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Drainage Work Is Now Assured

Good news came to Cave Junction Wednesday, when F. E. Thompson, area engineer of the WPA headquarters at Medford, and W. M. Bartlett, state planning engineer of WPA at Portland, came to Cave Junction and said they were ready to go ahead with the city's drainage system.

The project has been approved and put on the books for immediate construction and Mr. Bartlett on his way north will stop at Roseburg to see the state engineers and get some data that is needed from the highway department, and on his return to Portland will lay the project in the lap of the state WPA engineers, who in turn will forward the plans to the national engineers for ratification. This work is all routine and takes a little time but it won't be long until actual work starts.

The drainage system includes laying concrete pipe on the main highway in Cave Junction from near the Legion hall to the culvert near the Bert Watkins property. Ditches will be constructed on Junction avenue, two blocks east of the highway and on Caves highway, and the water will be drained to the culverts crossing the highway at the Legion hall and at the Bert Watkins property. After crossing the highway at the latter point, the ditch will be straightened out and made large enough to carry off the water.

The project is expected to begin in about two months and will give 15 or 20 men work for several weeks.

Rod & Gun Club Men Rescue Trout

A good job was done by two members of the Kerby Rod & Gun club with the assistance of two men and a truck from the Forest Service. They seined out Reeves creek and saved two G. I. cans full of trout ranging from two to nine inches in length. They were put in Sucker creek at Bridgeview.

More seining will be done to save the fish as soon as the water goes down.

Old Land Mark Coming Down for New Home

Harry Floyd has been tearing down the old saloon building in Holland and with the material salvaged is building a small house, above the Stewart house on the Althouse road. Herman Luethy, who is now living in the Keith Owen house near the market, will occupy the new house when completed.

The lot where the old saloon stood will be leveled and a modern Duplex is to be erected as soon as all debris is cleared away. Wm. Toms and Scott Turner have been doing the dismantling.

COMING EVENTS

Fridays—Every 2nd and 4th Friday, Kerby Girl Scouts meet at the Kerby Library.

Every Monday—Boy Scouts meet in Legion hall, Cave Junction. Ralph Huber, Scout Master.

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday services in all churches.

Tuesday, April 11—Home Economics club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ray Opplie at O'Brien. Pot luck lunch. Subject: "New use of old material."

Tuesday, April 18—Western Star Chapter, O. E. S., will hold a regular meeting with Glendale and Crescent City Star members as guests.

Wednesday, April 19—Homemakers day. Grants Pass, library auditorium, 10 a. m. Three instructors from O. S. C.

Tuesday, May 2—Civic club meets at the home of Mrs. Amy Hussey, Cave Junction.

Lew Hammer's Residence Burns



Through the courtesy of the Grants Pass Daily Courier, we print the burned home of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Hammer of Selma. Fire destroyed the residence last Sunday morning. Photo by Rea Calvert, Jr., Courier Engraving.

Last Sunday while on his way to Grants Pass, Dr. Wm. A. Brown noticed flames coming through the roof of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Hammer's home at Selma and called to the children playing in the yard to tell their father.

In less time than it takes to tell it, the house was all ablaze, and was completely destroyed, however, many on their way to church helped save most of the contents of the house. In a very short time there were nearly 100 people gathered to help.

Lew put his hose on the flames, but was not able to get it under control, and it gathered force until it was too late even for the Forest Service fire truck to do much good when it arrived. The shed of the house in the rear was the only part of the house saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammer have not definitely decided where they will rebuild, but a new home will go up in the near future for the family. Some insurance was carried but not enough to cover the loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammer want to thank all those who helped during the fire. Just merely saying thanks doesn't nearly express the warmth in their heart toward all those who, regardless of being in their Sunday clothes, did such fine work in helping.

Home Economics Meeting Held Last Tuesday

About 19 women met at the home of Mrs. Rae Opplie for their regular monthly meeting. Thought for the day was, "Be not discouraged because your work is not appreciated. God never tires of making flowers and sunsets although so few stop to admire them."

