

Russian Refugee To Speak Here



Outlining the horrors he endured as a missionary's son in Soviet Russia, which he describes as a living hell, Peter Varonaeff, 24-year old son of a Russian minister, will be here to describe these conditions. He will speak at Emmanuel Baptist church at 7:45 next Thursday evening, April 10.

He will tell of the misery and privation that he and his people have gone through in Soviet Russia. Mr. Varonaeff, is the son of a minister who emigrated from Russia in 1912, and took out his first papers, his first step toward becoming a citizen of the United States.

In 1922 the father returned to his native land to teach the Christian faith. In 1936 he was dragged from his bed by soviet officers and flung into prison, where he lay for 15 months. At the end of that period he was sentenced without trial to life imprisonment in a detention camp. A short time later Mr. Varonaeff's mother was taken from a sick bed and sentenced to solitary confinement in the far east camp in Siberia.

Mr. Varonaeff has given more than 300 lectures in various American cities. He will illustrate his talk with stereopticon slides smuggled from Russia by decreasing their size to

that of a postage stamp and concealing them between the layers of the shoe leather.

Teachers To Study Nature

Mrs. Olive Barber, Mrs. Hilda Reiher and Mrs. L. E. Brown will acquaint the teachers with Coos county natural life next Saturday, April 5. Under the sponsorship of the county intermediate and primary teachers' organizations, teachers will meet at the Boy Scout cabin in Mingus Park, Marshfield.

Mrs. Brown will take a group out for study of wild flowers, while Mrs. Barber will take others on a bird walk. Mrs. Reiher, the Audubon organizer for Coos county, will identify birds' nests which teachers may bring in and also will have on display Audubon material.

Some teachers are also planning on bringing in displays of wild flowers.

The meeting will begin at 9:30, with a potluck luncheon at noon. Besides the nature study there will be a short department for each division at which time two brief reports on the O. S. T. A. will be given by each division; also election of officers will be held.

Those to give reports for the Intermediate Teachers association are: Miss Margaret Maddox, Bandon; Verne Laswell, Powers, while Miss Lillian Farley and Miss Margaret Weaver, Bunker Hill, will report for the Association of Childhood Education (Primary Division).

The present officers for each organization are as follows: Association of Childhood Education (Primary): Miss Lillian Farley, Bandon, president; Miss Elsie Halliday Bunker Hill, vice-president; Miss Arelene Robertson, Myrtle Point, sec.-treas.

Intermediate Teachers association: Miss Maybelle Velde, Empire, president; Miss Lorene Gline, Charleston, vice-president; Mrs. Esther Jones, Powers, secretary-treasurer.

It might be added that another opportunity for study of nature was made possible by Donald Barber's recent visit to several schools. He is a student of wild life at the Oregon State College and spent a portion of his spring vacation in visiting schools in which he acquainted the teachers and students with ducks, hawks and owls. He carried with him stuffed birds for demonstration.

Much Interest In New Grange Building

Breaking all recent attendance records, Grange members flocked to the W. O. W. hall Friday night to hear Master Henry George report on the latest plans for the new Grange hall to be erected soon on the organization's Sanford Heights property. Though blue prints have not yet been made, the plans call for a large assembly room with stage, and a dining room large enough to seat 200 people. Grange Master George announced that the building committee is recommending that the new hall be constructed with a view to renting it to outside organizations, when it is not needed for Grange activities.

Mrs. George Stewart, who arranged the entertainment for the lecture hour, introduced members of the Riverton Woman's club, who repeated for the third time their comedy, "The Minister Gets a New Car." Mrs. Florence Hallock delighted the audience by singing several songs. She played her own accompaniments on a small harp. Mrs. Norris Kemp, of Riverton, accompanied by Mrs. Lester Clausen, played a cornet solo.

Refreshments were served by a committee headed by Mrs. O. K. Rakestraw. During the refreshment time, everyone joined in singing favorite songs. Mrs. Alex Mackey won the flour award and E. A. Wimer drew the Pig-in-Poke. Along with local grange members were delegations from the Westmost and Broad-bent Granges. Grange Master Fosse of Westmost and Luttrell, of Broad-bent, were among the visitors.

This was the second meeting since initiation of the effort to furnish special entertainment for each lecture hour. According to Ida Oerding, secretary, an interesting schedule of programs is promised for future meetings.

Real Estate Sales On The Increase

According to local realtors, there have been more real estate sales in Coquille during the past two weeks than in the preceding six months. Though most of the transactions have involved residential properties, a number of farms have also changed hands. Real estate prices are, according to realtors climbing rapidly. The hous-

ing situation is even more acute than previously. Both George Oerding and J. S. Barton state that there are no houses for rent a situation due entirely to the rapid growth of this community.

Proposed Chamber Commerce Budget

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce budget committee, consisting of C. M. Howard, R. F. Milne and J. D. Rankin, submitted the probable budget requirements for this year's chamber activities at the noon session in the hotel Tuesday.

The amounts pledged for this year total \$1411.75 from which was deducted a \$5.75 deficit from last year and a five per cent possible shrinkage, leaving an estimated revenue of \$1365.

The probable expenses for 1941 are set up as follows:
Coast Highway Ass'n., \$400.
Secretary salary \$300.
Office expenses, \$60.
Collection expense, \$80.
Christmas decoration expense, \$100.
Donations (Milk fund), \$50.
Entertainment at meetings, \$20.
Advertising, printing, \$100.
River improvement and boat house, \$150.
Emergency, \$100.
Total, \$1360.

Some inquiry was made as to the advisability of the Coquille chamber's contributing 30 per cent of its budget to the highway association although it was mentioned that such a donation eliminates personal solicitation for memberships in Coquille.

President Stewart stated that Arch B. Sanders, secretary-manager of the Coast Highway Association, would be present for the chamber session next Tuesday to tell just what the association did with its funds etc., and Mr. Stewart's suggestion, which was approved, was that formal adoption of the budget be postponed until after Mr. Sander's visit here next Tuesday.

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McKinley News

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard, Billy, Jimmy, Larry and baby, Ellen, of Rink Creek, were visitors of Mrs. Reuben Brown and Alice on Friday.

McKinley Grange, No. 582, met Saturday evening for a regular meeting. Mrs. Rosabel Brown acted Flora for Mrs. Dave Levison, Mrs. Guitner, of Fairview, substituted as lecturer for Mrs. Harry Mast and Ed Abernathy was overseer for Harry Mast. Mrs. Jack O'Sullivan was delegated to present the tableaux so Mrs. Ray Norris, of Fairview, substituted in her position as chaplain. Those taking part in the tableau work were Mrs. Ellis and Miss Nelda Norris, of Fairview, Mrs. Clarence Church, Mrs.

Lee Mast and Mrs. Reuben Brown. After the eleven candidates of McKinley and Fairview had been initiated into the third and fourth degrees, the recent past master, M. C. Miller, was presented with a very pretty past master's badge.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Reed, Norma Jean, James, Kaniel and Mrs. Mary E. Cram were Sunday dinner guests of the Reuben Browns.

An electric movie projector was demonstrated at the McKinley school house Monday evening. The school board also ordered one for the school.

The ladies of the Jolly Gardeners club were busy Monday and Tuesday decorating the community hall for the silver tea to be held Wednesday afternoon.

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