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Valley School Population Is Nearly Double

All calculations for the attendance of school children for the Illinois valley schools took a toboggan ride when school opened, and school authorities were taxed to the utmost to keep pace with the large attendance.

In the Kerby high school as of Wednesday, 120 have registered. Tops last year was 80. Principal Jerry Medcalf expected 100 students, but was greatly surprised to have 120 and they are not all in yet—more students are coming.

Taking class enrollment we have the following, Freshmen 34; Sophomores 47; Juniors 19 and Seniors 20. Football was the order of the day Wednesday afternoon and 24 suits were given out, that's all the school has. They could have had 40 boys out if they had suits. Another dozen has been ordered.

The facilities of the schools in the valley are absolutely taxed to the very limit, and it is a serious problem to find places to put all the children. It will eventually be taken care of, but in the meantime, parents and pupils should cooperate and help. We are facing the largest enrollment in the history of the valley, and we are proud of everyone of the kids.

In the grade schools the same condition exists as they do in the high school. Look at the number in each grade:

First, 34; Second, 42; Third, 29; Fourth, 38; Fifth, 29; Sixth, 35; Seventh, 38; and eighth, 25. This makes a total of 270 students in the Kerby grade school. Besides this, there are 33 pupils at O'Brien and 32 at Central, making a total of 335 pupils and there are more coming.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET SEPT. 28th

"Guest Day" will be observed at the September meeting of the Illinois Valley Garden club Friday the 28th at the home of Mrs. Forrest Dunham near the Quarantine station at the State Line.

Mrs. H. O. Smith, president of the State Federation and Mrs. Gladys King will have important reports to make from their recent meetings at Corvallis and should be of interest to all members and a large attendance is expected. Other important matters will be up for discussion so members are requested to make it a banner occasion.

BUY WAR BONDS

• COMING EVENTS •

Thursday, September 20—Booster night Grange hall at Bridgeview. September 27—Kerby Rod & Gun club will meet in the IOOF hall in Kerby.

Friday, September 28—Illinois Valley Garden club at the home of Mrs. Forrest Dunham, O'Brien.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Selma Baptist church meet every third Thursday of the month in the new unit at the church.

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

American Legion Post No. 70 meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

Marguerite Rebekah Lodge No. 111 meets the second Wednesday of each month at I. O. O. F. hall, Kerby.

I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 55 meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, I. O. O. F. hall, Kerby.

Belt Lodge, A. F. & A. M. meets fourth Saturday each month.

Community Church Missionary group, third Thursday of the month.

O'Brien Women's club meets on the second Friday of each month.

DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM COMES SATURDAY, SUNDAY

A big double feature program comes to the Cave City theater Saturday and Sunday nights. Heading the list is "Main Street After Dark," and then "Song of the Range."

"Main Street After Dark" is the true story of girl gangsters and the way they operate to fleece unsuspecting soldiers and sailors is told with impact and excitement.

Edward Arnold, who played the villain in his last two pictures, "Kismet" and "Mrs. Parkington," moves over to the side of the law in the new picture and does a fine job of creating a brand new kind of detective character in Lt. Lorrigan. Using his own wit and ingenuity as well as the department's most up-to-date scientific apparatus, Arnold traps a whole family, who are victimizing the nation's fighting men.

"Song of the Range" brings a new cowboy, Jimmy Wakely, top-notch singer of western songs, rides to stardom in the picture.

The story involves a risky attempt to uncover the secrets of a gang utilizing a clever means of evading certain state laws. It is full of action with new songs and plenty of laughter.

DR. GILLESPIE BACK AGAIN

Comes Wednesday and Thursday, another entertaining Gillespie picture, presenting the comedy and drama of the Blair General hospital in good balance and affording Lionel Barrymore as Dr. Gillespie, and Van Johnson, as Dr. Adams, further opportunity to bring before theater audiences humanized portraits of medical men.

This is a dependable family picture. It's the kind of laughter-and-tears screen story which Gillespie adherents like.

