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Don't Burn Ferns Now

"The next few weeks during February and March is the most dangerous fire season of the year," cautioned James Lewis, Keep Oregon Green county chairman. "Don't burn fern, because ferns are now dead, and they dry into a highly inflammable fuel under two or three days of sun, and these fern fires once set off burn fast and hot."

"Last year more than 20,000 acres of land, much of it in valuable young forests, went up in smoke through carelessness in setting fern fires," the county chairman pointed out. "Our citizens in this county did a good job in holding down man-caused forest fires during the regular season, and we must do equally as good a job during the spring months."

The Keep Oregon Green association is posting all areas in western Oregon with placards warning against burning fern, Edmund Hayes executive committee chairman, advised, and the cooperation of the citizens is urged because fires during war time takes men away from valuable war work in the lumber and logging industry, besides doing untold damage to young and growing forests which grow in the fern cover.

State Forester Nelson Rogers stated that only 5250 acres of forest land patrolled by state and private agencies were burned in man-caused fires during the entire protected season of 1943 and most of this was slash burning, but more than five times as much land was covered in these early spring fern fires.

Soldier Home on Leave

Bob Barnes, Army Engineer, arrived home on furlough last Wednesday morning after flying across the United States to get here.

"It feels good to be at home," he commented, "especially since you never can tell when you'll get another furlough."

Describing his cross-continent flight, Bob mentioned the fact that "we only ran into one snow storm."

It was the first time he had ever flown and he was enthusiastic about the trip.

He has a fifteen-day leave and expects to be home ten days.

H. M. Barnes Distributor For Veltex Petroleum Products Here

Harry M. Barnes for many years a resident of this community and a well known oil distributor, announces that he now has the agency for the Veltex Petroleum Products in this territory and invites your patronage.

He has his own plant and equipment on the hiway west of Beaverton where he has been in the oil distributing business for the last 20 years.

Mr. Barnes says the Fletcher Oil Co. who manufacture Veltex quality petroleum products have their own late modern refinery and are able to manufacture the finest gasoline and burner oils which are comparable to any on the market today.

A. G. Larson Elected President

A. G. Larson was installed as president of the Cedar Mill Community Club at their meeting this month.

P. A. Thorne, will be vice-pres.; Mrs. Frank Young treasurer; and Mrs. W. C. O'Conner was re-elected and installed secretary for the third successive year.

Committee chairman are: Mrs. Frank Young, membership and attendance; Mrs. H. F. Eastman, publicity; B. B. Reeves, house; Mrs. A. R. Pearson, program; W. L. Henry, civic and industry; W. I. Heinrichs, reception; Mrs. H. A. Ward, commissary; H. F. Eastman, ways and means, and Mrs. George Foege, welfare.

Returns Home

Mrs. Shirley DeYoung has returned from Fort Lee, Va., where she has been visiting her husband Roy De Young. She intends to be with her mother in Portland.

Girls Working for Pledge A Bond Fund

The Beaverton Camp Fire Girls were out in force last week soliciting subscriptions for the Beaverton Enterprise in an effort to raise money to buy a bond—or as they announce—"Pledge A Bond." The girls are working for a good cause—help them fulfill their pledge.

Annual Birthday Dinner

A program on China was enjoyed January 27 when the Church Women's association met at the home of Mrs. Luke Bleakney. Mrs. Otto George had charge of the interesting program. Those attending were asked to wear Chinese costumes or bring some article of Chinese origin. This was the annual birthday meeting and a large attendance was present.

While in Beaverton be sure to eat at the Greyhound Coffee Shop.

Here and There

Funeral services were held January 27 for George Senich of Beaverton who passed away Friday, Jan. 21. His son August, obtained leave from the Army to come home.

Bill Stratton has gone to Arizona for his health. He was accompanied as far as San Diego by J. J. McMahon, who is visiting his two sons in the Marines there.

A birthday party was held for the first and second grades of St. Mary's Home for Boys recently. The room was decorated in a festive manner and each child received two presents.

Three servicemen who formerly attended St. Mary's visited the school during the week, Robert Colton, soldier now stationed in Kentucky, and Leo Beaudoin, from Camp Adair, and Michael Kaunert of the Navy.

