between the depleted flocks of today and the vast armies of winging birds that used to fill the air-lanes and the willow-covered marshes.

Today, the ducks are really making their last stand, some species totally blotted out and others cut to a pitiful number that means their total extinction within a few short seasons—perhaps next season, if shooting conditions prove favorable.

It is impossible to save the ducks, to put them on the increase by cutting the season. There is only one way in which it may be accomplished and that is by completely closing the season. This and this alone is all that will save many species of the fast-vanishing birds from total extinction.

Not only here in the west are the birds showing up scarcer each year, but throughout the United States, as well.

At a recent meeting of game officials back east, the point was brought up concerning canvasback ducks becoming scarcer each season. One of the officials present stated that upon the Potomac river, ten years ago there were hundreds of thousands of these ducks; that one flock had been estimated to contain 150,000. At the present time, during any season, or any part of the year, not a canvasback can be seen there. None have been sighted for over two years. It means but one thing, the birds have been killed, for it was their natural feeding ground and if living, they would return, or some of them at least.

And that's what my dad and I discussed—the shortage of different species. Canvasbacks are far scarcer than they were two years ago. The red-head that once was here by the thousands, is seldom encountered any more. The widgeon, or bally, which used to be the most numerous duck in evidence has almost entirely disappeared. And that old king of ducks—the mallard—is sadly lacking in numbers and becoming scarcer each season. The butterball, which once was here by the tens of thousands has almost completely disappeared. have glimpsed only three pair of them during the past six years. At one time the geese filled the air-lanes for days and days at a time, honking from dawn to dawn—migrating by the millions. And now a half a dozen flocks a year are seldom glimpsed.

There is no use to kid yourselves that baiting of ponds has been abolished under the new law. S. D. Platford, chairman of the Joint Conservation Committee of Southern California, who is a bird bander and is constantly in the field, makes the statement that every commercial and private duck pond in California was baited last winter and he gleaned the fact from personal observation. Why? Why should commercial and private millionaire clubs be allowed to bait their ponds when it is against the federal law to do so?

Just let a poor hunter get himself a nice little duck pond and throw a few handfuls of corn into it to entice in a few ducks and he would be up before the court so quickly it would make your head swim. But in direct defiance to the federal law, a bunch of millionaire sportsmen (?) bait their ponds and slay ducks by the millions. These same millionaires will spend money by the car load to have the season remain open. The big munition factories which reap a golden harvest from sportsmen each season, fight the closing of the season. The gun manufacturers fight any measure toward closing the season and the head of the Biological Survey, in whose hands lies the destiny of all American waterfowl, kowtows to the millionaire class, the munition companies and the arms companies and leaves the season open—shortens it several days and forbids

baiting and the use of live decoys. Of course, live decoys couldn't be used—that would be too obvious altogether—but more bait is thrown and sown. And just what does the shortening of the season really mean to such violators? It means that they will kill just twice as many ducks over a shorter period of days. And moreover, the law does not state that wild rice, one of the ducks' favorite foods, cannot be planted in a duck pond. Thousands of gun clubs have taken advantage of this fact. There is a demonstration of it to be seen in our own county, on the lakes above Coos Bay, where well-to-do club members have planted wild rice to lure the ducks in.

Again I say, there is only one way to prevent the total extinction of our water fowl and that is an enforced closed season covering a period of at least two years—three would be better. It would bring the birds back in large numbers. It would give them somewhat equal distribution throughout the United States and not allow them to collect upon rich gun-club ponds to be slaughtered by the idle rich and the poor man not getting a look in as he is doing today. A closed season—a jail sentence for one year for shooting ducks during the closed period would give the birds ample protection, for the millionaire gun-clubber would hesitate about shooting a bird when he knew that he was subject to a term in jail—and that's about the only thing that would stop him from doing so.

Wood ducks and teal are two other species that are fast decreasing in numbers. When you come right down to it, sprigs or pin-tails have held their own better than any other species. They are the most numerous duck upon our marshes today and yet, their numbers are pitifully small compared to past years and each season sees their ranks more depleted. I have dwelt at length upon the duck situation, but it is something that every true sportsman should be vastly and deeply interested in, for the handwriting can be seen very plainly upon the wall—the ducks are doomed!—unless something can be done about promoting a closed season for the poor harassed birds.

Mayor's Proclamation for Good Friday Closing

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en Heart," sermonette, "I Thirst," Rev. G. A. Gray.

2:00 to 2:30: vocal duet; sermonette, "It is Finished," and "Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit," Earl F. Downing.

2:30 to 3:00: communion service.

The hours of twelve to three, while Christ was on the cross according to the Scriptures, were hours of darkness. Friday is the day that most Bible students believe to be the day of the crucifixion. Hence the service is being held on Friday from twelve to three in commemoration of His passion on the cross. All people in this area during the time of the service are urged to come.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, it is in keeping with the best Christian tradition, and is customary among Christian people, to dedicate a certain period to the commemoration of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, a three-hour service commemorating the period of darkness which accompanied the death of Christ on the cross is being planned by the Ministerial Association and the churches of our city for the corresponding time on Good Friday, April the tenth, the service to be held in the Pioneer Methodist Church between the hours of noon and three o'clock; and

Whereas, a majority of the business houses of the city are willing to close their doors during this three-hour period to permit themselves, their employees, and to encourage their customers, to attend this special service;

Now Therefore, I, J. Arthur Berg, Mayor of the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, by and through the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim and declare the period between the hours of noon and three o'clock on Good Friday, April 10th, 1936, to be set aside as a period of worship, and do hereby urge the citizens of our community to avail themselves of the opportunity of participating in this service in commemoration of the passion of our Lord.

