

RAIN HOPE IN RECORD OF VALLEY

Drought Years Run in Cycles of Three Is Shown by Figures for Past 51 Years—March Expected to Yield Precipitation

"Fruit growers will find it well worth their time to become informed on the actual status of the valley water situation, by attending the general meeting of the growers next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Elks temple," says County Agent L. P. Wilcox, who has called this meeting. The subject for discussion is "Soil Management in Reference to Moisture Conservation."

The main speaker will be Prof. C. V. Rusek of the Oregon State college, department of soils. Olen Arnsberger, resident engineer of the Medford and Talent irrigation districts, will also appear on the program and report on the water situation as it pertains to these two important districts.

Weather records of the valley for the past 51 years, for the Ashland station, compiled by Water Master Fred N. Cummings, indicate that the last three years are not the driest three years in local climate by 4.80 inches of rainfall.

The banner dry year of the more than half a century period was in 1905, when the rainfall amounted to 12 inches and which is not mentioned in local condemnation of the weather. In 1929, hailed as a parched year, the rainfall was 17.20 inches, or 8.20 inches than in 1905.

The maximum rainfall of the 51-year period was in 1907, when the precipitation amounted to 28.87 inches. In 1927 when it rained so hard all the cellars and creeks were flooded, the rainfall amounted to 24 inches.

Had Three-Year Drought
In 1882, 1883 and 1884 there was a three-year so-called drought when the mean rainfall for the period totaled 15.22 inches. That was 49 years ago, and since that year, with the exception of 1905, the rain has been fairly abundant. Eighteen eighty-one was a very rainy year, as was 1927. Both were followed by a trio of "dry" years. There have been two periods of three dry years each in 51 years.

Water Master Cummings says that if the records show anything they show that the weather in the valley runs in three-year cycles. They also show that March is very liable to produce moisture. The records for 51 years show March has a tendency toward such behavior. He thinks, in the light of the records, it is reasonable to believe the coming March will yield moisture.

Little Change
It also develops that the allegation of old timers that the climate and rainfall of the valley is changing is erroneous, but instead the general run of weather now is about the same as it was in the '80s, the '90s and the 1900s.

The valley water table is now at an exceedingly low stage and the water master sees signs of its replenishment. There is light rain and snow in the mountains and it will "help just a little bit more."

The table will be turned over to the irrigation districts for information and study.

The Ashland records were used because, aside from the Jacksonville records kept by Emil Britt, they were the most complete and because Ashland climatic conditions are the best with conditions at the source of the irrigation water supply.

VETERAN MASON GIVEN FIFTY-YEAR EMBLEM

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP) A 50-year veteran mason was presented yesterday to Samuel L. Baer, 82, the only living charter member of the local lodge, and one of two charter members of the Oregon Masonic grand lodge. The jewel was presented by Walter G. Gleason of Portland, grand keeper of records and seal.

EUGENE HIGH SEEKS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP) The Roosevelt junior high school of Eugene has sent a challenge to the Parrish junior high of Salem for a state championship game at for a series of games.

Roosevelt and Parrish have gone undefeated through the present season.

ROTARY OBSERVES BOY SCOUT WEEK IN NOON PROGRAM

National Boy Scout week was officially observed by the Medford Rotary club this noon with a splendid noon program in charge of Rotarian Lee Bricker. In opening the program Mr. Bricker introduced Rotarian Frank Newman, who was the first president of the local scout council.

Mr. Newman gave a brief resume of scout activities in 1925 when there were only eight troops with but 129 members, and spoke of the excellent progress made in recent years.

Hamilton Patton, also a past president of the Lake council, was introduced and announced plans for combining the councils of the Medford and Klamath districts under one head, a move which should result in better service for the boys and which will also effect certain economies in operation. The new council will consist of officers from Medford, Klamath Falls, Ashland and Grants Pass. Oscar Hoover, who will direct scout activities for the new council, was introduced to the Rotary members by Mr. Bricker.