Today at 12:30 the P. T. A. is sponsoring a stage show by Ruben and Ruby, world-famous clowns in the grade school auditorium. Included in the show "Funville Follies" are 5 acts of fun and frolic.

An evening of five hundred, bridge and pinocle was greatly enjoyed at the Beaver Social club's card party held in the Masonic Temple Saturday Bridge Prize-winners were Mrs. Hunkapiller and Mr. Steraling, consolation Mrs. Ruby Boyd and Hiram Sipe. Five hundred: Mr. and Mrs. Wood, bobby prizes to Mrs. Brookhardt and Mr. Gearhart. H. A. Budd and Mrs. Knatz won top prizes in pinocle, consolation went to Bertha Williams and Dewey Drorbaugh.

Door prizes were won by Nellie Ackerman, Mrs. Drorbaugh, Mrs. Carrie Summers, Mr. Grauer, Mrs. A. H. Wright and A. V. Kuse.

Elmer Stipe is gradually recovering from a case of acute indigestion which has confined him to his home since Christmas eve.

Herbert Thym of Portland, brother of George and Paul Thym of Beaverton, passed away Monday, Jan. 24. He had been ill with pneumonia.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church meet Friday at 11 a. m. at the church.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Geo. A. Brown Jan. 25. Mrs. Van Meter of Portland gave a stimulating talk on Missionaries. Tea was served.

A group of Portland friends enjoyed a birthday party at the T. M. Leghter home last Sunday. Among the guests were Judge J. R. Meares and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. McClure, M. and Mrs. C. P. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reilly and family.

Clarence J. LaFond, recently wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. LaFond that he is expecting a 30 day furlough and expects to spend it at home. He has been at Pearl Harbor for some time. He sent home several different items cut out of coconut shells, ash trays, etc., and some funny comic cut outs from well known comic strips. He is getting to be quite an artist with his carving knife.

Emil Hedburg is confined to his home with the flu.

A report was made this week to the local chairman of the Fourth Liberty Loan, that a man and woman in a car had been soliciting money for the bond sale in the Barnes district. It is not known how much money was collected, if any, but residents are taking a chance when they give their checks to strangers—they should give only to canvassers whose names were published in our paper recently, or if in doubt, make the check payable to the bank, where it can be checked.

The Cheerio Club met last Friday at the home of Mrs. R. L. Summers. Guests were Mrs. Mable Goyt and Mrs. Carrie Leonard.

Mrs. Carrie Leonard is home again after a three weeks visit with her son Wm. Leonard. He is a first Lt. and stationed at Seattle.

Ralph Nickerson who has been home on a furlough, leaves Tuesday for Monterey, California. He has been in Alabama for some time and has just been transferred.

A marriage license has been issued to Carl Lo Conto and Marie Carter, both of Beaverton, Oregon.

A miniature minuteman flag, which is presented each week to the room with the largest purchase of bonds and stamps per student, has heightened interest in the bond campaign at the Beaverton high school by providing spirited inter-room competition.

First won by Miss Maxwell's algebra class, it has hung in honored state in Mr. Webb's and Miss Barnes rooms, and now is the prized possession of Mrs. Metzler's room.

The high school has sold \$26,715 in war stamps and bonds to date. This is almost half of the \$60,000 goal the students have set for the year.

The grade school sold \$469.15 during January, totalling \$4,344.95 for the semester.

