

VALLEY CONCERNS ENTER FLOATS IN LEGION PAGEANT

American Legion posts from all parts of the state, as well as local merchants and business institutions and entries from Ashland and Grants Pass are expected to participate in the monster "Patriotic Pageant" which will be a feature of the State Legion convention at Medford, August 2, 3 and 4. Several handsome trophies are offered for the best entries by the Medford Convention committee, including some fine silver cups which are now on display at the Chamber of Commerce building. Special awards for "honorable mention" will also be made. Many unique Legion entries are already being lined up throughout the state for the pageant and the "stunt show" which will be a feature of the program on August 2 and competition for the prize awards promises to be keen.

A special night parade for the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary and "40 et 8" Societe will be staged on Thursday night, August 2. This will be devoted exclusively to the above organizations and is expected to be one of the highlights of the celebration program. Unique lighting effects will be used on the floats and along the line of march and special illumination by 100,000 candle power flares released by airplanes will transform darkness into daylight.

DOLL PARADE TO BE RE-STAGED AT LEGION CONCLAVE

Little misses of Medford will play a return engagement with their doll buggy parade number at the request of the American Legion convention stunt committee. They will be a feature of the stunt show at the fairgrounds, Friday afternoon, August 3, at 2 o'clock.

The parade in which about 100 children, took part on June 29 proved a decided hit, the streets being lined with spectators as the 25 decorated carriages holding dolls of every description were pushed along Main street from the Chamber of Commerce to the playgrounds of East Main.

Children who wish to take part in the parade should call at the playgrounds in order to sign up with Miss Melba Williams, director, or Miss Marjorie Kelly, assistant, as soon as possible, so that plans may be completed. Prizes will be given for the most beautiful entries as well as for the most unique floats. The nature of the awards will be announced later.

Members of the Boy Scouts will notice the affair and all of the kiddies will be well taken care of. They will assemble at the playgrounds and from there will be driven to the fairgrounds in American Legion cars.

BUSINESS FIRMS ASSURE LEGION FLAG POLE WORK

The new flag pole at the American Legion playground will soon be erected, thanks to the cooperation of some of Medford's new business houses. The huge pole was donated by the Owen-Oregon Lumber company and will be erected by Copco but the cost of painting it, preparing a concrete base, etc., involves considerable expense. To meet this expense, Mr. Jones of the Music Box undertook a personal campaign among his fellow merchants who had recently come to Medford and raised enough money to proceed with the installation of the new pole before the Legion convention.

The following is a list of the merchants who have contributed to the fund:

- The Music Box, 402 East Main street.
- The Club Cafe, 5 South River side.
- Mullins Ladies Wearing Apparel, 310 East Main street.
- H. E. Millard, real estate broker, 422 East Main.
- Crowley Marie Coffee Shop, 15 North Fir.
- M. & R. Second Hand Store, 422 East Main street.
- The Elite Beauty Parlor, Panatorium building.

TIRE PROTECTOR INTERESTS LOCAL PEOPLE

Owing to an increasing interest and growing demand for demonstration of Coffield tire protectors, W. A. Crane, southern Oregon distributor located at 122 North Front street, has associated with him Merle C. Gray, Fred W. Gray and Clarence Keldur at Alexander's Grocery on West Main street.

The manufacturers of this new tire specialty claim the protectors will eliminate 85 percent of all tire troubles, such as punctures, blow-outs and rim cuts, and increase tire mileage from 50 to 90 percent. The principle of the protector is said to be so apparent that a demonstration convinces the tire user of its worth.

Wrestles Russian Cossack



TERRIBLE TURK

Preparations are complete for the big Eagles Lodge smoker to-morrow night at the armory, featuring Hassan Mohammed, the Terrible Turk, and George Davenport, the Russian Cossack, in the main event and Ed Hammer of Medford and Ray Ritter of Gold Hill in the semi-windup. Bill Montana, movie actor, will referee the matches, which also include two preliminaries.

Matchmaker Sailor Jack Wood is optimistic over the indications of a large attendance and despite the heat promises perfect ventilation in the armory. The Eagles band will play several selections before the opening of the smoker and will play downtown, according to present plans. The Dynco Brothers' orchestra will play during the match between events.

HARMONICA BAND NO TRACE OF KIN ON AIR TUESDAY OF WILLIAM YORK

Medford's new Harmonica band which has recently been organized here by Miss Melba Williams, supervisor of the American Legion playground, will make its debut over the radio Tuesday night during Copco hour. This novel band consists of 20 youthful members and will play during the coming Legion convention.

