

Pioneer Resident Died Monday

News wired to relatives last Monday brought the sad information that Charles James Howard, 86 years old, an old pioneer of the Illinois valley, had passed away at the home of his son in Cottage Grove, Oregon, last Monday afternoon at 4:30.

He was born September 17, 1885 at Kewanee, Illinois and crossed the plains with an ox team and settled in Jacksonville, Oregon, in November, 1860.

Mr. Howard was a civil engineer and surveyed considerable property in the valley in the early days. He was the rural mail carrier for this valley for 23 years, and previous to coming to Kerby, was the Wells Fargo agent at Medford for nine years.

His home was in Kerby until six years ago when he came to Cottage Grove to make his home with his son. He was a member of Belt Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. at Medford.

His funeral was conducted this afternoon (Thursday) at 2:00 o'clock by Belt lodge and interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

He is survived by two sons and one step-son, one daughter, 16 grand children and 19 great-grandchildren. The following members of the family attended the funeral at Kerby: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Howard of Cottage Grove, son; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Howard of Dallas, a son; Mrs. Will Gilmore of Eureka, Calif., daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Floyd, Holland, his step-son; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Howard of Cottage Grove, grandson; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Howard of Cottage Grove, grandson; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Howard of Cottage Grove, grandson; Mrs. D. W. Coats of Wendling, Oregon, granddaughter, and Bernard Roberts, nephew of Medford and Mr. Roberts' son, Mrs. J. E. Roberts of Medford is a sister, but was unable to attend the funeral.

George Riddle of Grants Pass and Homer Hervey and Mr. Hamby of Medford, old friends of Mr. Howard were in Kerby to attend the funeral.

CANTEEN WORK TO CONTINUE SAYS MRS. CRAWFORD

Miss Ruth Crawford and Mrs. Harold Prestel will be in the valley again next Saturday at 10 a. m., to continue with the lessons on canteen work. It is their wish to have at least one unit of five members in each small center as Holland, O'Brien, Kerby, Selma and Cave Junction. About 30 women at least are needed to take the fundamental lessons.

There will be a review of past lessons and new work taken up at the coming meeting.

A good turn out attended the meeting last Saturday at the all-day session and Mr. Bowerman gave a talk on the necessity for just such a set-up on account of anticipated fires or possibly evacuees or even to feed soldiers if necessary.

The meeting will begin promptly at 10 a. m. in the I. O. O. F. hall at Kerby. For the sake of explanation, this canteen movement and the local canteen of the State Guard are two separate organizations.

F. E. Barrett made a business trip to Grants Pass this week.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 18—Card party, Auxiliary hall. Prizes.

May 10—Sunday, Mother's day. O'Brien Women's club meet on the first and third Friday of each month.

Every second Tuesday H. E. U. meeting. Mrs. Lena Payne chairman.

Every Third Friday — Holland School Improvement club meeting.

Public Library in the Auxiliary rooms will be open on Saturday afternoon only from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m.

Every Tuesday—10 a. m. Garden talks over KUIN.

Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.

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KERBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By Elva Messenger

A student body meeting was held Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of nominating student body officers for the coming year. Nominated were: President, Bob Wendt, Jim Baldwin and Elva Messenger; vice-president, Wesley Varhnewald, Donnis Sauer and Clinton Freitas; secretary-treasurer nominees were Barbara Byrne, Cleo Doney, Charlene Miller and Peggy Haberman. Election for these offices will be held May 6.

Those maintaining honor roll for the last six weeks were:

Seniors
Heide Sachse1.0
Louise Hammer1.25
Doris Jones1.25

Juniors
Jim Baldwin1.0
Bob Wendt1.2
Barbara Byrne1.4

Sophomores
Charlene Miller1.0
Donnis Sauer1.25
Cleo Doney1.25

Freshmen
Allene Brewer1.0
Dora Hammer1.0
Rosemary Sachse1.0
Rose Marie Dopyera1.25
Frank McLean1.25
Pearl Marchant1.5
Dorothy Gray1.5
Margaret Armpriest1.5

Due to illness of Mrs. Marcy, English and mathematic teachers, was absent from school several days last week. She has recovered now and is back at her school work.

The Senior class play "Seeing Double" turned out to be a great success. The cast gave a very fine performance, which showed that a lot of hard work had been given to the preparation of the play.

State Guard Holds Drill

Company "A" of the Oregon State Guards held an interesting outdoor drill last Sunday on the ball field behind the high school, and a large portion of the unit was present. Captain Baumberger hopes to hold these outside drill at least once a month, and they should be attended by every guardsman in the company.

Deployment of men as skirmishers and guerrilla warfare as well as demolition methods will be taught in the near future. Application blanks have been secured and additional men will be accepted to recruit Company "A" to war strength. Men interested in joining are requested to report at the Legion hall this Friday evening at 8:00 p. m.

All men now in the company are requested to be present at this drill in order to place them in a permanent position in their platoon are requested to report at the their ladies to enlist in the Guard Canteen unit, which has been highly successful in raising funds for the company.

