

MAJOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST EARWIGS URGED FOR CITY

Garden Club To Decide
Action — Introduction Of
Parasite Held Best Means
— Mayor Promises Aid.

Launching of a major campaign to rid Medford of earwigs, was asked of the Medford Garden club in regular meeting Thursday night at the Hotel Medford following an informative address by L. G. Gentner, co-operation of the city was promised by Mayor George Porter, also a speaker on the evening's program, and Miss Jane Snedcor, president of the Garden club, announced that the plan would be given immediate consideration at a meeting of the board.

Parasite Best For
Plans of eradication were presented by Mr. Gentner with figures on costs. Introduction of the parasite was recommended by the speaker as the best method of eradication. Approval of those present, Earwigs, infested with the fly eggs, which accomplish the feat, can be obtained through Portland at a cost of \$1,050, he stated. This sum will purchase 100,000 inoculated bugs, the number needed to clean the city, according to estimates from earwig authorities in Portland, which has spent \$100,000 combating the undesirable insect.

Following years of attempted eradication, Portland Mr. Gentner stated, has decided that the parasite method is the only feasible one.

The earwig, which first came here as a stowaway, failed to bring the enemy with it. The insect, fly, however, has been found to be an ambitious opponent, operating in a subtle manner. The fly lays eggs, which hatch out a type of worm which bores into the earwig, depositing an egg which destroys the earwig and starts out on another egg-laying campaign. The parasites to be purchased by Medford are earwigs which are infested with the fly eggs.

The bait method of eradication was also described by Mr. Gentner, who stated it would cost \$4200 to bait the city of Medford and that the process would have to be repeated the next year to assure eradication. The bait formula reads: 12 pounds of wheat bran to one pound of sodium-fluoride and one quart of fish oil. This amount will cover 8000 square feet.

The spray method of eradication he described as harmful to fowls, animals and plants, so not advisable. Although the campaign to start city of earwigs would be started before late May or early June, the parasites must be ordered in the immediate future. Miss Snedcor said Saturday, announcing plans for an early board meeting to consider the plan.

Mayor Approves
Approval of the parasite campaign was voiced by J. A. Perry, Mayor Porter and Colonel W. H. Paine in short talks following the main address.

Mayor Porter also spoke on several projects needed for beautification of the city. He informed the club that the fountain, which was moved some time ago from the park to the children's playground, will be connected in the immediate future and that the city has purchased an additional plot, 50 by 150 feet, along Bear creek, south of the present rock garden. The Garden club was asked to plant this area and the eight acres adjoining the sewage disposal plant. The club's memorial park beautifying Prescott Memorial park was also asked by the mayor.

Next Meeting Nov. 5
Program for the Thursday meeting, which was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd of gardeners, was arranged by Mrs. C. C. Darby.

The next meeting was announced for November 5, at which time Mrs. Leland Mentzer will be program chairman. A plant sale was also announced by Miss Snedcor, place and definite date to be named later. Mrs. L. Bundy is chairman of the plant sale committee and is being assisted by Mesdames J. R. O'Connor, H. F. W. Spilner, O. Arnsperger and Winfield Bailey. Anyone with available plants is asked to call any member of the group.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin White, 1507 West Main street, a boy, weighing 7 pounds and 2 ounces, at the Sacred Heart hospital Oct. 1.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pringle, 215 Cottage street, a girl, weighing 7 pounds and 9 ounces, at the Sacred Heart hospital Oct. 2.

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SOUTHERN OREGON WPA CENTERS ALL WORK AT BANDON

With the solution of several major emergency problems as its main objective, the Works Progress Administration is directing its attention in this district and state to the disaster situation in Bandon, according to Harold Grey, WPA director for District, with headquarters here.

Grey, accompanied by K. S. Perry, supervisor of division operations, and two social workers, Miss Madeline Snyder and Mrs. Martha Wyatt, rushed to the fire-ravaged city last Monday to outline plans for immediate aid. He returned the middle of the week and will again go to Bandon today to help direct the work under Major-General Rilea, in active command.

Immediate employment for the destitute inhabitants of the sea coast city will be the first objective, with men able to work starting immediately on the construction of temporary shelters for the winter months. The cleaning up of the debris strewn area, the repairing of sewer lines, and the repair of the city water system will all be utilized to give the population employment. Sufficient funds to cover the emergency situation have already been authorized.

One of the most serious phases of the Bandon catastrophe, according to Grey, is the lack of water. The water system was destroyed by the blazing inferno that demolished the city, and the water that is now available has all been condemned. Until the mains can be repaired the city is drinking water hauled in tank trucks from Coquille.

A large cash contribution made by the people of Oregon is being made available to the people in the stricken city. The situation there is not so acute as last week, the WPA, under the active management of E. J. Griffith, WPA administrator for Oregon, having already aided greatly in easing the situation.

A prompt request that the Oregon administration render all possible assistance was received by Griffith from WPA headquarters in Washington, D.C., Monday.

Grey said yesterday that the Medford headquarters is keeping in close touch with rehabilitation work done under the supervision of Gen. Rilea. Upon the return here of the local head, he stated that the first accounts of the complete obliteration of the coast resort were not in the least exaggerated. He said that only two buildings, both service stations on the edge of town, had escaped, and that these were now serving as temporary relief headquarters.