A jumbled word game was played to pep up the instructions to be given later in the day. A discussion and plans for homemakers vacation camp with information to be added from time to time. The potluck lunch at noon was all that could be desired.

Subject matter for the day followed the lunch. Rugs from old material wool or cotton, hooked, braided or crocheted, the material for foundations was advised to be of good quality. Several rugs were displayed. Miss Welch had several attractive rug designs and carbon paper for transferring playthings for small children.

Discussions on home made furniture, leaflets were handed out with information covering all the different subjects.

Time was taken to sing a few songs and the group plan to hold another meeting in the near future. All present found Mrs. Opplie a very gracious hostess. Mrs. E. J. Wilber was chairman of the afternoon.

Paul Newlands left today for Kansas City, Missouri, to visit his mother. He expects to also take in the New York fair before returning to Cave Junction.

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

Eddie Swantek of Chicago, who a few years ago was at the Oregon Caves CCC camp is renewing acquaintances at Kerby and vicinity.

Mrs. Wilda Fitts and two sons of Salem, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cooper. Mrs. Fitts is a teacher in the Salem schools and hopes to get a farm in this section where she and the boys wish to locate. She is very much pleased with this part of the state.

LeRoy and Dollie Branham and Ruth Watts spent the week end at Myrtle Creek visiting with LeRoy's and Dollie's mother.

Mrs. Ellena Barnett of Medford is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tyer. Mrs. Barnett is Mrs. Tyer's mother.

A special meeting at the I. O. O. F. hall in Kerby was held last Friday by the Rebekahs and Mrs. Florence O. Hallock was initiated. After the meeting refreshments were served.

Paul Fox, who has been a guest at the A. F. Lackey home for the past few weeks has returned to his home in San Juan Capistrano, California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark of Roseburg were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is their daughter. While here the Wilsons and Clarks motored over the old stage road to Patrick's camp. They found this a most interesting and beautiful trip but somewhat rough road.

Mrs. Helen Tuffs and son Billie of Portland stopped to call on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Floyd while passing through Kerby Saturday. They formerly lived at Kerby and had business interests here.

Mary Oakes McLean, a former teacher in Kerby schools, was renewing acquaintances in Kerby the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Adams spent Easter at their home in Kerby and attended to some business interests while here. They left Tuesday morning for their mine on Canyon creek, Hurley Wilson taking them as far as Tennessee Pass. A pack train will take in supplies this week for them.

Mrs. Millie Trefethen spent the week end with relatives at Tulelake, California.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pomeroy and daughter Nora Marie returned to their ranch Friday from Seattle, where Mr. Pomeroy is building a bridge across lake Washington.

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Graduation Topic Of Teachers

The Illinois Valley Teachers association held their April meeting Tuesday evening at the high school with most of the teachers present. Mrs. Lola Peterson presided, with play day and graduation being the topics of most interest during the business session. Play day is scheduled for April 28 all day if the weather is suitable.

The track events during the forenoon will be carried out on about the same schedule as the county play day events. County play day is being held a week later. As there is much interest in soft ball this year in this part of the county, some time was taken up for discussion concerning play-offs for this event. A May pole during the afternoon by the Kerby school with Miss Roberson directing, will also be an event of the local play day, also music or any stunts which the different schools may wish to put on. A game of soft ball will be played in the afternoon.

It was voted to allow the junior class of the high school to have a concession, and they expect to sell ice cream and pop.

Play day arrangements are in the hands of Alva Laws, Mrs. Lorna Byrne and Mrs. Myrtle Walton. Graduation of the grade schools pupils will be held Monday evening, May 15th at the high school gymnasium. Mrs. Martha Holland and Mrs. Marjorie Varner are in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Varner read an item of interest from the Portland Bulletin, a magazine put out by the Portland schools:

Friends of Mrs. E. L. Coovort, whose work in the music department of the Portland schools extended over a long period of years, will be glad to know that the children in the district in which she now resides in southern Oregon are benefitting by her energies and abilities. From a letter written to the editor of The Illinois Valley News we quote:

"We want to express our appreciation for the work Mrs. E. L. Coovort has done in connection with teaching the children of the various valley schools Christmas carols, and leading them in singing the carols all over the valley."