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Organize

Last Monday night Illinois Valley Post No. 4390, Veterans of Foreign Wars was officially instituted at the Legion hall in Cave Junction. Arthur McDonnell of Del Rogue Post No. 2302 of Grants Pass was installing officer and swore the following officers in:

Commander W. O. Burch by proxy; Sr. Vice Commander, E. G. Shoulders by proxy; Junior Vice Commander, C. Y. Arnold; Adjutant-Quartermaster, Geo. Covey; Sergeant at Arms, F. R. Hoffman; Chaplain, Roy David; Judge Advocate E. Y. Taylor; Trustee, L. E. Athey.

W. O. Burch was unable to attend being laid up with a broken leg. E. G. Shoulders was also kept at home by sickness.

Pete Fredrickson, department commander of the state, presented the post with a myrtle wood gavel donated by Donald Thomas of Del Rogue Post. This is the 39th gavel Thomas has presented to new posts since the first of the year. Com. Fredrickson said that a year ago there were only 480,000 VFW's, while today there are over a million and a half.

Art Kellert turned the gavel over to Roy David who acted as commander the balance of the evening. Other visitors and speakers were V. J. Moran, district commander of District 11, Hugh W. Gould county officer of veterans affairs, Floyd Dover, past district commander, James Christian, commander of Del Rogue post, Col. Ted Hopkins of Rogue River post, Mrs. Roy David, past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Del Rogue post and Donald Thomas. Herman Wood of Del Rogue post acted as marshal. Clint Hawkins and D. R. Ely of Rogue River post were also visitors.

The new post starts off with 25 members. The post was closed, after which all gathered in the Ladies Auxiliary hall for refreshments. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 24 in the American Legion hall.

New Members County FSA Appointed

New appointments to the Josephine County Farm Security Committee for the year beginning July 1 were announced this week by B. W. McVeigh, county FSA supervisor, Room 8, Lundberg building, Grants Pass.

Harry O. Smith of Cave Junction, a well known farmer, was appointed for a three-year term. Mr. Smith takes over the duties previously performed by Mr. Clarence Sawyer of Cave Junction, whose appointment expired June 30, 1945.

Nelson O. Ward of Grants Pass, Lower River Road, was appointed for a one-year term to fill the position held by Ray Reeves, whose term expired June 30th, 1945.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Ward are well known progressive and diversified farmers of Josephine county. Their services on the FSA advisory committee will assist the people in carrying out their farm credit servicing, as has been done in the past years.

Ben Nelson, owner of the Cloverlawn dairy, Grants Pass, and Ben Watts of Murphy, owner and operator of the Watts farms are incumbent advisory committee members.

McVeigh praised the work the committee has been doing in adapting the FSA program to farm needs of the county. The committee reviews all applications for farm ownership, rehabilitation and water facility loans in addition to making an annual appraisal of the needs of individual borrowers and county farm programs.

Henry E. Brudos of Portland, associate supervisor, was appointed to this office July 1. Mr. Brudos has moved his family to Grants Pass and plans his permanent residence there. He has had considerable farm experience and will be a big asset to the county office force.

The government is prepared to assist farmers with long-time credit loans to finance the purchase of family type farms, dams, irrigation systems, well, livestock, equipment, minor improvements to buildings, and land development.

A future announcement will be made regarding financing the purchase of farms for war veterans.

The FSA advisory committee may also be consulted in explaining the over-all program.

JOHN H. CLAYTON PASSED AWAY IN GENERAL HOSPITAL

John Harrison Clayton, aged 78 years, of Selma, passed away last Sunday, September 9th, at 10:30 a. m. at the Josephine General hospital, where he had been taken a few days before.

Mr. Clayton was born at Erca, Illinois, May 5, 1867, and had been a resident of Josephine county for the past 29 years, and followed mining as a profession, although inactive for the last few years.

He is survived by one son, Earl Clayton of Selma, a brother, Ira Clayton, and a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Webster, both of Visalia, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 14, at 1:30 p. m., at the Selma Baptist church with Rev. Anderson officiating and the L. B. Hall Funeral directors in charge of arrangements.

Interment will be in the Selma cemetery with Belt Lodge A. M. & A. M. of Kerby officiating following the regular services. Mr. Clayton was a member of Belt Lodge since 1917.

