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Efforts of congressmen to learn the number of aliens being admitted, have been frustrated by the immigration service. Everything is ordered confidential by Order 3229 of the department of justice, issued May 2, 1939, by Frank Murphy, then Attorney General, but now a member of the supreme court. Under this order, only two men can tell a citizen the rules of the department of justice. It is expected by one of the two men that the order is not as drastic as it sounds and that it was intended to only keep from public prying, the FBI reports and similar documents, which impede justice if they became public property.

Breckenridge Long, of the state department testified November 28, 1943, at an executive session of the house committee on foreign affairs concerning the admission of aliens. The hearings were subsequently released by the committee with the notice that it was considered unnecessary to any longer keep the secret. Long testified regarding the establishment of a commission to effectuate the rescue of the people of Europe, which had been in existence for five years.

Under United States law, a man born in Germany comes under the German quota, irrespective of where he finds himself. The same is true of Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, northern France or Austria. All of these countries have small quotas being about 57,000. This number of quotas were insufficient to express the humane desires of the American government to try to save these refugees, so during the year ending June, 1941, enough visas were granted to physically save 135,000 people. From 1938 to 1942, a total of more than 307,000 visas of all kinds were granted to persons coming from enemy or enemy-occupied territory.

The 1942 to April, 1946 records are not yet available to congress as to how many more refugees entered the United States. The testimony of Long is the last word on the subject. It is known that some of those who entered on visitor's permits went to Canada and then re-entered, hence they can become eligible for citizenship. Another point, a refugee who is admitted can bring over other members of his family until all are safely provided for in this country.

This matter of the invasion by refugees was discussed on the floor in connection with the housing bill. The debate developed that no one, aside from the immigration service, has any idea of how many hundreds of thousands of refugees have been given permits, and further their presence in America is contributing to the shortage of houses needed by veterans. Also, it was declared these aliens are filling jobs that the veterans require. The aliens in this country, exclusive of the refugees, number about 4,000,000 and many have resided in the United States for 25 or 30 years without applying for citizenship.

Representative Dean Gillespie, Colorado, asserts that the federal tax of the average American breadwinner is approximately \$80 a month or \$720 a year. The tax is partly camouflaged by the "withholding tax", deducted from the pay envelope, so that the tax

Inspector Views Prospective Airport Sites

J. T. Feeney, civilian aeronautical administration inspector of Redmond, and R. A. Byrd were here Tuesday to take a look at the prospective airport for Moro and to give their advice on location and construction of such a port.

No decision was made about location although several sites were given cursory examination by the officials and local men interested in an airport. From the experiment station direction of prevailing winds was obtained and this, and other information, will be used in the final decision about a location for the port. Before purchase of land is made an engineer from the CAA will come to make a check.

The federal law has not been passed that will determine the extent of federal collaboration in the development of airports. Local fliers conferred with the officials.

KENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith from Oswego were here Wednesday visiting at the home of their brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Smith and family.

Mrs. Ann Lusk from Johnson City, Tenn., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyons and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tatum and daughter, Bonnie, from The Dalles were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton and family Sunday.

The Kent grade school motorcade to Wasco Wednesday afternoon to play the Wasco grade school a game of baseball. Wasco proved to be the better team with a final score of 39 to 13.

Mrs. Ruth Harrison from Portland is now visiting her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Norton.

Mrs. Allan Bekkadahl is confined to her home with mumps. Arthur Decker has had an infected ear and has been unable to attend school for the past 10 days.