"The teachers of the schools cooperated wonderfully well and the whole idea is one that should be carried on each year. However, we surely do appreciate the services which Mrs. Coovort has rendered to the valley."

After adjournment Mrs. Susan Haines and Merle Farmer took charge of the entertainment. They had arranged a group of quotations from both English and American literature and the teachers, in two groups, were to guess the source and author. All did very well on the American literature but were weak on the English although Shakespeare seemed quite familiar.

After the contest two tables of pinocle were played with Mr. Farmer and Mrs. Varner winning high scores and Miss Roberson and Mr. Laws, low. Refreshments were served in the Home Economics room by Mrs. Myrtle Walton, Misses Ruby and Ila Higgenbottom and Miss Lois Speaker. Cleverly decorated tables and plates with delicious refreshments brought the evening to a close.

Little Tots Celebrate Joint Easter Birthdays

Ralph and LeRoy Stallcup entertained a number of their small friends last Easter Sunday at their joint birthday party. Games were played and refreshments served in the afternoon. The little guests were Barbetta Farlein, Ethel Elroy, Harry Kellert, Carol Anderson, Zenna, Ila and Byron Slack, Craig, Ralph and LeRoy Stallcup.

Mr. and Mrs. John Semple of O'Brien moved to their new home Monday at Rogue River.

Senior Class Gives Fine Performance

The Senior class of the high school presented their play, "The Ghost Chaser," last Thursday evening before a very appreciative audience. The play was well presented, with many clever lines, lots of laughs and a few frightened squeals came from the audience. Lighting and sound effects were excellent with Bob Schumacher in charge.

The stage with new walls and backs, is greatly improved since last year. None of the actions were lost because of lack of room or entrances.

The cast, feeling that many people who might wish to see the play and were unable to come because of other interests decided to represent the play last Monday evening. About \$30 was taken in at both presentations. This will pay costs and some will be left over for graduation expenses.

Musical numbers between acts were furnished by a girls quartet, Ruth Watts, Bernice Allen, Margaret Prentice and Wanda Burch with Miss Connell as accompanist. Louis Galleges also sang a vocal solo.

Coming Attractions at Cave City Theater

"ALWAYS IN TROUBLE"

Mischievous Jane Withers is in a jam again! Whether you take this to mean jam in the pantry or jam on the highway—it still spells triple trouble to filmdom's sixth most popular star. "Always in Trouble" is not only Jane's best film escapade, but also is by far her best picture title.

Always filled with good intentions, always trying to help folks out, always hoping to square things up, and always—Trouble, Trouble, Trouble. That's Jane to a "T." She thinks there isn't a scrape she can't get out of, and, darn it, there isn't!

With the above is another full length feature, "Born to the West," in which one of screen's greatest western characters, handsome John Wayne, rides to adventure and romance. The double bill is booked for Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16.

"FLIRTING WITH FATE"

"Flirting With Fate" brings Joe E. Brown and Leo Carrillo, two of filmdom's greatest characters together. No guess what the outcome of a picture of this type would be. These two stars could make a pretty good show if they just adlibbed their part, but "Flirting With Fate" is a tale worth exploiting. It's a rattling good show with a great cast. Comes Wednesday and Thursday, April 19 and 20.

Sherier Family Gather For Easter Dinner

G. C. Sherier entertained 29 members of his immediate family for an Easter dinner at the L. C. Sherier home on the old stage road to Takilma.

Those who were there included, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Earley and two children, Mrs. Edna Murdock and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sherier and three children, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dick and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Byrum Gray and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sherier.

H. H. Wardrip, county school superintendent accompanied by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, were in the valley today, (Thursday) looking over the school in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bottel of Sisquiy camp have Mr. Bottel's father and mother visiting them from Riverside, California. They also have as their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Bart Blesh from Hornbrook, California. Mr. Blesh is connected with the Inspection Service.