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Redwood Empire Ass'n Meet

With more than 200 civic, business and professional leaders of the nine counties in attendance, led by Chas. H. Demaray, Grants Pass president, progress reports on Redwood Empire Association activities during the past few months were submitted by officers, unit presidents and committee chairmen at the semi-annual association convention in Santa Rosa last Friday.

Vital importance of highways throughout the Redwood Empire as strategic and access military roads; growing competition in many states for the tourist dollar through state tourist development programs; recommendations for improvement of Redwood Empire highways, including necessity for added funds for storm damage repair, to be submitted to the state highway commission and recommendations for support of pending legislation in Sacramento were features of the one day session.

It was also pointed out that efforts would be increased to bring cash spending and vacation traffic into the nine counties by widespread promotional campaigns in cooperation with transportation companies, and travel directional agencies.

A tremendous volume of work, outstanding results and specific plans for the future were considered and acted upon at unit and committee meetings and at a special luncheon session of the Board of Directors.

Action included, support of campaign to secure more state and federal highway funds; utilizing local events as additional tourist attractions; approval of legislative measures designed to assist highway construction and maintenance, revision of wayside enterprise folder to include points of interest and location; appointment of special wild flower committee and educational program; and support of effort to improve Sausalito lateral highway to Golden Gate bridge.

Selection of the convention city for the 21st annual Redwood Empire Association convention, to be held in October, 1941, will be decided at the next meeting of the executive board, with Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, Humboldt County Board of Trade and Lake County Chamber of Commerce being the principal bidders.

Those attending from Josephine county were: Judge W. A. Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Demaray, Grants Pass.

CHAMBER MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

The dinner meeting of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Legion Auxiliary meeting room Monday, March 17th, at 7:30. Please secure your tickets in advance.

Good speakers will be present to tell a message worth hearing, and all in the valley are urged to attend.

Look out for pedestrians.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 15—Auxiliary card party in the Auxiliary meeting room.

Friday, April 25—Garden Club Daffodil Tea at the home of Mrs. H. O. Smith, 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.

COOPERATION IS KEYNOTE FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE

The advantage which comes to a Selective Service registrant by closely cooperating with his local board were stressed today in a statement by Lt. Colonel Elmer V. Wooton, director of selective service for the state of Oregon.

In outlining a few of the most important things for the registrant to remember in his contact with his local board, Colonel Wooton pointed out that the registrant's full cooperation not only speeds up the machinery of the selective service system, but directly benefits the registrant in a number of definite and concrete ways.

"The importance of the registrant keeping in touch with his local board and immediately notifying it when he changes his address and moves from one place to another cannot be exaggerated," Colonel Wooton declared. "The reason for this is obvious. The registrant who fails in this violates the law, places himself in needless jeopardy, does himself an injustice and causes the local board all kinds of needless trouble."

The state director also emphasizes the fact that registrants can save themselves—and their board—much grief by exercising great care in filling out the questionnaire for his classification.

"Every local board has an advisory board," he said, "and the registrant who is in doubt as to how to answer any given question should consult this board and follow its instructions. That's what the advisory board is for. And to advise him on any other puzzling matter, too."

"The registrant who believes he has been placed in the wrong classification and wants to make an appeal has at his service the Government Appeal agent attached to his local board. This government appeal agent is charged with the duty of protecting the interests of the registrant, as well as those of the government, and to assist and advise him as to the procedure in making an appeal."

Colonel Wooton complimented the local boards of the state for their understanding and broad sympathy in dealing with individual cases.

"The registrants appreciate it, too," he added, "as witness correspondence and oral comment from them. We don't want any registrant to forget that the local board is his friend and that cooperation works both ways. It makes things much easier for everyone."

FEBRUARY GARDEN CLUB MEETING HELD AT THE BUNCH HOME

The February meeting of the Illinois Valley Garden club was held at the home of Mrs. Sam Bunch recently with co-hostesses, Mrs. Mattie E. Seyferth, Mrs. Elizabeth Holland and Mrs. Joe Houck assisting.

