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Hospital Plan Will Continue

The Josephine County Rural Health Protection Association met Monday to consider ways and means of continuing the prepaid hospital service for farm families which was in operation in the county during the past year.

Six hundred and thirty-two were under this protection plan last year; 340 of them joined on August 1st. A full year's record on these reveals that one person out of every third family was hospitalized. Thirty-five of the 340 people were hospitalized for an average of eight days apiece. The average cost per day was \$7.20 a person. The renewal contract offered by Blue Cross promises \$5.50 a day. For this reason, the association decided to organize their own local group which would supply the same complete coverage in the local hospital that was offered under last year's program. Already 40 families have renewed their contract.

The association met with the County Court and has their endorsement on the local plan. Pomona Grange went on record in support of the local plan. Earl Rinehart is president of the association and Josephine Powers is secretary. The association was organized through the Rural Health Services Division of the Farm Security Administration. Bartty McVeigh, local FSA supervisor here, assured the group of continuing help from the FSA office.

"Prior to the war," McVeigh stated, "75 per cent of the farm families in need of financing were in financial difficulty due to illness in the family or ill health of the head of the family. The farm security is forced to be interested in improved health services in rural areas."

At the request of the RHPA Board of Directors, the services of Mrs. Sara H. Wertz, Assoc. District FSA Supervisor, were secured for the week.

Christmas Packages For Overseas Men

The post office department has announced that it is time to begin thinking about the Christmas packages that you will want to send to your relatives and friends in the service overseas.

The packages must be mailed between September 15th and October 15th. A little over a month away. The department asks that you begin to think about this matter and help the postal department with strict observance of the law so that all packages will arrive at their destination in good order and on time. Your local post master will give you further information concerning size and weight of the packages.

HEALTH CLINIC

Nineteen people were at the clinic Wednesday with four immunizations completed. One pre-school examination and one physical on school child. The next clinic will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, as Dr. Osgood is taking his two weeks vacation the last of August.

—BUY WAR BONDS—

COMING EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 4—Labor day.
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.

"LOST ANGEL" AT CAVE CITY THEATER SATURDAY, SUNDAY

James Craig and Marsha Hunt, the romantic team of William Saroyan's "The Human Comedy," recent Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer hit picture, are teamed again in "Lost Angel," new starring picture for Margaret O'Brien, showing this Saturday and Sunday at the Cave City theater.

Craig portrays a tough, likeable reporter who is assigned to report the experiment of Miss O'Brien's being raised scientifically as a prodigy by a group of professors. Miss Hunt is cast as a night club singer with whom the reporter is in love.

"Lost Angel" is the first starring vehicle for Miss O'Brien, whose sensational work in "Journey for Margaret" won her nationwide acclaim.

Sonja Henie in "Wintertime" Next Wednesday and Thursday

Happy times are in store for you in "Wintertime", the 20th Century-Fox musical hit starring Sonja Henie, which plays at the Cave City theater Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 16th and 17th.

Filmed in the mountain resort area of the Canadian snow-peaked mountains, this film is natural screen entertainment. Lovely Sonja skates into the hearts of the audience to the wonderful rhythms of Woody Herman and his orchestra.

Jack Oakie, Carole Landis and Cesar Romero add the imprint of their delightful personalities to the general scheme, making the film a four star favorite.

Mrs. Larsen Entertains Selma Health Club

Mrs. Olaf C. Larsen entertained the Selma Health club last week at her home when new officers were elected for the year with the following to take office: Mrs. Helen Warren, president; Mrs. Lorena Weiss, vice president; and Mrs. Audrey Trautfather, reelected secretary treasurer.

Mrs. Edith Phipps, public health nurse of Grants Pass, spoke on post war health plans and outlined a project which will be given further consideration in the near future.

During the social hour Mrs. Larsen served dainty refreshments.

The Selma club will meet for their next session at the home of Mrs. Weiss.

All Dairymen Asked To Attend Meeting Wednesday Night

There will be a meeting of dairy men Wednesday night, August 16, at 8:30 o'clock at the Grange hall, for the purpose of organizing a County Cooperative Creamery.

A committee from Grants Pass will be present to explain the set-up.

All dairy men from the valley are urged to attend.

Delegates Off to Legion Convention

Several valley people left this week for the annual State American Legion convention and the Ladies' Auxiliary convention, both being held this week in Portland.

Those leaving from the valley were:

Mr. and Mrs. Art Kellert and son Harry and L. E. Athey left Saturday. For the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. E. Y. Taylor and Mrs. Ralph Baumberger, and the Legion sent Nat Woolley, Elwood Hussey, Les Henry, Blake Miller, C. Y. Arnold and Ralph Baumberger. They all left Wednesday for the big convention and will return Sunday.

Mrs. Anthony Mares of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Holt of San Pedro, Calif., left Tuesday for their respective homes after a short visit in the valley visiting friends. They were dinner guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Holland at Bridgeview last week.

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Mr. and Mrs. Laque Youngblood had as week end guest, their niece, Nancy Youngblood of Grants Pass.

