

MARCH 4TH PROSPERITY DAY HERE

Breaking of Ground For New High School Building To Be Occasion of Civic Celebration and Burial of John J. Depression.

March 4, next has been designated as Prosperity Day in Medford—Old Man Depression will no longer reign.

On this day the breaking of ground for the new \$150,000 high school will take place. This enterprise will do much to relieve the present unemployment situation, and again the old familiar sound of "the hum of activity" will be heard.

City officials, the Chamber of Commerce, Civic clubs, Service organizations and a number of merchants will get together and stage a significant celebration. The chief feature is to be a street parade, scheduled to take place promptly at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of this date. Included in the parade will be a number of beautifully decorated floats, the American Legion drum corps, Boy Scouts and many novelty stunts. A funeral procession will be the highlight of the parade. Old Man Depression will see his last day in our midst. He will be the prisoner of Prosperity who has sentenced him to death, and his body burned at the stake. The parade will start on South Oakdale and the line of march will be down Main Street to the Boy Scout headquarters on East Main, just beyond the Bear Creek bridge. At this point the funeral rites will be held and his body burned in effigy.

Moving pictures will be taken of the procession as well as of the funeral rites and the burning of the lifeless form of "Old Man Depression."

Following the celebration of the afternoon will come a big Prosperity ball to be held at the Oriental Gardens. Music will be furnished by Elwood Strader and his band. As an added feature, an entertainer has been secured to add interest to the occasion. Balloons, serpentine streamers and many other novelties will also add to the gaiety.

FOES SAY BIRTH CONTROL FOSTERS FREE LOVE STATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Foes of birth control today warmly assailed the Gillett bill to remove legal restrictions from the distribution of contraceptive information.

Thirteen speakers, including members of congress, a representative of the American Federation of labor, a doctor, an editor, educators and officials of Catholic organizations attacked the measure in a hearing before the senate judiciary subcommittee.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger of New York, who supported the bill before the committee yesterday, gave seven ten minutes for rebuttal. She struck back vigorously at arguments advanced by the opposition speakers. Some of them had criticized her activities in behalf of birth control.

The opposition of the American Federation of labor was announced by Edward F. McGrady, local union representative of the federation. He said it had not yet been possible to present the question to the annual convention of the federation, but President William Green opposed the bill and his stand had been approved by the federation's council.

Ralph Burton of Washington, representing the national pattern league, said passage of the bill would break down the marriage state and foster free love.

HALIBUT FLEET GOES ON STRIKE

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The Friday alder who has been accustomed to the solid white meat of a halibut steak for his "piece de resistance" may be forced this year to turn to salmon, cod or herring.

Sixteen hundred men manning 200 boats, the largest halibut fleet in the world, which go to the banks off British Columbia and Alaska each year, are in disagreement over terms with the owners of the fishing vessels. The prospects of a settlement are slight and the season opens at midnight tonight.

A half dozen boats, with the crews recruited from the ranks of the owners have started for the banks, but the remainder are anchored at Seattle docks, where they have been since the season closed last November 15.

NEW PET FOR WHITE HOUSE



This little pup, a two-month-old pedigreed Norwegian Elkhound, came all the way from the kennels of Dr. Dyrhaug T. Heussen in Norway to be a pet of President Hoover. The dog, photographed in New York, will replace the President's shepherd, King Tut, which died.

CHANGE IN STATE FAIR DATES MAY HIT THIS COUNTY

If the bill pending in the Oregon legislature providing that the state fair at Salem be held a week earlier than usual, in hopes of avoiding the autumn rains it will make considerable difference with the Jackson county fair prize exhibits being exhibited at the state fair, as has been the custom for years past, hence the fate of this bill is being awaited with considerable local interest.

For years the state fair has always been held two weeks after the beginning of the county fair.

That is a week, intervenes between the end of the Jackson county fair and the beginning of the state fair. Although the Jackson county fair dates have not yet been decided on it has been the presumption that they will be about as usual, and if the state fair dates should be shoved ahead a week earlier, this would mean that with the local fair closing late Saturday the local exhibits for the state fair would have to be rushed to Salem over Sunday, instead of the usual intervening week for such shipments.

The holding of the state fair a week earlier would not conflict with, or cause much embarrassment otherwise, it is said, in the way of obtaining horse trotting events or other amusements, and the general attendance.

