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Keep Oregon Green; Hazardous Season Ahead

Governor Earl Snell this week notified Mr. James Lewis, Wash- ington County Chairman that Mr. Frank Schmaltz of Glendwood had been selected at the recent meeting of the Willamette Valley Logging Conference to give all possible aid to his Keep Oregon Green Committee during the dry summer months ahead.

The naming of Mr. Schmaltz as a representative of the logging industry means closer coop- eration from the loggers of this section, the county chairman pointed out as he is a logger and was named by Allen C. Smith, retiring president of the Confer- ence to represent the loggers of Washington County in fire pre- vention work.

At the annual session of this group at Eugene in May the log- gers urged their membership to give wholehearted support to Keep Oregon Green, and asked Governor Snell to name a logger in each of the eighteen Western Oregon counties to work with the local KOG committees and whose job would be to get the logging industry organized to reduce the number of man-caused forest fires. The logging Conference made the nominations to the Gov- ernor.

"We expect a greatly increased hazard from out-of-state travel- ers in our woods," Dean Paul M. Dunn, state head of KOG pointed out in a letter to the local chair- man, "all of which means we must double our efforts to pre- vent forest and range fires caused by careless acts of our cit- izens. This season will see our woods extremely dry." Listing principal causes of forest fire as camp fires, cigarettes, and throwing of lighted material, Dunn urged every citizen to use a "degree of caution and com- mon sense" when using the fore- sts and fields of our state to help Keep Oregon Green.

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Elected Member Petroleum Gas Board of Directors



Jack W. Crane, of Gas-Heat, Inc., 2772 Cherry Ave., Salem, has been elected a member of the national board of directors of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association, it was announced today by Charles O. Russell, of Des Moines, Iowa, the new president.

Mr. Crane is the Oregon state representative on the new board and was named in an election in which all members of his state participated. The new board of di- rectors and new officers were seated at a national convention of the association at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Members of the association are the producers and marketers of liquefied petroleum gas — butane and propane — more commonly known as "tank" and bottled" gas. Makers of appliances and e- quipment used with these gases are in the association.

Downstate Payrolls Show Gain

Downstate pay rolls for the first quarter of 1946 gained more than five millions over the same period a year ago and about seven millions over the final 19- 45 quarter while Multnomah County pay rolls lost 38 and 9 per cent respectively from the same periods.

Reports from 12,000 employers subject to the state unemploy- ment law show wage gains this year in 27 out of 36 counties, while in two others the loss was less than one per cent. First quarter totals for the state were \$143,603,000 against \$144,013,000 for the preceding quarter and \$188,009,000 for the first quarter of 1945.

Four counties—Douglas, Jose- phine, Linn and Morrow—report- ed higher wage payments for the first three months of 1946 than for either of the entire years of 1938 or 1939. Four others—Ben- ton, Lane, Tillamook and Yam- hill—came within 25 per cent of equalling their pre-war annual to- tals.

Greatest percentage of increase over early 1945 pay rolls were re- ported from Josephine, Malheur and Grant, all about a third high- er; while Multnomah dropped 50 millions from its war-time total of \$130,986,000 for the first quar- ter of 1945. Multnomah's propo- tion of the state's total decreased to about 56 per cent as against nearly 70 per cent in war-time.

With the exception of agricul- tural, railroad and public em- ployment, most concerns with 4 or more workers and a quarterly pay roll of \$500 are covered by the state unemployment commis- sion. Washington county's pay rolls for the first quarter of 1946 were \$1,377,312 against \$1,301,504 for the same period a year before.

Vets' Mail Bag

As a service to veterans in the community, this newspaper will publish a weekly column of ques- tions most frequently asked con- tact men of the Veterans Admin- istration in this area. For more detailed information, veterans should contact or write to the nearest VA contact unit at I.O. O.F. Hall, 10th and Salmon, Port- land 5.

Q. As an American citizen, I en- listed and served three years with the Canadian Army and was honorably discharged. I am now residing in the United States. Am I entitled to any benefits from the U. S. govern- ment?

A. You are entitled to the edu- cation, loan guaranty and read- justment allowance benefits that have been provided veterans of the armed services of the United States. If you have a dis- ability you should apply directly to the Canadian government for pension benefits.

Q. I am a Veteran of World War II. Can I get a priority to buy building materials to remodel my house?

A. Contact or write to the near- est FHA office. They will act upon your request for material priorities.

Q. When I left the service I was told that the Veterans Adminis- tration would give me free den- tal treatment. Where do I get this done?

A. Before you will be entitled to dental treatment, the VA must verify that your present dental condition is service-connected, which means that they will have to secure your private records. To initiate this, you must make application at your nearest VA office.

Q. Is it permissible to name a stepchild as beneficiary on a National Service Life Insurance policy?

A. Yes.

Q. I have not received all of my war bonds purchased while in the army. Where do I write for them?

A. Direct your request to the Army War Bond office, Office of the Fiscal Director, 366 West Adams Street, Chicago, Ill.

Q. I am planning to attend one of the Eastern universities next fall. Where can I secure in- formation as to

1. Entrance requirements
2. Catalog of courses offered
3. Getting a certificate of elig- ibility

A. 1. Write directly to the uni- versity you wish to attend.

2. Most public libraries have the catalogue of major uni- versities or you may request one from the school.

3. Take a certified or photo- static copy of your discharge to any VA contact or regional office. If you have dependents, legal proof must be submitted to show eligibility for subsis- tence.

Q. May several veterans use the guaranty on real estate loans to acquire property jointly?

A. Yes, but the total amount guaranteed may not exceed 50 per cent of the loan or the total amount for guaranty of the veterans, whichever is less- er.

