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## Camp U-Rest Cabin Fire Last Friday

Through some unexpected cause, one of the cabins at Camp U-Rest caught on fire last Friday evening about 7:30 and nearly caused a small panic among citizens and property owners.

E. H. York, owner of the property discovered the small blaze and could have put it out with a couple buckets full of water, but there was no water. The Cave City Water company's line was not functioning at the moment and that is what caused all the trouble—no water.

When this was found out the attention of all was turned to the city fire truck. No fire truck was available, and only a very few knew where it was.

"Where's the key to the fire truck?" — "Where's the fire company?" — "Why don't somebody do something?" And many other like casual remarks were heard up and down the street.

The fire truck was in Kerby being repaired. The department sent it there to have a new pump put on, but the old pump was put back and it happened to be all done and ready for action. Ray Wilson went to Kerby to get the truck and brought it back just as the fire was put out. He drove up and asked if the fire was out and then took the truck back to the rear of the Texaco garage and filling station.

Chief George Martin happened to be away and there didn't seem to be anyone who could answer questions. M. C. Athey who knew what was being done was up the valley and did not know of the fire until he returned when it was all over.

When Mr. Wilson drove up with the truck, there seemed to be a lot of merriment among the standers-by, for they greeted the truck with considerable amusement, so we have been informed.

For the benefit of our readers and those who have contributed to the repair of the fire truck, we wish to say for Chief Martin and the department members, that the truck is under repairs, which are hard to have made on account of getting parts, and has never been in good running order since the repair program has started. This work is being rushed as fast as possible, and Chief Martin hopes it will be completed at once. In the meantime, merchants should have a barrel of water near their premises and kept full. It's a good protection.

The fire did little damage, but caused a lot of excitement. If it had not been controlled as quickly as it was, it could have been a major fire as far as the city is concerned.

## Belt Lodge to Meet Saturday

Belt Lodge No. 18 A. F. & A. M. will hold their regular monthly meeting Saturday, July 22.

All members are urged to attend and all visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Tom, Tom, the Piper's son stole some Fluhner's Enriched Bread and (?) (He ate it.)

## —BUY WAR BONDS—

## COMING EVENTS

Community Church Missionary group, third Thursday of the month.

H. E. U. meets every second Tuesday of the month.

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

O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.

Illinois Valley Garden club meets the fourth Friday of each month. Belt Lodge, A. F. & A. M. meets fourth Saturday each month.

## 'Sweet Rosie O'Grady' Next Attraction at Cave City Theater

Here's Betty Grable again, folks, again in Technicolor and again in love and in trouble, and if this be a somewhat slowed-down and covered-up Grable, as compared to the "Coney Island" Grable, it is nevertheless a Grable surrounded by all the glitter and sparkle at her studio's command.

The setting, which is in the 1880's, which a prefatory note describes as gayer than the Gay Nineties. Degrees of gaiety aside, the songs of the Eighties ran to waltz tempo and the costuming of the ladies of the stage ran to ruffles and tights, historical factualities which cramp in some degree the style to which the studio has accustomed the Grable public. Originally publicized as "The Girl on the Police Gazette," the picture presents the star as a musical comedy favorite, wearing a new name to conceal her beginning in burlesque, whose real identity and background are exposed by a reporter for the Police Gazette. Star and reported compete with each other, in terms of publicity stunts and otherwise, from the start of the picture to the finale. Robert Young portrays the reporter.

The picture is at its best in the production numbers, four of which employ songs by Mack Gordon and Henry Warren. One of these, "My Heart Tells Me" could pop up on the "Hit Parade any week now.

## Six Sisters Have Reunion, One Absent

Mrs. Matt Smith of Cottage Grove who has been visiting in the valley was accompanied home last Thursday by five of her sisters, this being the first time in several years that six of the seven sisters have been able to get together. Making the trip were Mrs. Earl Boyd, Mrs. Bud Hoskins, Mrs. Cecil Wilhelms, just recently returned from a visit with her husband who just finished training in the army engineers at Belvoir, Va., Mrs. Kenneth Berkner a recent arrival from Sleepy Eye, Minn., and Mrs. Charles Lemmon of Grants Pass.