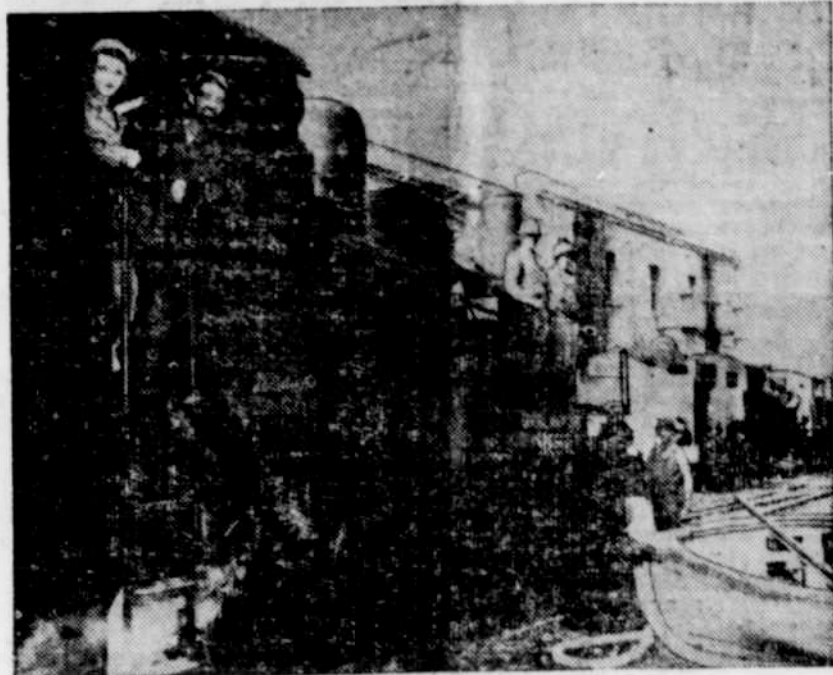
Waste paper of all descriptions has been filling the high school shop room since January 17, when the paper drive, which will continue until February 11, was launched.

Beaverton citizens who have waste paper to contribute are reminded to call the high school office for boys to help them unload their paper, stated I. R. Metzler, principal.

For Gasoline, Stove and Diesel Burner Oils phone Harry Barnes, Beaverton 3231, Distributor for Veltex Petroleum Products.

While shopping eat at the Greyhound Coffee Shop, Beaverton.

"Clark Special" in Action



American army engineers use an Italian locomotive to clear wreckage and haul freight on the Naples waterfront. They have dubbed their engine the "General Mark Clark Special." (Rural Press Section—OWI)

More Volunteers Needed Monday for Plasma Bank

At least 152 pints of blood must be donated at the local blood donor center Monday if Washington county residents save the 280 lives of wounded service men assigned for January, according to Mrs. F. Abendroth, county blood bank chairman. Last Friday 128 pints of blood were contributed, 12 less than the minimum quota of 140 pints for the day, and this must be made up Monday if this district is to keep faith with our fighting men, she pointed out.

Appointments have been made for 152 volunteers Monday at the next visit of the Red Cross mobile unit at the Masonic temple, across from the courthouse in Hillsboro. These people are requested to meet their appointments promptly, or, if unable to attend, provide an eligible substitute.

Rules now permit a volunteer to donate blood four hours after eating.

Arrived Friday

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Siebert are being felicitated on the arrival of a daughter Heidi Sue Siebert on Friday, Jan. 20th. She weighed 7 pounds, 20 ounces, and is their second child. Mr. Siebert is the general owner of the Beaverton Furniture store.

Boys Spend Christmas At Goltzy, Oklahoma

Word has been received here that John Rohrbach, Wilbur Janssen and Paul Sorbits, all from Aloha-Huber-Reedville community, enjoyed the Christmas holidays with John Rohrbach's uncle and aunt at Goltzy, Okla. John Rohrbach is in the air corps, as is Wilbur Janssen, but Paul Sorbits is with the navy.

Visits Aunt

Virgil Pekule spent a short time with his aunt Mrs. John Rohrbach recently. He is with the medical corps at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Sell Home

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bjorklund left last week for California to make their home. They were guests at a dinner at the Henry Hagb home before leaving. They have sold their home and eight acres adjoining the Hagb farm.

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Birthday Honored

A dinner party was given January 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Nault honoring the birthday, Anna Mae on her birthday.

Local People Buy Registered Bull

A registered Jersey cow has been purchased by Frank B. Dayton of Beaverton from T. B. & Grace A. Denney. The animal is Masterman's Ellen F 1213804. A registered Jersey bull purchased by William A. Jennie from R. Beamish of Tigard. The name of the animal is Aim. Valiant. Raleigh and his registration number is 436349.

The whereabouts of all registered Jerseys is known and carefully watched over by The American Jersey Cattle Club, with offices in New York City. This important job is made possible through registrations and transfers made by Jersey Breeders everywhere. Tattoo identification, somewhat similar to fingerprinting keeps individuals of this dairy herd always known.