4-H Clubbers Held Meeting Last Friday

The 4-H club meeting was held last Friday in the typing room of the Kerby Union high school. The meeting was called to order, roll call answered and minutes read and approved. Discussion about the work done by the girls brought much comment.

Mrs. Ferd W. Jones, leader, suggested that all dresses done by the girls be sent in so cards could be sent away. Most of the girls are working on their dresses, their last project.

Two songs were sung, then the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held, Friday, April 24th.

Howard Taylor left for Los Angeles last Tuesday morning. He expects to be back in about two weeks.

Forests Will Be Closed To Recreation

The war has created many complicated forestry problems in the mountains of Oregon and Washington. The officials of the U. S. Forest Service are preparing plans to close much of the national forests to use for recreation and to restrict the use of other areas during the 1941 fire season. Forest camps and resort areas adjoining highways and heavily used recreation roads will remain open for use without additional restrictions. The Oregon Caves and Redwood highways will remain open.

The loss of experienced firemen, the need for keeping industrial crews at their defense jobs, the better effect on morale by keeping the air clear of smoke, the chances of careless fires, and the problem of replacing industrial equipment if burned — all require that the utmost precautions be taken to prevent all man-caused fires.

The Siskiyou National forest will be closed to all public entry except by permit. Permits will be issued to all those regularly using the forests, such as loggers, settlers, miners, and stockmen for specific areas and for legitimate business, but not for recreation. Permits will not be issued for fishing, berry picking or camping.

After closures are put into effect registrants should apply at ranger stations or other forest offices during regular hours for certificates to enter the forest areas. Because of the scarcity of manpower and because of the increased work load, registration service will not be available during the night. Applicants can write for registration certificates if necessary.

Closures are a tool of management to prevent fires, and will be applied only when indicated by the general or local fire danger. Wide publicity will be given when closures are put into effect late in the spring or the latter part of June. They will be cancelled in the fall as soon as conditions warrant. Most spring stream fishing should be over before the closures are put into effect, and most closures will be cancelled before big game hunting starts in the fall, unless there is an abnormally late fire season.

These closures no doubt will include somebody's favorite fishing place or camping spot, but the simple matter of forgetting that pleasure one year should be more than repaid in better fire protection and as a contribution to winning the war by winning the forest fire battle. Highways which run through closures of this type will be open to through travel except for the possibility of checking travelers when conditions are extremely hazardous.

Minerals Association To Meet Saturday

The Siskiyou Minerals association will meet Saturday, April 18, at 10:00 a. m. at the Redwoods hotel, Grants Pass, Oregon.

The buying program of the Metals Reserve company will be explained by D. C. Beyer, Metals Reserve engineer here. The problem of expediting road building to mines will also be taken up.

Ed Boehnke Visits In the Valley

Ed G. Boehnke, Republican candidate for congressman from the new fourth district, was in the valley last Friday in the interest of his campaign.

Mr. Boehnke made a very favorable impression on those he had a chance to call on, but his time was so limited that few Republicans had a chance to meet him. However, he said that he hoped to be back and meet and talk to all the Republicans in the district.

Fishing Season Opens Saturday

The general angling season for trout six inches or over in length opens Saturday, April 18, in Josephine county.

The bag limit remains the same as last year, 15 fish or 15 pounds and one fish in any one day, but not to exceed 30 fish or 30 pounds and 2 fish in any seven consecutive days or in possession at any one time. The angler, however, should consult the synopsis of angling regulations issued by the game commission for a list of waters having special seasons and bag limits.

Resident angling license fee is \$3 but a combination hunting and fishing license may be secured for \$5. Resident juveniles from the age of 14 up to but not including 18 years of age may secure an angling license for \$1, while those under 14 years of age do not need a license but must observe other regulations in regard to seasons and limits.

Advance reports indicated that most waters, particularly along the coast section, are in good shape and should provide good fishing at the opening of the season provided weather and water conditions do not change in the meantime. To date there have been very few restrictions made by the government due to water conditions that would affect anglers so that practically all of the major fishing waters are open to the public.

Anglers are urged not to forget to fill out catch record cards reporting on the results of their fishing trips. These cards can be secured from license agencies, fishing resorts, sportsmen's organizations and state police officers.

CHAMBER DISCUSSES MANY PROBLEMS

Last Tuesday noon the local chamber of commerce met in the Drews hotel with only a handful present. However, the discussion was indeed interesting and those who were not there missed something constructive.

It has been suggested by outside men that Cave Junction get behind a movement to organize an inter-county organization with Curry, Jackson and Josephine counties in Oregon and Del Norte county in California for their mutual benefit.

The idea was immediately adopted and May 8th is the tentative date set for an intercounty all-day meeting with a noon luncheon. Time and place to be announced later.

Elwood Hussey spoke of incorporating the city of Cave Junction and proposed many advantages this would give the city. A meeting was called to discuss the plan last Wednesday evening in Camp U-Rest, but few attended.

The plan to have a room for the chamber was talked of, and Mr. Hussey showed a committee a room that he would donate to the chamber if they would fix the room suitable for occupancy. This will be discussed later. The chamber will meet next Tuesday noon in the Drews hotel dining room.