Q. It is necessary for me to do considerable traveling by air- plane. If I were to die in an air accident, would a claim be paid on my NSLI policy?

A. Yes, there are no restric- tions on NSLI concerning trav- el.

You Can Do Your Part
Of course you want to help make the life of every Service- man as secure—and as happy—as he ever dreamed it might be. But it won't be if Americans continue to be careless with matches, cigarettes and pipe ashes in hunting, fishing, and vacation lands; if we forget again to put our picnic fires and campfires and land-clearing fires dead out;

if we continue to burn forests and woodlands that conserve wa- ter, shelter game, and provide homes and jobs for millions.

YOU can help protect the Am- erica our Servicemen fought for by observing these rules, and ask- ing friends and neighbors to ob- serve them:

ONE—Hold your match till it's cold—then pinch it to make sure.

TWO—Crush out all your smokes dead out. Then, when there's an ash tray, use it!

THREE—Drown your campfire and warming fire, then stir and drown again.

FOUR—Ask about the law—and a before burning grass, fence rows, ferns, sedge, or trash. Then—burn only on still evenings, have help handy, kill every spark.

FIVE—Remember, always, that... Care will prevent 9 out of 10 forest and woods fires.

An optimist is a guy who will go into a restaurant without a cent in his pocket and figure on pay- ing for the meal with the pearl he hopes to find in the oyster shell.

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KILLS MOSQUITOES AND INSECT SPRAY

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

Dr. George W. Harley, of Ash- ville, S. C., medical missionary of the Methodist Church in Liberia, Africa, has been honored by Pres- ident Truman of Liberia, with the decoration of "Knight Com- mander of the Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption." This is for "outstanding service to the people of Liberia."

Dr. Harley—who holds M.D., D.T.M. and Ph.D. degrees—built and su- pervises the Methodist mission station at Ganta, near the French West Africa border. At Ganta, which was built on virgin soil and whose buildings were literally hewn out of the surrounding for- ests, he has been physician, teacher, pastor, agriculturalist, master of many trades, pioneer in lepro- sy experimentation, linguist in re- ducing the native Mano lan- guages to writing, health officer for the Liberian government, su- perintendent of a leper colony, and research associate in anthro- pology for the Peabody Museum of Howard University.

The influence of Christian meth- ods of education and social welfare, first shown to India by Christian missionaries, is now be- ing noted in other religious groups of that land. The Sikhs of the Amritsar area are planning to open 100 village schools for adults and to establish 200 village libraries—services never before rendered by their faith. The schools will train teachers of the Sikh doctrines and workers among the people. The Indian Na- tional Congress is backing a movement for the training of ed- ucated young men and women for social welfare in the rural villages.

An "intercultural code" for the promotion of better relations among races and cultures in Am- erica, is being proposed to the General Council of the Congrega- tional Christian Churches, at their biennial meeting in Grinnell Col- lege this month. The proposal is made by the Council for Social Action which adds that "no for- mal doctrine can be substituted for the calling devoted to the Christian spirit." The code says: "Its (the church's) attendance and activities should be open to all without discrimination; its membership should be open to all Christians; its church officials should include all Christians; its mutual aid should be to all peo- ple without discrimination; its membership should be open to all Christians; its church officials should include all Christians; its employment standards (jobs con-

Low-Down From Hickory Grove

What this country needs "less of" versus "more of," is a sub- ject for research. Up to now we been getting more and more pro- mises—and less margarine. That sorta sums it up. Any program chairman at the book review and lunch club, if she is up against the problem of a subject, having run out of psychologists or gen- uines with a flare for making simple things complicated, they are free to use my suggestion, and delve into the "less of" ver- sus "more of" subject.

"More of" lots of things is good. Take leisure—that is good—but you get it down to where you work only 35 hours a week, there is 133 hours left over—56 hours for sleep and 77 hours for devilmint. And if you choose to skimp a bit on sleep, you can cut it down to 6 hours a day and have 91 hours for frolic.

But on the other side of the argument on what we have "less of and could use more," look at mama's girdle—and no rubber in same. The Govt. can take over a railroad, or a coal mine, or a power house, and get by with it, but when it fumbles with mama's regalia, it is on thin ice. Well, says Henry, both sides of "less of versus more of" can agree on one thing—we got plenty of con- fusion.

Yours with the low down
JOE SERRA

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In this day and age, even with all the safety devices for fire prevention, there remains the ne- cessity for quick thinking and ac- cing by individuals when fire strikes.

Many articles have been writ- ten on the importance of know- ing when not to open a door when fire threatens a building. A little advance thought or training on this subject can save an individ- ual's life. If you awaken from a sleep and smell smoke, your first move should not be to jerk open the bedroom door, instead put your hand on the door panel. If the wood is hot it means that the hall beyond is charged with lethal heat and gas that can kill almost instantly, and that the stairway is probably cut off from use. Escape should be made by a window if possible, or at least call for help from a window.

With a closed door between you and the fire you have every chance of surviving until rescue comes.

Next to the importance of not

A sign in front of a shoe repair shop pictured several styles of rub- ber heels and a beautiful girl who was saying, "I'm in love with Am- erica's Number 1 heel." Under- neath, in small feminine handwrit- ing, someone had added, "Too bad sister! I married him."

opening a door is the importance of closing doors during a fire. When a person is escaping from a room where a fire is raging, the fire is liable to overtake him be- fore he can make an effective retreat—this is true particularly when time is needed to rescue a- nother party.

Lethal gas ranging from 800 to 1,000 degrees in temperature can quickly flood a building. The two recent hotel fires graphically il- lustrated the truth of these words. Firemen agree that thousands of persons would still be alive if they had known and practiced the simple technique involved in opening or closing doors during a fire.

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