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Christian Doctrine Confraternity Meet Here Next Tuesday

200 to 300 Delegates Will Discuss Youth Education

The sixth annual conference of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine will be held at Heppner in the Elks hall Tuesday, April 22. This year St. Patrick's branch of the C. C. D. will act as host unit for the conference. From Milton and Freewater, Pendleton, Hermiston, Condon, Dufur, The Dalles and Hood River between 200 and 300 delegates will flock to Heppner to take part in this conference. Similar conferences are being held at Ontario and Merrill.

The object of this conference is to secure unity of purpose and solidarity of action for the confraternity in this deanery, says Father Francis McCormick, in charge of local arrangements. The C. C. D. is essentially a lay organization, designed to give a sound religious education to those children who cannot attend Catholic schools. Each parish has its own unit. The local pastor is the director and its organization and teaching methods are regulated according to rules and regulations laid down by the Diocesan Board of Catechetics. At this conference Catholic lay people from the different centers will give reports and talks on the various activities of the confraternity.

His excellency, the Most Rev. Joseph F. McGrath will attend and deliver an address at the second session. In addition Rev. John Delahunty, diocesan director of the C. C. D., Sister Mary Prestina, O. S. F., Sister Mary Rosetta, O. S. F., Sister Mary Maurina, O. S. F., will attend and take part.

The conference will commence with registration at 9:30 a. m. The officers of the local unit will conduct the meeting. Eddie Kenny, local lay president, will preside over the first, second and fourth sessions, and the local unit report for the current year will be read by Mrs. D. P. Phelan secretary for the local unit.

At the second session from 11 a. m. to 12 Miss Margaret Farley will give a report on our observance of Catechetical day. In addition there will be various talks by delegates from other centers.

At 12:15 p. m. luncheon will be served by the Rebekah ladies in the Oddfellows hall, and Mrs. Blankenship will present a musical program during luncheon.

Session three, commencing at 1:15 p. m., will be in the form of an "answer and earn" quiz program. Mrs. P. Hisler, Lorene Hirl, Mrs. Phelan and Helen Doherty will represent our local unit at this session. Rev. J. Delahunty and Sister Mary Presentina will conduct this session.

Session four will begin at 2:30 p. m. At this talks will be given by several delegates on the various activities of the C. C. D. Mrs. Blankenship, representing the local unit, will give a talk on visiting.

During the second and third sessions there will be a high school youth rally. This will be presided over by Harry O'Donnell, Jr. James Kenny will give a talk. At the beginning of the opening session Mr. J. O. Turner will deliver an address of welcome to the visiting delegates.

Since this conference is chiefly concerned with the religious education of the youth it is open to all denominations who are interested in the same field of activity. No one is debarred from it, but all are welcome to attend, Father McCormick said.

Give photographs for Mother's Day. Rose Leibbrand, Humphreys Drug Co.

Blankenship Tells of Big Educators' Meet

Highlights of the Inland Empire Education association meeting at Spokane last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were told to the Lions club at its Monday luncheon by Alden Blankenship, local school superintendent who attended throughout the three days.

With some 4000 delegates in attendance this conference is the largest educators' meet in the northwest, and the fine array of speaking talent brought vital messages on up-to-the-minute questions, such as education's part in the national defense program, said Blankenship. He quoted David Cushman Coyle, lecturer and publicist as saying that America must come to the realization that it is in the war and must organize all its facilities to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

Interesting messages of the inside story of Norway, including how the Norwegian parliament successfully transferred the nation's gold supply to America before the German occupation, were told by Carl J. Hambro, formerly president of the Norwegian Storting, prime minister of Norway, past president of the League of Nations, Norwegian embassy, Washington, D. C. Other speakers cited were Josephine Roche, president of the National Consumers league, Karl W. Bigelow, director of the Commission on Teacher Training, and Walter E. Myer and John E. Almack, authors and leading educational figures.

Shot Put Hits Tot At Lone School

Fern Jones, first grade pupil in the Ione schools, was treated at a local physician's office this morning for an injury received when she was hit on the head by a 16 pound shot put while at play on the school grounds before the opening of school. The shot-put, into which the tot ran as it was in the air thrown from the hands of a high school boy, struck a glancing blow on the side of the tot's head. She was knocked unconscious for half an hour.