AUXILIARY BASE FOR DIRIGIBLES ON COAST URGED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Now that the president has approved a bill to locate the Pacific coast dirigible base at Sunnyvale, Cal., and asked \$2,200,000 for initial work, Secretary Adams believes congress should authorize the purchase of land at Camp Kearney for use as an auxiliary landing field.

The navy now is leasing land near the Camp Kearney field and with values increasing, must relinquish its leases or buy property, should congress approve the Coyle bill, he said. The navy proposes to equip the new field for heavier-than-air planes and to install a stub mooring mast for use with dirigibles. One of the two dirigibles under construction at Akron, Ohio, is to be based at Sunnyvale. These ships will be the largest in the world.

The secretary also approved the bill by Representative Miller, Republican, Washington, to authorize \$1,300,000 for a new machine shop at the Puget Sound, Washington navy yard.

Present facilities there are inadequate for growing needs, he said, adding the buildings already are antiquated. A similar bill by Senator Jones of Washington is pending before the senate naval committee.

HILLSBORO, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Nelson C. Bowles, Portland millionaire, and Irma G. Loueka, formerly employed by him as secretary, will go on trial for the murder of Bowles' wife here on March 2.

The date was announced today by Circuit Judge George H. Buckley after a conference with state and defense attorneys.

Mrs. Leone C. Bowles, 33, prominent in Portland society, died in Miss Loueka's apartment in Portland last November from a knife thrust in her breast. Bowles and Miss Loueka, who were present in the apartment at the time, told police she stabbed herself.

BOWLES AND IRMA TRIAL DATE SET

HILLSBORO, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—The state will be urged by Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Yamhill, Newberg and other communities to designate Bald Peak as a state park. It was decided here today. The Hillsboro chamber of commerce adopted a resolution asking the state to carry out the plan formulated two years ago for creating the park. The plan was endorsed by the late Governor Patterson.

Dr. Charles Lamkin was appointed to present the resolution. Other communities will be asked to lend their endorsement.

MRS. SUNDERMAN HAS INTERESTING NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

People who read the newspaper every day observe a lot of interesting things that other people who only read them once in a while, miss, according to Mrs. A. H. Sunderman. A picture of quadruplets published in the magazine section of the New York American 15 years ago was brought to this office yesterday by Mrs. Sunderman.

With the copy of the old newspaper she brought a recent issue of the Eugene Register Guard, in which a photograph of the same girls is published.

The quadruplets are daughters of Mrs. Keys of Oklahoma. They will be sixteen years old the third of June and are now students at the Hollis, Oklahoma high school.

Their first newspaper appearance was made at the age of one month. The picture shows four little faces which look very much the same. The last photograph, carried in the Eugene Register Guard, portrays four smartly dressed high school girls, who do not need to wear colored ribbons to be distinguished one from the other. One is a decided blond, and three are brunettes. All are bright and healthy, according to the newspaper story.

GANDHI'S GESTURE AIDS INDIA PEACE

ALLAHABAD, India, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Peace in India tonight seemed measurably nearer than at any time since the present civil disobedience movement began nearly a year ago.

Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian nationalist leader, made a dramatic gesture today, when he secured that India would be torn with strife, agitation and economic distress indefinitely, by announcing that he had written a letter to the viceroy, Lord Irwin, asking for an opportunity of talking the whole situation over in a spirit of candor and friendship.

QUIZ LOOMS FOR OIL INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The proposed congressional investigation of the oil industry took more definite shape today as independent producers pressed upon the house ways and means committee their demands for a limitation of petroleum imports.

Democratic leader Garner threw his influence squarely behind the Hoch resolution now before the house committee and Republican leader Tilson said such a study for purposes of framing permanent legislation, "might be a good thing."

URGE BALD PEAK FOR STATE PARK

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FINAL RITES FOR FATHER AND SON THOMAS SWEM, SR. BANQUET TO END MONDAY, 2:30 P.M. BOY SCOUT WEEK

The funeral service for Thomas M. Swem, Sr., will be conducted from the Perl Home, Monday, Feb. 16th at 2:30 p. m. Father and son will be buried in the Medford cemetery.

Mr. Swem, for many years a resident of this city passed away at his home Saturday, February 14th, 1931 at noon, after an illness of short duration, due to pneumonia and infirmities of old age. He was born in Lima, Ohio, September 19, 1848, and was 82 years, 4 months and 25 days old at his death.

The news of his passing came as a sorrowing shock to friends and acquaintances in the city and county. He was one of Medford's best-loved citizens, known tenderly as "Daddy" Swem. He was a gentleman of the old school, his life was one of gentleness and kindness. He radiated good cheer.