During their absence Grandmother Wilber was kept busy caring for the nine grandchildren at the Bud Hoskins home in Kerby.

## Deadline for Ladino Has Been Extended

The deadline or signing up for Ladino clover seed inspection has been extended until Saturday, July 22, advises Jens F. Svinth, county agent.

This is due to E. R. Jackson, extension specialist in farm crops, Oregon State College, not being able to start inspection work until next week. This will enable those growers who have been debating about saving their crop for seed to sign up before inspection begins. All sign-ups should be done in the county agent's office.

Guaranteed price of \$1.50 per pound has induced many to save one cutting for seed, Svinth said. The total acreage signed up to date exceeds that of last year and has prospects of being the highest acreage signed up for any year since Ladino seed has been produced in the county.

## NEXT CLINIC JULY 26

A literature rack furnished by the Josephine County Health association has been placed in Martin's Hardware store and will be supplied with literature by the American Legion Auxiliary. It is free and the public is invited to help themselves.

The next clinic will be held July 26.

## Greens Adding Two Rooms to Residence

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Green of the Model Grocery are remodeling their residence near the store by adding two bedrooms and a bath room.

The work is being rapidly completed and the new rooms are expected to be ready for occupancy soon.

## Forest Service Says Market Livestock

H. C. Obye, supervisor of Siskiyou National Forest, has received a report from the U. S. Forest Service, urging the marketing of livestock.

Feed grain supply was highest in 20 years per animal unit as of January 1, 1943, the report states, but by Jan. 1, 1944, had shrunk 20 per cent to the lowest point in seven years.

The livestock forage feed situation in the 11 western states has also become more critical during the year, the report says, with increases in cattle, hogs and poultry offsetting declines in other livestock. Reserve feed in many areas is practically exhausted, it is stated.

are the following:

Among suggestions in the report "It has finally been recognized by most producers and officials that the sustained high production essential for the war can be maintained only by attaining and keeping numbers of livestock in reasonable balance with forage and feed supplies and by getting to market the animals required to furnish the meat and hides needed.

"OPA has finally removed a major hindrance to movement of animals to market by releasing most meat from rationing. This, then emphasizes the responsibility of livestock producers, as their part in the war, of keeping up the supply of meat and hides by first growing and fattening, then marketing animals currently. Livestock producers have done a marvelous job, aided by favorable growing conditions and a large supply of feed, in growing animals for market. But now numbers of animals have outrun the feed supply. Much greater marketings than last year, especially of beef cattle, are essential to establish a sound balance between numbers and feed.

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## NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK

Avoidance of traffic accidents involving emergency farm workers is one of the chief objectives of the Oregon observance of National Farm Safety Week, July 24-29, according to the safety division of the secretary of state's office.

Bob Farrell, secretary of state, today issued this statement on this type of traffic accidents:

"Farmers in this state today face critical shortages of part-time labor for the current harvest season. To meet this situation, thousands of young people in Oregon, as well as many adults, drive from the cities and towns to the rural areas to help harvest our crops. Therefore, in addition to the humanitarian aspects of the matter, it is important that this pool of emergency farm labor is not curtailed by traffic accidents which could be prevented.

"Farmers operating trucks hauling young people to and from the farms should observe every possible precaution to avoid accidents. So far this year, only a few accidents of this type have been reported. There need be no more of these incidents if proper precautions are observed."

The safety division listed these points for safety in emergency farm labor transportation: check vehicles regularly to make sure they are in good operating condition; observe traffic regulations at all times with special attention to moderate speed and caution at railroad grade crossings; discourage horse-play among passengers enroute; exercise care at rural highway intersections and when entering a major highway from a farm lane.

Pedestrians, walking to farms, were reminded to walk only on the left, facing approaching traffic, and to step off the paved portion of the roadway when cars approach. In crossing roads, always look both ways and wait for approaching cars to pass.

## NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Bud Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith, is home on a short furlough, visiting relatives and friends.

Earl R. Sherier, USN, stationed at Farragut, Idaho, was home on a short furlough last Sunday. Mrs. Sherier presented him with a brand new baby daughter on his arrival which he saw for the first time. Mr. and Mrs. Sherier and family left later for Klamath Falls for a visit with the latter's parents.