An interesting incident was the reading of the minutes of the first meeting of the club held February 12, 1927. Six of the eight charter members were present at the 1941 meeting.

Mrs. W. F. Darger displayed a book which has been in her possession for 42 years. This treasure, bound in olive wood contained pressed flowers from the Holy land.

Mrs. Jack Smock gave an interesting, illustrated talk on new varieties, mentioning particularly the blue geranium, the glorified Christmas rose, the yellow colossal and the scarlet wisteria tree.

The members were requested by Mrs. H. P. Floyd, chairman of the program committee to bring arrangements to the daffodil tea to be held at the home of Mrs. H. O. Smith on Caves highway, Friday, April 25th. A prize will be given for the best arrangement. The plant auction will be continued at this meeting.

Ladies of the Legion Auxiliary will hold a card party Saturday, March 15th in the Auxiliary meeting room. Everyone is invited to attend. Nice prizes will be awarded to winners and consolation and traveling pinochle prize.

Population Told By Precincts

Redwood precinct has the greatest population of any in Josephine county with 1,304 residents, the census bureau reported to the News last week, while Placer is low with 113.

The report is the final one to be made for Oregon, and is entitled "Population by Major Civil Divisions."

Black face figures indicate precincts in the valley.

The county's population of 16,301 is split as follows:

Althouse	473
Applegate	976
Dimmick	610
Ferry	245
Fruittale	764
Galice	203
Granite Hill	924
Grants Pass 1	782
Grants Pass 2	818
Grants Pass 3	873
Grants Pass 4	774
Grants Pass 5	766
Grants Pass 6	362
Grants Pass 7	542
Grants Pass 8	1,111
Kerby	715
Leland	247
Lucky Queen	326
Merlin	472
Murphy	687
Placer	113
Redwood	1,304
Selma	605
Slate Creek	521
Waldo	222
Williams	562
Wolf Creek	304

"THIRD FINGER LEFT HAND" IS RIOT OF FUN

Myrna Loy, teamed for the first time with Melvyn Douglas, abandons her role as the 'perfect wife' to keep the man who made Garbo laugh in continuous hot water in "Third Finger, Left Hand," hilarious story of a romantic mix-up, coming to the Cave City theater, Saturday and Sunday, March 15, 16.

Miss Loy plays a magazine editor who, because of her boss' wife is jealous, invents a mythical husband whom she's supposed to be trying to find to get a divorce. The deception is perfect until Douglas, who has learned about it and is in love with her, blandly shows up and assumes the role of the missing spouse. Her family likes him. She doesn't—and proceeds to keep him in all manner of trials and tribulations. She scandalizes Niagara Falls on their "honeymoon." He invites another couple to join them in a "double honeymoon." Her attorney plans ways and means of getting her a divorce so that he can marry her himself. And all three start towards Reno together. But after all the laugh-packed troubles they go through, Myrna and Melvyn find they've really been in love with each other all along.

"Arms and the Men—U. S. A." By March of Time

Also on the bill is the full story of the first peacetime conscription in U. S. history, and many other phases of the nation's huge defense program, are pictured in this timely subject.

Many historic incidents in connection with the new Selective Service Law are included, with scenes of life in U. S. training camps and how the young men in the nation's citizen Army are being welded into a defense fighting force. It also shows how American industry has already begun capacity production of weapons, machines and munitions.

This film is an impressive and thrilling introduction to the new kind of life which many thousands of young American men will experience during their year of service.

Mrs. Robert Balzke of the Waldo Motel, O'Brien, was shopping in Grants Pass the first of the week.

Look out for autos.

4th District Voted By Legislature

The state legislature last Monday passed the new 4th congressional district for the state without the expected battle that the house said they would give the senate's redistricting.