Several members of Rotary scout troop No. 9 were present at the meeting, including Scouts Verne Campbell, Marion Littrell, Stanley Kinnaman and Billy Walker, and were introduced by Mr. Bricker.

The chairman also announced that it was interesting to note that Verne Campbell and his father, Eli Campbell, were both local Boy Scouts under Troop Leader George Kinnaman of the local Rotary club.

The main address of the meeting was made by John H. Piper of Spokane, regional executive of the Boy Scout organization, who gave an interesting talk on the scout movement. Mr. Piper made a comparison of the Scout and Rotary organizations, both of which are international in scope and have many aims and objects which are similar in character.

Both of these orders are doing a great work in promoting world peace, according to the speaker, who told of the recent scout gathering at Birkenhead, England, which was attended by over 60,000 Boy Scouts from all nations. Mr. Piper, who is a former Rotarian, also spoke of the International Rotary convention which is to be held in Vienna this year. In closing Mr. Piper thanked the local Rotarians for their splendid support of the scout organization in the past and asked for their continued cooperation.

Three new Rotarians were introduced at today's meeting and included Arch Holt, manager of the Fox theatre; Carl Grant, district manager of the Metropolitan Life insurance company, and Eugene Bolton, district manager of the Standard Oil company. They were introduced by Past President Frank Newman, who gave an excellent talk on Rotary—its inception and present growth.

Guests at today's meeting in addition to the scout group were Eli Campbell and S. J. Burgdorf.

FORESTS RETURN FUNDS TO STATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP) School and road funds of Oregon counties containing national forest lands will be enriched by \$191,772.64 as a result of forest operations during 1930. C. J. Buck, regional forester, has announced. The sum is Oregon's share of national forest receipts.

Oregon ranked second in returns, California was first with \$406,877.92, and Washington third, with \$168,441.10.

RINGLING RESIDENCE RESEMBLES PALACE

SARASOTA, Florida.—(AP) The Doge's palace in Venice was the model followed by John Ringling, of circus fame, in building the home to which he recently brought his bride for their honeymoon.

Ca'd Zan is the name borne by the Ringling home, which rises above the waters of Sarasota bay. A large part of the material in the house was brought from ruins in and near Venice. A palatial yacht tied up at the landing replaces the traditional gondola.

After spending several days at Ca'd Zan, Mr. and Mrs. Ringling, with two other newlywed couples of Sarasota and 125 Boy Scouts sailed for Cuba.

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deficit. It would require the deficit to be fixed at a certain amount and upon its eradication the act would automatically become void.

The proposed 10 per cent tobacco tax and the malt tax of 25 cents a gallon on liquid and 5 cents a pound on dry malt are purely measures to relieve the state's straitened financial condition and help lift the load from property.

SENATOR'S DAUGHTER WEDS



John Knight of Grand Rapids, Mich., and his bride, the former Barbara Vandenberg, leaving New York avenue Presbyterian church, Washington, after their wedding ceremony. Mrs. Knight is the daughter of Senator and Mrs. Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan.

commission bill, the first of Governor Julius L. Meier's power bills to be considered.

Tonight's program includes a hearing on bitter trade proposals and creamery bills.

House Has 35 Bills.
Thirty-five measures are before the house for final consideration, including five special order bills.

The abolition of the public service commission and replacing it with a one-man commissioner of public utilities is provided in the largest of those bills, while another would abolish the certificate of necessity and public convenience act, while still another provides for the certificate in towns of 2900 population or less.

The senate calendar has but six measures, including amendments to the "gasoline cowboy" act.

Grange Bill Opposed
The grange district bill is still meeting with opposition. Not satisfied with the measure as presented to the committee, Representative John Lewis, former state engineer, introduced a resolution asking that a joint meeting of the two houses be held at which time John D. Ross, superintendent of the State Municipal Power company, and R. W. McArthur, engineer for the Eugene municipal power plant, be heard on this bill.

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The measure voted on was senate bill 62, known as the water power conservation bill. It provides also for the creation of a hydro-electric commission to serve without salary, composed of the state engineer and two members appointed by the governor.

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