

Crowded Out Last Week

Mrs. Sim Darby was hostess to the K. I. N. club last week. After enjoying refreshments, pricicle rounded out the afternoon. Mrs. Holycross won first prize and Mrs. Joe Salsbury second. Present were Mesdames W. E. Buell, Pat Mullin, Ben Payne, Guy Mullin, Joe Salsbury, Don Richey, Mullin, Joe Salsbury, Don Holycross, Clarence McNair and the hostess, Mrs. Sim Darby.

Wednesday afternoon last week a pre-nuptial shower for Miss Hilma Leonard was given by Mrs. Ralph H. Christensen and Mrs. Neil Christensen at the former's home on the North Bank road. Spring flowers and greens made a gay setting for the mock wedding staged by Mrs. Jeffery as the bride, Mrs. Walstrom as groom, Miss Margarette Carlson bridesmaid, Mrs. Dodge ring bearer, Mrs. R. Ward minister, Mrs. Van Leuven father and Mrs. N. Christensen mother of the bride. Their ridiculous costuming and responses were decidedly mirth provoking and adding to the hilarity was a duet by Margarette Carlson and Beth Christensen. It was a parody on "Oh Promise Me."

After the many lovely gifts were opened by Miss Leonard and admired by all, the guests were seated at small tables for refreshments.

Present were: Miss Leonard, her mother, Mrs. J. H. Leonard, her grandmother Mrs. Nancy Daniel, cousin Mrs. Fred Vincent, Mrs. Dan Steinmetz and Mrs. Melvin Ward of Coquille; Mesdames Dora Hanly, Clay Garoutte and Alice, Henry Schwenn, Paris Ward, Ronald Ward, H. Berry, Maude Drane, W. Dodge, M. F. Jeffery and Dorothy, Almer Walstrom, Wm. Carlson and Margarette, Wilbur Williams, Willis Van Leuven, Sam McKinney and the hostesses from the North Bank road.

Riverton Entertainment Netted \$78

The program and dance at Riverton last Saturday night was a success in every way, netting \$78 which will go to buy food for hot lunches for the school children. A Red Cross booth set up to receive donations brought \$8.00.

Officers of the Woman's club are Mrs. Stanley Clausen president and Mrs. Adolph Moltu secretary and treasurer. Mrs. C. M. Hartwell directed the one act play put on by the women, entitled, "Thursday at Home." The patriotic pageant was one of the most beautiful things ever done at Riverton. This was written and directed by Marcella Rawe, primary and music instructor in the school. Several songs were contributed by the Parkersburg Women's club. There were accordion duets by Richard and Teddy Parrish and accordion numbers by J. J. Koch, Smith Hughes instructor.

The Coquille Grange has invited the women to repeat "Thursday at Home" next Friday night at their meeting, and also Mr. Koch with his accordion numbers.

State Officer Visits Royal Neighbors

The Royal Neighbors regular meeting was held Wednesday evening. Mae Logan, state superintendent, of Portland, was present and one guest, Anne Montgomery, of Marshfield. There was celebration of birthdays in January, February and March for Lydia Willey, Jane Torrey, Mae Waggoner, Myrtle Jones, Mildred Wardrip and Belle Belloni. Those on the refreshment committee were Agnes Schroeder, Hazel Sutton and Mae Waggoner. The next meeting will be on April 8th when five new members will be initiated. Members present were Mesdames Mae Waggoner, Jane Burch, Ida Sherrard, Agnes Schroeder, Myrtle Jones, Lydia Willey, Nellie Martindale, Jane Torrey, Mattie McGuffin, Veneta Batty, Hazel Sutton and Mildred Wardrip.

Cornerstone Class

Mrs. Ernest O'Dell entertained the Cornerstone class of the Church of Christ last Thursday. Mrs. O'Dell gave a talk on milk and milk products as a defense measure in nutrition problems, and served milk drinks and cookies for refreshments later. In the absence of Mrs. Clifford Kern, Mrs. O'Dell took her subject and discussed productive gardens. Members present were Mesdames Clinton Bash, George Chapman, V. E. Crim, W. A. Earls, Henry George, Walter George, Delbert James, Amzy Mintonye Elwyn Nosler, Ronald Russell, Alan Rhy, Earl Stewart, Elmer Winslow, Irwin Woodward and Mrs. O'Dell.

Celebrate Birthdays With Dinner

Mrs. J. Sweet of Sixes river, have birthdays on the same day. This year they had the pleasure of celebrating them together. Mrs. Laird entertained for the occasion with a birthday dinner. An inviting birthday cake was a feature of the dinner. Table decorations were arrangements of King Alfred daffodils and paper white narcissi. Bridge and Michigan were played

during the evening.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sweet, Sixes River; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore of Bandon; Mr. and Mrs. Jack St. Clair, Mr. and Mrs. Wasley Laird, Mrs. Jeanette Pierce, Miss Jean Laird.

