

# ROSEBURG READY FOR OPENING OF LEGION REUNION

## Convention Opens Thursday for Three-Day Session—Largest Crowd Ever at State Meet Is Expected

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Roseburg buzzed with activity today as long-planned preparations for the entertainment of delegates and visitors to the 18th annual state convention of the Oregon department, American Legion went forward today. The convention opens Thursday for three days, and predictions are for the largest state meeting ever held by the Oregon department.

Payment of the bonus, giving veterans ready cash, together with the fact that it is the first time Roseburg has entertained the convention is expected to contribute to a record attendance, according to Carl Moser, state adjutant, who has established his headquarters here to prepare the convention business program. The Elks lodge temple will be used as the convention hall for the American Legion, while auxiliary sessions will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church. A joint session, which will be addressed by National Commander Ray Murphy, will be held Thursday morning at Hunt's Indian theater.

Resolutions pertaining to national defense, peace-time service and preparedness, and more stringent laws to curb subversive propaganda and activities are expected to develop early in the Legion's convention, Moser said. Principal entertainment features, in addition to a Douglas county night show here Wednesday, include the annual convention parade Thursday night, the drum corps competition Friday night, and regional championship baseball game Thursday and Friday afternoons, with a third game Saturday, if required. Competing teams are El Rey, Oregon champions, of Portland, and Gibson's of Seattle, champions for the national title. Winner of the three-game series will go to Bismarck, North Dakota for the western finals.

# VOTERS OF COUNTY ASKED TO BOURBON RALLY ON MONDAY

Every voter of Jackson county was invited to attend the Democratic rally to be held here Monday evening. The meeting is to be addressed by candidates for national and state offices. It will be held at 8 o'clock in the new Democratic headquarters, 217 West Main street, opposite the California Oregon Power company. The invitation was issued by J. R. Marshall, chairman of the Jackson county central committee. He said: "We should like to have every voter attend the rally just as a matter of education. It is only by coming in contact with candidates for public office and hearing what they propose to do that an intelligent vote can be cast. All we ask is that voters see and hear the candidates who will address the meeting." Among those who will speak at the meeting are U. S. Burr, candidate for state treasurer; Alfred P. Dobson, candidate for state attorney-general; Willis Mahoney, candidate for U. S. senator; E. W. Kirkpatrick, candidate for congress from this district; and Claude McCulloch, chairman of the state central committee. The new Democratic headquarters will also serve as a meeting place for the Roosevelt-for-President club which is now being organized here. Mr. Marshall said.

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Mayor Edward Waltman, in asking the city council to abolish several city offices and reduce the expenses of others, said the "existing large bonded indebtedness warrants drastic curtailment in the expenditures of the city of Springfield."

Be correctly cosseted in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann

A load of cedar posts cut in 1880 was sold recently in Texas as sound material.

Indian girl scouts will have a permanent camp near Tallahassee, Okla. under plans being carried out now.

Southern states have set up a training school for traffic officers.

# Congers Visit Matanuska Colony on Alaska Jaunt

Ed. note: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Conger of Medford, returned Monday from a trip to Alaska during which they visited the much-discussed Matanuska valley colonization project. Mr. Conger's account of the tour follows:

Mrs. Conger and myself, with friends from Dallas, Oregon, after attending the national Shrine convention in Seattle, boarded the S. S. Alaska to see part of Alaska. We sailed on the morning of July 18 and two days later, made our first stop at Ketchikan and the third day stopped at Juneau, Alaska's capital and largest city. After leaving there and making three more short stops, we arrived at Seward on the 6th day from Seattle.

At Seward we entrained for Fairbanks about 500 miles through wilderness with only one town to pass through in the entire distance. This was Anchorage where we stayed overnight. Trains and stages do not run at night, so when they stop tourists must seek a roost-pole.

From Anchorage we took a side trip to Palmer, the center of the colony district of the Matanuska valley which comprises 13,375 acres of potentially tillable soil, but now mostly a solid wilderness of small timber consisting of scrubby spruce and birch.

Palmer is the business center of this district and was erected by the government. It consists of a school suitable for about 300 pupils, hospital with six nurses and a physician, recreation hall, commissary, etc.

In the colony there are about 1300 persons. Each family is given 40 acres of tillable land by the government and furnished equipment for putting the land in cultivation. But everything is charged to them at 3 per cent with 30 years to pay. For their necessary supplies they are furnished "blings" to be used for money. These are also charged to them.

In Palmer there are occasional picture shows and other amusements and a large bus goes out into the district and brings those in who care to come. Very few have cars. These buses also bring the children in to school.