Grey said: "The situation in Bandon certainly presents a depressing picture. But the expressions of material aid and helpfulness are so apparent at that point as to give evidence of loyalty and sympathy ever present in the hearts of our people for fellow citizens in distress. The courage displayed by the citizens of Bandon under the most discouraging conditions was most commendable, and indicates a successful program for the future rebuilding of that city."

SALEM, Oct. 3.—(AP)—Major General George S. Simonds, commander of the ninth corps area announced to Governor Martin today demobilization of five CCC camps in the Medford area between October 3 and 15 supplanting them with foreign corps from the eighth area immediately.

The general's message stated the camps located at Prescott, Annie Springs and the South Fork of the Rogue river would be demobilized October 9, and those at McKinley and Sitkum by October 15.

None of these camps are engaged in forest fire fighting, Simonds said, and those who have re-enrolled will also be discharged at those camps.

The exchange of CCC men, Simonds said, would "insure and increase the number of enrollees in the Medford district between October 2 to 10, and that no fire hazards would be left unprotected."

Miss Hall Leaves—Miss Myrtle Hall left Friday for Portland where she will take a special course in public health work at the University of Oregon medical school. She has been night nurse at the Community hospital for the past two years.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

To Eugene—Dick Reum was among those leaving over the week-end, his destination being Eugene.

Visits Here—Miss Virginia Miller, of Williams Creek, was among out-of-town residents visiting here yesterday.

From Trail—Miss Mary Olson, of Trail, visited friends and business acquaintances here yesterday afternoon.

Calling Here—Joe Johnson, of Central Point, was transacting business and calling on friends here yesterday.

From Prospect—Mrs. Frank Pettigrew, of Prospect, was calling on friends and transacting business here yesterday.

W.C.T.U. Sale—The Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold a rummage sale Oct. 9 and '10 in the building formerly occupied by Don's radio shop on East Main street.

Visiting Here—Floyd Strahan, of Jerome, Ariz., arrived recently to visit his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Strahan. He plans to remain for an indefinite period.

Visits Relatives—Among visitors in Medford the past week were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Corey, of Woodburn, Calif., who were guests of Mr. Corey's father, C. H. Corey, and his sister, Mrs. C. A. Meeker.

Plant Sale—The Medford Garden club will hold a plant sale next Friday and Saturday at 14 North Riverside. The sale will open at 1 o'clock Friday and continue all day Saturday.

Business Visitors—Out-of-town business visitors in Medford yesterday included Alex Walton, of the Rocky Anne district, Mrs. R. C. Pitts, Perrydale, and Mrs. Glenn Brown and son, Robert, of Talent.

Lady Lions to Lunch—Announcement has been made that the Lady Lions will meet for luncheon Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Hotel Medford. Members are requested to call 946-R for reservations.

Health Meeting—The Gold Hill division of the Jackson county health association will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of the Misses Nellie and Edith Jacobs at Delta farm.

Brother Expected—W. E. Churchill, of Los Angeles, Calif., was expected to arrive here today to make funeral arrangements for his brother, Deloss B. Churchill, who died here Thursday of a heart attack. Definite announcement as to time and place of last rites will be made later.

Marriage Announced—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McGonagle have announced the recent marriage of their daughter, Miss Hazel McGonagle to Elwyn Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wilson, of Murphy. They will make their home in Murphy for the present.

Forum Postponed—First of the inter-city forum luncheons sponsored by the Jackson county chamber of commerce which was to have been held this week in Central Point has been postponed, according to Glen Anapiger, chamber president. A definite date will be announced later.

Craters to Conclude—The Medford Crater club will represent Medford at the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association convention to be held Monday and Tuesday in Klamath Falls. They will attend the Tuesday evening banquet in full uniform. The convention is expected to attract a large crowd from northern California and southern Oregon and all residents of this vicinity interested in tourist travel are urged to attend.

Miss Carlon Away—Miss Patricia Carlon left on the evening train for the south last night, bound for Los Angeles. She will visit friends there for a few days before entering the Pasadena community theater school where she will study during the ensuing year.

Williams Injured—Roy Williams, of Valley View is reported recovering nicely at the Community hospital after suffering a broken forearm and wrist when his arm caught in a trashing belt at Eagle Point Thursday morning. He will be confined in the hospital for about 2 weeks.

Sign Candidates—Approximately 50 candidates for the Medford branch of the Loyal Order of Moose, which is to be organized here soon, have been signed up within the past 10 days, according to R. F. Gove, membership director. Officers and physician for the new lodge will be announced in the near future. Gove predicted a membership of about 500 for the lodge within the next few weeks.

Pole Hit Again—The telephone pole located on the South Pacific highway just this side of the Jackson Hot Springs which figured in a fatal auto crash recently was the central object in another accident this week when Dewey O. Myers of this city drove into it. Myers' car broke the pole completely in two, his machine continuing over the bank. The car was considerably damaged, although Myers was unhurt. The first accident occurred when James French, also of Medford, failed to make the turn on which the pole is located, the resultant crash killing one person and injuring several others. The pole has been replaced by the Ashland telephone company.

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