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Livingston Returns With 58 Men

Fifty-eight new men were received at Camp Oregon caves last week by the officers of CCC Company 5483. The men came from the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, on a train which was in charge of Lieutenant Langdon A. Livingston. After undergoing a short pany. After undergoing a short orientation period, the men have been assigned to various crews working at the Oregon Caves and other places in this section.

One of the camp crews is now working on the Illinois Valley airport aiding in its preparation for possible use during the fire season this summer. Other projects include the erection of a checking and comfort station at the caves, the construction of a rustic bridge on No-Name trail and construction work on Grayback truck trail. Facilities at Caves camp have recently been expanded by the building of a new infirmary and a 50-foot addition on the administration building. In addition to providing more adequate accommodations, these will permit an enlargement of the recreation hall and give suitable space for supply room and office. The work has been done by members of the company under the supervision of John Holmer of Medford headquarters.

The CCC camp now has a total enrollment of about 165 with about 15 men at the spike camp at Crater Lake.

MOTORISTS WILL PAY 50c MORE FOR LICENSE

Approximately \$250,000 will go into the newly-created "motor vehicle accident fund" during the coming two years when Oregon drivers contribute 50 cents each as they obtain their drivers licenses for the 1941-1943 license period.

The fund is set up by the law enacted by the 1941 legislative assembly taxing each operator a fee of 50 cents in addition to the regular fee of one dollar for his driver's license.

The fund thus created will be used to defray hospitalization expenses of indigent persons injured in automobile accidents.

No change has been made in the driver examination law this year and all drivers holding current licenses may renew without taking any examination except those applicants who are 70 years of age or older, and those who were not licensed during the 1939-1941 period.

The law setting up the motor vehicle accident fund provides that "before issuing, or renewing any motor vehicle operator's license except chauffeur's licenses, instruction permits, emergency permits and student permits, the secretary of state shall collect from each applicant therefor an additional sum of fifty cents for each license . . ." While in effect the fee amounts to 25 cents a year, it must be paid in one sum of 50.

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COMING EVENTS

Friday, May 2 — at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Freeling Sawyer, Exhibit of food containers and supplies and up-to-date.

Tuesday, May 6 — Cave Junction Women's Civic Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Elwood Hussey.

Friday, May 30 — Decoration day. Regular Legion and Auxiliary meeting the first and third Wednesday of every month.

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.

CAVE JUNCTION BASEBALL TEAM DEFEATS THREE C's

A very snappy and interesting base ball game was played last Sunday afternoon on the diamond behind the Kerby high school between the Oregon Caves CCC and Cave Junction teams.

The CCC boys put up an excellent game, and this reporter still doesn't know how Cave Junction won, especially with some of the old timers who participated, and in this respect, let us say that, considering everything, they did play powerful good ball. The old timers we refer to are Buck Smith, 1st base; Samuel Smith, 3rd base and Tom Davis, catcher.

Buck did everything but walk a tight-rope at first, but caught everything that was thrown at him. Sam at 3rd made two glaring errors then redeemed himself with wonderful fielding and can that boy hit? Tom, after splitting a finger on his right hand and receiving first aid from the CCC boys, stayed on the job and helped the team win. The rest of the team was invincible, especially the boy who played left field. We did not get a score sheet with all the boys' names and we can't remember where they all played. But this boy in left made two sensational runs and took in two fly balls that were tagged and labeled home runs, but the fleet feet of the left fielder made them outs to the consternation and chagrin of the CCC boys. The final score was 9 to 6, but it took 10 innings for the local boys to turn the tide. At the end of the 9th, it stood 6 all, and in the 10th the Cave Junction boys scored three runs and shut out the CCC boys so the game was over.

There will be a double header next Sunday between the Craig Mill team of Selma and CCC boys; and Cave Junction and the CCC boys.

"ARISE MY LOVE" PACKS TERRIFIC DRAMATIC PUNCH

The time can be today, the place can be Europe, and still life can be good to live! Without a trace of hysteria, with their eyes wide open to the world about them, Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland shows you how in the hour and fifteen minutes of "Arise, My Love," the amazingly inventive and full-hearted photoplay which brings them together on the screen of the Cave City Theater Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3.