Benton county was the seat of contention. The house passed the bill including Benton county in the 4th district, but the county wanted to stay in the 3rd district, so the senate dropped Benton county and sent the bill back to the house to concur in. It was said that there would be a big fight in the house, but when the bill came up, it was adopted as amended by the senate and sent to the governor for his signature, which is expected to be forthcoming, and perhaps the bill has been signed by this time.

The new district comprises Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Linn counties, which gives this district a new member in Congress. He will not be elected until the next general election.

Farmers To Sign Up Estimates

Josephine County Agricultural Conservation association will begin its annual farm plan and estimate sheet sign-up this month. As in the past two years, all farmers who wish to participate in the 1941 conservation program must sign one of these farm plans.

In 1940, 950 farmers, operating 1100 tracts of land, cooperated in the program and this year it is expected that about 1100 farmers operating 1300 tracts of land will participate, this increase being due largely to great interest created by the County Conservation association distributing 20 per cent superphosphate as a grant-of-aid. AAA community committeemen will be at the meeting held in the valley to answer any questions that farmers may have concerning the 1941 farm program and also to point out different soil building practices by which cooperators can earn a full payment on their farm.

The meetings in the Illinois valley will be held Thursday, March 20th in the Bridgeview Grange hall and March 21, Friday, in the Deer Creek Grange hall.

Birthdays Celebrated At the Owl for Two

A very enjoyable evening was spent last Friday, March 7th, when several folks gathered together at the Owl to celebrate the birthdays of Miss Dorothy Gibson, and Mrs. Elton Riley.

Dancing and pinochle were enjoyed during the evening, and a delicious lunch was served to those present.

Guests for the evening were: Misses Vivian Taylor, Edda Burke, Gertrude Bloomingcamp, Eileen Whitehead, and Dorothy Gibson, Messrs. Milt Akerill, Bob Pape, Dave Addison, Floyd Bohan, Ted Athey, Ed Scherffius, Jim Whitehead, Nat Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ball, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Reed, Mrs. Elton Riley, and Mrs. Irene McCasland.

Grand Lodge Officers To Attend I. O. O. F.

The Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Oregon of Odd Fellows, will make an official visit to the Kerby I. O. O. F. Friday, March 21st for an official visitation.

All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are urged to attend the meeting.

Support the Fire Department.

KERBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

(By Jeanne Villair)

Work on the Girl's League tennis court has been progressing quite rapidly this week. A tractor has been donated to help in grading and leveling it and the high school boys are doing the work.

The Seniors practicing their class play last Tuesday and the stage has been put up in the gym so they can rehearse on it. The name of the play is, "Here Comes Charlie," and the cast consists of:

Charlie Hopps.....Jeanne Villair
Larry Elliott.....Herbert White
Mrs. Fanny Farnham.....
.....Barbara Robinson
Vivian Smythe-Kersey.....
.....Betty Bergmann
Mrs. Caroline Smythe-Kersey.....
.....Faye Tycey
Uncle Aleck Twiggs.....Bill Hensley
Ted Hartley.....Edwin Smith
Mortimer Smythe-Kersey.....

Harold James
Nora Malone.....Mildred Norman
Tim McGill.....Bob Smith
The Kerby basket ball team won their first game in the Ashland tournament by defeating Eagle Point but they lost their second game to Bonanza. This put them out of the tournament.

Both the boys and girls are starting soft ball practice and organizing teams this week.

The Illinois Valley Teachers' Association met at the Kerby High School last Tuesday evening. At the meeting they discussed graduation, the grade school oratorical contest to be held March 25 in the high school, in which all the grade schools in the vicinity will compete, and the play day to be held here in the spring. It was decided at the meeting to have all the eighth grade graduates of the valley come and visit the high school on April 3, so that they will become acquainted with the high school and work.

The county superintendent of schools, Dale Ginn, spoke on school affairs at the meeting. The high school teachers served a lunch and the Selma teachers entertained. Those on the honor roll for the last six weeks were:

Freshmen

Donnis Saurer, 1.
Betty Strong, 1.
Charlene Miller, 1.
Eric Johnson, 1.
Alice Smith, 1.25.
Glenn Halm, 1.5.