She was brought to Heppner by Erret Hummel, school principal, and examination revealed no fracture, though a slight concussion was evidenced from her being unconscious, the doctor said. The little girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jones.

Forest Permittees to Meet Here Saturday

A meeting of permittees of the Umatilla and Whitman national forests has been called for the Elks club in Heppner next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, according to announcement from the county agent's office.

Important messages will be brought to stockmen grazing livestock in the national reserve by officials of both forests, and permittees will be given opportunity to find solution for individual problems.

EDWARD L. HUNT ENLISTS

Edward L. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hunt, Lexington, was among those enlisted in the regular army at Portland last week, according to news received here from Lt. Col. B. H. Hensley, Oregon recruiting district commander. Young Hunt was accepted for the corps area service command, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal. Colonel Hensley tells us that many vacancies still exist in the oversea service, including the Philippines, Panama and Hawaii, and in several departments in the air corps.

TEACHER TO SPEAK

Dr. William C. Jones, head of Willamette university courses in public administration, a dynamic speaker, will address the high school student body at 1 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon.

School Open House Tomorrow To Show Work Of Students

Room Exhibits, Program Arranged for Public Reception

Heppner public schools will hold open house tomorrow (Friday) evening beginning at 7:15 o'clock, and all patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend, announces Alden H. Blankenship, superintendent.

Doors of the main building will be opened at 7:15 and will remain open until 8:25 for inspection of the exhibits in the various rooms and departments depicting progress of the year's work.

At 8:25 a bell will be sounded as a signal for everyone to report to the gym-auditorium for a program that has been planned to start at 8:30.

The program will present the following numbers:

1. Flag drill by a group of first graders.
2. Song by the second grade.
3. Tap dance by Marlene and Donald Dubois.
4. Numbers by the 7th and 8th grade girls' chorus.
5. Informal discussion by a group of juniors in public speaking classes.
6. Musical numbers by high school chorus.
7. Style show.
8. Numbers by band.

Frank M. Gabler Rites Draw Many Friends

Funeral services held here Monday afternoon for Frank M. Gabler, a leading citizen of Monument, brought high tribute from the many friends in that vicinity, whose numbers packed the Phelps Funeral home chapel. Martin Clark, Christian minister, officiated, and interment was in Heppner cemetery. The floral offering was profuse.

Mr. Gabler died Friday at a hospital in The Dalles to where he was rushed for treatment of injuries received when an acetylene tank with which he was working blew up in his Monument blacksmith shop. The accident occurred late Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Gabler was known by many Heppner people as he worked here for several years as blacksmith in the Scrivner and Ashbaugh shops before going to Monument. He is survived by Mrs. Gabler and three children, Norma Gabler of Portland, June Gabler of Redding, Cal., and Karl Gabler of Monument.

Frank Gabler was born in Austria-Hungary January 12, 1887, and came to the United States 47 years ago. He married Miss Viola Materson in Walla Walla, Wash., in 1915.

Mr. Gabler was a leading citizen of the M monument community, taking an active part in community affairs and his judgment was highly respected. He was an accomplished machinist and had received several patents for inventions, some of which he manufactured in his Monument shop and found a wide market.

Hunters, Anglers to Organize Sunday

Annual organization meeting of Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club will be held Sunday evening in connection with a chicken dinner to be held at Camp Heppner, CCC, announces J. Logie Richardson, president. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and a charge of 35 cents per plate will be made.

An invitation has been extended to W. B. Smith, president of Oregon Wildlife federation, and to members of the state game commission to attend. Music will be provided by the Men About Town orchestra.

Band Benefit Meeting To be Held Tuesday

Final details of the community white elephant auction to benefit the school and uniform fund will be taken at a meeting of some 24 organization and district representatives at the Lucas place next Tuesday evening, at 6:30, announces C. D. Conrad, general chairman for the event.

This organization meeting was called following a preliminary meeting held last Thursday evening at which it was decided to invite representatives of the organizations and districts known to be vitally interested in the band's progress. V. R. Runnion has consented to do the auctioneering for the event, lending impetus to the auction, which Runnion says may result in raising most of the remaining funds needed if everyone lends a hand.

Mothers, Daughters To Dine May 5th

The Business and Professional Womens' club held its April meeting, Tuesday evening, at the home of Florence Bergstrom and Harriet Pointer. The annual mothers' and daughters' banquet will be held Monday, May 5, at a place to be designated later.