Pvt. Clarence O. Wallace, stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., combat engineer branch, arrived in Kerby at 5 a. m. Tuesday morning on a short furlough with friends in the valley and left on Wednesday for another visit with his parents in Lake Valley, New Mexico. Mrs. Wallace and children accompanied him and will make their home in Mesa, Arizona, for the duration. Pvt. Wallace entered the armed forces last Feb. 25th and spent 15 weeks basic training in Camp Abbot, Oregon.

Just a change of address recently received was from another former Cave Junction boy, Jack H. Hayden, whose new address is Lt. J. H. Hayden 0-762323 95th F. S. 82nd F. G. APO 520 New York, New York, which reaches him "somewhere in Italy." Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hayden now living in Riverside, Calif.

## BEEF RATIONING LIMIT LOWERED

War Food Administrator Marvin Jones has directed the OPA to end rationing restrictions August 1 on all lower quality beef steaks and beef roasts but to resume rationing of hams and pork loins, an authoritative spokesman said this week.

The request was made, he said, to clear crowded storage space in preparation for a flood of beef expected to reach the market this fall.

The revision would make ration free all beef except good and choice grades of steaks and roasts. Pork is not rationed at present.

The order would mark the first time that Jones formally has invoked his authority to direct rationing. Previously, WFA has reported the available supply of foods and left it to OPA to decide rationing.

## HOP PICKERS CAN REGISTER NOW

Registration of pickers for Josephine county's 1944 hop crop will be started Monday by the Farm Labor Employment Office, according to an announcement by C. W. Thornberry, county farm labor assistant.

Registrations are already being taken by individual hop yards and as was the case last year, the Farm Labor Office urges prospective pickers to register at the yard of their choice if they so desire.

Hop growers are meeting this week end to estimate the requirements in pickers and to estimate the number of local people and transient harvest workers who will be available for the harvest. Present plans call for the use of about 400 Mexican national laborers here during the harvest, but this figure may be revised, depending upon supplies of pickers from normal sources.

The acreage of hops in the county is about 40 per cent, or some 400 acres, larger than in 1943. It is not expected that the yield on the new acreage will be large, and the heavier labor demand which would normally be expected will be offset to a great extent by the more extensive use of picking machines.

Registrations will be taken at the Farm Labor Employment Office, which is located at 312 North Sixth street. Those who register at the office may specify the hop yard of their choice.

Mrs. Nellie Streit, sister of Gus Hart, who has been visiting at the Ida Wing home for the past week left Tuesday for her home in Portland.

## Kerby News Notes of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Boys from the Blister Rust camp at the old CCC camp met the Smoke Jumpers from the Redwood Ranger Station for a lively game of baseball on Sunday afternoon. The game was played on the Holt-on creek ground east of the high school. The score ended 19-18 in favor of the Blister Rust boys. Eugene Little, a former player at the camp acted as umpire.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Park of Los Angeles are guests at the home of Mrs. Martin Sachse and daughter Rosemary. Mr. Park is Mrs. Sachse's brother.

A supply of surgical dressings are again at the Odd Fellows hall and the women are meeting on Tuesday afternoons to fold them. This is a very necessary and pleasant work.

Dean Wells arrived this week from San Francisco to visit his grandmother, Mrs. Millie Trefethen and grandfather, Roy Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Jones spent last Sunday in Gold Hill looking for a house to move into and found it was necessary to purchase a place. Mr. Jones has been elected principal of the consolidated grade and high schools of Gold Hill. They expect to move in a few weeks after spending seven seemingly short years in the Illinois valley.

Karl Townsend left last Saturday after spending a few days leave with his wife and small son. He is with the navy. His wife is the former Winnifred Hassler.

While walking home from swimming Tuesday, Wendall Jones saw a rattlesnake near the highway a few yards from his home. He was near enough to call his mother who ran with the hoe and quickly dispensed the rattler who carried 10 rattles and a button. It measured about 24 inches.

Woodrow Nealy arrived home on a 12 day furlough from the Farragut naval training base on Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Nealy and children are spending a few days visiting Mrs. Nealy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jones and Woodrow's brother Dick Nealy in Kerby.

