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County Court Plans New Procedure

The Josephine County Court put its foot out in the right direction this week when they passed a resolution placing the county's business in departments with each member of the court taking his share of the responsibility. Following is the resolution adopted:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the members of the Josephine County Court have given consideration to the matter of efficiency and conservation of time in the transaction of County business; and

Whereas, the work of the county Court is of such a diversified nature it is deemed advisable to apportion certain of the supervisory responsibility to the respective members of the Court, to the end that each member will have more time to devote to the particular portion of the work allotted to him;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Commissioner Richard McElligott shall be charged with the supervisory responsibility of the transaction of business connected with County property, and also the business having to do with the Josephine General Hospital; and

Be It Further Resolved, that Commissioner Pete Fredrickson have the supervisory responsibility connected with County purchasing, as well as the County Road Department; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County Judge will act in the field of public relations and handle all other miscellaneous matters coming before the Court, in addition to his regular duties as prescribed by law; and

Be It Further Resolved, in the interest of cooperation and for the consideration of all matters of importance relative to the transaction of County business, that the three members of the County Court, together with the Clerk of the Court and the District Attorney, will meet in session each Tuesday, at 10 o'clock a. m.; and

Be It Further Resolved that the above shall only relate to supervisory matters and shall not relieve the Court as a body from rendering ultimate decisions on all matters of County business.

Done and dated in open Court this 5th day of March, 1941.

W. A. Johnson,
County Judge.
Richard McElligott,
Co. Commissioner.
Pete Fredrickson,
Co. Commissioner.

Resuscitator Fails To Save Baby's Life

The city resuscitator was used vainly for two hours early last Saturday morning in an attempt to save the life of a daughter born to Mr. and Ben F. George at 12:10 a. m., Saturday, in Josephine General hospital.

The infant died at about 6 a. m., due to failure of its lungs to expand. The resuscitator was operated by Fire Chief Homer Grable.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 8—Dance given by Co. 5482 CCC, Legion hall. Everyone is invited. Five piece band with vocalist.

Tuesday, March 11—The H. E. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Harry O. Smith, Oregon Caves highway.

Regular Legion and Auxiliary meeting the first and third Wednesday of every month.

O'Brien Woman's club meets first and third Friday, 2 p. m.

Illinois Valley Juvenile Grange meets first and third Saturdays of each month at 2 p. m.

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

An Editorial

(By Art Drews)

I was wondering the other day why our little chamber of commerce don't die, why it continues to struggle along with a mere handful of helpers when it should have so many more? When suddenly I had the answer. And it is so very simple.

A chamber of commerce is no longer an experiment, it has long ago become a very necessary and vital factor in the life of any American community. It has a very distinct place to fill, one that can not and has not been filled by any other organization. It has for this reason a recognition shared by none.

Therefore if anything is so vital to the growth of a community, it stands to reason that of this very vitality it will live on and grow in spite of neglect and abuse. But if it is given encouragement and some little attention it will flourish until the whole community will be glad to acknowledge it as a very helpful factor in its progress.

Likewise we of this or any other community are not self sufficient unto ourselves; we can't be wholly selfish and get on for very long. Disregarding what we might think of our neighbors and competitors, whether we like them or tolerate them or utterly distrust them and their apparent motives, we still have a duty and obligation toward our community that must be paramount as well as broad and liberal if our community is to prosper.

Now these are all simple facts and I believe cannot be honestly refuted, therefore I say whether you like me as president of the Chamber of Commerce or Elwood Hussey as secretary is a very minor detail. What is important is this—We have a community here, from the foot of Oregon Mountain to Hayes Hill, to Holland and the Oregon Caves. You and I are members thereof and our problems are common to us all; we have a vital organization that can be used like it has been in the past to help us get the things we want. We have a duty to our community and a privilege to render that duty.

The Chamber of Commerce needs your interest and assistance.

District Attorneys' Pay Boost Approved

The joint ways and means committee approved Tuesday the district attorneys' salary increase bill, which would cost the state \$168,200 a biennium, an increase of \$18,600 over the past biennium.