—Buy 4th War Loan Bonds—

If someone wants it, you can sell it with a classified ad.

Bits of News About Our Boys

The following letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lincoln from their son Dick, who is an air corps cadet stationed at Harlingen, Texas:

Dear Folks:

I sure hope you had as merry a Christmas as I have had. I really had a wonderful time. The army gave us Friday night, Saturday night, and all day Sunday off. Our pass into Mexico Sunday really topped it all off.

We got up early Sunday morning and crowded into the first bus to Harlingen. From there we hitch hiked to Brownsville about 20 miles distant. We had very good luck and got to Brownsville about 9:30 a. m. We then changed all our money into \$2 bills and silver. (The Mexicans will not accept any other American money, as it seems a lot of our currency fell into Japanese hands although they did not get any \$2 bills or silver. They are taking this precaution to prevent them smuggling it into the United States through Mexico.) We then caught a small bus which took us across the Rio Grande into Matamoros, Mexico.

The town of Matamoros is exactly the way you would picture it. It has very narrow muddy streets, an astonishing number of rough looking saloons with a spattering all around of broken down, caved in wood and stone shacks. Two blocks from the center of town (in any direction the concrete streets cease abruptly and from there on out the streets of the town are bottomless mudholes. The heart of the town is the market place. It covers one entire block and you can't possibly imagine how many tiny shops they have crammed into so limited an area. The street side of the block is lined with shops and the inside of the block is fairly honeycombed with narrow twisting passageways bordered on both sides with tiny dark little shops. There must be several hundreds of them in that one block. As we walked down those twisting passageways, the shop keepers called to us in broken English trying to get us interested in their goods. Sometimes, when we didn't stop he would follow us a little ways trying to convince us we were missing a good buy. The goods they displayed were art treasures, nothing less. Some of the leather work was unbelievably beautiful. If I had had a hundred dollars I would have spent it down there. I spent all my money before I hardly got started buying. After I spent all my money I went on a walking tour around town. Everywhere we went a flock of Mexican children followed us asking for pennies. I am afraid I was very disappointing. The Mexicans were very friendly and offered to show us the city.

In the afternoon we went to a bull fight. It was the opening fight of the season and prices were boosted accordingly. I paid \$1.50 for a ring side seat. This price was clearly out of reach of most of the Mexicans so the crowd was mostly white. The arena was small but very gaily decorated. The six matadors were introduced to the crowd with loud fanfare from the trumpet section of the band. They were elaborately costumed and wore the traditional two horned black hat, also the artificial knot of hair in back. The costumes were lacy with knee breeches and they wore shoes with large buckles on them. They bowed, smiled and strutted all over the arena. All six were trying to steal the crowds' applause from each other. Finally after the last ripple of applause had died down they let the bull out. He was not very large but had very wicked horns and was fighting mad. He ran around and around the arena making short rushes at the men who tantalized him by waving a scarlet cloak. Everytime the bull rushed the Matador. He would wait 'till the last split second and then step lightly aside. Slowly the bull began to tire, his charges became more deliberate and deadly. He would paw the ground between each rush. He didn't know whom he should charge next with all six Matadors standing around waving their cloaks. The main picador finally picked up two very wicked darts, walked boldly up to the bull and skillfully plunged them into his back between the shoulder blades. The bull went mad, he snorted and threw his head back trying to get rid of the pain in his back. He charged a few times more but he was getting bewildered and frightened. He couldn't touch a man and they had stabbed him with darts. The Matador slipped up and stuck two more darts in him and the bull went mad again and charged wildly. By this time the blood was streaming down the poor bull's back, he was very cautious now, his spirit was broken. He didn't know what to do next. Now he was ready for the kill. The Matador unsheathed a large sword, at least a yard long. Then distracting the bull's attention with the cloak and suddenly plunged the sword between the bull's shoulder blades clear to the hilt. The bull fell backed up a few steps and rolled over dead. They dragged him out and let in another one. This procedure was repeated until four bulls had been killed. Then we left. I don't know how many more were killed that day but I do know that that is the last bull fight I will see for a long long while.