It was decided to hold a special meeting Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p. m., at the home of Lucy Rodgers, for the annual election of officers. Committees appointed for the mothers' and daughters' banquet are, program, Lucy Rodgers, Lera Crawford and Virginia Coblantz; table committee, Florence Bergstrom, Marjorie Parker, Margaret Farley, Neva Neill and Harriet Pointer; ticket sale, Leta Humphreys and Clara Gertson.

Boy Hit in Eye by Arrow Hurt Seriously

Edwin Tucker, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tucker, sustained serious injury of the left eye when it was struck by an arrow from a bow in the hands of a playmate, Leon Hurd, Tuesday afternoon. The neighbor boys were at play in the vicinity of their homes in the north end of town.

The Tucker boy was rushed to Heppner hospital where an emergency operation was performed and the injury dressed. Treatment was given to prevent infection and the boy was reported to be resting easy today.

Maxine McCurdy First to Fly Solo

Pacific University, Forest Grove. (Special) — Maxine "Mickey" McCurdy of Heppner, one of the two girls taking civilian pilot training, gained the distinction of being the first in the class of twenty to make a solo flight.

To prepare her for her solo flight she received eight hours of actual flying, dual instruction was required to pass a test on civil air regulations. The next goal of the student flyers will be their cross country flights, which will be taken just before they take their flight test for private pilots license.

PAUL BROWN ENLISTS

Paul Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris P. Brown of this city, has enlisted in the regular army and will be stationed at Fort McDowell, Cal., until April 28. He will leave on that date for Manila, P. I. His present address is Casual Detachment, Philippine Dept., Fort McDowell, Cal.

NYA SUPERVISOR SPEAKS

Fred Lewis, youth personnel supervisor for eastern Oregon for National Youth administration, spoke to seniors at the high school this morning, giving information on how assistance for furthering studies may be obtained through the federal agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Schwarz and baby son from Seneca spent Easter at the Henry Schwarz home.

Improvement Of School Plant Need, Say Evaluators

General Work Given Ratings Above the State Averages

The condition of the school plant is the most alarming factor faced by School District No. 1, as indicated in the report of Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, from findings of the evaluation committee, headed by D. A. Emerson, director of school administration and secondary education, that made a recent survey here.

Criteria formulated through group action of the committee, said to be incomplete and inadequate because of the limited time in which the survey was made, generally placed the school above average as to philosophy, curricula, teaching and administration.

Library facilities were rated down, and suggested improvements given. Recommendations were made for a college-trained librarian, which has not been possible due to financial conditions, and other improvements suggested in accordance with accepted library practices.

The committee stated its realization that the school standards had been kept at a commendably high level considering the financial conditions of recent years, and its recommendations for improvements were offered as a guide for accomplishments over a period of years and were not given with expectation that everything needed could be done at once.

"The figures on financial resources," said the report, "show that the cost per pupil is only slightly above the average for the entire state but about equal to the average in school districts of the same or similar size. The taxable wealth per pupil enrolled is less than one-half that of the state as a whole. It is realized that this creates a rather difficult financial situation. This situation is relieved somewhat by the fact that about 25 percent of the pupils come from outside the district and tuition for these pupils is collected from the non-high school district. However, it is realized that this does not relieve the district from the burden of providing school buildings and equipment, the cost of which must be financed entirely by the resources within the district."

Commendation was given the school administration for steps taken to improve lighting of classrooms, for more adequate housing of library, and for landscaping grounds. Some of the more pressing problems of plant and facilities were listed as follows:

1. There is a definite need for more playground space adjacent to the school building. A long-time program might succeed in obtaining adjacent property to the north of the school plant if the street there could be closed.

2. The window curtains are in a bad state of repair and are of the wrong kind. It is suggested that these be replaced by curtains that are adjustable from the center of the window.

3. The heat control of the building should be adjusted on a room to room basis.

4. All drinking fountains should meet conditions set forth in the state plumbing code.

5. Some means should be taken to adjust steps in stairways to a uniform height. They should be covered with non-skid covering. Metal strips should be removed.

6. The committee urges that a great deal more attention be paid to the care and upkeep of the building and suggests the following specific items which need immediate attention:

(a) Woodwork needs washing and
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