Sophomore

Bob Wendt, 1.
Barbara Bryne, 1.
Bob Kunkle, 1.25.
Jim Baldwin, 1.25.
Muriel Inman, 1.25.
Joyce Payne, 1.25.
Wesley Vahrenwald, 1.5.

Junior

Margaret Prentice, 1.
Heide Sachse, 1.25.
Virginia Thrasher, 1.25.
Louise Hammer, 1.5.

Senior

Jeanne Villair, 1.
Wilma Maurer, 1.
Vivian Pullen, 1.
Barbara Robinson, 1.
Bernice Allen, 1.
Dorothy Hogue, 1.25.
Charlotte Parkinson, 1.5.
Pauline Robinson, 1.5.
Bud McLean, 1.5.

FOLKS APPRECIATE CCC BOYS DANCE

Cave Junction, Ore.,
March 21, 1941.

To the Boys of Company 5483:
We would like to express to you our sincere appreciation for your grand dance given by your Company, Saturday, March 8th.

It was one of the best dances ever held in the American Legion Hall, and we truly say the decorations were original and worthy of praise.

We feel sure that all those who attended this dance join us in extending to you our "thanks" and good will to those who made it possible for such an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,
Two Friends of
Co. 5483.

Mrs. J. J. Villair made a trip to Grants Pass on business last Monday.

New I.V.D.L. Organization Incorporated

Last Monday evening, the Illinois Valley Development League was organized and held their first regular meeting in the Kerby high school science room.

There had been two previous meetings held for the purpose of getting the incorporated papers and by-laws prepared for the initial meeting which was held last Monday.

The object of the new organization is to promote the welfare of the valley inhabitants and help develop the agricultural, mining, lumbering and social life of the valley.

The first big objective of the league was to bring to the attention of the military forces of the nation, the advantages of the Illinois Valley air port, which has few equals and no superiors in the interior regions, for an army air port where men can be trained and have living conditions, as to climate, scenic and health, that would be superior to most air port fields.

All of this information with maps and accurate data has been forwarded to Washington where it will be placed in the hands of the proper authorities. The League believes that if the army engineers will make a complete survey, they will undoubtedly put a training station in the valley for air men.

It was also brought out that the valley offers unsurpassed facilities for an air port ammunition dump and field artillery practice range. Natural advantages that would attract army attention once a thorough investigation was made. It was also discussed that with a big army air port located here, development of the Crescent City harbor would be materially boosted.

Harold Bowerman gave a word picture of what a fire district could do for the protection of homes in the valley. Considerable discussion on the matter ended with a committee being appointed to look into the matter. The committee consisted of Harold Bowerman, Ted Athey and they could choose as many more as they desired.

Ted Athey brought up the matter of a play ground for the younger generation where tennis courts and other athletic forms of amusement could be held close to Cave Junction. A committee was appointed to look into the matter. The committee consisted of Mrs. Dorothy Bearss, Harold Bowerman and Ted Athey.

After the business was transacted, the members adjourned to the domestic science room where delicious light refreshments were served by the ladies, to about 30 members present.

The officers of the new organization for the coming year are: M. C. Athey, president; Raphael Leonard, vice president; Beulah Hamilton, secretary-treasurer and George Martin, Harry Floyd, K. C. Hamilton and Blanche Robinson, directors. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 8th in the Kerby high school building.

ROGUE RIVER VAL. GRANGE TO BRING TRAVELING ROSE

Saturday, March 15th, Rogue River Valley Grange will visit Illinois Valley Grange to present them with the Traveling Rose. This is not the regular meeting night of the local Grange but it is the regular meeting night of the visiting Grange.

Ortis Seat, master of the I. V. Grange wants a large attendance and asks all Grangers to be present Saturday night for this meeting. Illinois Valley Grange will take the Rose to Deer Creek on Thursday, March 20th.

Mrs. W. F. Darger was in Grants Pass on a shopping tour the first of the week.