Donnis Sauer spent a few days last week visiting her brother Laverne, who is now living at Ft. Jones, Calif.

Miss Zenna Slack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Slack of Ft. Jones, Calif., is a guest at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ingalls were Mrs. Ingalls' son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox and children Ellen Mae and John Arthur of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Millie Trefethen had as guest the past few days, Mrs. Margaret Paskal of Bremerton, Wash., who has taken a few days vacation from her job at a defense plant to visit her father, Les Henry and friends at Kerby.

Miss Barbara Bryne of Portland was a guest at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nealy and also visiting her grandmother and other relatives on the Caves highway. Barbara is a graduate of Kerby high school and was a student at Lewis and Clark college during the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tyler brought their small daughter Jean from a Medford hospital where she spent several days under the care of a specialist. Jean had the misfortune to puncture her eye with a table fork which she was using to untie a knot in her shoe. It was feared her sight would be impaired but now her recovery is almost complete.

Miss Betty Lackey is spending a few weeks in Coquille where she has gone to stay with her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Lackey. Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Lackey report the birth of a daughter on July 28. This is their second child and first daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Kellert and son Harry, and Shirley Martindale left last week for a few days visit with relatives in Washington before the American Legion convention in Portland which they plan to attend. Shirley has been staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Boling and plans to go to Pasco, Wash., where her parents are living. Mrs. Wm. Ingalls is caring for the Kellert Variety store during their absence.

Democrats Will Hold Park Meeting Sunday

The Democratic Central committee met in the circuit court room Tuesday evening with Johnnie Clark presiding.

A state-wide covered-dish luncheon will be held at the city park Sunday for those who wish to come. A. Walker announced today.

Loud speakers will be installed for the speeches, and refreshments and amusement will be furnished.

A. Walker, chairman of the Dover for Congress committee has been granted permission by the Central committee to establish an office for both committees downtown.

CALIFORNIANS TO HOLD PICNIC

All Californians and former Californians now living in Josephine county are invited to an all day picnic to be held in the City Park at Grants Pass on Sunday, August 20. Good speakers and an entertaining program is planned for the day. Free coffee will be served at the potluck dinner at noon, and everyone is to bring eats and their table service.

Tech. Sgt. Harold L. James arrived last week from Syracuse, New York, on a week's furlough. Harold is aerial engineer on a C-47 transport plane.

High School Opens Tues., September 5

It won't be long now until the Kerby Union high school will be opening its doors for the fall term. Tuesday, September 5th is the date for the opening and pupils will register on that day.

Kerby Union high has been most fortunate this year in getting a list of teachers, and the valley is expecting one of the best high schools it has ever had. The following have already signed their contracts:

Jerry Medcaif, principal.

Florence Minium, mathematics and science.

Edith Osgood, commercial subjects and music.

Esther Pickett, English.

William Farlien, part time shop.

The home economics and girls' physical education instructor will be announced before school opens. We can say this much. If the school board secures the teacher they want, and we believe they will, Kerby will definitely have one of the best home economics teachers in the state of Oregon, and that's taking in a lot of territory.

Classes will start the day after registration, and the busses will make the usual run. We will try to get the schedule for publication before school starts.

FARM MACHINERY CLASS DELAYED

The first meeting of the Farm Machinery class which was to have been started on Monday, August 14th has been postponed until Tuesday, August 15th, on account of Glen Weaver, assistant state supervisor of agricultural education, being delayed in getting here.

Mr. Weaver will attend this first meeting and see if there are enough men and women who want the farm class education. Classes will not start until September 1st.

The classes will be held in the evenings and will not interfere with anyone's day work. The meeting Tuesday, August 15th will take up at 8:30 p. m. Jerry Medcaif, principal of the high school, urges all those who want to take this course to be at the first meeting.

Man Gets Out Of Sick Bed To Kill Rattlesnake

Last Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. Mrs. Lela Cooke of O'Brien, while starting the evening meal, heard a loud hissing noise. She first thought it was a jar of fruit spoiling, but the barking of the dog on the porch called her attention outside, and there at the corner of the porch on the ground coiled a rattlesnake about two feet long. While the dog stood guard, Mrs. Cooke ran for the big, heavy crowbar nearby and jabbed the reptile and held it against a rock, then called to Guilford who has been sick in bed since last Tuesday a week. He staggered out with the .22. Before he could get a good shot he had to go to the shed to get something to pry a board loose, as the snake had nearly wriggled out from the bar and crawled under the porch. Just a "tail hold" was holding him, Mrs. Cooke said, but he didn't get away. Guilford shot it three times. It had eight rattles and was on the fight. So it pays to have a dog around.

MONDAY FIXED FOR START OF HOP HARVEST

Hop harvest will begin definitely on August 14, C. W. Thornberry, Farm Labor employment assistant, announced today.

The registrations are running behind last year's although the transient pickers are coming in.

Platoon leaders met at the Farm Labor office Wednesday morning with Miss Ruth Crawford and Orren Masters, platoon organizer present.