Its background is France, England and Spain, but its story is just as American in spirit as a Kansas wheat field. With a hard-hitting Yankee newspaper girl for its heroine, an insouciant bum of an American aviator for its hero, this movie tells a story, strikes a moral that no one of us can afford to miss today.

It all begins in Spain where Claudette Colbert, fed up with fashion frills and dying to sink her teeth into a real story, rescues Ray Milland from the firing squad which will put an end to his fight for an ideal. She gets her story, but in the ensuing flight she gets something she had not counted on, the ardent admiration of a suitor whose spirit cannot be damped.

The saucy love story races along in Paris, almost suffers a detour when Claudette is assigned to Berlin by her press service. It reaches its first climax, when these two frightened by the preciousness of their love, resolve to flee to the safety of America.

But the fates don't permit as simple a solution as that. The boat they board is the Athena, and the action resumes in the fight for democracy in France and England. It skirts tragedy in the occupation of Paris, bitterness in the scenes of the truce in Compeigne. But the camera and story never falter in developing the story of the two central characters, in tracing the growing depth of their love and understanding through these crises. When the final climax arrives for Claudette and Milland, it gives them a chance to affirm their faith in the fight they have joined, their knowledge of the future of their America.

Support the Fire Department.

Wildflowers Make Tours Delightful

Wildflower enthusiasts may roam the Redwood Empire at will this week-end, and for the next few weeks, enjoying as brilliant a display of wildflowers and flora beauty as has been presented by nature for many years past. Blooms together with greenery and ever changing landscapes of the blue Pacific Ocean shoreline, interesting valleys and higher mountain regions, offer an exceptional out-door appeal throughout the nine counties.

Del Norte county offers an exceptional diversity of lamb's tongue, wild iris, Indian paint brush, yellow and pale lavender violets with purple center, several varieties of wild phlox, buttercups, dogwood, azalea, Scotch broom, wild lilac, madrone, mountain balm, and rhododendrons. Most varieties are just coming into their best along the highway from Crescent City to the Oregon Line and the next few weeks the Smith River canyon section will be at its best.

Fishing in the Smith River (trout) opens May 1 and that is a good time to combine a wildflower expedition with a fishing trip, reports from Patrick Creek indicating this will be a good fishing year.

Side road trips that offer much in the way of natural beauty is the old stage road from O'Brien, Oregon, south through the famous Illinois Valley and various "connecting" roads between the Redwood highway (Highway 199) and Highway 101 through Smith River and on to Brookings, Oregon where the Annual Azalea Festival will be held on May 3.

"Northern Gateway to the Redwood Empire" is Josephine county, Oregon where bird bills, redbells, yellow violets, trillium, Oregon grape, Skunk cabbage, service berries, and hundreds of other varieties of wild flowers beckon visitors and lovers of the outdoors.

What you see in the way of wildflowers on your trip at this time of year is entirely dependent upon your desire to take the time and seek the blooms desired — needless to say, these gorgeous displays of nature are for the enjoyment of the public, but must not be picked as picking wildflowers is against the law.

RURAL MAIL BOX IMPROVEMENT WEEK

The week beginning May 5 has been designated by the Post Office Department as Rural Mail Box Improvement Week, in continuation of custom established several years ago, of observing one week each year in which to emphasize this important matter.

Results have justified the idea and efforts of the Department, and surely the co-operation of rural patrons, all over the United States; for everywhere all over the land, rural mail boxes present a generally neat, more nearly uniform appearance and system, in contrast with the more or less haphazard hodge-podge of non-descript cans and bird-boxes along many a rural route, of years ago.

In Oregon the State Highway Department has made very material contribution to this improvement by the furnishing of uniform, neat, white posts for rural mail boxes along National and State highways, and by actually setting and re-setting the same. I am sure patrons and the public generally, as I know the Department does, recognize and appreciate this significant demonstration of simple highway beautification, and object lesson for lesser highways and roads.