The Copco program Tuesday night also features Miss Melba Williams in a group of soprano solos accompanied by Miss Alma Lawrence. Medleys and solo numbers by the Junior high harmonica quartet have also been arranged for and an excellent program is assured.

LA GRANDE HAS 1ST FOREST FIRE OF YEAR

All Artisans of Medford and surrounding country are urgently requested to be present at the business meeting Tuesday, July 24th, at W. C. W. hall. Supreme Secretary Jerry Seifert, with his committee from Portland, will be present to make final arrangements for copco hour, which will be held in this city August 3, 4, 11.

LA GRANDE, Ore., July 21.—The first forest fire of the season in this district was under control today. The damage was slight, as only scrub timber was destroyed in the blaze on Mount Harris, near Dunbar, Ore.

The forest fire hazard is high, due to a long period of dry, warm weather.

BLITON HOME WAS BUILT FOR AGES. RAZERS DISCOVER

Incidental to the old Bliton home on West Main street near West Sixth street now being razed to make way for a new store building and bungalow court to be erected by Dr. R. J. Conroy, who purchased the Bliton property some time ago, the removal of that long conspicuous structure, which the workmen who have been engaged in the tearing down process for the past three days, have discovered that this old dwelling, built in 1897-1909, was exceptionally substantially built, as shown by its solid timbers and workmanship both within and without.

Two of the workmen expressed themselves as a reporter passing by yesterday that it was "a darn shame to tear down such a good building." One of them insisted that the news gatherer go inside and see for himself how substantially the house had been built of such excellent lumber.

Later, on meeting A. S. Hilton, former owner of these years, until recently, and telling him what they said, he leaned back at his desk in the Copco home office and said with some pride: "Of course, it shows how they built houses in those days." Then Mr. Hilton, who at the time he built the house and for years thereafter was editor and publisher of the Medford Mail, one of the predecessors of the Mail Tribune, and later absorbed into the latter publication, fell to reminiscing as follows:

"I started to build that house without the expenditure of a dollar, built it and when it was completed still had not spent a dollar on it and was free from debt. You know the valley and country were full of mills, almost at every creek crossing in those days, and a number of the mills owed the Medford Mail money, which naturally they paid in lumber. Also carpenters, brick layers, etc., owed bills to the paper, and therefore I paid nothing for the foundation work and carpentry work, etc., as the carpenters and others exchanged their work for what they owed the paper."

"The only thing I had to pay out money for was shingles, but even then I had to pay no direct money, for I owned an acre or so of land in the outskirts of the city, which I had taken in on a debt owed and I traded this land for shingles and carpenter work."

"I was three years building this house in this way, beginning it in 1897 and completing it in 1909."

"Oh, by the way, there is another interesting fact about that house. It was the first house in Medford to be wired for electric light."

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—Chairman Work of the republican national committee today wired congratulations to Roy O. West, his successor as secretary of the interior. Recalling a 15-year acquaintance with West, Work said he considered the appointment "in every way a most fortunate one." West's appointment was announced by President Coolidge last night.

LAREDO, Texas, July 21.—(AP)—The body of Captain Emilio Carranza, Mexican air ace, was given into the keeping of his people this morning on the International bridge here.

CHRISTY CIRCUS IN CITY AUG. 29

Christy, the circus, the largest show in America, which retains a free street parade, is coming to Medford the last of August.

"Noah's Ark," a peasant staged on the biggest tent in the world and under a tent in the special feature of the five ring circus, is the "contracting agent," who spent the past two days here arranging plans for his show, said that the Fox motion picture company, after seeing the clever performance put on by Christy's, bought the idea which has been written up for a picture called "Noah's Ark," which will be shown during the winter.

Over 300 characters are included in the cast for the pageant which depicts the Biblical story of Noah. The scene opens on a massive crude looking boat, and the story ends with a grand march of all the animals of the kingdom.

The circus will be shown here only one day, the afternoon and evening of August 29. This is the first time that the company has ever played in this part of the country but runs have been made in large eastern cities including Brooklyn, N. Y., Boston, Mass., and Pittsburgh, Penn. Before coming here the outfit is scheduled to appear in Salem, Eugene and Grants Pass, Ore.

ROAD SIGN TELL OF LEGION MEET

Some fine advertising for the American Legion convention at Medford has resulted from the attractive road signs of the Shell Oil company up and down the hills here. These signs carry a striking Legion emblem in blue and red and the wording "Meet 'em in Medford, August 2, 3 and 4." They are in evidence all through the state and have already attracted a great deal of favorable comment.

Erickson Gains Ground
HILZENA, Mont., July 21.—(AP)—Bolted returns from Tompkins' primary election continued to increase the small majority of Governor A. H. Erickson for the second consecutive gubernatorial nomination.

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