

**LEXINGTON NEWS**

**Lexington Boy Scouts On Camping Trip**

By MARGARET SCOTT

Archie Nichols and Norman Nelson took a group of Boy Scouts to the mountains Sunday where they plan to spend the week near the Arbuckle ranger station. Scouts making the trip were Billie Nichols, Albert and Clyde Edwards and Carl and Billy Marquardt.

The Social Ridge community held its annual school meeting Monday, June 19, at the George Peck home. It was an all day session with a pot-luck dinner at noon. Faye Ruhl was elected as clerk and Laurel Ruhl was elected to fill the position of director.

Dr. G. W. Millett of Portland and Etta Millett of Monmouth spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Peck.

Clair Daugherty and family visited relatives in Connell instead of Corvallis as stated in last week's column.

Mrs. George Allyn and her daughter from Heppner, Mrs. James Cowins, spent Wednesday in Pendleton.

Fred Fulgham was visiting here Tuesday from his home in Grandview, Wash.

Archie Munkers was a business visitor in Portland last week. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Munkers, who had been visiting in Salem, and her cousin, George Crabtree.

Laurel Ruhl and family spent Tuesday at the Arthur Hunt home.

Mrs. Laura Scott and Mrs. Maude Pointer spent Friday at the E. J. Blake home above Heppner.

John F. McMillan and family were Pendleton visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheppard and Mr. Sheppard's brother and family were guests at the home of Eber Hanks last week. Mrs. John Sheppard is a niece of Mr. Hanks.

Ralph and Marcella Jackson and Louise Hunt enjoyed a fishing trip in the mountains Sunday and Monday.

Charles Shinn of Portland was a week-end guest at the home of his daughter, Ruth McMillan. Jackie Hams, also of Portland, visited with the McMillan family Monday.

Bernard Olson of Arlington spent the week end in this community.

A number of local people attended the picnic held at the Heppner CCC camp Sunday in connection with the farm tour.

The next H. E. C. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Laura Scott on Thursday afternoon, July 13.

Maxine Devine of Seattle is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Devine.

Mrs. Caroline Kuns and daughter Ivah of La Grande were week-end visitors here.

Pomona grange will be held at Cecil Saturday, July 1. The contest that is being conducted by the state grange starts at this meeting, so members of all the granges are urged to attend as membership counts 50 points in this contest.

Mrs. William Schoonover and daughter Diana departed last week for their home in Tillamook county. They were accompanied by Mrs. Schoonover's sisters, Maxine and Zelma Way, who will visit for a while.

Eldon Padberg returned Monday morning from a trip to San Francisco where he attended the worlds fair as a guest of the Oregonian.

Jerrine Edwards has gone to the Roy Campbell ranch to work this week.

Ray, Carl and Vester Shaw of Hermiston were visiting in town Saturday.

Mrs. Lorraine Kramer was a guest at the home of Mrs. Vester Lane Saturday. When she returned home, she was accompanied by Mrs. Lane who will visit relatives in Connell.

A skating rink has been started in the Leach hall by Mrs. Frank Munkers. The rink will be open on Saturdays and Sundays.

Dan Lindsay of Alpine has as his guests his two brothers and a sister from Pittsburgh. They were all visiting here Monday.

Jesse Wright has gone to Spokane to visit relatives.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones are Arlene Lovelace of Island City

and Bill Jones of Union.

Mrs. Arnold Pieper and children motored to Portland this week where they met Mrs. Pieper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frad, and went on to the coast for a short vacation.

Mrs. Bowen's son Jack from The Dalles arrived here this week to visit with his mother.

Bernard Olson, Grant Henderson, Joyce Biddle, Cecil and Delpha and Bill Jones enjoyed a picnic at the Ellis ranger station Sunday.

The Rodeo attendant representing Lexington grange is Miss Dorothy Howell of Heppner. She and the three other attendants from the various granges will be guests at the St. Paul and Mollala rodeos.

**Farm Allotments For 1940 Wheat To Go Out Soon**

Wheat growers of Oregon will receive notification of allotments for 1940 within a very short time, it appeared this week with announcement from the state AAA office at OSC that county allotments have been sent out.

Farmers are under no compulsion to accept an increase of 10 per cent over 1939. This increase is being carried out in the county allotments, and will be reflected in allotments given individual farms.

Farmers are under no compulsion to comply with wheat allotments set for their farms, since the program is entirely voluntary, it is pointed out by Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee.

"The allotments represent planting goals," Steen explained. "We know that during recent years we have been growing more wheat than we could use. Farmers who cooperate with the AAA program and plant only the amount of their allotment help balance the nation's wheat supply with the demand. They help stabilize price of wheat, thus guaranteeing themselves better income."