Mrs. J. H. Pomeroy and house guest Mrs. C. S. Urbutt left Wednesday for their home in Sausalito, Cal., after spending several weeks on the Pomeroy ranch west of Kerby.

Mrs. James Hogue, Mrs. Sam Bunch and Mrs. Mattie Seyferth left Tuesday for San Francisco, where they will visit Mrs. Hogue's sister, Mrs. Anna Black.

A number of local people are taking advantage of the new bus service to Grants Pass. Among locals who went in Wednesday were Mrs. Martin Sachse and daughter Rosemary, Dena Jones, and Mrs. Phil Dessinger.

## Deer Creek Grange Dance Saturday Night

Deer Creek Grange will give one of their popular dances Saturday evening, July 22 in their hall up Deer Creek from Selma.

The Valley Swingsters orchestra will provide the music and the ladies of the Grange will have a midnight supper.

These Deer Creek dances are very popular among the younger set, and yes, the oldsters like 'em too. You can't go wrong for a swell evening's entertainment when you go to a Deer Creek Grange dance.

## IDA WING SELLS RANCH

Mrs. Ida Wing recently sold her ranch to Russell Doran of North Hollywood and has purchased her a very modern home in Grants Pass where she expects to move to as soon as she is able to get household and personal effects packed for hauling. The new owners will take possession in the fall and Gus Hart will remain on the ranch until they arrived.

## Legion Installs Officers

Wednesday night at the regular meeting of Glenn Morrison Post No. 70, American Legion, Floyd Dover of Post No. 28, Grants Pass, installed the officers for the ensuing year. Comrade Dover is also Past Commander of the Disabled War Veterans and a member of the Purple Heart. This was the 26th time he has installed officers in Legion Posts in the 26 years he has been a member of the Legion.

Other visitors from Grants Pass were Pete Fredrickson who is also Department Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Hough Gould, county service officer of Josephine county, for all veteran organizations.

The only lady member, Mrs. Inez Webb was on hand to witness the installation and when called upon to say a few words read a beautiful prayer from the American magazine.

Mike Wells was sworn into the Legion. He is the first member of World War II to join this post.

Other visitors from posts outside of Oregon were W. C. Wieland who belongs in Santa Ana, Calif., and Edmond L. Bridant from Miami, Florida.

Bob Hill said he would take the scrap paper into Grants Pass when there is sufficient on hand to make a ton or two.

Comrade Fredrickson, Dover and Gould each gave a splendid talk and all stressed the work that the Legion must do for the boys returning from this second world war. Comrade Gould told of some of the work his office is doing and said that in the five months since the county has taken over the service there has been over 800 cases handled through his office.

Comrade Dover and Fredrickson stressed the fact that about 60 per cent of the disabled men being discharged now are mental cases or those suffering from shock and need special handling and the Legion must help in this work.

Les Henry, outgoing Commander thanked the members for their fine support during the past year as did Art Kellert, past adjutant and Eddie Taylor, past and present finance officer.

The new Commander, Nat Woolley, said that he would do his best to carry on the fine work done by his predecessor and asked for the same loyal support from the members Commander Henry had received.

Elwood Hussey the new adjutant, said he would do his best in that office but that members must not expect the special detail work Art Kellert had given. Comrade Hussey had served in this same office five times before.

After the meeting the Legion adjourned to the Auxiliary room where luncheon was served by the ladies.

## WHAT THE LEGION AUXILIARY IS DOING

At the Wednesday night meeting committee chairmen were appointed by incoming President Mildred Taylor. Appointive officers were appointed as follows: Historian, Mildred Taylor; chaplain, Mary E. White; sergeant-at-arms, Harriet Baumberger. The obligation of office was given to officers and executive board members.

A handkerchief shower was given to Adah Jones, who will soon be leaving for her new home. She will be much missed and the best wishes of the Unit go with her.

Refreshments of salad ice cream and cake were served after the meeting to Unit members, Legionnaires and their guests: Mr. Hough Gould, county service officer; Mr. Floyd Dover and Mr. Pete Fredrickson. All gave fine talks on rehabilitation and the work of the service officer.

Mrs. L. A. Beard and daughter, were shopping in Grants Pass the first of the week. They made the trip with O. W. Green of the Model Grocery.