J. Arthur Berg, Mayor.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION UPON QUESTION OF INCREASING TAX LEVY OVER AMOUNT LIMITED BY SECTION 11, ARTICLE XI, STATE CONSTITUTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in School District No. 8 of Coos County, State of Oregon, at the High School Building in said school district, for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said district the question of increasing the tax levy for the year 1936 over the amount limited by section 11, articles XI, of the Constitution of Oregon.

The reasons for increasing such levy are: to provide sufficient funds for operating the schools.

The amount of tax in excess of the 6 per cent limitation to be levied for said year is \$5361.84.

Dated this 23 day of March, 1936.

Keith Leslie, District Clerk
Leona G. Bryant, Chairman Board of Directors

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 8, of Coos County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of the said district will be held at the High School Building on the 20th day of April, 1936, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal year, beginning June 16, 1936, and ending June 21, 1937, hereinafter set forth, and to vote on the proposition of levying a district tax.

BUDGET	
Estimated Receipts	
1. Balance on hand at the beginning of the fiscal school year (third Monday in June) for which this budget is made	None
2. To be received from the County School Fund	6,000.00
3. To be received from the Elementary School Fund	3,500.00
4. To be received from the State Irreducible School Fund	900.00
5. To be received for Vocational Education (State and Federal Funds)	930.00
6. To be received from the Non-High School District for: Tuition	\$3,500.00
9. To be received from other sources	670.00
10. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (Item 1 to 9, Inc.)	\$15,500.00

Estimated Expenditures	
Elementary	High School
I. GENERAL CONTROL	
1. Personal service:	
(1) Superintendent	\$ 1,350.00
(2) Clerk	200.00
(3) Stenographers and other office assistants	100.00
(4) Compulsory education and census	25.00
2. Supplies	25.00
3. Elections and publicity	37.50
4. Legal service, (clerk's bond, audit, etc.)	12.50
6. Total Expense of General Control	\$ 3,540.00

II. INSTRUCTION—Supervision	
1. Personal service:	
(2) Principals	\$ 2,840.00
5. Total Expense, Supervision	\$ 4,800.00

III. INSTRUCTION—Teaching	
1. Personal service:	
(1) Teachers	\$14,516.00
(4) Teaching Crippled Children	200.00
2. Supplies (chalk, paper, etc.)	200.00
3. Textbooks	15.00
4. Free Texts	300.00
5. Other expense of teaching	10.00
6. Total Expense of Teaching	\$27,394.00

IV. OPERATION OF PLANT	
1. Personal service:	
(1) Janitors and other employees	\$ 1,815.00
2. Janitors' supplies	300.00
3. Fuel	350.00
4. Light, power and phones	175.00
5. Water	100.00
8. Total Expense of Operation	\$4,975.00

V. MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	
1. Repair and replacements of furniture and equipment	
2. Repair and maintenance of buildings and grounds	\$ 150.00
4. Total Expense of Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 1,500.00

VI. AUXILIARY AGENCIES	
1. Library:	
(2) Library books	\$ 75.00
(3) Supplies, repairs, etc.	10.00
5. Total Expense of Auxiliary Agencies	\$ 295.00

VII. FIXED CHARGES	
1. Insurance	
3. Rent	\$ 140.00
5. Total Fixed Charges	\$ 600.00

VIII. CAPITAL OUTLAYS	
1. New furniture and equipment	
5. Assessments for betterments	\$ 50.00
7. Total Capital Outlays	\$ 935.72

IX. DEBT SERVICE	
1. Principal on bonds, include negotiable interest-bearing warrants issued under section 35-1104	
4. Interest on bonds	\$ 7,500.00
5. Interest on warrants	2,030.62
9. Total Debt Service	\$ 11,330.62

X. EMERGENCY	
Total estimated expenses for the year sum of items I-8, II-5, III-6, IV-8, V-4, VI-5, VII-5, VIII-7, IX-9, X	
Total estimated receipts, not including proposed tax	\$ 15,500.00

RECAPITULATION	
Balance, amount to be raised by district tax	\$41,720.34

Indebtedness	
1. Amount of bonded indebtedness (include all negotiable interest-bearing warrants issued under section 35-1104)	
2. Amount of warrant indebtedness on warrants issued and endorsed "not paid for want of funds"	\$46,500.00
3. Amount of other indebtedness	50,037.65
4. Total Indebtedness (sum of items 1, 2, 3)	\$98,387.76

Dated this March 23rd, 1936.
Signed: Keith Leslie, District Clerk
Approved by Budget Committee March 23rd, 1936.
Signed: W. E. Bosserman, Secretary, Budget Committee
Leona G. Bryant, Chairman, Board of Directors
Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Chairman, Budget Committee

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