Grass Valley Has Brooder House Fire, Weddings, Conventions, Visitors, Deaths In Busy Week of Coming and Going

Fire completely destroyed the brooder house and feed that was stored there, on the Claus Bardenhagen place Sunday morning, the 200 chicks were saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and Mrs. Bill Todd were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingolf Torvend of Modesto, California arrived here Monday evening and will be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby. They came to attend the funeral of her father, O. M. Fraley, who died Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Lannen spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Eakin and family of Boyd spent Easter Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Baker and son, Gary, of Portland and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Baker, of The Dalles attended the Easter program at the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Among those who attended the funeral of George Barnett in The Dalles Tuesday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens, Tommie Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barnett, Dorothy Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, Mrs. Orville Ruggles, Grover Young, Matt Simon, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock and Pat McHugh.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clevenger and Mrs. Lester Barnum went to The Dalles Monday. Mrs. Barnum stayed in The Dalles to be with Mr. Barnum at the hospital, where he has been for several days for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Anderson were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

Mrs. Roy Baker, Mrs. Carrie Hays, Mrs. Roy Feely, and Mrs. Ethel Schilling of The Dalles were here to attend the Rebekah convention last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ethel Bayley president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, accompanied by her husband, paid her official visit to the Grass Valley Rebekah lodge last Wednesday night and conducted a school of instruction in the afternoon at the Masonic hall. They with Mrs. Georgia

Blue Cross Men Explain Plan To Sherman County

Enrollment Possible Through Schools On Individual Basis For June 1 Service

Three meetings about the Blue Cross were held at school houses in Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley Monday night at which three representatives of the Portland office explained the purposes of the organization and enrolled members.

R. S. McCall spoke at Grass Valley, Q. S. Nelson at Moro and W. H. Shively at Wasco, each telling their hearers about the plan which has been accepted by millions of Americans within the past twelve years.

It is sponsored by the National Hospital association the speakers said, and has for its purpose the assuring of every member of adequate hospital service. Joiners can have free hospital services after June 1 for 21 days of each year, together with a long list of other services, including X-ray, electric cardiogram and metabolic tests.

The representatives left Wednesday evening for Portland, leaving the further enrollment to be done by the people themselves, who may obtain membership by going to the schools for proper blanks and then filling them and sending the payment to the Portland office.

The Sherman county is being enrolled on an individual basis, which excludes persons over 65 years of age. Both hospitals in The Dalles are members assuring hospitalization to those who join.

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Moro, Monday, April 29, 1946 and will be on duty at the courthouse between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Banker Talks Loans To Legion Members

Rodney Cooper, banker of The Dalles, spoke to the American Legion post at its meeting Wednesday night and explained many of the intricacies of the GI loan, with which he is familiar.

Loans may be made up to \$5000 for some classes of property guarantees to the lending agency half of this sum to aid veterans in obtaining loans. However, it is almost impossible to obtain loans unless there is good collateral and assurance of payment. The new law removes much of the paper work formerly attendant to making a GI loan, but it still requires care said Mr. Cooper. The post members voted to ask the county court to provide a flag pole for the court house, which is without means to display the national banner, and also decided to sponsor four boys at the junior Olympics to be held in Eugene in May.

George Barnett Dies At 89 Years

Many Sherman countians from the south end were in The Dalles Tuesday to attend the funeral of George W. Barnett, long time land owner and former resident of Sherman county. Mr. Barnett was born in Missouri and came to Sherman county about the turn of the century and settled near Kent where he raised his family of five sons and two daughters.

They are Mrs. James Matthias of Kent, Mrs. Arthur Holt of Redmond, William D. and Roy of Grass Valley, Carl of Parkdale, George of Maupin and Ernest of The Dalles. A great number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive. Mr. Barnett was 89 at the time of his death.

County Adopts Retirement Plan At Special Session

Budget Making Date Is May 14; Weed Problem Left Undecided

The county court in special Wednesday voted to accept the provisions of the state retirement plan for county employees, a decision that had to be made by May 1.

Under the law former and present employees will have a rating with the state board, and present employees will contribute each month to a fund that will enable retirement at 65. Details of the plan are not all well known as the law is a recent one.

Dates for the budget meeting were set as May 14 for the first meeting, to make up the budget. Publication dates will be May 24 and 31 and the final hearing will be held June 14. Budgeters will be Dewey Thompson, Albert Kaseberg, and A. A. Dunlap, named in place of Norris Glikson, who was found ineligible.

