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Stage Set For High School Play

When the curtain raises this Friday night and the audience turns its eyes to the stage at 8:15 p. m., 11 cast members of the All School Play of 1944 will emerge from the shadows of six weeks concentrated practice and "All American Family" will be under production.

As a result of the fine work of the director, Mrs. Wertz, the committees and the cast, Friday night is faced with confidence and assurance that the best is given for all who attend.

The finishing touches were given at a dress rehearsal Wednesday evening when the cast performed before complete sets and full costumes for the first time.

The cast in the order of which they appear:

Grandma Butler, Dotti Jury; Mrs. Carrie Butler, Evelyn Hayes; Bobby Butler, Rebecca Freeman; Carolyn Butler, Dolores Lockhart; Bruce Ford, George Kellert; Widow Smith, Sharley Kiever; Roger Butler, Ernest Hamilton; Bill Butler, Bill Hill; Peter Smith, Laurence Tabor; Lucy Middleford, Eileen Schneider; Avis Middleford, Sylvia Wilson.

CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH SCHOOL BLEACHERS UNDER WAY

Henry Schneider has recently completed plans for the high school bleachers and with W. E. Weiland have commenced construction of the bleachers which will have a seating capacity for 500.

Co. A. O. S. G. Now Equipped With Rifles

A large shipment of military equipment was received last week by Co. A, Oregon State Guard, and stored in the new building recently completed for that purpose.

The equipment includes Enfield type rifles, bayonets, tommy guns, packs, mess kits, shelter halves, mackinaws, helmets, overseas caps, shirts and pants in wool and also in khaki and shoes, gas masks, etc.

The company is now fully equipped for action, and the company has a machine gun also with its equipment. It is now recognized as one of the leading state guard companies in the state, and is well equipped for any emergency that might arise.

The company and its officers are to be congratulated for their fine showing and on becoming a recognized state guard company. Capt. Baumberger and his lieutenants have been highly praised for their work in developing the company status.

Roland Tresham left last week for Prineville where he will join his father who has been spending the past month assisting the Howard Harkers harvest their big potato crop. Later they will go elk hunting before returning to their home in the valley.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 21 — Western Star chapter initiation.

Thursday, Nov. 23 — Thanksgiving day.

Friday, November 24 — Garden club at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, Bridgeview.

Saturday, November 25 — Benefit dance for Bruehler's at the Deer Creek Grange hall.

Community Church Missionary group, third Thursday of the month.

Eastern Star Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month.

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

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

Kerby P.-T. A. meets the last Thursday of each month, in Kerby grade school.

"GASLIGHT" AND "BORDER TOWN TRAIL" AT THEATER

Saturday and Sunday brings another big double header picture program to the Cave City theater. One good picture that all of us like to see, a western, "Border Town Trail" with Smiley Burnette, and a great mystery picture that will keep you spellbound, "Gaslight."

"Gaslight" is one of the most exciting and dramatic stories ever to reach the screen. Featured by outstanding performances by Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotten, "Gaslight" will keep you on the edge of your seat as it relates the story of the beautiful young singer, portrayed by Miss Bergman, who marries her accompanist and with him sets up home in the London house where Paula's aunt, a famous singer, was murdered.

Deliberately, Boyer sets out to drive his wife mad—just why, and through what ingenious methods, it would be unfair to relate. The entrance upon the scene of a Scotland Yard man, played by Joseph Cotten, brings the picture to a tense and highly thrilling climax.

"Border Town Trail", the second picture, is a strong western picture and has all the excitement and fun you can imagine in a western movie. Smiley Burnette, the boy with the two voices commonly called in other pictures the "Frog" is the star and the picture is ranked as tops in entertainment.

Wednesday and Thursday "Northwest Passage"

Coming as a re-issue "Northwest Passage" with Spencer Tracy as the star, comes to us again. Anyone who has seen "Northwest Passage" will not miss the opportunity to see it again.

Ranking among one of the top pictures depicting the building of the west, this re-issue was selected because the picture was an outstanding play a few years ago. With Spencer Tracy as the star, it comes back to us as a better show than ever.

