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Boy Scouts Hold Court Of Honor

In accordance with the 31st birthday of Scouting in America, Troop No. 28 of the Illinois Valley held a very successful Court of Honor and Parent's Night in the American Legion hall, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Among those present were Scout officials from Grants Pass. They were Dewey Probst, K. M. C. Neill and William Moyer.

The Court of Honor was opened with five Scouts receiving their second class badges. They were Byron Slack, Francis Badden, George Kellert, Richard McCrady and Eric Lindgren. Merit badges were next awarded to Otis Hussey, Jay Hays, Robert Lindgren and Harold James.

Having earned five merit badges each, Jay Hays and Harold James were awarded Star Scout rank by District Scout Chairman Probst. Attendance, Scoutmaster Ralph Huber to Jay Hays and Robert Lindgren. These medals were awarded not only for good attendance but for all around Scout advancement and living up to the Scout oath and law. Other Scouts who have qualified for attendance medals and will receive them, are Harold James, Earl James and Byron Slack.

Second year service stars were awarded to Bernie Grizzell and Luther Sherier by Assistant Scoutmaster Earl Grey.

Mr. Moyer, who was judge of the Court of Honor, closed the Court with a very fine talk on Scouting and its worth to the nation.

Next on the program were demonstrations of Troop drill, semaphore signaling, first aid, knot tying and fire by friction.

Mr. Probst then presented the New Troop Charter to Legion Commander Akerill, after which he presented Troop membership cards to Scoutmaster Huber, Assistant Scoutmaster Grey and Committeemen Knute Lindgren, Ashton Foerst, Harold Bowerman and Clyde Hays. L. E. (Ted) Athey gave a very fine talk to the Scouts that was enjoyed by all.

Movies in color of the Boy Scout camp located on "Lake O' the Woods" were shown by Scout Commissioner K. M. C. Neill. These movies showed the wonderful setting and facilities of this splendid Scout camp. Following the movies the parent's night was closed and all present then adjourned to the Auxiliary dining room where a huge, beautifully decorated birthday cake, made by Kiebel's bakery was cut and with coffee, chocolate, sandwiches and cake of all varieties were served by the ladies of the Legion Auxiliary.

A great deal of credit was given to the Scouts and much deserved praise to Scoutmaster Ralph Huber, Assistant Scoutmaster Earl Grey, and Committeemen Knute Lindgren, Ashton Foerst, Harold Bowerman and Clyde Hays for presenting such a fine Court of Honor.

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 15 — Valentine Dance, American Legion Hall.

Friday, February 21 — O'Brien Women's club at the home of Mrs. Frank Stiwalt.

Saturday, February 22 — Old Time Dance, Illinois Valley Grange, Bridgeview, Washington's Birthday.

Wednesday, February 22 — Washington's birthday.

Friday, February 28 — Illinois Valley Garden Club at the home of Mrs. Sam Bunch, Bridgeview.

Cave Junction Townsend Club No. 1, meets every Tuesday night in the Chamber of Commerce building.

ROMANTIC EPIC OF WEST REVIVES PLAINS DRAMA

In an epic story of America's Southwest, "Rangers of Fortune," which comes Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16 to the Cave City Theater, Paramount revives the drama of Texas frontier days, gives free rein to action, romance, adventure in the spectacular drama of three freebooting cowboys who forsake a carefree career of outlawry to use their guns and fists in a savage battle against injustice.

With Fred MacMurray, Patricia Morison, Albert Dekker, Gilbert Roland, Joseph Schildkraut and Dick Foran.

From the first episode, in which MacMurray and his two comrades, Dekker and Gilbert Roland, escape from a Mexican firing squad, to furious spectacular final sequences of a battle between the cowboys and land grabbers, the picture is action-studded throughout.

Story of "Rangers of Fortune" derives its interest from the fact that MacMurray and his pals comes to the aid of a beleaguered publisher and his granddaughter, when a land-grabbing gang threatens them with extinction. In the rolls of champions of law they still find plenty of opportunity for desperate exploits, furious fist and gun fights, and even for romance.

