

SERA GARDENING TO PRODUCE BIG CANNING SURPLUS

Between 700 and 800 Plots Will Be Planted in Jackson County—Oregon Relief Work Sets Example

"Jackson county will have planted between 700 and 800 subsistence gardens this year," said Ralph H. Mitchell of Portland connected with the state relief administration, on tour of the southern Oregon SERA projects, transient camps, etc., with Clarence W. Reynolds, state director of the camps. They are at the Jackson.

"This will prove one of the finest pieces of work of state relief this year," continued Mitchell. "In the probable planting of more than 22,000 gardens by the relief families in the state. Plans are already working out for the canning operations at portable and stationary canneries so that plenty of foodstuffs, grown by the relief client, will be made available for these families during the coming winter."

Plan Portable Canning.

"At the Savage creek camp for transients where 120 men are now enrolled, a portable cannery machine is being assembled and will be made available to care for such canning operations throughout Jackson county as may be made necessary through the plantings of gardens by the Medford transient center and other relief organizations."

"Some 750,000 cans of beans, tomatoes, corn and other vegetables were canned last year, and it appears from the interest shown that this total will hit the million can mark. Thousands of dollars have been spent by the state relief administration in the purchase of seed for the various 36 counties."

"Jackson county is making quite a record in the SERA projects which the state administration has approved, well in keeping with the reputation held by the state of Oregon in its standing back in Washington. There Oregon stands well in the Class-A division. Oregon has done its share to help take care of her relief clients and that is the reason the FEBA has been willing to meet the state more than half way and donate the necessary funds requested."

Spend Million Month.

"Last year Oregon's relief program cost approximately \$9,500,000. This year it appears that it will run close to \$1,000,000 per month. The state now is furnishing or contributing to the relief setup \$250,000 a month from liquor funds, the local, that is city or county political subdivisions, run close to \$100,000 and the remainder, or some \$750,000 per month, comes from the federal government."

"This great relief program in operation is not realized by the public generally. The fact that the seven transient camps in the state are housing, feeding and helping some 1500 men and boys, thus keeping them off the highways, off the police rolls of the various cities of the state, is a Godsend in itself. These men and boys, from 75 to 14 years of age, are regaining lost confidence; they are realizing Uncle Sam wants to do something for them, but at the same time he expects them to work. In other words, they must earn their board and keep in building roads, clearing ditches, cutting wood, felling timber, improving material things, as well as themselves, in being given the opportunity not only to work but also to get more education through books and instruction, like that given at the Clackamas camp near Portland, where the boys in the camp have to go to school certain hours per week."

"Oregon has been fortunate in having the type of people in its state and county relief committees which has seen the necessity of rebuilding manhood in constructive and worthwhile endeavor for those unfortunate coming within the scope of relief."

May Become Bride



Hollywood says Helene Thimig (above), German actress now a film assistant in the film colony, will be come the bride of Max Reinhardt, famed producer. He courts in Reno, Nev., grant him a divorce. (Associated Press Photo)

P. T. A. JOINS DRIVE FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION

BUTTE FALLS, April 3.—(Sp.)—A representative group of parents and teachers met in the Butte Falls high school auditorium March 28 and, with the assistance of Mrs. Jack Hoyland of Medford, county organizer of Parent-Teacher associations, and Mrs. Walter Young of Eagle Point, chairman of County Parent-Teacher association council, organized a local association. Mrs. L. Richman was elected president; Mrs. Alice Tungate, vice-president; Mrs. Chas. Patton, secretary; and Mrs. J. S. Smith, treasurer.

There are 12 charter members and plans for a membership drive will be worked out by April 5 when the first regular meeting will be held in the grade school auditorium.

Tea was served from beautifully decorated tables by the Home Economics class under supervision of Miss Newburg, Mrs. Hibbard and Mrs. Leigh poured.

Mrs. Merritt Has Birthday Quilting For W.R.C., at C.P.

CENTRAL POINT, April 3.—(Sp.)—In honor of her birthday anniversary Mrs. C. M. Merritt entertained the Woman's Relief Corps at her home Thursday, with an all-day quilting party.

At noon, a delicious cafeteria luncheon was served by the hostess, who also surprised the organization with a gift of sufficient blocks for a quilt and material for finishing.

A birthday gift of useful kitchenware was presented to Mrs. Merritt by the corps. Included among the guests were Mesdames Eldon Royal Gleason, Edward Walker Jones, Henry Banton Kilbourn, Thomas Albert Martine, Allen Monroe Henderson, Miss Mary Anne Mee, Robert Lee Humphrey, Alfred Ephraim Hermanson, Alvin Bishop Maple, Clarence Milton Merritt, Harry Woodcock Copinger, Oscar Milton Minnick, Clifford Evans Smith, Leo Klondike Potter, Edward Lee Parra and Levi Henry Smith.