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Capt. John A. Ulrich Awarded for Heroism

Recently awarded a Soldier's Medal for heroism on Guadalcanal was Captain John A. Ulrich Cave Junction. The Soldier's Medal is given for courageous acts when not in direct contact with the enemy.

The order reads: "John A. Ulrich, captain, ordnance department, United States army, for heroism on Guadalcanal on June 26, 1944, when he directed the first vehicle into a dangerous area of an exploding ammunition dump



Captain John A. Ulrich

while shell fragments fell around him. With disregard for his personal safety, Captain Ulrich extinguished a fire in another vehicle despite the possibility of an explosion of nearby gasoline, thereby saving valuable government property.

Capt. Ulrich was the engineer in charge of the Oregon Caves CCC camp before the war and has a host of friends in the valley.

LETTER FROM CLINT FREITAS

Geo. C. Freitas S 1/C
Armed Guard,
SS Mello Franco
c/o Fleet PO, San Francisco, Cal.
July 28, 1944

Dear Mom and Lyle: I'm in the South Pacific somewhere in a naval hospital. I just had my nose operated on due to some blood vessels that were exposed when I broke my nose boxing at Kerby Hi.

It's pretty darned hot over here, but other than that everything else is O. K. We get a little beer now and then but it's usually so warm we can't drink it.

Thanks a lot for the clippings in the Illinois Valley News. I sure like to know about the old gang and where they are at. I got my first mail today in over a month and a half. It sure did seem good to hear from home and know that everything is O. K.

I hear Bud Smith was home on leave. I sure wish I could have seen him. I got a letter from Donnis and one from Neil today. He sure was all hopped up about going to Hi school.

There aren't many women in the islands I've been at and most of them are kind of black.

I guess I'll close for now and hope this letter finds you all alive and still kicking. Your Son,
CLINT.

P. S.—If you get up home any time tell everybody hello for me.

VIVIAN McCASLAND JOINS THE WACS

Miss Coral V. McCasland, daughter of Mrs. Irene McCasland, Rural Route No. 1, Cave Junction, Oregon, has completed enlistment in the Women's Army Corps at Portland, Oregon, according to a release from the Army Public Relations Office in that city.

Miss McCasland, a Rural Route Mail Carrier and postal clerk in Illinois Valley for the past year will be called to active duty in the WAC about August 20, at which time she will be sent to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for basic training. Following basic, she will be assigned to the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation and will become a member of the Transportation Corps.

Miss McCasland is a graduate of Burbank High School, Burbank, California and attended Woodberry Business College in Glendale, Calif.

Few Miners Attended Meeting

Last Saturday evening a mass meeting of miners of this section was held in the American Legion hall, with only a handful of miners present. However, those who attended were well satisfied with the information they received for having taken the trouble to go to the meeting.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Siskiyou Minerals association, and Gus Walker, president, called the meeting to order and explained what it was for—to acquaint the miners of this section what the association was doing in their behalf and to elect a member of the board of directors to represent this section.

President Walker asked Secretary Herb Wadell to read some communications from the Western Mining Council, which is composed of numerous mining associations in California and Oregon. One letter stated that Lester Child had been placed on the nominating committee of the council. The election of officers for the Western Mining Council will be held in October in Grants Pass, when a large gathering of mining men from the west will hold one of the largest mining meetings ever held in this section. Mr. Child is vice president of the Siskiyou Minerals association, and his appointment on the nominating committee of the council was a distinct compliment of recognition for the local group.

It was also stated that Gus Walker was one of the charter members of the council, the local association having elected to become one of the members of the council.

One of the big fights the association is making for the miners of Southern Oregon, is to clarify the O & C land grant situation, whereby prospectors can locate mineral claims on these lands according to the mining laws of the nation. Since 1937 claims could not be located without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, and if, in his opinion, the claim had minerals that were needed, the miner could proceed, but if he was informed that there was no minerals there, he would not allow the claim to be made. This is a condition that has handicapped mining claims since 1937, when the Secretary of the Interior first declared his intention to restrict mining locations.

Through the cooperation of United States Senator Guy Cordon, the senator has prepared a senate bill which clarifies this situation and puts the O & C land grants back where they were before 1937. This matter is of great concern to local prospectors. The senator hopes to get favorable action on the bill in the near future, but the prospectors and miners must do something for themselves if this bill is to become a law. They must make a report of their claim. (The News has blanks on which to make the report—please come in and get one or write for one). This report is not long and any miner can do it easily in five minutes time. If Senator Cordon can get these reports all together and show how many claims there are located, it will help speed the bill to its final conclusion. The News asks every miner to please get one of these blanks and fill it out.

Senator Lew Wipperman was called on for a short talk, and he said that he was the chairman of the mining committee in the state senate and would do everything he could to help the miners. Later on he said that he hopes the miners would cooperate with Senator Cordon and get the blanks filled out, and he warmly congratulated the Siskiyou Minerals association for having the blanks prepared in such a condition.

The next matter of business was the election of a member from the valley to the board of directors. Fred Linkhart's name was proposed and D. L. Webb and M. C. Athey were also proposed and seconded.

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