Knitters Needed

Mrs. W. B. McLarrin, president of Bundles for America, asks that the word be given that they now have plenty of yarn on hand, and that knitters are needed. Requests are coming from the headquarters for knitted garments. Mrs. C. V. Smith has offered to help instruct in the directions and asks that any so desiring get in touch with her. Bundles for Britain hold forth in the Gardner building and are open Tuesday, Friday, Saturday from 1 to 5.

Spring Meeting of Federated Clubs

Coos County Federation of Women's clubs had their spring meeting March 17, at Bandon. Going from Coquille to attend were Mrs. O. C. Sanford, Mrs. D. B. Kesner, Mrs. Julius Ruble, Mrs. Stanley Ayres, Mrs. Wm. Mansell and Mrs. G. W. Tyrrell. Mrs. Sanford was on the program and gave a fine talk on her trip to Washington and the national convention.

There was a good talk by Ensign Earl T. Gibson, U. S. Navy and Irish songs by a young Irish soldier. A full and interesting program was given as well as a no host luncheon at noon, and at 3:30 a tea and reception with music by the Bandon club.

Tauk and So Club

Another one lost to Medford is Agne Hocamp for whom the Tauk and So Club gave a handkerchief shower last Thursday evening when they met at the home of Agnes Schroeder. Sewing and cards were the diversion and refreshments were served at the close of the evening. Members present were Mesdames Nellis Mulrindale, Lydia Willey, Bessie Mulder, Jane Burch, Anne Hocamp, Larkie Benham, Mae Waggoner, Myrtle Jones, Veneta Batty, Ida Sherrard, Ruby Johnson, Agnes Schroeder and Belle Belloni.

W. C. T. U. With Mrs. Richmond

The W. C. T. U. members met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jas. Richmond for their regular monthly meeting. An inspiring devotional program was led by Mrs. Zella Ireland, with a reading by Mrs. W. P. Laws, "Sower and the Seeds," a parable from the 12th Chapter of St. Mark as the scriptures lesson.

A number of articles on temperance were read.

Mrs. Schram spoke on the defense morale program for Coos county and urged members to give Easter and Mother's day cards to the soldiers stationed here for sending home. She told of the need for a radio or phonograph and chair cushions for boys stationed at Bandon.

Next months program "Spiritual Defense" will be at the home of Mrs. Skeels in charge of Mrs. Ellis. A vacancy in the flower and mission work caused through Mrs. Pearl Cardwell moving away, was filled by Mrs. Ross.

A resolution was adopted that we call upon all patriotic, economic, reform and Christian organizations to join with us for the immediate prohibition of the traffic in beverage alcohol in Oregon and in the nation for the duration of the war.

Reports were given on the convention in Myrtle Point by Mrs. Laws and Mrs. Richmond, and the next convention they said will be in Coquille. Luncheon was served by the hostess who was assisted by Mrs. Laws.

Present were Mesdames Alice Holverstott, Frank Schram, Fred Schaer, Dan Brown, Walter Oerding, Birdie Skeels, O. B. Harriman, W. P. Laws, Clarion Gormley, Noble Chowning, Esta Ellis, Louis Fugelson, Vern Bailey, Blanche Davis, Zella Ireland and Frank Leslie.

Rehearsals For April 14 Concert

Rehearsals and plans are going on in earnest for the fine concert on April 14 at the high school gym. The Business and Professional Women's club are sponsors of the orchestra which is directed by Muriel Dae. Among the interesting features of the evening will be songs by Mrs. Roy Barton and violin solos by Esther Jensen. These talented women have pleased Coquille audiences before and their appearance on April's program is being anticipated. Mrs. M. O. Hawkins has been said by visiting musicians that her work compares with Mrs. Katherine Hoffman who for years was Shumann-Heink's accompanist.

Organization in which everyone is interested and the program is being chosen for special appeal, familiar classics, which everyone loves. Coquille is fortunate in this musical asset, remarkable for a town of this size. No charge is going to be made, but a silver offering will be taken, proceeds to go for buying music for the orchestra.



By A. L. Lindbeck

Veteran observers of political events about the capitol are agreed that the crop of candidates developed in the primary campaign to date is one of the smallest in recent Oregon history. With more than 100 state offices to fill only 80 candidates had filed up to Saturday night. While many more will have volunteered their services before this appears in print the prospects are that there will still be many vacancies, especially for legislative seats, when filing time closes at 5:00 p. m. next Tuesday. Even if the customary last-day stampede is repeated this year it is hardly probable that the total of filings will approach that of 1940 when 417 men and women were entered in the race for state offices, or that of 1938 when 423 candidates filed.