Rural patrons of the Grants Pass post office, with very few exceptions, have co-operated fully by providing and maintaining mail boxes, stamped with the official approval of the Postmaster General embossed in the metal, and substantial posts, and generally, by keeping both painted white with nana's painted black, and by compliance with courteous requests

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IOOF Lodge Hi School Contest

The following is the decision of the judges of the essay contest sponsored by the I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge in the high schools of the state during the past year on the subject, "Americanism vs. Alienism". We quote from the decisions of the judges, Howard K. Zimmerman, P. G. M., and Emil Peterson, P. G. M., of Astoria, who selected their assistants:

"Our selection for the first, second and third prizes is as follows: First: Alyce Carolyn Moon, Roseburg.

Second: George Jensen, Jr., Clatskanie.

Here is the essay submitted by Alyce Carolyn Moon, of Roseburg high school, winner of the first cash prize.

Americanism versus alienism has become an issue to many thinking Americans today because of the foreboding events among European nations whose people and ideals are similar to our own.

But what is alienism? Scholastic considered, the word is seen to have been derived from the Latin "Alienus" meaning "stranger." In a larger sense, is it not one who is a stranger to our ideals of life and living as well as to our privileges of citizenship?

Americanism, formally defined, is "custom peculiar to the United States." It is to us Americans that feeling for our national home which we term "patriotism." It is personified in our heartfelt salutation of the symbol of our free country — the flag — in place of the person of a manical dictator.

Lost are the opportunities of numerous democracies to glory in their nationalism — lost through their lack of unity, patriotism, and enthusiasm for the nation rather than merely through their lack of military preparation.

Our leaders have seen this; our civic organizations have seen it; and now our people are seeing it. America rises with one emotion of many manifestations. That emotion is "God Bless America," "Lease or Lend to Britain," "Conscription of Youth," or any one of a thousand other articulate expressions of lesser magnitude but no less love and loyalty. We are a unified democracy combating alien adversity by removing American loyalty.

But Americanism and Alienism is not to be identified in these obvious attributes alone; the outward self is not always the inward self. Old Glory is saluted mechanically or hypocritically by the alien, who sees not the blood red, the true blue, the aspiring stars; no, nor does he see the work, the strength, the freedom in our banner. The Stars and Stripes is saluted by an American patriot with a thrill of pride and faith and determination. He revels in the freedom, feels the strength, realizes the work, and returns the love of the democratic country for its people. And this attitude, not edicts, makes citizenship.

What shall be done to counteract the spread of alien apathy and to perpetuate American activity? What should each citizen do? What should the present generation do? What shall I, a Roseburg student, do? In Cowper's questions I answer my own: "When was public virtue to be found where private was not? Can he love the whole who loves no part?"

ALYCE CAROLYN MOON.

I. V. CHAMBER WILL MEET MONDAY EVEN.

The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular monthly evening dinner meeting, Monday, May 5th at 7:30 p. m. in the American Legion hall.

President Drews says there will be a fine program and good eats and wants all those in the valley interested in its development to attend the dinner. Tickets must be purchased in advance so the ladies will know how many to prepare for.

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

(By Ed Dailey)

Clyde James Brown who lives one mile north of Kerby was called for the draft May 5th.

Alando Landere was in from his mine on Canyon creek for supplies. He reported that water was getting scarce.

Joe Jacobson of Grant Pass was visiting with Harry Elroy last Sunday.

The Lackey Brothers are delayed in planting their strawberries as there is no water in the irrigation ditch to wet the ground for starting the plants.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wittrock returned home from their trip to San Francisco and other California points. They report an enjoyable trip and were fortunate in having no accidents.

George Bour came in Sunday from the Hank Stratleg mine on Canyon creek.

Jake Pruitt left for Midway Island with the contingent of men that left last Tuesday. Mr. Pruitt is a son-in-law of Hurley Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark spent Sunday at the Hurley Wilson home in Kerby.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thrasher are moving to their new home at Murphy, where they will take over the Gilmore store immediately.

Mrs. J. H. Wittrock and George Bour transacted business in Grants Pass on Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas Baird of Takilma visited at the home of her parents, the McLean family in Kerby.