The Shell property in Gilliam county was sold to Ernest Shull, thus relieving the county of one of its foreign entanglements. Mrs. Itha Davis was named clerk of the Grass Valley election board.

There was discussion of the weed program but no decision on that matter.

ELECTRIC COMPANY SOLD

George Moon of Wasco has sold his dealership franchise for Beall walk-ins and frozen food lockers to Ken Chipman of Pioneer Electric Appliance Co. in The Dalles, according to an announcement made by Chipman this week.

Dealership of Beall frozen food storage equipment will now be handled from The Dalles for all the Mid-Columbia area Chipman said.

John Rust were in The Dalles Monday on business. Mr. Cox remained there for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg had as dinner guests Easter Sunday Mr. and Mrs. James Blagg and children of Bingen, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eslinger of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and children.

Mrs. Wren Hogue left Saturday for Corvallis to spend the week end with her son, Larry Bauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike flew to Hermiston Saturday to spend Easter with his parents, Mr and Mrs. I. D. Pike, and his brother in law and sister, Mr and Mrs. Louis May.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blaylock and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stradley and son, Richard, went to The Dalles Sunday to spend the day at the home of Mr and Mrs. Earl Sawtell.

The pupils of the 3rd and 4th grades and their teacher Mrs. Lorraine Kent invited the pupils of the 1st and 2nd grades and children four years and over to a party and Easter egg hunt, refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coyle had as callers Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore of Moro and Mrs. Mary Southwick of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ball went to Spokane, Washington last week end to bring their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bailey and small son, home with them for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith left Monday for Portland to spend a few days. Arzell Lemley accompanied them to bring Mrs. Lemley home Wednesday from the hospital where she has been for some time for medical treatment.

Anita Barnett Ph M-3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Harry Hooper gunner mate 1-c. son of Mrs. Hooper of The Dalles were married in Seattle, Washington Wednesday, April 17.

Ralph Hayes and son, Donnie, of Richland, Washington spent the week end here with his brother in law and sister, Mr and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap. Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes of Carlton also

Rebekahs Hold Annual Conclave At Grass Valley

The convention of Rebekahs of the 5th district was held at Grass Valley last week with president Mamie Bayer presiding at all sessions. The afternoon meeting was held in the Eastern Star hall and consisted of exhibitions of lodge work. In the evening the members met in the IOOF hall, first for a satisfying banquet, and later for a program consisting of piano solos by Juanita Ruggles and Vivian Trounce and songs by Helen Bothwell. Mrs. Ethel Bailey of Medford, state president, attended and addressed the members during the evening. T. M. Rolfe was toastmaster, Mrs. Rolfe gave the welcoming talk and Mrs. Leona Douma responded.

Lodges of Wasco, Moro, Kent and Antelope were guests of their Grass Valley neighbors. Electors for next year were Florence Martin, president, Florence Johnston, secretary, both of Moro which will be the host lodge in 1947, and Mrs. Gladys Belshee of Wasco, vice-president. In anticipation of a 1948 convention there

will be a consistent winner although events usually found on a track meet schedule are listed except the hurdles. Three places will be given this year.

Local men will be officials for the meet but the list has not been prepared so far, except that Willy Knighten will be starter again.

Moro's entrants in the events will be much the same as last year when the team took second, only half a point behind the winner. Foster will run the sprints and broad jump and pole vault, Fritts will run he distances and Hoskinson the middle distance and high jump. Oveson will pole vault. Weight events will have Melzer Hartley and perhaps Robinson and it is hoped the team may make a showing equal to that of last year.

O. M. Fraley Buried At Grass Valley

The funeral of Oliver M. Fraley was held Thursday with services at Calhoun's in The Dalles and committal in the Grass Valley cemetery. Mr. Fraley died Monday in The Dalles after an illness of several weeks. Rev. Howard Schilling officiated.