So far only one candidate has filed for each of the three posts to be filled on the supreme bench. The same situation prevails with respect to the offices of attorney general, labor commissioner and superintendent of public instruction while in many of the legislative districts no candidate of either party had filed.

Secretary of State Snell has announced that the doors of his office will be closed to candidates promptly at 5:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, although any who are in the office at that time will be permitted to complete their filing and declarations sent in by mail and bearing a postmark prior to that hour will be accepted as meeting the requirements.

Oregon's bonded debt which hit a high of \$66,062,810 on January 1, 1928, will be down to \$29,648,235 on April 1. On that date State Treasurer Scott will pay off \$1,075,000 in high-way bonds and \$700,000 in Oregon veterans' state aid bonds.

It will no longer be possible to slip up on the elusive clam in the dark—that is not until the war ends. Governor Sprague, at the request of military authorities, has banned night clam digging or any other activity that involves the use of lights on the beach. Furthermore the sale and use of fireworks of all kinds have been banned in Oregon for the duration.

Prospects that Oregon may have to forego its annual state fair this year was seen when J. D. Mickle, director of the state department of agriculture, announced that the fair would not be able to operate if revenues from the dog races were cut off. The fair's share of these racing revenues last year amounted to \$30,000. Without this money Mickle said, it would not be possible to pay the premiums usually offered to exhibitors in the various departments.

In spite of the fact that deferment from military service is being granted to farm workers there is still a serious shortage of men for work on the farms due to heavy enlistments among farm boys and to the migration of hundreds of men from farms to the cities to take better paying jobs in defense industries, according to Colonel Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. While there appears to be plenty of common labor for farm work, Wooten said, the shortage is in men who are able to repair and operate farm machinery.

Scott also criticized justices who assess exorbitant costs on minor traffic law violators. Some of these, especially in Klamath county, he pointed out assess costs of \$8.00 in these cases even when the accused enters a plea of guilty, whereas, in his opinion costs in such cases should not exceed \$4.50.

These practices, Scott explained, were exposed by agents of his department due the state from this source.

Although he is the only member of the state board of control who is not a candidate for public office at this time—or perhaps it is because of this reason—State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott almost monopolized the publicity spotlight around the capitol this past week.

First the treasurer gained attention with a statement hitting at those who have been making so much ado over the so-called surplus in state income tax revenue. This surplus, if any, Scott pointed out "is very much exaggerated." "Just something for the voters," is the way he put it.

Technically, at least he is correct since the \$1,800,000 in excess collections that had accumulated as of last December disappeared when the tax commission earmarked this money for state needs in the current tax levy and until heavy tax payments of the past two weeks there was not enough money to the credit of the general

fund to meet state expenses for the current six month period let alone any surplus.

Scott again claimed the limelight when he cracked down on certain unnamed justices of the peace who, he charged, are making a racket out of traffic cases which come into their courts. These justices, the state treasurer explained, assess the offenders a fine and costs then remit the fine on condition that the cost is paid and pocket the costs as their fees, leaving the state and county, which are rightfully entitled to the fines, to hold the sack.

Some 5000 farmers whose operations are covered by the state industrial accident fund will welcome the news that their insurance premium rate is to be reduced from \$4.60 to \$4.00 per \$100 of payroll as the result of action taken by the Industrial Accident Commission this week. Contractors engaged in home construction were also granted a rate reduction from \$7.00 to \$4.00 per \$100 of payroll. The new reduced rates will become effective as of July 1, next.

Other states may have their "fifth" columnists but Oregon is to go these one better with an organization of "sixth" columnists. These will be the numerous volunteer groups, gun clubs and "guerillas" which have been organized to meet any attempted invasion by an enemy force. Governor Sprague has instructed Colonel Ralph P. Cowgill, commander of the state guard regiment, to regularize these groups by giving them a definite military status as reservists. In the event of capture their members would then be entitled to treatment as prisoners of war, the governor explained. Otherwise they would be subject to immediate execution.

With the training of civilian defense instructors in western Oregon practically complete instruction of similar groups in eastern Oregon counties will be started immediately, according to Jerrold Owen, state defense coordinator. The training program is under the direction of Jack Hayes.

Old papers 5c a bunch.

New License Plates Are Banned For the Duration

The War Production Board has banned the issuance of metallic license plates by state or other local governments except for small "date tabs" to be attached to plates already

in existence. Proviso is made for limited issuance of replacement plates and plates to new registrants. Date tabs of not more than four square inches may be issued to be attached next year to old plates, according to the present restrictions which became effective March 18.

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