Auction Sale At High School

Rationed goods of all kinds will be put on the auctioneer's block Wednesday, February 2, when a combined bond auction, talent show, and band recitals will be presented in the Beaverton high school gymnasium at 8 p. m. The two-fold purpose of the program is to furnish entertainment and to add impetus to the Fourth War Loan Drive.

The talent show, six acts which have been chosen from the student body of the public speaking class, will open the program. Grace Rich, soprano, Walter Payne, cornet soloist, Mary Pointer, pianist, Mary Jane Martyn, whistler, Jack and Jim Godwin, banjo and guitar duetists, and Laurene Mayfield, declaimer, are the members of the show.

The band will provide interludes with such favorites as "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Missouri Waltz," etc. Norman Bishop will act as auctioneer. Beaverton merchants have donated the goods with ration points which will be furnished by students who have extra stamp points as the only payment.

The purchase of any denomination of war stamps or bonds will be the only admission for the entertainment.

Student Body Officers Installed Friday

Installation of the student-body officers elected for the second term at Beaverton high school took place today in assembly. Climax of the ceremony was hit when Norman Bishop, outgoing student body president, relinquished the gavel to Mollie O'Donnell, incoming prexy, who defeated Gene Springer and Verne Lusby.

Bob Myers, will be vice-president; Ann Hathaway, secretary; Dick Reed treasurer. Jim Sinclair is new student body manager. Dorothy See, song leader, Johnny Tennent, pianist. Ray Pointer was re-elected reporter. Bill Duhaime, editor of the Hammer, will be assistant to Laurene Mayfield. Business manager of the Hammer will be Dian Krieske.

Hello Folks:

Well here are the pictures that I took while I was home on furlough on January 4, 1944, this is my boy friend Fay Saxton left (first fellow on left).

I told you that I would send these to you and I hope that you will like them and will put them on the wall there with the rest of your pictures. Well will close this time and will see you the next time I come home.

As ever,
Pvt. JAMES E. WRIGHT
39318175 7th HBF, AAB, Kearney, Neb.

Dear Mrs. Gilham:

After traveling about 6800 miles I am stopping here for a few days, at Camp Claiborne, La. I believe I have seen about all of the U. S. as I have been in the NW, SW, SC, NC, NE, and SE corners. As yet I am not assigned to any outfit permanently, although I am now with the 712 Rwy. Oper. Bu. but left that to come down here to this outfit as it is being rounded out for overseas duty. I would like to be back in good old Beaverton once more but that, I doubt, will be possible for a good long while.

Your Little Soldier
Pvt. JOHN E. FILLEY
ASN 39-341-737 Co. A 712th Rwy. Oper. Bu. Camp Claiborne, La.

Dear Sirs:

I am getting along fine in the Navy. I like it rather well. The food is very good and the work isn't too hard. I guess it better than the army after all.

The V6-USNR-SV division means recruits that are signed up for the duration and six months. It has nothing to do with any branch of the navy as I previously thought.

RAYMOND VIRGIL MEYER
Tigard, Oregon
Co. 1108-43 Camp Bessie, Farragut, Idaho.

I left with the group the 21st of December, 1943. I believe my order No. was 10943.

Lt. Colonel Leland Shay spent a six day leave with his father and children, returning to Camp Tyson, Tennessee, Tuesday night.

Willard Erickson, son of Mrs. John Erickson, has moved into his mothers home on Main street and she will visit with her daughter, Mrs. Weed, for a while.

Walter L. Myers left Beaverton January 20th for a week in Washington including Seattle, Wenatchee and Spokane in the interest of Northwestern Christian Home.

George Klein has been in a base hospital in Australia for a couple of weeks, according to a letter received by the Thym family recently.

Sherwood M. Davis of Troutdale, route 1, died January 19. He was father of Mrs. Ruth Nordin of Beaverton. He was 72 years old.

Rasmussen's Garage has been repainted and the shrubbery cut. Getting ready for Spring business.

A group of thirteen members of the Beaverton Grange attended Pomona at Hillsboro Wednesday.

Sunday dinner guests at the McKeecher home were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gilmore of West Slope and Rev. and Mrs. F. Sturtevant.