HEALTH CLINIC

At the September 12th clinic, six medical patients were seen, one school child inspected, one diptheria immunization given and one smallpox vaccination given.

The next clinic will be held on September 26th from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Youth Fair To Feature Stock Sale

The Rustler's Calf club of Bridgeview met last Monday, September 10th at L. Maurer's home according to Charlene Walton, secretary. Tuesday, September 18, they will meet at the home of Bobby Pansent's.

Of much interest to the 4-H clubbers is the coming livestock auction to be featured at the Youth Fair to be held at the fair grounds near Grants Pass Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, with W. S. Carpenter, instructor and advisor of the Future Farmers of America.

The fair is open for any youth organization in Josephine county and the stock will be featured mainly by 4-H members and FFA. Two steers will be furnished by club members of Illinois valley.

Blanks for all entries will be furnished the exhibitors through the county agent's office. Livestock must arrive at the grounds by 8 p. m. Thursday, September 20 and garden and poultry must be in place by 9 a. m. on Friday, September 21. Entry blanks must be filled out and returned to the county agent's office or to W. S. Carpenter by September 20th.

COUNTY TEACHERS ELECT NEW HEAD

Hershel Mannan, principal at the Jerome Prairie school, was elected president of the Josephine county division of Oregon State Teachers' association at a meeting last Saturday forenoon in the circuit court room of the county court house following the meeting of all teachers of the schools of the county.

Elected to serve with him were Herbert Lewis, vice president and Miss Helen Goode, secretary-treasurer, both of the Grants Pass school system.

Following the election, teaching personnel of the schools of Josephine County School District remained for a short meeting. Laurence C. Moffitt, county school superintendent, introduced Miss Neva Dallas, the new county school supervisor. Miss Dallas outlined the testing program to be carried out during the year.

Marguerite S. Stanton, clerk of the county school district, talked of the school census that will be held this year through the schools and which must be completed by October 25th.

Higher Speed Limit Increases Bus Service

Lifting of the 35-mile speed limit will have virtually the same effect as a substantial increase in the number of highway buses serving the West's transportation needs. This was the assertion of F. W. Ackerman, vice-president of Pacific Greyhound Lines, the bus system that provides local and long-distance service in seven western states. The bus executive stated that Greyhound is revising schedules on the time-saving basis now permitted by the ODT.

"When the wartime speed limit was reduced to 35 miles per hour in September, 1942," Ackerman explained, "it meant a marked decrease in the number of trips a bus could make, and a corresponding decrease in the number of passengers each bus could carry in a given period."

"Schedules are rapidly being readjusted to normal pre-war operating time, and this will increase the service to all the points where Greyhound operates."

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kinkade left last Sunday for their home at Alturas, Calif., after visiting in the valley the latter's sisters, Mrs. Will Trefethen on Caves highway and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Takilma. Mr. and Mrs. Trefethen accompanied them south and will remain for a few months visit there.

Shriners Ball Next Saturday Nite

Preparations for the Bill Day Shrine club-sponsored ball for the benefit of the Shrine hospital for crippled children are progressing rapidly, committee members told The News last Monday. The dance will be at the fair grounds, Saturday, September 15th.

D. G. McGregor, chairman of the committee in charge, called attention to the fact that, contrary to the belief of many, the hospital is not for the benefit of Shriner's children only, but for all children in the state who are crippled and whose parents are financially unable to pay for proper medical attention.

Whether you dance or not, buy a ticket to this ball. You are giving to one of the most worthy causes of humanity in the country. If you want to buy a ticket and no one has asked you, any Shriner in the valley has them for sale. If you don't know them, come to The News office and get one.

BOOSTER NIGHT NEXT THURSDAY AT GRANGE

Booster Night will be the big event at the next regular meeting of the Illinois Valley Grange, next Thursday, September 20th, at their Grange hall at Bridgeview.

This will be an open meeting and everyone interested in the welfare and workings of the Grange are cordially invited. Ladies are requested to bring sandwiches and salad.