Patricia Morison, in the romantic lead, shares the feminine interest of the picture with thirteen-year-old Betty Brewer, widely hailed new film find. And, consistent with his character as an adventurer, MacMurray is portrayed as losing Miss Morison to Dick Foran in the final sequences, and returning to his first love, the Goddess of Fortune.

Advance information on the picture, indicates that Albert Dekker, who had the title role in Dr. Cyclops, delivers one of the most important supporting performances in the picture as a pugilistic cowboy who trades left-hooks with lead bullets, and wins. For Gilbert Roland, who plays a smiling, shooting Mexican, with an irresistible romantic appeal, "Rangers of Fortune" has been nominated as his new bid for screen stardom.

MERCHANTS AGREE TO CLOSE STORES

At the last meeting of the business men of the valley for the Credit Men's association, the subject was brought forth about having the local stores close at a stated hour. This was to apply to all stores except the drug store, in which is located the state liquor store and also the matter of obtaining drugs at a later hour was thought important.

The stores would all open at 8 a. m. in the morning and close at 6 p. m. in the evening, except Saturday night when they would remain open until 9 p. m.

It is reported by George Scott that the valley stores are 100 per cent for the closing hours and it seems possible that this rule will be put into effect in the near future. The citizens will have sufficient notice when the change takes place, so they can act accordingly.

GRANTS PASS SEEKS EMPIRE CONVENTION

Grants Pass bid for the Redwood Empire annual October convention to be held in the Climate City has been sent by the Chamber of Commerce to Clyde Edmondson, Redwood Empire gen. manager, Larry Manuel announced Wednesday.

C. H. Demaray, president of the Redwood Empire association, will attend a meeting of the association board of directors in Santa Rosa March 7, at which time he will see that the Grants Pass invitation is given consideration, Mr. Manuel added.—G. P. Courier.

Miss Gertrude Bloomingcamp, Miss Edda Burke, Mr. Robert Pape visited the new Riley twins and their mother, Mrs. Elton Riley, formerly Lucy Whitehead, Monday evening. Mother and babies are doing nicely.

Letter From Commis'ner Fredrickson

Mr. M. C. Athey
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Dear Mr. Athey:

After reading your editorial of your last issue, I would like to inform you about a mistake which was made by you, and also by the Courier in regard to salaries of employees of the county. For your information we have accomplished a saving of \$190 a month.

Now, Mr. Athey, for your convenience I am sending you a copy of the entire salaries of County road employees for the years 1940 and 1941, so that you may draw your own conclusions. And if you are at any time in doubt of salaries and purchases, if you will please inform me personally, I will be glad to give you necessary information.

Yours truly,
PETE FREDRICKSON,
County Commissioner.

Seven Boys From County In Draft

The first men selected from Josephine county under the present draft have been announced. Seven men were drawn from the registration list to add to four volunteers, making the county quota of 11 to leave here March 5.

The seven selected are William Edward Gammon, Galice; Walter Baird, Selma; Arthur Timothy Pittman, Grants Pass; Virgil Harris Canfield, Grants Pass; Glen Wells Roberts, Murphy; Chester Charles Scott, now of Klamath Falls, and Joseph Charles Randall, Grants Pass.

Twenty-five men have volunteered in the county for one year of military training, six already having been accepted. Of the remainder, only four have yet been accepted. Leaving March 5 with the others, they are Richard Theodore Swearingen, Williams Guy Walton Mooneyham, Hugo; Jack Gilbert Bertrand, Grants Pass, and Francis Adelbert Comstock, Grants Pass.

Three others have been named as enlisted for three years' regular service: Irvin Paul Patten, Murphy; James W. Hunt, Selma, and Carl Christian Westergaard, Cave Junction.—G. P. Bulletin.

Teachers' Association Of Valley Meet

The February meeting of the Illinois Valley Teacher's Association was held last Monday, February 10 at the Kerby high school.

Earl House, president of the Association, conducted the business meeting at which time many important subjects were discussed. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Present were Miss Ruby Higgenbotham, Miss Ila May Higgenbotham, Mrs. Myrtle Walton, Mrs. Harley H. Wilson, Mrs. Julia Williams, Mrs. Martha Holland, Mrs. Bessie Watts, Mrs. Lorna Byrne, Miss Mae Morrison, Mrs. Gertrude Gray, Ferd W. Jones, Earl House, Erle Osborn, Earl Gray and Ashton Foerst.