INTEREST IS BLING SHOWN IN COPPER

Anyone who has a copper claim or mine, and who would like to see his or her holdings put into profitable operation, should contact M. C. Athey at The News office.

Mr. Athey has contacts with reputable people who are looking for this mineral and want to put the claims or mines into production at once. Mr. Athey has no connection whatever with the concern, and is only interested in getting the claims into production for the local miners. He also has calls for chrome and manganese.

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

(By Ed Dailey)

Clay Ramsey spent a few days at his home in Kerby and is now employed on the government work in Medford for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sachse, Mrs. Phil Dessinger and Miss Mary Brady were shopping in Grants Pass last Saturday.

Dopyera Brothers have contracted to furnish 60 tiers of wood to school district No. 3, at the last board meeting.

R. B. Phillips had the misfortune to sprain his ankle and had to resort to crutches.

Mrs. Dollie Duncan received word that her son Alton was working at the government airport near Portland.

Mrs. J. Q. Willets of Corvallis visited old time friends in Kerby last week end.

Mrs. Daisy Gilmore of Cottage Grove is visiting friends in Kerby. Mrs. Gilmore is a daughter of the late Chas. J. Howard.

Chrome Buying Due Next Week

Metals Reserve company will be ready to purchase chromite beginning in the early part of next week, D. C. Beyer, agent for the federal concern, told the Courier Wednesday.

He said that Northwest Testing Laboratories of Portland has contracted to make analyses of the ore and may establish a laboratory here. However, first samples will be shipped to Portland, and RFC checks are to be made from that city.

A month ago it was announced that Northwest Testing Laboratories had arranged to open the service here, but the arrangements were not completed at that time.

Although the government has not been ready to buy chromite, Beyer has accepted several truckloads of chromite at the local purchasing depot.

Garden Club to Have Guest Speaker

The Illinois Valley Garden club will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Holland in Bridgeview, Friday, April 24th.

Mrs. E. D. Lamb of Klamath Falls, vice-president of the Siskiyou district of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, will be the guest speaker, and will illustrate pictures with her lecture on "Flower Arrangements."

John W. Smith transacted business in the county seat on Monday.

MICKIE SAYS—

FOLKS, ALL NEWSPAPERS HAVE TH' SAME RULE—WHEN SENDIN' PIECES TO PUBLISH, PUT YOUR NAME AT TH' BOTTOM, SO WE'LL KNOW WHERE THEY COME FROM PLEASE



Forest Fire Help Made Available

SALEM, Ore. (Special) — A program of forest protection on a scale never before attempted in Oregon, and one that indicates a labor reservoir of some 100,000 fire fighters with supplies and materials to equip them, should an extreme emergency arise demanding such an effort, is now under way and will be fully completed before the fire season, according to a statement by State Forester N. S. Rogers.

"The first line of defense will be the emergency fire crews that will be hired for the duration of the fire season," stated Mr. Rogers. "State forestry officials have contacted all schools of higher education as well as many high schools, making listings of the young men over 16 years of age who would be willing to accept this work. Up to the present time approximately a thousand individuals have been signed up and these men are now undergoing a course in job training which includes both lectures on protection and fire suppression and actual work in the field.

"The manpower inventory indicates that there are between 70,000 and 80,000 men in the forest industries, either within or adjacent to the forest areas, who would be available in case of large or widely scattered fires. However, this force would not be called out except as a last resort, since it is essential that the war industries be provided with lumber. Yet some of these men could fight fires without crippling the industry and operators are now listing this force with the state forestry department. It is expected that some 20,000 men will be signed up.

"Another source of emergency work is the defense organizations that are being set up in the cities and rural communities in a voluntary basis. Rosters of these groups are being secured, indicating the captain or leader, qualifications of individuals, listing of available equipment, the area in which the group will serve and the approximate time each can devote to this type of work without personal sacrifice to his regular job or business. Under this plan it is estimated that 20,000 men will be available."

"FEMININE TOUCH" GAY, 4-CORNERED ROMANTIC TANGLE

It's a moot point whether the ladies or their male partners will get the biggest kick out of the new film, "The Feminine Touch," which has to do with the emotion known as jealousy. This picture will be shown at the Cave City theater next Saturday and Sunday.

"The Feminine Touch" concerns a fairly patient wife, Rosalind Russell, whose husband constantly derides all expression of jealousy. Don Ameche is the male spouse-on-ice, whose cold scientific reasoning sounds moderately convincing in a book which is called "The Female of the Species." The wife doesn't agree with him about the theory, out the two decide to go to New York to dispose of the book.

There, in their prospective publisher's office, they meet Kay Francis, a literary expert and also an alert judge of men. She takes the author under her wing, to the wife's extreme discomfort, and the trouble begins pronto. Van Heflin, of the New York stage, is the publisher, a play-seeking sort of fellow who can't help falling in love with every pretty girl he meets.

There's the situation as Ameche and Miss Francis start the job of editing his book. It takes virtually all of their time. The eternal triangle is cut up in slices, and cast to the winds in the four-cornered mix-up that follows.