

SOCIETY and CLUBS

By Janet Wray Smith

Brides-elect Petted At Double Shower
Mrs. Glenn Abbott arranged a double surprise shower at her home Tuesday evening for Miss Ruth Hanscom, now Mrs. Fred Dunn, and Miss Vera Davis. The Dunn-Hanscom nuptials were solemnized Wednesday evening and Miss Davis is to wed Harold Shreve, formerly of this city, in Portland October 1. Joint hostesses with Mrs. Abbott were Mrs. Fred Hart and Mrs. Wiley Phares, nee Marguerite McAllister.

Cards were played during the evening, with scoring honors going to Mrs. Harry Dunn, Miss Hanscom and Flonnie Hollers. Refreshments were served from a table colorful with asters in autumn shades and matching tapers.

Guests were Mesdames D. L. Davis, Clara Dudley, Harry Dunn, Verns Troxell, Jack Forlin, J. E. McAllister, Leon Boomer, Laura Pierce, Aubrey Pugh, John Elson and the Misses Elide Oliver, Flonnie Hollers, Helen McDonnell, Katherine Oliver and the honor guests.

Past Matrons to Have Luncheon
Mrs. Ernest B. Gilstrap will be hostess to members of the Past Matrons' club of Beames chapter, O. E. F. for dessert bridge luncheon at her home, 35 Geneva street, Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Joint hostesses with Mrs. Gilstrap will be Mrs. O. C. Boggs and Mrs. Howard Scherfel. Those who are unable to attend are requested to call 1241.

A cordial invitation is issued to all visiting matrons.

State Officer to Be Guest of Group
Mrs. Ethel Lindholm, of Portland, state vice-president of Degree of Honor Protective association, is to be a guest of the juvenile club as their meeting to be held tomorrow morning at 10:45 o'clock in the P. O. E. hall. All members are particularly urged to be present.

Those attending may bring sandwiches for lunch. A cordial invitation is extended all mothers of the club.

Mrs. Wilson Guest Of Portland Friends
Leaving by train last night was Mrs. B. C. Wilson, whose destination was Portland. She plans to visit in the northern city for a few days, being the guest of friends there.

Mrs. Taylor Is Hostess to Unit
Mrs. Charles Taylor was hostess to the Central Point health unit for luncheon Tuesday afternoon at her home on the Old Stage Road. A business session followed luncheon, during which plans were outlined for a sale in the near future.

Guests were Mesdames E. R. Driver, Harold Thornley, W. J. Gebhard, Ed Vincent, W. H. Norcross, C. L. Pierce and George Treichler.

Mrs. Putney Is Honored Tuesday
CENTRAL POINT, Oct. 2.—(Sp.)—Mrs. Maynard Putney was honored Tuesday afternoon when members of the Carnation club arranged a farewell party and shower for her at the home of Mrs. Bert Langston. Refreshments followed the presentation of gifts, with a large number of friends being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Putney are to make their home in Medford in the future.

Business Women to Dine Monday Evening
A dinner meeting is being planned for the Business and Professional Women's club to be held Monday evening at Valentine's cafe at 6:30 o'clock. Porter J. Neff will address the group, and other features are being planned for the program.

Members are requested to call 82 for reservations as soon as possible.

Portland Guests At Crews Home
Visitors in Medford this week include Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crews of Salem, who arrived yesterday to vacation here for several days. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crews.

The visitors plan to remain here about a week.

McAllisters Visit In Northern City
Among Medfordites visiting out of town this week are Mr. and Mrs. William McAllister, who left on the evening train for the north yesterday. They will spend a short time visiting in Portland.

Group Leaves For Arizona
Leaving by motor yesterday morning for Yuma, Ariz., were Mrs. Lester Smith, her mother, Mrs. Sarah John, and her sister-in-law, Miss Jessie Smith. Mrs. Smith is to join her husband in Yuma, where he has been residing since last March. Miss Smith will attend school in Arizona.

\$100 AND 30 DAYS GIVEN SKIVINGTON ON DRUNKEN DRIVE

Charles Skivington of Rogue River, R. F. D. No. 1, charged with driving an auto on the Pacific Highway while intoxicated, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, fined \$100 and costs, and his driver's license revoked for a year, by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman yesterday.

Skivington was arrested by City Marshal Hedgpath of Central Point, who testified the former was pursuing a precarious course in his auto, down the Pacific Highway, and weaving from side to side.

The court after sentencing Skivington, gave him permission to return to his home with a load of groceries he had purchased, with the promise he would return Saturday morning and report to the court for commitment to the county jail.

Fred Starboard of this city, charged with unlawful operation of a taximeter business without a state license, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, and fined \$50 and costs.

Starboard has been before the court in two previous years on the same charge.

The complaint, signed by the state police warden, charged Starboard with the mounting of three deer heads for profit.

P. R. Waddell of this city was fined \$10 and costs for having no public utility commission permit for the operation of his carrier.

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he particularly desirous of paying for a guarantee, even if the rate (based on risk plus storage and handling charges) is low.