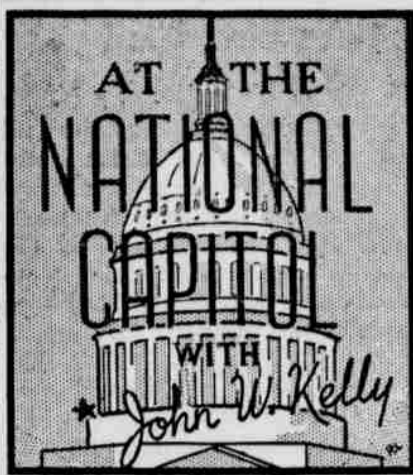
County conservation committees are now receiving instruction from state AAA office representatives in methods to be used in apportioning 1940 county allotments to individual farms. The instruction meetings are being held in all of the wheat-growing counties.

Oregon wheat growers who participated in the 1939 program have already received close to one million dollars in parity payments, a summary at the state office shows. Such price adjustment payments are being made to all farmers who held their wheat acreage within their allotments.

The latest summary showed \$973,276 paid on 2227 applications. It is estimated that the total of such payments this year will amount to about \$1,400,000.

**MAY ADD LOOKOUTS**

Prevailing dry weather is creating additional worries for the forest service and it is expected that three emergency firemen-lookouts will be added to the present force. Available for the posts are Jim Stevens at Ant Hill; Emery Coxen, Potamus, and Owen Leathers, Red Hill.



Washington, D. C., June 29—Kept a secret for the present is a plan to have Bonneville Dam, Grand Coulee and other government power projects finance themselves without appropriations from congress. The central idea is to permit the management of these projects to issue bonds and put them on the market when they require funds of expansion, such as transmission lines, additional generators and the like. A start is being made in this experiment by authorizing TVA to issue bonds to pay for private utility plants and systems instead of asking for an appropriation to absorb these competitors.

These projects, Bonneville, Grand Coulee and TVA, are supposed to be self-liquidating. In theory they are to sell enough power to reimburse the government for the outlay made and the repayment is to be made by the consumers of the power. By issuing bonds for any future capital requirements the consumers and not the general taxpayers of the United States must carry the burden, as is the case when congress makes an appropriation.

Resort to bonds to further finance Bonneville is being studied because of the increasing opposition to government ownership of power by congressmen from eastern districts. While the idea has not developed sufficiently for the president to propose it to congress it is now in the laboratory stage and may be brought out next year. The securities would be in the nature of "revenue" bonds with the moral backing of the federal government.

Inside story of how the house changed its position on parity payments in the agricultural bill and finally adopted the senate amendment, is just a case of swapping. Defeated first, the farm lobby button-holed members from city districts and offered to help increase relief funds in exchange for votes to reconsider and pass the parity item. City congressmen have no farmers among constituents, but have an army of relievers.

The trade was consummated on that basis, but the parity payments carried by an eyelash majority, exactly five votes. Pierce, of Oregon, voted for the proposal, his colleagues, Mott and Angell, republicans, against. The Washington delegation split 50-50. Hill, Leavy and Smith voted for and Coffee, Magnuson and Wallgren against. Those supporting the parity item represent districts with wheat growers who will be benefitted.

Strangest political development of the past week is the sudden rush to be mentioned for nomination as vice-president on the democratic ticket with—Franklin D. Roosevelt. Aspirants who have been thinking of the first place on the ticket are now relinquishing that thought and switching for second place. Reason: Mr. Roosevelt will either be renominated or dictate the nominee, and if he is nominated himself the ambitious boys want to be his running mate, and if he prefers to dictate the nominee they think their chance is better if they now talk of second place without incurring Mr. Roosevelt's displeasure by booming themselves in opposition to him for top place.

Among the switchers: Paul McNutt, tanned, white-haired high commissioner of the Philippines; Governor Stark, of Missouri, instrumental in busting the Pendegast political machine; Jim Farley, chairman of the democratic national committee. Mr. Roosevelt is now supposed to have about 250 delegates, or 25% of the convention voting strength and the convention 12

months away.

President Roosevelt favors the "profit motive" for the federal government, despite a small group of new dealers who do not believe in profits for industry or business, large or small. Mr. Roosevelt's plan is to lend almost four billion dollars to self-liquidating projects, to South American countries, etc. Those receiving loans are to repay the principal and interest, and the interest on \$3,840,000,000 would at the least calculation bring in \$40,000,000 a year—possibly twice that amount. This would be velvet to Uncle Sam. Putting the government into the money-to-lend business on such a titanic scale is being received with little enthusiasm at present.

Round trip to Europe, with all expenses paid, offered to senators and representatives of the Pacific Northwest, was unanimously declined. The invitation was for the first trans-Atlantic flight of the Yankee Clipper. Alibi of one lawmaker: "My duty to my constituents requires my presence at my post of duty." The neutrality act promises to bring about more discussion as this session of congress goes into the summer; the situation in the Far East has helped to bring this about. . . . Many senators voice the opinion that the best thing for us to do is to strictly mind our own business. Our interests are not being molested in any way, and by attending to our own affairs it will do more than anything else to keep us out of foreign conflicts.

**CAR WRECKED**

A broken tie rod and a tire blow-out were more than Ray Coblantz could cope with Saturday evening with the result that his car upset on the highway near Cecil with serious results to the car. Coblantz and several companions were on their way to Ione when the accident happened. Minor injuries were suffered by the occupants. The car was taken to Pendleton Tuesday.

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