Rationing Of Cheese Off List

The OPA removed all varieties of cheese from rationing effective at 12:01 a. m. last Wednesday.

The agency took this action as the Agriculture department removed all cheese controls following notice from the army that some military stocks of Cheddar cheese can be used to meet requirements of foreign claimants.

Price Administrator Bowles said the action will make possible a small increase in the amount of meat and butter people can buy with red points.

Technically, cheese stays on the ration list but now has a zero value. This means it could be restored to rationing on short notice if conditions should warrant.

MEAT RATIONING MAY END 1ST OF OCTOBER

The end of all meat rationing by October 1st was seen as a possibility by some rationing officials although no date has been set.

If supplies look good by the end of the month, rationing will go, it was said.

OPA's action Saturday night removing limits on the slaughter of livestock was taken in expectation of heavy runs of cattle to packing houses. It was accepted generally as indicating a possible early end of rationing.

Shoes may go off rationing before November if OPA and the War Production board see fit to follow recommendations of the shoe trade.

Bowles has assured Congress that most rationing will end this year. Sugar and fats and oils, however, remained dubious. Mr. Bowles said continued scarcity of their supply made their release "impossible to predict" with accuracy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beek arrived last week in the valley from Canada where they have been visiting for several weeks. They are here for an indefinite stay and are making their home at the Orange & Black camp.

News from Our Boys and Girls In the Service

'BUCK' RENFRO BACK IN ARMY SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Renfro have just received a telegram stating that their son Aubrey L. "Buck" Renfro has been released from a Japanese prison camp and is now back in the Armed forces, and will be returned home as soon as possible. The telegram was from Acting Adjutant General Edward F. Witsell, Washington, D. C.

They also received a postal card from Japan signed by "Buck," stating that his health was good and that he had received a box Mr. and Mrs. Renfro had sent him, and said the box was received in good condition.

Lieutenant Alfred Mellow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mellow, came home last Friday from Italy where he was a member of the 125th Light Artillery, 34th Div. Alfred is home to stay, having been put on the inactive list. Mr. and Mrs. Mellow have four other sons in the service.

Alfred has served overseas three and a half years, having seen service in North Ireland, England, Africa, and Italy, and was in five major battles. The happiest moment of his life he said was, "to get home."

Bill J. Hill S1/c (Y), son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hill, who has spent a short leave in the valley visiting relatives and friends, returned to San Diego last Sunday evening, where he is now stationed. Bill also visited his grandmother, Mrs. Lee Hill in Grants Pass while here.

Mrs. Bert Woodbury of O'Brien received a letter from her son, George F. Allen, who has been stationed in the Philippines, saying he was discharged from the Army July 31st and is with his family at Roosevelt, Oklahoma. George said he was glad to be back in the good old U. S. A.

Leslie Snively SC 2/c, visited his grandfather Fred Krauss and his uncle, Henry, Lou and Fritz Krauss this week. He has seen service for 17 months over seas and in the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. James Curnow made a trip to Grants Pass Tuesday evening, and brought back their son, Earl, who is home on leave from the Army. After a few days visit with relatives and friends at O'Brien, Earl will proceed to Ft. Lewis, Wash., to receive further orders. Earl has been in the service for over three years.

REDWOOD HIGHWAY TRAFFIC INCREASES

SAN FRANCISCO — Automobile traffic along the coast through the Redwood Empire has been jumping steadily upward in numbers since April of this year, a study of the car movement at Oregon-California boundary points revealed today. Comparison of April 1945 for the Redwood highway and the Oregon coast highways showed a 40.2 per cent increase. In May the increase was 39.8 per cent. In June there was a sharp increase of 60.6 per cent. In July the increase was 84.3 per cent.

At Dorris and Hornbrook traffic increased but not as markedly—rising from 2 per cent in April to 67.6 per cent in July.

August and September count will show more than 100 per cent increase in automobile traffic over the same months in 1944 all estimates in the Redwood Empire indicate.

Mrs. Frank Freitas left for Seattle to visit her son, Clinton. She expects to be gone about a week.

Roy Hervey of Hornbrooke, Calif., is visiting relatives and friends in the valley this week.