All picture fans know of, or have seen "Northwest Passage" and it needs no further introduction, except to say that seats will be at a premium and we advise coming early.

BIG BEAR GETS IN THE WAY

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Test were coming from their home, about three and a half miles east of Kerby, last Friday, and a large black bear was in the road. Mr. Test had his gun and got out of the car and shot him.

This is the second time Mr. Test has seen the bear, but the first time he did not have his gun with him. There is another bear in the locality of their home who makes tracks that measure 12 inches across. Test hopes to get him if he ever makes his appearance, he's a goner.

This bear that they brought in Friday weighs about 300 pounds. He was surely a nice big one.

Garden Club to Meet With Mrs. Elizabeth Holland

The next meeting of the Garden club will be held Friday, Nov. 24th at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, Bridgeview. Several important features are scheduled for the afternoon's program and a good attendance should be present. At this meeting plans will be discussed for the Christmas party which is an annual and gala event.

New Sugar Stamp 34 Good for Five Pounds

Sugar stamp 34 in war ration book 4 will be good for buying five pounds of sugar beginning November 16, 1944. Sam H. Baker, chairman of the local OPA office, announced this week.

Like sugar stamps 30, 31, 32 and 33, the new stamp will be good indefinitely for buying 5 pounds of sugar. Baker explained. Since March 16, 1943, the OPA has been validating one sugar stamp good for 5 pounds—every two and one-half months, he said.

Sugar stamp No. 40, validated February 1, 1944, is good for buying 5 pounds of home canning sugar through February 28, 1945.

P. T. A. To Hold Cooked Food Sale

Saturday, November 18, the Kerby P.-T. A. will hold their cooked food sale in Cave Junction and Kerby. In Cave Junction it will be held in the store building next to the barber shop. In Kerby it will be at the Kellert Variety store in the Masonic building.

Those donating food for this sale are requested to bring it in by 11 a. m. if possible. The P.-T. A. was left dormant for some time until those interested reorganized last month and are doing everything they can to get the valley interested in their work. Remember the date, the places and that good home cooked food.

Navy Needs Radar Men

The U. S. Navy's need for men to be trained in RADAR has become so great that the recruiting service has been ordered to put the program at the head of its list, according to Specialist 1/c H. W. Crain of the Medford Navy Recruiting Station, who covers this area.

As the American offensive is in the Pacific, more and more RADAR technicians are needed on the ships, which take men and supplies to advanced bases or seek out the enemy's fleet, on the great armada of naval planes and in the ever-expanding submarine service.

Applicants who can pass the aptitude test are enrolled as seamen first class (comparable to corporal in the army) and given at least 10 months of training at Naval schools and leading universities. Ratings as petty officers can be earned during training or upon graduation.

Seventeen-year-olds who are able to pass the qualifying test can enlist immediately. Men in the draft ages of 18 to 37, inclusive, who can qualify, will receive letters of directed assignment to be presented at the time of their induction. Full details concerning each of these groups can be obtained at the Medford Navy Recruiting Substation, Post Office Bld., Medford, Oregon.

School principals and superintendents in the Oregon district have endorsed the Navy's RADAR training as an excellent background for employment in advanced radio and electronics after the war.

H. W. Crain, specialist first class, USNR, in charge of the U. S. Navy Recruiting station at Medford, will be in Cave Junction between 1 p. m. and 4 p. m., November 22, to interview young men of 17 interested in joining the navy and young women 20 to 36 interested in joining the WAVES.

Specialist Crain reports that Navy enlistment quotas for young men past 17 and not yet 18 still are unrestricted and that any young man in that age group who has parental consent and who meets basic enlistment requirements as to physical and mental fitness, now may qualify for the Navy.

The Navy representative urges young men of 17 to ask about their chances for qualifying for training as Navy radio technicians and about the major advantages offered those who can qualify for this highly specialized training program.

At present he added, there is no limit to the number of qualified young women who may be accepted for the WAVES. However, it was emphasized, after January 1, WAVES enlistment quotas will be greatly reduced.