For 29 years he conducted a studio shop now known as "Swem's Gift Shop" in this city. While not actively engaged in its management, he was a daily visitor to the establishment.

Mr. Swem had been a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge for 59 years, and was also at one time a member of the Odd Fellows lodge. He spent some time in St. Paul, Minn., and Fargo, North Dakota, from which place he came to Medford.

He was the oldest photographer in the United States at the time of his death.

He leaves Mrs. Casandra Swem, his wife, three sons and one daughter, D. R. of Seattle, Thos. M., H. Sunderman, Mrs. J. J. Kurlander of Los Angeles.

MRS. COOLIDGE IS A NEW ENGLAND HOUSEWIFE NOW

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Feb. 14.—(AP)—During a blustering snow storm a woman bundled in a big leather jacket, with a sailor's waterproof sou'wester hat pulled over her face, walked briskly into a drug store on Northampton's main street, stamped the snow from her galoshes and perched on a stool at the soda fountain, between two Smith college girls.

Ordering a hot chocolate, she pushed the dark hat back from her face and the two students recognized Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, who had stopped for a hot drink on her daily marketing trip "down town."

This incident was typical of the active but inconspicuous life of the former mistress of the White House, now that she and her husband have returned to this quiet college town of 24,000 people.

Mrs. Coolidge's most absorbing interests are to be found in the management of her own household. When her husband was mayor of Northampton, Mrs. Coolidge herself did most of the cooking. Now she contents herself with planning the meals and doing the daily marketing, often walking the half-mile from "the beeches."

Often on Sunday John Coolidge and his wife, the former Florence Trumbull, motor up from New Haven, Conn., for dinner.

Mrs. Coolidge often attends meetings of women's groups of the Edwards Congregational church, of which she has long been a member, and with her husband goes to the church suppers. At these affairs the Coolidges are treated like anyone else, sometimes standing in line with fifty or sixty fellow parishioners waiting for the dining room doors to open.

Mrs. Coolidge is interested in the welfare of disabled world war veterans, and she usually attends meetings of the faculty and trustees of the Clarke school for the deaf, where she taught before her marriage.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Gold miners of Powers are busy preparing for an early spring start. Pay dirt is being found, according to reliable reports, and a cyanide plant will be erected at the Powers mines this spring.

NANKING, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Establishment of a board of arbitration for settlement of all disputes between capital and labor in China has been ordered by the Nationalist government.

The father and son dinner to be held Monday evening in the basement of the Elks temple by Boy Scouts of Crater Lake council will close the week's activities in connection with the twenty-first anniversary of scouting.

The banquet has been scheduled for 7:30 and each troop will sit at a separate table. The buglers will call assembly, and following the invocation, the scouts and their fathers will sing "America," led by Dr. E. W. Shockley.

The salute and pledge to the flag will be given, and mess call by the buglers. The scout buglers are LeVon Dunford, Roger Headlee, Harold Wall, Herbert Harrier, Lucius Rogers, Raynor Guy, and Albert Gaddis.

Charles Whitlock's orchestra will furnish music during the evening. Past presidents of the council are to be introduced. They are Frank Newman, C. E. Gates, M. N. Hogan, Hamilton Patton, and Larry Schade.

Five years' badges will be given Roger Headlee, James Grigsby, M. N. Hogan, Larry Schade, Hamilton Patton, Ray Henderson, W. H. Paine, Robert Duff, Robert Taylor, George Kunzman, Gerald Latham, W. H. Jones, and Dr. Dan E. Standard.

Miniature tenderfoot badges will be given scouts who have registered during the past quarter. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williamson will give several musical selections of the program.

John H. Piper of Spokane, regional scout executive is to give the address of the evening. The program will end with the group singing the scout vesper song, and the buglers sounding taps.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Students of Shanghai college, an American Baptist institution, have pledged themselves to teach the new Chinese alphabet of 40 letters to their relatives at home.

The alphabet, which consists of phonetic signs, is being taught in all the larger schools of the country. Both the government and educational authorities approve it as the best substitute yet devised for the thousands of characters which make up the old written language.

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A Judge rules that a husband must divide his salary with his wife, 50-50. Well, it's high time the poor old husbands were getting a break.—Macon Telegraph.

The first seed-catalog came Saturday, and we are happy to say the prevailing lack of confidence has not yet affected the dahlia artist.—Detroit News.

Having had four Presidents in three months, Guatemala seems to be one country where they run both before and after election.—Ohio State Journal.

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