VALENTINE PARTY AT PETERSEN HOME

The home of Mrs. Lola Petersen in Kerby was the scene of a delightful gathering last Saturday evening when she entertained at several tables of bridge.

Following several enjoyable hours of cards candy valentine hearts were awarded as prizes to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Smith and John W. Smith. Refreshments were served later.

Earthquake Jolts Valley Sunday a. m.

Residents of the valley who were up or not asleep at 1:45 a. m. Sunday morning were treated to a rather new and unique experience for them, for at this hour there was a decided movement of the earth that we all call an earthquake. It lasted several seconds and was more pronounced in some parts of the valley than others.

In Cave Junction the buildings shook a little and beds were shaken as well as pictures and mirrors hanging on the walls, but at O'Brien it was considerably more pronounced, but no damage was indicated in the valley.

The shock was quite general all over the nation, as it was reported in New York and many other places felt the slight jar.

Seismologists operators described the shake as a very serious one and it lasted two hours. In some observatories, the needle was thrown from the instrument denoting a hard earthquake some place. It was reported to have been the most violent several thousand miles at sea.

Several people in the valley told of their experience and many of them did not know that it was really an earthquake until friends asked if they felt the earthquake, then the idea sank home that it really was something to write home about.

LEGIIONNAIRES WILL REGISTER VETERANS

The Glen Morrison Post 70 of the American Legion of this community will undertake to register all World War Veterans of the surrounding area. This is a summons for possible important service to God and Country whom we served in 1917-18.

The commander feels certain that every veteran will take this opportunity of perhaps doing another bit for their country. We are most all too old to be called for military service, but there are many home defense duties to be performed. "Urge every legionnaire and other World War veterans in this community to be present at our meeting Wednesday evening, February 19 and fill out one of the questionnaires."

There will be eats and a good entertainment in the Legion hall on that night, so come out Buddy and meet the gang. Milt Akerill, Commander.

VOLLEY BALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULED

The volley ball championship of the Illinois Valley will be at stake Friday evening, February 21, at the Kerby high gym, when Cave Junction and Kerby will battle one another for the honors. Each team won one series, Kerby winning in 1939 and Cave Junction in 1940. This game promises to really be entertaining, with both sides predicting victory.

Mornay Athey of Cave Junction has promised that there will be some all stars in the Junction line up, and W. J. McLean of Kerby states that the Kerby team will have some stars of their own.

To top the evening off, the Kerby High School basket ball team will take on the Kerby Alumni in what promises to be a hot contest. The Alumni promises to show the youngsters how it was done when they played, and Sh—, the high school team says, "What do those has-beens know about basket ball?"

This will probably be the last opportunity to see the high school team in action before they go to the tournament. The proceeds of this game will be turned over to the school to help finance the cost of the trip to the tournament.

Come out for an evening of fun and show the boys we are back of them 100 per cent. Admission, 20c young and old.

KERBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

(By Jeanne Villair)

Kerby played a close and exciting basketball game with Central Point last Tuesday night. The Kerby team was ahead at the half and it was anyone's game in the third quarter. Central Point gained a little on Kerby and held their lead, winning the game 27 to 23.

The second team played a good game but lost with a score of 18 to 12.

Jacksonville was a little too much for Kerby but Kerby's team put up a good fight and were gaining towards the last, the final score was 47 to 18.

The second team scored a victory over Jacksonville by defeating their second team 19 to 10.

The game that ends this year's basketball season will be played at Glendale on Thursday night. After the Glendale game, the team will devote its time to practicing for the Ashland Tournament.

Mr. Bowerman entertained the whole student body with moving pictures on forest conservation last Wednesday afternoon. The pictures were very educational, showing how fires could be prevented and the damage done by them. Other methods of forest conservation were shown too.

The National Defense Metal Working Class has been meeting regularly on week night at the Kerby High School. There are about fifteen boys attending this class and finding it most interesting.

AG MEN START POTATO SURVEY

A potato survey which the state department of agriculture is now conducting in the Portland retail channels will be the basis for gathering information which will be of benefit to growers, shippers, retailers and consumers, reports Frank McKennon, chief of the department's plant division.

