

League of Cities To Hold Meeting In Medford Apr. 12

City budgeting, local improvement planning and financing, proposed state legislation, and many other items of current interest to city officials and civic leaders of this area will be on the agenda of a regional League of Oregon Cities dinner meeting which has been scheduled for April 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Medford Hotel in Medford.

Mayor Flynn has issued invitations to the mayors, councilmen, and other city officials of the area, and delegations are expected from Ashland, Butte Falls, Cave Junction, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Rogue River, and Talent. The Medford meeting is the fourth of a series of 22 such regional meetings being conducted throughout the state this spring which are expected to draw a total attendance of over 1,000 town and city officials.

In announcing the Medford dinner meeting, League President Hollis S. Smith, mayor of Dallas, stated that the 1950 meetings have been timed to coincide with the preliminary planning of city budgets for the new fiscal year and that he felt that a great deal of value could be derived by the city officials through an opportunity of exchanging ideas, experiences, and comments on the many mutual financing problems presently faced by these officials. He stressed the fact that the meeting will be devoted largely to informal round-table discussions with full opportunity for the several city delegations to present their particular problems.

In addition to city officials of Jackson County, the meeting will be attended by League President Smith, League Vice-President Morris Milbank, mayor of Grants Pass, Deane Seeger, League consultant and Arnold M. Westling, planning and public works consultant, Bureau of Municipal Research and Service, University of Oregon.

Navy Mothers Join Medford Group at Camp White Mee

Central Point Navy Mothers' club joined with the Medford Navy Mothers in furnishing cookies and a program for Camp White Mee Sunday afternoon, April 2. The Navy Mothers all wore fancy Easter hats and carried Easter baskets for the Easter parade. After singing, some songs the Mothers and guests children passed cookies from their Easter baskets while coffee was being served.

Those from Central Point were Mrs. A. M. Shrier, Mrs. S. E. Taylor, Mrs. Hester Culbertson and Commander Mrs. M. A. Adams. Mrs. Adams passed Easter cards to the Veterans to be sent to family or friends with the compliments of the Central Point Navy Mothers club. A very good time was enjoyed by every one present, including a large number of visitors from the hobby show.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson left Saturday for Portland to spend a few days vacationing at the home of their son Donald and family.

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Where is "God's Country"?

I am slightly confused. While spending the winter in East Tennessee we were reading in the papers and hearing over the radio about the blizzards, snow storms, cold weather and what have you in Oregon while we were enjoying nice spring weather and referring to that part of the country as "God's Country." I came home and picked up a Central Point American and the first thing I noticed in the Editor's "Musings" was We live in, "God's Country." Well, knowing the Rogue River Valley as I do and observing a winter in East Tennessee I think I will have to admit you are both right. It seems that right through this valley we get comparatively very nice weather but all winter rhododendron, azalea, etc. I saw very few of these in bloom this trip but I have seen them and know what they look like when they are in bloom. The mountain laurel there is not a tree as our madrona but a shrub about the size of the rhododendron and has a white flower.

Now for my trip: I left here Jan. 10th and stopped over at San Diego to visit my brother-in-law, Dale Smith. He took me over town by car and he, piloting, took me up in a plane for about 1½ hours. I got a good view of the city. My next stop was Knoxville where my brother, Dr. Fred Stone, met me and took me to his home for breakfast. From there to the home of my parents where I made my general headquarters and visiting other places from a few minutes to a week at a time. There was always some one to take me any place that I suggested or places of interest that they would think of. My brother took me to the Penitentiary at Petras, through a coal mining district, to see the brick kilns, marble factory, and a number of

other interesting places. I was also taken to the Smoky Mts. National Park a couple of times, to the several T.V.A. dams and lakes, to a tobacco auction sale, cattle auction, singing school, church, Cherokee Indian Reservation in North Carolina and to Middlesboro, Kentucky which is the nearest place one can buy whiskey legally but that fact slipped my mind until I got back to Tennessee. So believe it or not I didn't get a drink.

I was also taken through what they call "Snake Holler" where a peculiar race of people called "Me-lungeons" have lived since the early settlement of America. They are black with long straight or bushy hair and have been notorious for thefts, moonshining and boot-legging. They are not negroes and exist only in Tennessee and North Carolina. They are supposed to be the remnants of Raleigh's lost colony interbred with Indians.

I also saw a stone house which was built by what I would judge as a religious fanatic. It took him 10 years I understand to build it. It has walls 5 ft. thick and a roof 4 ft. thick both of which are solid stone and concrete. It is supposed to last through eternity and he is expecting to be living in it at the second coming of Christ. The grounds I judge cover about ½ city block and is inclosed by a tall stone wall perhaps 6 or 8 ft. tall.

I had a motorboat ride on Morris Lake and rode over the spot where the house stood in which I used to live.

I saw everybody and everything that I could think of, of interest. Had the best time I ever dreamed of having and arrived back in Central Point about 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1st, feeling that for one time I had had a grand vacation.

E. P. Stone

BACK FROM SEATTLE—

Mrs. Walter Frank just got back from a trip to Seattle, visiting her son and family, and her niece, Nellie Banker, and also her sister of Monroe, Oregon. She reports she had a good time, seeing lots of friends and relatives that she hadn't seen for years. She also visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Farrell at Brooks, Oregon. It rained almost every day, she was there.

OLD FRIENDS MEET—

Elmer Adams and Charles Taylor were lucky enough to be able to get together last week end in San Francisco. Charles went aboard the Valley Forge and down to Elmer's compartment, and walked up and said, "Hi Adams." Elmer had to look twice to recognize who was there. It has been over two years since the boys met and they sure had a grand time. The Valley Forge was on the way to Honolulu and was leaving San Francisco Monday morning, April 3rd.



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DAYLIGHT TIME--

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regular annual tax will become due. The annual license fee is \$15.00 per year.

Councilman Yocom was instructed to contact Copco at once and see what sort of contract can be made for the new lights.

The recorder was asked to write to the state highway department to see if something cannot be done to eliminate the present traffic hazard at the Pine street intersection. It is hoped that a regular traffic signal can be installed at this point.

Bob Harnish appeared before the council to ask that immediate action be taken in the matter of accepting certain land for the extension of 10th street from Pine to Manzanita street. The engineer was instructed to draw up the necessary description and deed before the next meeting of the council in May.

At the suggestion of the police department it was decided to put traffic "buttons" on Pine street at each intersection from Front to 6th street. It is said there has been entirely too much cutting corners in this part of town. Another suggestion of the police department regarding the condition of the present police car and showing that a new car could be bought for very

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little more than the cost of repairing the old one, was considered. It was decided to buy a new car at once.

For many years there has been a need for better filing facilities at the recorder's office. Recently there came a chance to purchase two almost new filing cabinets at a big saving over the cost of new, and the council authorized their purchase at once. One is to be used by the recorder and the other for police files.

Superintendent Rupp was authorized to go ahead with the work of working over the old dump truck for street washing purposes.

In order to simplify the use of the new sewer line by residents of the Four Corners district, the recorder was instructed to notify them that the council feels that the best thing to do is for them to organize

a sanitary district for their community and to elect a spokesman to deal with the Central Point city council in the matter.

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