There is a question of what effect the government storage would have on prices, the tremendous arithmetical problem involved in working out fair actuarial basis, the prospect of government losses, etc.

Some heckler will undoubtedly arise to ask why, if this is such a perfect scheme, did no one think of it until six weeks before election. There are two or more answers to that. One is, farm experts have been thinking of it since long before a senate committee held hearings on the subject in 1923. Another is that actuarial data was lacking until the AAA dug up everything there is to know about every acre in the country.

The thing to remember is that all President Roosevelt has recommended is a study, that congressmen, selfishly interested in their respective districts, will have to pass on it, and that there's many a slip between a study and a law.

The house gave the Townsend investigating committee special authority to make its report public during the campaign, but no one has seen hide nor hair of it.

Just between you and the gate post, the report was finished weeks ago by Chairman Jasper Bell of the investigating committee. It was sent to Speaker Bankhead of the house, who knows something of the national aspect of the political campaign now in progress. Mr. Bankhead sent it back to Mr. Bell for revision.

It may be made public before election, but not in its original form.

Vice-President Garner is the only silent man on either side in the campaign. He came through Washington the other day, but not a line was published because newsmen did not find about it until he had gone on his way to Texas.

The V.-P. will return for conferences of the strategy board which includes Senators Robinson, Byrnes and other congressional figures who are haunting the capital again these days, now that their primary campaigns are over.

But the latest inside word is he will make one campaign speech instead of two, and by next week one will probably be cut to one-half.

The progressive national committee (La Follette, Norris et al) is promoting the re-election of Mr. Roosevelt but will not take any money from the Democratic national committee. The unannounced reason is this: Senator Norris, who has frequently attacked Jim Farley, would not stand for it.

Comment of the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As these words are put on paper, it is hard to think of anything or write of anything but the disastrous fire on the Oregon coast. It is a real catastrophe.

ODDLY enough, the Oregon coast country, with its abundant rainfall and its heavy fog, appears to lend itself under certain circumstances to calamitous fires.

If you have driven the beautiful coast highway, from Brookings to Astoria, you must have noticed the extent of bare hillsides from which the timber was swept by an ancient conflagration. So hot was this great fire that it burned the very soil, delaying for decades—possibly generations—the process of reforestation.

The date of this fire is not well established, but Indian tradition is still fairly full of it. There are tales of wild animals scurrying in droves ahead of the flames to take refuge in the streams or the waters of the ocean.

It must have been little short of a holocaust.

THE great Tillamook fire is still fresh in memory for it occurred only a few years ago. This fire burned over a well timbered area, and the losses were tremendous. Because of destruction of standing timber, Tillamook county has been handicapped in its tax policies.

IN the lush climate of the Oregon coast country, with its rich soil and its abundant moisture, vegetation grows amazingly. In places, the country resembles a tropical jungle. Normally, this vegetation is green and damp, and resists fire.

But at certain times, usually in the fall, when the weeds and the grass and the brush are beginning to harden and dry out, periods of abnormally low humidity occur, and these are DANGER periods. When fire gets loose at these times, the heavy vegetation of the coast, country provides fuel for it to feed on.

THERE is a definite relation between humidity and forest fires. If you are familiar with the outdoors, you will understand this relationship, for you know that on certain days it is hard to start a camp fire even though your wood appears to be dry, whereas on other days your camp fire will flame up, hot and crackling, at the mere touch of a match. The days when your camp

fire starts soggily are humid days, while those on which it flames up readily are days when the humidity is low.

Humidity along the Oregon coast is and has been abnormally low for some time. Hence the amazing speed and destruction of the fire. Vegetation has become almost explosively dry.

IN the case of great calamities, the temptation is strong to draw morals. We seek to find things that have been done wrong and to point out that they SHOULD have been done that way. Usually we urge laws to PREVENT them from being done wrong again.

It is hard to find a moral in the fire that destroyed the pretty coast city of Bandon and as these words are written is threatening Coquille and Marshfield and North Bend. It seems to have been just one of those dread-

ful things that happen when conditions over which human beings have little or no control get exactly right. Of course, it was unwise to start fires at all in such a time, for fires WILL spread when dry fuel is abundant. It is probable that SOMEBODY started a fire when he shouldn't have. We can at least make a fresh resolution on to be hereafter as careful with fire as it is humanly possible to be. That is always a good resolution.

Tuesday morning after a short illness.

Mr. Ray was born in Andrew county, Missouri, December 1, 1866. He lived in Missouri until 10 years of age, when he went to California with his parents, coming to southern Oregon in 1906, living some time in Klamath Falls, later moving to Medford.

He was united in marriage to Mrs. Kate Adair at Medford, March 1, 1936.

He leaves to mourn his departure besides his wife, five children: three sons, Alonzo Ray, Kirk, Ore., Olton Ray, Medford, and Willis Ray, Davis, Calif.; two daughters: Mrs. Inez Cook, Eagle Point, Ore., and Mrs. Hazel Ashley, Beagle Ore.; six grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Peril Funeral home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. O. G. Gibson officiating. Interment will take place in the Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery.

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