Among factors which the survey will seek to determine are damage and deterioration in transit, types of containers, damage in retail stores, consumer preference as to size and other items.

Retail stores were chosen for the survey because here is best reflected the reaction of the housewife who buys bulk potatoes. Nearly 10,000 cars of potatoes are inspected and certified annually now by the federal-state shipping point service in Oregon.

Women's Club Of O'Brien To Meet

(By Ella Patrick)

O'Brien Women's club plans a 1 o'clock luncheon next Friday, February 21st and will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Stiwalt. This is also to celebrate the club's first birthday and election of officers will be held around the luncheon tables.

Mrs. Anna Stiwalt, president, has named Mrs. Marie Balzke, Mrs. Lela Cook and Mrs. Rae Ople to act on the nominating committee.

Although our beloved leader and founder of the club, Mrs. Dora T. Brown, will not be with us our thoughts will go to her across the ocean. The club has received many lovely and interesting letters from her and it is nice to know they are well and happy in their work.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Eva Hill were welcome visitors, also Mrs. Verlie Babcock who joined as a new member.

Miss Ruby Horsford gave a very interesting review of "Michael O'Halloran" written by the beloved authoress, Gene Stratton Porter. It was enjoyed by all.

Dainty refreshments were served by our hostess, Mrs. Elsie Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayman Smith had over the week-end visiting their two daughters who are attending school in Grants Pass. They resumed their school duties Monday afternoon.

Stockmen Hold Annual Meeting

(By Herb Watts)

The Illinois Valley Stock Association held their annual meeting in the I. O. O. F. hall at Kerby last Saturday evening, February 8th. The attendance was fair due to illness and conflicting dates. Several visitors and all members enjoyed the two sound films which were brought out by our county agent, O. K. Beals and assistant Chet Otis and shown on the Grants Pass high school projector, and of those and the operator Mr. McMurry we extend our sincere thanks.

In the first picture the stockmen should have felt at home upon hearing the bawling of cows and calves in the roundup and driving along the trails, and brought out the valuable lesson, pointing out the harm done in over grazing and showed the cooperation of stockmen and the U. S. Forest Service to maintain permanent grazing in our National forest. We of the association pledge our cooperation to the same program in our local forests.

The second film showed some valuable pointers and information on irrigation and more of the farmers and ranchers should have seen this picture which was open to all.

The following were elected to guide the stockmen for the ensuing year: H. S. Watts, president; Ben George, vice-president; H. O. Smith, secretary-treasurer. Executive committee, H. S. Watts, H. O. Smith, J. D. Hogue, L. W. George and Antone Spinas.

A committee was appointed to gather information on the formation of grazing units in the valley. Chet Otis spoke briefly on the addition of range practices to the AAA program and will explain operation at a later date to stockmen, how they can participate or interested parties may call at the County Agent's office for further information.

After the meeting and pictures all were invited to the banquet room where a severe dunking of doughnuts took place in hot Folger's coffee prepared by Dorothy Hogue and did those crullers disappear.

EARLY IN EVENING PARTY AT RITZ TAVERN, KERBY

A group of young folks gathered together around "Shorty" Phillips new double fire place last Friday evening. Wieners were roasted and Mr. Phillips provided wire holders to roast the wieners with. Later in the evening the fire place was stacked with huge logs and dancing was enjoyed.

Those present were: Misses Gertrude Bloomingcamp, Eileen Whitehead, Edda Burke, Dorothy Gibson, Virginia Thrasher, Paye Tyeer, Adelaide McCrady, Dorothy Hogue and Blondie Beck; Messrs. Howard Wexel, Ralph Huber, Bob and Jack Pope, Ted Athey, Frank Ellis, John Frontenau, George August, Ralph Allen, Thomas Baker, Earl Osborn, and Rick Beck; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson.

VALLEY AIRPORT IS BEING FENCED

A large crew of CCC boys began last week fencing the Illinois Valley Airport located on Rough and Ready flat.

The fence is being constructed of four strand barbed some time to complete this job as it is quite a distance around the airport.

The main entrance to the airport is near the old Worden saw mill site, where appropriate markers are set with redwood posts. The present road is to be completed around the northwest corner of the field and will connect with