The curtailed enlistments, it is expected, will be accompanied by even more rigid enlistment requirements than have prevailed in the past, as a result of which many young women who now could qualify for the WAVES may not be able to do so a few weeks hence.

Valley Is All Set For Bond Drive

If the hopes and aspirations of the county war bond committee and the local valley committee are realized, the county will go over the top with a boom the first week of the 6th War Loan drive, which starts next Monday, November 20. However, any bonds that have already been purchased this month, will go towards filling the county quota.

D. C. McGregor, county chairman of the 6th drive, has called a meeting this Thursday evening in the Redwoods hotel, Grants Pass, where details of the drive will be explained to the sales people and their kit of work sheets handed to them. A large delegation from the valley will attend.

The valley's quota is large this year, and the people here will have to stretch their purchases as far as they can if we reach our goal. The slogan this year is "Buy Another \$100 Bond." The valley is asked to buy \$100,000 worth of bonds in this drive. If we all do our part and do it quick, we will go over the top.

When the volunteer workers call on you, it will materially assist them if you would have your allotment all made up and ready to hand to the sales people when they call.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAIMED BY GOVERNOR SNELL

SALEM — Gov. Earl Snell, proclaiming November 23 as Thanksgiving day, asked that citizens of Oregon give thanks for a Free America and that Oregon has been able to make a big contribution to the war effort.

The proclamation follows: "The time of the traditional American Thanksgiving approaches again when this nation continues at war—when we can be thankful not for peace but for the just hope of a peace more fair and lasting than the world has known. Let there be thanksgiving."

"Let there be thanksgiving that Oregon in 1944 has been so richly able to justify her statehood in Free America through her valiant manpower, her leadership in war services, her vast production from the farm, the forest, the shipyard and factory."

"Let there be Thanksgiving that we are a nation and a people with the strength and the will to be free."

"Let there be thanksgiving that there has been a reverent return to religion and a revitalized determination that the America of the coming peacetime shall be a fitting memorial to those of our great who have given their all."

"I, Earl Snell, governor of the State of Oregon, therefore do proclaim Thursday, November 23, 1944 to be Thanksgiving day in compliance with congressional action and in conformance to the

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To the People of this Community

Five billion dollars of the 14 billion dollars our country needs to press the war against our enemies must come from individual investors. That sounds like, and is, a lot of money. Actually success or failure of the Sixth War Loan is up to each individual American.

Every war loan has been oversubscribed because Americans by the millions have shared its responsibility. Americans such as you have recognized the need of extra War Bond purchases over and above their normal payroll savings.

There is no such thing as a little fellow in a War Bond drive. Your War Bond purchases, multiplied by the War Bond purchases of your friends and neighbors, become fighting power which saves lives of Americans on the battlefronts and brings us nearer our common objective.

THE EDITOR.

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Tom Walton, S 1/c, son of Mrs. O. C. Larsen, who has been stationed at Treasure Island, San Francisco, for the past several months has finished his schooling and was recently assigned to a fast ship which will take him to somewhere in the South Pacific. Mrs. Walton will remain in the bay city where she is employed and resides with her mother.

Joe Walton, another son of Mrs. Larsen is hair stylist in a beauty salon in New York City and writes his mother, that he hopes to spend the Christmas holidays at home in the valley. Joe has been in the metropolitan city for the past two years.

S/Sgt. Jonathan S. Bedingfield, Cave Junction, Oregon, is due to arrive in the United States soon on furlough from the India-China theater of operations where he served 30 months with the army air forces.

B. E. (Bud) Squire, signalman 2/c, arrived Wednesday evening for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Winston Tuttle and other relatives. He is on leave from his base at San Diego where he has been stationed for the past two years or more.

WILMINGTON, Calif. — A new group of Oregon Waacs has recently joined the WAC detachment at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation, an installation of the Transportation Corps. Among them is Pvt. Coral McCasland, daughter of Mrs. Irene McCasland of Cave Junction. She used to work in her home town post office so that's probably why she was assigned to the post office soon after her arrival from Fort Des Moines, where she completed her basic training.