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SMALL BUSINESS MAN CLAIMS NRA TRYING COERCION

Minnesota Witness at Senate Hearing Charges Oppression—Persecuted for Employing Union Labor

By NATHAN ROBERTSON Associated Press Staff Writer.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—A self-proclaimed small business man complained to the senate finance committee today that big business had attempted to coerce and intimidate him through an NRA code authority.

George S. Tracy, president of the Perkins-Tracy Printing company of St. Paul, Minn., was the witness. The first of the "little fellow" group to charge oppression under the blue eagle to the investigating senators.

Completed With Code.

He said the graphic arts code authority, dominated by big business firms, sought to keep him from getting a state printing contract on the charge he bid below cost, though he was complying with the code wage and hour provisions.

Smith L. Scoggin, president of the St. Paul Typographical union, backed up Tracy's charge. He contended the Perkins-Tracy company was "persecuted" for employing union labor.

As Tracy testified, the federal trade commission announced it was preparing a complaint against the Rubber Manufacturers' Association, Inc., another NRA code authority, on charges of price fixing. This action developed from testimony before the finance committee on the sale of tire hose.

Blames Big Companies.

Tracy said his business was purely intra-state. He charged the code authority tried to make him adopt a system of cost accounting under which he would have continued to charge depreciation after his machinery was paid for.

Some one directly concerned as a competitor, he said, was making an effort to prejudice his bid. Tracy also contended the code authority action apparently was dictated by three big printing companies which he said had a monopoly in the Twin Cities.

He said he favored the wage and hour provisions of NRA, but was opposed to price fixing because it would give the big companies an advantage.

Scoggin said he was opposed to "any trade association governing a code." He said his organization felt a "great injustice" had been done to the Perkins-Tracy company.

TRAFFIC LANE PAINTING CONTRACT IS AWARDED

SALEM, April 3.—(AP)—Rasmussen & Company of Portland today was awarded the contract for painting traffic lanes on the state highways at a cost of \$34,125. The contract was let by the state highway commission to the lowest of five bidders.

NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT BY GIRLS' LEAGUE FOR MEDFORD HI ASSEMBLY

Something new in entertainment was presented by the Girls League at their assembly at the local high school this afternoon. "Aladdin and His Magic Lamp," was the theme which carried the program throughout various foreign countries.

A group of Chinese Mother Goose rhymes were given by eight girls dressed in bright colored Chinese pajamas. Following this was an amusing imitation of a typical German band given by seven members of the Girls' League. Frances Combers represented the Indian race with the song "Fale Moon." Next Akiko and Naoka Seto gave a Japanese dance in the native costume.

The last number on the program was "The Spirit of '76" cleverly portrayed by three girls.

As the girls do the saking this week, quite a number of them brought the boys friends to this assembly. Although this has been a custom for many years some are still too shy to ask the boys to sit with them.

Tomorrow afternoon the mothers will be guests for the style show and tea beginning at 3:00 o'clock. Dorothy Burgess, presiding, urges all mothers to attend.

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ASHLAND NORMAL MUSIC FESTIVAL SLATED MAY 2, 3

Music Department Also Announces Folk Dancing and Song Program for Evening of April 12

ASHLAND, April 3.—(Sp.)—Dates of the seventh annual musical festival, annually sponsored by the Southern Oregon Normal school, have been announced by Miss Louise Woodruff, music head for the school. The festival each year attracts greater numbers of elementary and secondary school children to the city for the two-day event, this year to be held May 2 and 3 at the junior high school.

A second important event scheduled by the Normal music department is the folk dance and song program arranged for the evening of April 12 under direction of Miss Virginia D. Hales, director of dancing and physical education courses. This program will include songs by both men's and women's glee clubs and dances from many countries of the world.

Attendance at the festival is expected to equal or surpass that of last year when 1147 grade school children and 400 high school students participated. Many schools of northern California and from neighboring counties as well as the majority of Jackson county school children take part annually. Entries from the smallest

schools sometimes range from two to six as compared with 200 from Klamath Falls.

Final invitations to the schools were sent out by Miss Woodruff last week. She will not know definitely until April 20 how many schools are to attend, although many have already indicated their enthusiasm and interest in the event.

Southern Oregon Normal school was among the first, if not the first, to initiate the festival idea in music for neighboring schools, although contests have been held in the state for many years. During the seven years since the festival was held in Ashland the idea has been spreading and the state superintendent of education is now urging various counties of the state to sponsor such events. Several

HOLDERS OF IRRIGATION BONDS RECEIVING MONEY

Disbursement of the \$385,000 reconstruction finance loan, to the bondholders of the Medford Irrigation district is now underway, checks being received daily by local bondholders from the state reclamation commission, the disbursing agency. Payments are made in the order in which certificates of deposits are filed.

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COUNTY PTA COUNCIL WILL MEET APRIL 13

Annual meeting of the County Parent-Teacher council will be held in Central Point April 13. This will be an all-day meeting with a covered dish luncheon. Mrs. Walter Young, council chairman, will preside. Election of officers for the coming year will be an important part of the regular business.

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