Salary increases include: Benton and Josephine, \$1,800 to \$2,100 a year; Klamath, \$2,400 to \$2,700; Lane, \$2,700 to \$3,000.

The committee rejected a measure to abolish the \$5 divorce fee that goes to district attorneys.

O. E. S. MEMBERS VISIT GLENDALE

Last Friday evening Kerby and Grants Pass O. E. S. chapters were guests of the Glendale Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, at a district meet, at which time Worthy Grand Matron Hallie Huntington of Eugene, made her official visit.

Following the meeting refreshments were served from a buffet table, beautifully decorated with lovely spring flowers.

Making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Leonard, Mrs. H. O. Smith, Mrs. John W. Smith, Mrs. L. H. Grizzell, Mrs. Ruth Tyler, Mrs. George W. Thrasher, Mrs. Lola Petersen, Mrs. Lucius Robinson, Mrs. Myrtle Walton, Mrs. Ebb Hogue, Mrs. John Ulrich, Mrs. Ortis Seat, Mrs. Harry R. Floyd, Mrs. M. C. Athey, Mrs. Cora Barnes, and George Wells.

Ditch Screening Bill Goes To Gov. Sprague

The senate passed and sent to the governor late yesterday a bill by Representative Martin and Senator Wiperman to authorize the state game commission to spend \$1,000 for screens in irrigation ditches in Josephine county.

Drews New President Of Chamber

At a meeting of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce held last Monday, Art Drews was elected president.

Arrangements were made to hold an evening dinner party Monday, March 17th the place to be selected later. Watch for announcement of it next week. At this meeting Dale Ginn, county school superintendent and Ben Coutant, county clerk will be guest speakers. Ginn to tell about the county school situation and Coutant about the county clerk's problems. Both talks will be interesting and educational.

Suggestions were made where to hold the forthcoming dinner meeting and how to serve, etc. Many suggestions were made, but nothing definite was arranged. The above named speaker should bring out a very large attendance and the committee will see to it that a place large enough to hold a good crowd and serve a good meal will be provided.

Mattress Making At Home

Through the cooperation of Ruth E. Crawford, home demonstration agent, it will be possible for many people in the valley to get the cotton and materials to that is using the surplus products of the farmers of the nation. There is a great surplus of cotton, and make home-made mattresses, and full instructions on how to make them. This is part of the work the agricultural and home economics extension unit is helping in this work.

The first thing to know is—who is eligible to get the cotton? Any family living in the valley that has an annual net income not exceeding \$500 may participate whether or not engaged in agriculture. Families exceeding four persons in size may add \$50.00 to the net income maximum per person.

Where do you get the application blanks? From the H. E. U. chairman in the valley, or from the Farm Security office if you are a client or from the Extension office in the court house.

Where do you send your application? Bring or send your application to Ruth E. Crawford in the courthouse before April 1st. This is important, before April 1st.

The county AAA committee will pass on the eligibility of the application.

It will cost 85 cents per mattresses, and now you want to know who will make the mattresses? A man and his wife should bring a neighbor and his wife. The four work from 8 a. m. till 5 p. m. One mattress is finished for the first couple. The next day the four return and make a mattress for the second couple. Four people working can make one mattress each day.

Where will the mattresses be made? In community centers depending upon the number of applications received. If there are enough applications there will be a working unit in the valley.

Remember, the dead line is April 1st. Make your application at once.

OREGON CAVES CCC ANNOUNCES DANCE

A dance will be given Saturday, March 8th, at the American Legion hall, by Company 5483, of the Oregon Caves CCC.

Music will be furnished by W. F. Robinson's orchestra, which consists of a five piece band with a vocalist.

Everyone is most cordially invited to attend.

Local Drug Store Makes Fine Record

Samuel Smith, proprietor of the Cave City drug store, a Rexall store, is feeling mighty proud these days, in fact ever since he received notice that his store in the Rexall state list jumped from 72nd store last year to the 59th this year in volume of business transacted.