LAUNDRY SERVICE IN VALLEY CHANGES

On account of the shortage of gasoline and tires, it has become necessary for the laundries in Grants Pass to separate their districts and deliveries.

In the future in the Illinois Valley, the French Laundry delivery truck will cease delivering and the Grants Pass Laundry will take its place. In other sections the French Laundry will take the place of the Grants Pass Laundry trucks.

This move was made necessary through shortage of labor, gasoline and tires. The two laundries are anxious to give their customers the very best service possible, but conditions make it impossible for both trucks to make deliveries and pick up laundry in all parts of the country. This is the reason for splitting up the territory.

In the future the Grants Pass laundry truck will call in the valley on Tuesdays, instead of Wednesday. On another page the Grants Pass laundry has an ad telling of the change and agencies in the valley where laundry can be left and picked up.

Richard McElligott New Land Office Receiver

A letter received from Richard McElligott that he has been appointed registrar of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, and he is now there in his new position.

Mr. McElligott did not seek the appointment, and it was probably given to him on his record with the county lands while he was county commissioner. He made a wonderful record with land sales while in the county commissioner's job.

Mr. McElligott's friends congratulate him on his new appointment and wish him every success.

Western Star Chapter Initiates Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday evening Western Star Chapter No. 64, O. E. S., will hold their regular meeting and will also initiate a new member into the order. Worthy Matron Myrtle Larsen will preside and invites all members and visiting members to be present. This meeting will also honor past matrons and past patrons.

Official Election Returns

The official figures of the election for Josephine county have been released and we give the figures as released by County Clerk Coutant. We do not have the official returns from state measures or state offices, but will give the winners in state offices.

For President—
Dewey, R. 4010
Roosevelt, D. 3214
U. S. Senators—
Cordon, R. 4206
Mahoney, D. 2588
Morse, R. 4204
Smith, D. 2366
Representative—
Dover, D. 3055
Ellsworth, R. 3756
State Treasurer—
Lambert, D. 2430
Scott, R. 3796
Attorney General—
Neuner, R. 3413
Spaulding, D. 2867
State Senator—
Moser, D. 3570
Wiperman, R. 3262
State Representative—
Baldersee, R. 3794
Mesman, D. 2796

District Attorney—
Millard, R-D. 5829
County Judge—
Fredrickson, D. 3402
Johnson, R. 3569
County Commissioner—
McElligott, D. 3134
Mitchell, R. 3643
Sheriff—
Griffin, D. 1810
Lewis, R. 4823

County Clerk—
Coutant, R. 5324
Weaver, D. 1306
Coroner—
Mae M. Hall, R. 2461
Virgil Hull, D. 4289

The county treasurer, assessor and county surveyor, namely, Savage, Griffin and White, had no opposition and were all elected.

The fight between Johnson and Fredrickson for county judge was the closest vote candidates have had in this county for a long time. The big surprise in the election was the election of Dr. Moser for state senator against the incumbent, L. W. Wiperman.

Baumberger Sells Cave City Park

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baumberger sold the Cave City Park this week, located on the Illinois river to Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Modesto, Calif. The Smiths have a motel at Modesto. They will take possession on January 15.

Ralph announces that he will dismantle the model railroad in the near future, and if anyone in the valley wishes to see it in operation before this is done they are cordially invited to come Sunday afternoon, November 19th. He has had numerous requests to see it in operation and wants all those who would like to see it have that opportunity.

After the middle of January, Mr. and Mrs. Baumberger will move to their home across from the Redwood Ranger station and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Baumberger plan to leave soon for an extended visit in Iowa, their former home.

HEU's Learn Much About Scrap Bags

The valley women of the Home Economics Unit met last Tuesday at the home of their chairman, Mrs. Sam Bunch at Bridgeview and project leaders, Mrs. Mattie Seyferth and Mrs. Lily White. It was an all day meeting, the business session opening at 10:30 a. m., with a delicious potluck dinner served at noon and the afternoon was spent discussing "Conserving With the Scrap Bag." The Christmas gift making proved of much interest to the ladies who were very enthused with the articles demonstrated and suggestions given by Miss Ruth Crawford, county home demonstration agent of Grants Pass.