Harry Elroy is working for the forest service repairing telephone lines and getting things in readiness for the fire season.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Jones are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born on Sunday, April 27th, at the Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Adams came in from their mine on Canyon creek with a nice cleanup of gold. One large nugget worth \$76 was in the cleanup.

Will C. Smith was in Kerby this week arranging to do the assessment work on his Lime rock on Holton creek.

Water Found Ample for 55 % Irrigated Lands

Approximately 55 per cent of the irrigated lands of southern Oregon for which water forecasts are made will have ample water for irrigation this season, according to a summary made by R. A. Work, Medford, in charge of snow surveys and irrigation water forecasts for the Soil Conservation service and the Oregon agricultural experiment station.

About 45 per cent of the irrigated lands will experience various degrees of shortage this year, with some 28 per cent expected to have a mild shortage which will permit the maturing of most crops. On about 17 per cent of the irrigated area of the state, however, the shortage is expected to become critical.

These percentage figures are based on records of irrigated lands by districts in the state engineer's office and are not issued as being accurate as to detail. They do indicate, however, the general condition of water supplies in the state in relation to total volume of irrigated lands, says Work. The figures do not include the irrigated areas of the Willamette valley or the coast region.

In general, the regions with ample irrigation water supplies are south and east of a line drawn from Upper Klamath lake to the western border of Wallowa county.

Look out for pedestrians.

Frozen Food Topic Of Discussion

Friday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. there will be a meeting of Home Economics department, under the leadership of Ruth E. Crawford, Home Demonstration agent, and O. K. Beals, county agent, at the home of Freeling Sawyer, just off the Caves highway about two miles from Cave Junction.

The topic of discussion will be "Frozen Food Lockers," showing how frozen food helps the farmer and everyone who uses them. E. H. Wiegand, head of the frozen food industries at Oregon State college will be in charge of the meeting. He will bring you up-to-date and approved methods for freezing fruits, vegetables and meats.

There will be a fine exhibit of food containers and supplies, and here is a list of questions that will be discussed at the meeting:

- 1—Do frozen foods contain vitamins?
- 2—What types of paper and cartons are available for locker use?
- 3—How long can food be contained in a locker?
- 4—Must all vegetables be blanched and why?
- 5—How can low income bracket families afford the use of a locker?
- 6—Will pork turn rancid in a locker?
- 7—Must turkeys be dressed before freezing?
- 8—Must fish be sharp frozen before locker storage?
- 9—Can butter be successfully locker stored?
- 10—Are there any good instructions for cooking frozen foods?
- 11—Will cured meats be damaged in lockers?
- 12—What are the possibilities of freezing breads and pastries?
- 13—May a patron make ice in a locker?

Every resident interested in this feature of preserving foods by the freezing process, is cordially invited to attend this meeting and learn of the latest developments in frozen foods and how you can procure a container and where.

Miss Crawford and Mr. Beals are particularly anxious to have as many farmers as possible to attend this meeting. It is worth your while to learn of the new, approved methods in this connection.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY SCORES WITH TRAFFIC SAFETY

Multnomah, Tillamook and Josephine counties stood at the head of the list of counties entered in the 1941 Counties Traffic Safety contest at the end of the first quarter this year, it was announced today by Earl Snell, secretary of state and sponsor of the contest.

In Group One, Multnomah was in first place followed by Columbia in second and Marion in third. In Group Two, Tillamook led with Jackson second and Coos third. Josephine led Group three with Baker second and Umatilla third.

Counties are grouped according to population density and they are scored on the percentage of improvement in the number of accidents, injuries and deaths. Following are the counties listed according to their ranking for the first three months of 1941:

Group One
Multnomah, Columbia, Marion, Clackamas, Clatsop, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Washington.

Group Two
Tillamook, Jackson, Coos, Hood River, Linn, Lincoln, Lane.

Group Three
Josephine, Baker, Umatilla, Douglas, Deschutes, Klamath, Union, Wasco.

Dr. and Mrs. Delmar J. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Martin of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Athey for several days this week. They left Thursday for Bend, Oregon, where they will visit for several days before returning to their home in the north.

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