We were taken by bus through the farming district. Crops though planted late looked good. Owing to there being very little darkness everything planted grows much faster. They tell us that the entire project is experimental, but the settlers seem to be well satisfied. However, my personal opinion is that the cost of putting the land in cultivation and the value thereof after it is cleared will make the value of the adventure questionable.

From Palmer we went again by train stopping for the night at Curry where there is nothing but a hotel owned by the railroad which in turn is owned by the government. I asked the brakeman if they had a headlight on the engine why they didn't go on to McKinley station. He said they never ran at night, so we got off and again went to bed while it was yet daylight.

Next day we arrived at McKinley government park. Had a good view of Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain in North America, 29,300 feet, saw some caribou, mountain sheep and grizzly bear, stayed all night and slept in a tent house, the best accommodations they had, and next day continued on to Fairbanks, 2500 population and third town in size in Alaska. It was there that Will Rogers and Wiley Post landed before their fatal trip to Pt. Barrow. I talked with the undertaker who prepared their bodies for the return to Los Angeles.

We were taken about 40 miles north by auto and saw mining on a large scale. Dredges and hydraulic mining were in operation 24 hours a day and they were large ones and plentiful. We were taken there about 80 miles from the Arctic circle.

After staying three nights in Fairbanks, we took the motor stage over the Richardson highway, the main highway of Alaska and in the first day's travel, I saw only one car on the road. We had 13 passengers and never picked up or left off any one on the entire trip to Valdez, nearly 500 miles.

At Valdez we boarded the S. S. Yukon which was two days late. When it did arrive it took on 35,000 cases of canned salmon and 35,000 barrels of herring. Everything in Alaska is on a one-horse scale except fish canning, mining and prices. Never saw any paving except in Juneau, Ketchikan and Seward and that was very limited.

Leaving Valdez we had rough water for two days and there was plenty of room in the dining room. I however managed to get all my meals and keep them. After getting all the fish on board we sailed for six days and reached Seattle August 6 and on August 10, arrived in the garden of Eden, Medford.

Funeral services will be held at the Conger chapel at 3:00 Friday with Rev. Joseph Knotts officiating. Interment will be in the Siskiyou Memorial park.

Mrs. Habicht of Central Pt. Dies

Elizabeth Viola Habicht, wife of W. F. Habicht residing on the stage road West of Central Point, passed away in a local hospital at 7:40 this morning.

Mrs. Habicht was born at Cayuga, Indiana in 1884 and was aged 52. Mr. and Mrs. Habicht came here seven years ago. She was the eldest of 12 children and besides her husband, leaves the following brothers and sisters: H. G. and Richard Kiger of Detroit; Mrs. Harold White, Mrs. Adam Betting, Mrs. Gordon Tindler, Grace Chlesum, and Roy Kiger all of Danville, Illinois, and Ralph Kiger of Williamsport, Indiana.

Mrs. Habicht was a member of the Church of Christ and funeral services will be held in that church on Court street at 3:00 p. m. Sunday. Conger Funeral parlors in charge.

# \$100 FINE LEVIED FOR DRUNK DRIVE

M. P. Kilgore of Grants Pass, entered a plea of guilty to driving an auto while intoxicated and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined \$100 and his driver's license suspended for one year, by Justice of the Peace H. D. Reed of Gold Hill today.

The jail sentence was suspended in accordance with custom for first offenders.

Louise Higgins, with Kilgore, was sentenced to five days in jail, and the sentence suspended.

Kilgore was arrested by the state police on the Pacific highway near Gold Hill Monday afternoon.

John Albert Cummings, charged with speeding on the Pacific highway near Jackson Hot Springs, entered a plea of not guilty, and after hearing the testimony, was pronounced not guilty by Justice of the Peace Wm. R. Coleman.

A test of the speedometer on the new truck Cummings was driving, showed it registered five miles more than the vehicle was traveling.

# CAMP HOLDS FETE AT WIMER TONIGHT

A banquet and entertainment tonight will mark the first anniversary of Company 4742 of the civilian conservation corps which now encamped at Wimer.

The company was organized as a replacement unit a year ago today in Bethany, Mo., by Lieut. Antonio E. Brabe. The men were moved to Grand Marais, Minn., for encampment and from there the company departed for southern Oregon last January 12 under Lieut. Brabe. The unit arrived here January 16.

At the banquet tonight Lieut. Brabe, now commanding officer at Camp Steamboat near Roseburg, will be the principal speaker. He will trace the history of the company and tell of its outstanding accomplishments.

Capt. Rupert T. Gilbert, now commanding Camp Wimer, also will speak. Men of the company will present a program of entertainment after the dinner. Residents of the community have been invited to attend.

