

CRAFTS STUDENTS ANNUAL BANQUET SLATED APRIL 12

Extensive Program Planned at Senior High School — Vocational Leaders of State Will Be Present

The Future Craftsmen will hold their third annual banquet Friday evening, April 12, at the Senior High School. Starting at 6:30 in the dining room. A program and initiation will be held in the auditorium following the banquet.

Several people have been invited from out of town. Among them are: O. D. Adams, state director of vocational education; W. W. Morse and W. C. Wymer, coordinator at Grants Pass and Roseburg respectively; W. E. Weidman, local director of education work for OCC will give a short talk on the value of vocational education.

Enrolled in Class After becoming an apprentice, the boy is enrolled in the industrial relations class. Briefly, this course includes: Study of workmen's compensation act; safety first; first aid, and trade ethics. In addition to this course the boy must keep an accurate record of his work, make written reports upon related work, study problems of his particular trade or business, and must learn trade terms, tools, materials, and equipment. It is specified in the new federal plan that 144 hours per year must be spent in the related class instruction.

The new federal apprentice program for cooperative part-time education is the direct result of an order issued by President Roosevelt in June, 1934. The details and regulations governing the plan were formulated by Miss Frances Perkins, secretary of labor. All states of the union are now adopting this uniform plan in conjunction with the vocational training in the high schools.

Details Listed Other items in the apprentice are: (1) The length of the probation period, usually, one twelfth of the total contract; (2) The training period shall not be less than 2000 hours, nor more than 10,000 hours and shall be reasonably continuous; (3) There must be a complete list of the schedule of processes to be learned and the approximate time to be spent at each process; (4) The contract states that the beginning wage shall be not less than 20 per cent of the basic wage rate for journeymen in that locality. The average wage rate for the entire apprentice period shall not be less than 50 per cent of the basic wage rate. Provisions for periodic wage increases should be made every three to six months. Fourth, the hours of work and approved instruction in no case

should exceed 44 per week. During the school term the average hours per week will approximate 28 on the job. Throughout the year not less than 144 hours per week must be devoted to approved instruction in general and technical subjects by and under the direction of public authorities.

Diploma given A certificate of diploma must be granted to the boys upon the completion of their apprenticeship. After boys are placed it becomes the duty of the coordinator to visit them on the job, advising with their employers regarding their training and progress.

The points upon which the boys are graded in their trades or businesses are: Accuracy and quality of work, economy of materials, safety first, application, care of equipment, amount of work produced, improvement, courtesy, tact, cheerfulness, alertness, trade knowledge, and use of good English. Relative to his personal fitness for the job, he is rated upon his reliability, promptness, cooperation, neatness, interest, initiative, and health.

Roseburg was the first community to adopt this plan of education in 1926. Other cities in Oregon outside of Portland now having a cooperative part time program are Pendleton, The Dalles, Salem, St. Helens, Astoria, Bend, Dallas, Eugene, Grants Pass, and Medford.

MOTHERS' GUESTS AT GIRLS' LEAGUE REVUE OF STYLES

Once again mothers and daughters gathered at the Medford high school to view the spring styles for girls, as presented by the Girls' League yesterday at 3 p. m. The program was opened by a welcome to the mothers by Dorothy Burgess, president. The merit awards were officially presented at this time by the president and Miss Maurine Carroll, adviser.

Girls who received emblems were: Seniors, Frances Combe and Anna Scheel; Juniors, Catherine Ford and Akiko Saito; sophomore, Lois Herman and Kathleen Dillard. Following this was the presentation of the P. E. O. award by Mrs. J. F. Fiegel. To be eligible for this award, a girl must be a senior and also partially self-supporting. Other points considered are scholarship, part in activities and school load. Anna Scheel was awarded the \$10, which has been the amount given the last three years. Honorable mention was given to Aileen Latham.

Next was the modeling of sport dresses, informals and formals. A great number of the dresses shown were made by the girls in the sewing classes. Of interest to the senior girls and their mothers was the group presented as appropriate for baccalaureate and commencement. Special numbers were: Song by 'Girls' octette; a saxophone duet by Audrey Dobson and Virginia Loomis, and a song by Frances Combe. Immediately after the style revue tea was served in room six. Dorothy Burgess, Betty Thorndyke, Helen Salade and Mildred Buckles poured. This evening brings the Girls' League week to a close with the "big event"—the leap year dance. Girls will ask for the dates and most of the dances.