Considering the population of Cave Junction, this is the most remarkable record of any Rexall drug store in the state, and the list proves it, passing 13 other towns in its record.

Mr. Smith desires to thank the public for their patronage which made this fine record possible. The local store passed such towns as Rainier, Vale, Ontario, Independence, Hermiston, Wasco, Enterprise Milton and others some of them over 1000 population.

SNOW HAS GOOD WATER CONTENT IN MOUNTAINS

The snow at the Happy Camp-Bolan Lake road junction was found on March 1, by the Forest Service, to be heavy, solid and wet, which indicates an excellent water content.

Although the ground was bare in spots under the trees, some of the remaining snow was 34 inches deep on the level. The snow at the same time last year was 23 inches and in 1937 was 60 inches.

The Illinois Valley has had 15.35 inches of rain in January this year, 6.27 inches in February and 1.11 inches up to the 5th of March. A total of 22.73 inches for 1941 and a grand total of 49.28 inches for the entire winter.

The Happy Camp road is open to a point just above the Lucky Strike mine, or 9 1/2 miles from the Takilma road.

JUDY GARLAND IN GEORGE M. COHAN'S MUSICAL COMEDY

Introducing Judy Garland in her first solo starring role and in her first "grown up" love affair, "Little Nellie Kelly," coming to the Cave City theater Saturday and Sunday, is heralded as giving the popular young actress her fullest opportunity dramatically to date. Stepping temporarily out of "kid" roles, Miss Garland becomes a grown-up and adds new glory to her acting and singing fame. Teamed with her for histrionic honors are George Murphy and Charles Winninger, with an excellent supporting cast.

The story, based on George M. Cohan's famous play, deals with a young Irish girl who marries against the wishes of her father, who vows that he will never, so long as he lives, speak to her husband. He keeps his word in spite of the fact that he, along with the other two, comes to America to live. In America the daughter dies, leaving behind her an infant named Nellie. As the child grows older she is torn between love for her father and love for her grandfather. In the end the two men are reconciled through her efforts.

Portrays Both Roles

Miss Garland portrays both roles, enacting first the young Irish mother, and later the thoroughly Americanized daughter. The songs she sings include "It's a Great Day for the Irish," "Pretty Girl Milking Her Cow," and the more modern "Singin' in the Rain."

Murphy is seen as Miss Garland's husband, and later as her father. Charles Winninger appears as the grandfather. The young baritone, Douglas McPhail, remembered for his work in "Babes in Arms," is the romantic interest of the young Nellie, and Arthur Shields, of the Abbey Players, is McPhail's father.

Harry R. Floyd was transacting business in Grants Pass this week.

KERBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

(By Jeanne Villair)

The basketball team was given a big send off by the Student Body Wednesday at a Pep Rally held in the high school gym. Mr. Jones, Mrs. Osborn, Mr. House and each member of the team gave short pep talks and expressed their desires for the team to return with honors. Virginia Thrasher led several yells and the team left with the schools best wishes for its success. The team plays their first game with Eagle Point.

The Sams Valley girl's basketball team will come over and play a volleyball game with the Kerby team on Friday night. Kerby defeated Sams Valley once before they are apt to do it again.

Work has started on the Girls' League tennis court project this week. Several of the Junior and Senior boys have been donating their time to help grade it. The Girls' League hopes to have most of the work on it completed by the time school is out.

The basketball Benefit Dance given last Friday night to help the boys pay their expenses was a big success for they made ample money to cover their expenses. The Girls' League supper given in connection with the dance was successful also.

Griffin Cuts Time For Assessment

County Assessor Merle Griffin announced Wednesday that the period required for this year's assessing in the field is to be cut from the usual six or eight months to less than three months by the temporary addition to the staff of two deputy assessors in line with what he said was the system used in most other Oregon counties.

The new men will not increase costs for the assessor's department, for by obtaining the appraisals by June 1 each year, the office work method will provide for assessing of all property within a few months of March 1, and hence will be fairer and more accurate, he said.