Extra Dividend. NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(AP)—An extra dividend of 10 cents on the common stock of Johns-Manville Co., building material manufacturer, was announced today. The regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents also was ordered.

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Glenn Mirock, business agent for the Pacific coast fisheries, said today an agreement had been reached to merge his organization with the De Peo Bay fishermen's union, an A. F. of L. affiliate, and that an election of officers for the combined groups would be held Sept. 18.

# Meteorological Report

August 12, 1936. Forecasts. Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday with morning fog near coast. Little change in temperature.

Local Data. Temperature a year ago today: Highest 107; lowest, 55. Total monthly precipitation, none. Deficiency for the month, .04 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1935, 21.34 inches.

Excess for the season, 3.40 inches. Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 29 per cent; 5 a. m. today, 26 per cent.

Tomorrow: Sunrise, 5:17 a. m. Sunset, 2:15 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

| CITY             | High Temp | Lowest Temp | Part 24 Hours | Weather |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------|
| Boise            | 86        | 64          | T             | P. Cdy. |
| Boston           | 82        | 64          | Cloudy        |         |
| Chicago          | 78        | 66          | Clear         |         |
| Denver           | 92        | 68          | Cloudy        |         |
| Eureka           | 62        | 56          | Cloudy        |         |
| Helen            | 80        | 60          | Clear         |         |
| Los Angeles      | 80        | 54          | Cloudy        |         |
| MEDFORD          | 86        | 56          | Clear         |         |
| New York         | 80        | 70          | Clear         |         |
| Omaha            | 96        | 76          | Clear         |         |
| Phoenix          | 106       | 86          | Cloudy        |         |
| Portland         | 80        | 60          | Clear         |         |
| Reno             | 74        | 52          | Clear         |         |
| Roseburg         | 84        | 54          | Clear         |         |
| Salt Lake        | 92        | 64          | Cloudy        |         |
| San Francisco    | 68        | 56          | Clear         |         |
| Seattle          | 78        | 58          | Clear         |         |
| Spokane          | 84        | 68          | Cloudy        |         |
| Walla Walla      | 82        | 68          | T. P. Cdy.    |         |
| Washington, D.C. | 78        | 66          | T. Clear      |         |

# COUNTY ALLOTTED BIG SUM BY PWA

Jackson county has received allotments from federal emergency administration of public works (PWA) totaling \$276,072 to May 1, 1936, to be expended on disposal plants, gymnasium, water mains, waterworks, and schools in the county, according to information received by Edgar Freed, state director for the national emergency council. The allotments are for non-federal projects which include loans and grants by the PWA to states, municipalities, school districts, drainage districts and others. Money is advanced to these instrumentalities to assist them in the construction or repair of water works, sewer systems, electric light plants, streets, highways, hospitals and recreational facilities.

A total of \$12,951,428 has been allotted for non-federal projects in Oregon up to May 1, 1936.

# JACOBS SPEAKER AT ROTARY MEET

Lee W. Jacobs, president of the Klamath Falls Rotary club addressed the Medford club Tuesday at the Hotel Medford and brought a message of good-will and fellowship from the Klamath Falls Rotarians.

Mr. Jacobs gave a most interesting report on the international convention of Rotary at Atlantic City which he attended. The theme of this outstanding meeting of Rotarians and their wives from all over the world was, "The Individual Rotarian—His Responsibility." Over 10,000 attended the convention representing 49 countries.

Mr. Jacobs introduced his father, J. W. Jacobs of this city as his guest.

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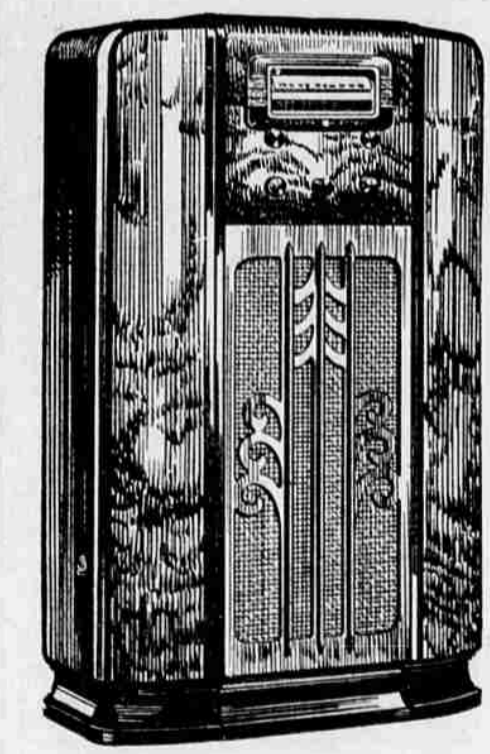
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