Mr. Fraley was born in Missouri in 1862 to parents who had originally come from Iowa and Indiana. He moved to Wasco county in the late eighties and lived there until about 30 years ago when he moved to Grass Valley which was his home until recently. He was a blacksmith.

Surviving him are three sons, B. D. of Maupin, Bert of Kansas City and Harry of Sedalia, Mo., five daughters, Mrs. S. M. Hix of Dufur, Mrs. Ingold Torvend of Modesto, Cal., Mrs. Art Bibby of Grass Valley, Mrs. Edison Sutherland of Richland, Wn. and Louise of Portland. Two sisters also survive and 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Moro Club Hears Talks On Government

Mrs. Lewis McKee was elected president of the Moro Woman's club at the election held Friday afternoon at the regular meeting hour. Mrs. Howard Conlee was chosen as vice-president, Mrs. A. Douma secretary, Mrs. R. W. Belshee, treasurer and Mrs. James Kenny, director.

Delegates to the state convention were elected as follows: Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Charles Burnet, Mrs. Charles Kenny, alternates: Mrs. C. P. Moore and Mrs. A. H. Barnum.

The American Citizenship committee, under the direction of Mrs. Darwin VanGilder, presented the program, which consisted of talks on public questions.

Giles French, state representative and member of the Tax Study committee, talked on HB-80, saying that the measure, that will be voted on in November, will reform some phases of our present school organization which has not been changed since pioneer days. The bill would equalize taxes within each county.

Mrs. Harvey Thompson read a paper on democracy and Mrs. C. P. Moore gave an interesting talk on the Knox Liquor law under which intoxicants are handled in Oregon.

The next meeting will be held May 3, when the mothers will entertain their daughters at an evening party instead of the usual dinner. This will be held at 8 p.m. in the Masonic hall. Miss Katherine Arbuthnot of Monmouth will talk on her visit to the Scandinavian countries. She will bring costumes to be modeled and there will be interpretative dancing and special music. All members will bring 50 cents to pay expenses.

Track Meet Due May 3 When 15 Teams Come

Invitational Meet Includes All Teams In District and Several Outside

The annual invitational track and field meet will be held at the fair grounds May 3, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Schools invited are Rufus, Wasco, Hood River, Prineville, Redmond, Bend, Arlington, Condon, Fossil, Goldendale, Maupin, Dufur, The Dalles and Madras, most of which are expected to send athletes to the meet as they have done in the past. Bend has been Hood River won last year. All a consistent winner although events usually found on a track meet schedule are listed except the hurdles. Three places will be given this year.

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Kent Will Be Host To Republicans

A basket dinner and Sunday picnic for May 5 has been scheduled by the Sherman County Chapter Republican Women, according to Mrs. Floye vonBorstel president. It will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Kent Legion hall.

Candidates for district representative, Messrs. Henry Peterson of Ione and Giles French have been invited to attend as well as Senator Farland of Condon. Candidates for county office are also invited to come and some discussion of measures and issues has been promised from them.

Bruce Kee Succumbs To Long Illness

Funeral services for Bruce Kee were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. from the Methodist church at Grass Valley with Rev. F. L. Camell, giving the sermon.

Bruce Fairfax Kee, was born September 27, 1888 at Beverly, Kansas and came to Sherman county with his father in 1905. He farmed here for several years between Grass Valley and Moro, lived later in The Dalles and Portland. He has been in the state hospital in The Dalles for about a year, dying there Sunday morning.

Surviving are a son, Jack, two daughters, Mrs. Irene Brace of Portland and Mrs. Elma McCook of New London, Conn., a brother Eben of Grass Valley, three sisters, Mrs. Loy Cochran of Portland, Mrs. Jerry Derrick of Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Fletcher Milton of LaGrande, and a grand daughter, Barbara Brace. Interment was made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Grass Valley.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

NOTICE: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon on the second Monday in May that being the 13th day of May, 1946, to publicly examine the Assessments rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

C. A. Ruggles
County Assessor