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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 log-
ging 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 fires
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 forest
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
Liquefied Petroleum Gas Associa-
tion, 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
of the preceding quarter and
\$138,009,000 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 \$130,986,600 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-
taining information. 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 Uni-
ted States. If you have a dis-
ability you should apply direct-
ly 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 eli-
gibility

A. 1. Write directly to the uni-
versity you wish to attend.
2. Most public libraries have
the catalogs of major univer-
sities 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 to-
tal entitlement 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, as there are no restric-
tions on NSLI concerning trav-
el.

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continue to be careless with mat-
ches, 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 Amer-
ica 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 permit—before burning
grass, brush, 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.

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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
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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, teach-
er, 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
Sikh doctrines and workers a-
mong the people. The Indian Na-
tional Congress is backing a
movement for the training of edu-
cated young men and women
for social welfare in the rural
villages.

An "intercultural code" for the
promotion of better relations a-
mong races and cultures in Amer-
ica, 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 calm devotion to the
Christian spirit." The code says:

"It is 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 going in for "more of"—we
been getting more and more pro-
mises—and less and less. 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-
iuses 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
devilement. And if you choose to
skip 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.

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Close The Door

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

Many articles have been writ-
ten on the importance of knowing
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 fire.

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,
if he doesn't shut the door 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
another 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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