THE GRANGE Live Oak Grange met in community hall at Rogue River April 1, with Master Perry Wait in the chair. Lecturer's hour preceded business meeting of the Grange under direction of Mrs. Olive J. Kiersey. General theme of the meeting was on bird life. Roll call, "Your Favorite Bird" brought out a wide variety of likes from wrens to crows, but the meadow lark was the prime favorite with the majority. Lawrence V. Jones described how Oregon chose the meadow lark for the state bird. Miss Phyllis Miller furnished music and played a piano solo which was much enjoyed.

A debate, "Resolved that the game laws are more beneficial to the sportsman than the farmer," was given by F. E. Kiersey, affirmative, and A. L. Cutler, negative. The judges declared in favor of the sportsman. Frank Greenwood entertained with a harmonica solo, "The Mocking Bird." The lecture hour closed with a 30-minute talk by Professor Brewster of the Hoegens & Brewster Feds Co. He dealt with proper methods of breeding, feeding and developing of chickens and turkeys. Mrs. Letty Miller, chairman of the home economics committee, reported that the recent Grange carnival was a success and was enjoyed by more than 200 people.

MEDFORD CITIZENS PAY AVERAGE CITY TAX \$16.89 YEAR

Average Assessed Value Per Capita in City Is Placed at \$528—University Experts Give Out Figures

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 5.—(Sp.)—The average citizen in the average Oregon city pays \$14.61 per year in taxes to maintain the functions of his city government. City taxes vary from nothing at all in a few small towns to a high per person of \$73.71 per year. Medford pays an average per capita tax of \$16.89.

Portland pays somewhat above the average, \$17.37 per capita, and incidentally tends to raise the general average, due to its much greater population. Most of the Oregon cities fall between \$5 and \$12.50 per capita, and a fourth of them are between \$7.56 and \$10. These and many other figures on city assessed valuations and tax levies are included in detail in bulletin No. 10, just issued by the Bureau of Municipal Research of the University of Oregon and the League of Oregon Cities.

The average assessed value of Oregon cities, per person, computed on a 50 percent assessment ratio, is \$695. The average for the entire state, including both city and rural areas is \$725. For Medford the average is \$528 per capita. Gearhart, which also levies the highest per capita tax, is the "richest" city in the state, with a per capita assessed valuation of \$926. Portland ranks second with \$885 per capita, while Roseburg is third with \$809, the survey shows.

The average city tax rate for the state, on a 50 percent valuation basis, is 21.5 mills. Medford, on a 50 percent basis, would pay 32.3 mills per person, although on the regular county assessment ratio the rate is 24.6. The highest is 78.1, second 75.2, and third 71.3. Of cities over 5,000 population, Corvallis is lowest with 17.5, Hillsboro, with 16.3 is lowest in the 2,000 to 5,000 population group. In the over 5,000 group, however, Pendleton has a lower millage levy, 13, than Corvallis, but its assessment ratio is much higher than in effect in Corvallis. Copies of the study, which includes every city in the state, may be obtained from the Bureau of Municipal Research at the university at Eugene.

GASOLINE SALES HEAVIEST IN 1931 SALEM, April 5.—(AP)—A recapitulation by the secretary of state's office of gasoline sales in Oregon for the past several years, show the highest sales in 1931 when 173,832,273 gallons were distributed. The record for tax receipts was set in 1934 when \$8,298,923 was taken in from 165,978,640 gallons sold. It was pointed out that tax receipts in 1934 were higher than in 1931 because the tax rate had been raised from four to five cents on a gallon. The statement showed that from 1919 to the present time 1,196,930,890 gallons had been sold, bringing in \$64,198,456 in taxes.

Building Permits Permit issued Thursday to T. T. Goldtrap, 9 East Jackson street, to remodel porch at an estimated cost of \$300.