Everett Harmon of Grants Pass, Josephine county assessor back about 1900, began Monday assessing property over an area including Williams, Murphy and Wilderville, as one of the special deputies.

Ortis Seat, farmer living near Cave Junction, was to begin Wednesday his assignment of assessing for the whole Illinois valley and Deer Creek valley area, or all of the county south of Hayes hill.

Robert Hart Jr., permanent deputy, is to cover the area north of Grants Pass, including Merlin, Hugo, Grave Creek and Wolf Creek.

Griffin himself will do the assessing for Grants Pass.

The assessor cited two chief advantages to the "speed-up." March 1 is the assessment date set by law, and what is owned by the respective taxpayers on that date is the taxable property for the year. The new method will provide for assessing of all property within a few months of March 1, and hence will be fairer and more accurate, he said.

Griffin said that the second advantage is that the early conclusion to assessing will provide the office staff a much longer time in which to check the tax roll, and enable it to find errors and correct them before the start of balance computing.

During this field assessment work the courthouse office will be closed at the noon hour as there will be only one deputy, Miss Alma Griffin, on duty there, the assessor said.

Jackson County Assessor C. A. Myers announced this week the names of 10 deputy assessors who are to assist him this spring.

Villair Mill Will Start Next Week

All indications point to an early resumption of operations by J. J. Villair at the saw mill. If weather conditions stay good it is expected that the plant will start next Monday or Tuesday.

Logging operations have been the cause of most contention and with new men at the head of this work, no further trouble is anticipated in getting logs.

Everett E. Robinson, owner of the Redland Glad Gardens, has taken the contract to deliver logs to the mill and he will have two "cats" in the field immediately and hauling will start at once.

The mill will probably employ 25 men and the logging operations will take another 12 or 15 men. When the mill starts next week, Mr. Villair expects to continue on through the summer. As soon as the present contract for fir is through, he will start his usual summer work on pine.

Women's Club Meeting At Al Currier's Home

The Cave Junction Women's Civic club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Allan Currier, with Mrs. Bert Watkins and Mrs. W. F. Darger co-hostesses.

Delicious refreshments were served followed by the regular business meeting. The remainder of the afternoon was spent playing games, reciting verses and discussing current events.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Maud Sowell on Caves highway.

SURPLUS FOODS FIND READY MARKET IN ILLINOIS VALLEY

Surplus foods which will be available to families taking part in the Food Stamp Plan in the Illinois Valley during the March 1 through March 31 period were announced today by M. Louis Belangie, area supervisor. These are the surplus foods which may be obtained in exchange for blue surplus food stamps in local stores.

The nationally designated surplus foods available in all areas for the March 1 through March 31 are the same as those which were obtainable for the February 1 through February 28 period.

The complete list of blue stamp foods obtainable in all Stamp Plan areas for March includes: Fresh grapefruit, oranges, apples, and pears, onions (except green onions), Irish potatoes, butter, raisins, rice, pork lard, all pork (except that cooked or packed in metal containers), corn meal, shell eggs, dried prunes, hominy (corn) grits, dry edible beans, wheat flour and whole wheat (graham) flour.

Oregon Motorists Use 17,918,606 Gallons of Gas

Traffic accidents killed 8.8 persons per 100,000,000 miles of travel in Oregon during the month of January, it was announced recently at the traffic safety division of the state department.

This death rate is slightly under the rate of 9.8 for the month of January a year ago.

Oregon motorists used 17,918,606 gallons of gasoline in January, an increase of 1,926,130 gallons over the January total a year ago. This increase in travel, and the fact that traffic fatalities during the month totaled 18, exactly the same as during January of 1940, resulted in the improvement in the death rate.

Capt. J. W. Scobey of the CCC, with headquarters in Medford, was a visitor to the Oregon Caves CCC camp last Friday. While in the valley he stopped to visit at the News office. Capt. Scobey was formerly the Lieutenant in charge of the Oregon Caves CCC camp.