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L. A. WOMEN PROTEST MEAT PRICES



A group of Los Angeles women planned a meat boycott against the high cost of meat and planned to continue it until prices were lowered. Mrs. Minnie Rubin, leader of a large number of women, is shown with a sign. (Associated Press Photo)

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MIDWEST REPUBLICANS ASYLUM BUILDING WILL BE STARTED AT ONCE IN EFFORT TO BREATHE NEW LIFE IN ELEPHANT

SALEM, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—Immediate construction of the new building at the state insane hospital was authorized by the state board of control here today, and excavation for the \$100,000 structure will start this week. The building will make room for about 100 inmates of the more than 2300 in the institution at the present time. The hospital was declared filled to over capacity. Employment of architects for this structure and the four other improvements for institutions authorized by the legislature, the total amounting to \$212,000, was considered by the board, but no definite action was taken. Other improvements include a girls' dormitory at the blind school, a nurses' home and addition of a third story to the hospital at the tuberculosis institution at Salem and a nurses' home at the hospital at The Dalles.

CHICAGO, April 5.—(P)—The middlewest hummed with political activity today as leaders sought to effect the rebirth of the G. O. P. in its vast expanse. Particularly active were the Young Republicans and G. O. P. Women. Regular meetings of county and state central committees also were being held. Simultaneously party chieftains and more than 1,000 delegates from a dozen great plains states planned to meet in Kansas City in May to crystallize views on the party organization. Activities in the various states included: Missouri: Grover Dalton of Poplar Bluff, state committee chairman, is organizing Young Republican clubs throughout the state. Ohio: Young Republican state central committee late last month met at Columbus and planned further organization. Illinois: Chicago Republicans, led by Tuesday's smashing Democratic victory, have called a meeting for Monday to plan reorganization. Michigan: After an intensive campaign, Republicans Monday added to last fall's feat of recapturing from the Democrats the governorship and most of the state's elective offices by obtaining firm control of the important state administrative board, retaining a 6-2 membership in the supreme court, assuming control of the department of public instruction and ousting a Democratic regent from the University of Michigan.

ASHLANDERS UNITE FOR SELF HELP IN NEW ORGANIZATION

Gardening Plots Obtained by 'Oregon Collective, Inc.' — Will Have Own Co-op Cannery and Commissary

ASHLAND, April 5.—(Sp.)—Unique in its aspirations and program is the self-help organization recently incorporated in Ashland by a group of local people under the title, Oregon Collective, Inc., or OK, Inc. Quietly this group has worked out plans whereby they may help members of the organization in the procuring of food and other necessities. Purpose of the OK, Inc., is production for use of these requirements. Thirty acres of land have been leased for the production of garden stuffs and the old Potter house at 30 Second street has also been leased and will serve not only as a meeting place for members, but will be used as a cooperative cannery this summer.

Directors include Walter Beece, Charles I. Homes, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Jacks. Although membership is now somewhat limited the directors state that a membership drive is to be instituted soon. Woodcutting has so far financed activities of the group. Later they plan to give much time to agriculture, horticulture, and bee culture, as well, planning to exchange their products for those of similar organizations in other localities. The house secured by them has been remodeled and complete exterior and interior decoration is under way at present, all work being done by the members. The lower floor where lectures and discussions of economics and phases of their work will be held, the commissary for use by members, and the large kitchen, where co-operative canning will be done this summer. Rent of apartments on the second floor will pay for upkeep of the house. The 30 acres to be used for gardening and bee culture are divided into three tracts, 10 acres near Talent, another near the Suncrest or-

chards and the third in the city limits, on Oak street. Already garden seeds have been planted for transplanting as soon as the weather permits. The organization is entirely profitless. The only expense to members in participating, state the directors, is that of the running expenses of the house and property which have been leased. Later they expect to use some form of service certificate, commonly known as scrip, which will be given for labor or goods and will be redeemable in the products of the corporation or of the groups with which it expects to trade. According to the directors the organization is unique in Oregon.

though similar groups have been started in other states, as for instance, the production for use department of Upton Sinclair's EPIC organization in California. Revolutionists Executed Major Volanis, convicted yesterday by a court martial of complicity in the recent Greek revolt, was executed by a firing squad today. Oregon Weather Unsettled tonight and Saturday; local rains or snows extreme east portions and over mountains; moderate temperatures; moderate to fresh west and northwest winds off the coast.

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