

# ROYAL NEIGHBORS STATE CONVENTION HERE APRIL 20-21

Mrs. Katherine Benton of Portland, State Supervisor, to Be Honor Guest — Big Program Planned

The quadrennial Oregon state camp of Royal Neighbors of America, fraternal benefit society, will be held in Medford Tuesday and Wednesday, April 20 and 21. Convention headquarters will be in the Holland hotel.

A large attendance is expected as 63 Royal Neighbor camps are located in Oregon. These camps have a combined, beneficial, social and juvenile membership of 5,499.

Mrs. Katherine H. Benton of Portland, state supervisor, will be a guest of honor and one of the principal speakers. The following district deputies are expected to attend: Mrs. Leonora Broll of Ashland, Mrs. Marie L. Davis of Eugene, Mrs. Mary Jane Gray of Portland, Mrs. Marjette Jones of Milton, Mrs. Ada E. Lemon of Myrtle Point, and Mrs. Nellie Redinger of Portland.

On April 20 registration will be held at 10 a. m., with a luncheon at noon. A school of instruction will be held at 1:30 p. m. and a sight-seeing trip will follow, while a reception will be held at 8 p. m., followed by an entertainment and fancy dance. State camp business will be transacted April 21, including election of state officers and selection of delegates and alternates for the supreme camp, which opens June 21 in Colorado Springs, Colo. A banquet will be served at 8 p. m. and a memorial service, entertainment and fancy dance will follow at 8 p. m.

The present state officers include Mrs. Mable Ragdale of Baker, state orator, and Mrs. Esta Bier of Crow, state recorder.

# JUNIOR HIGH WILL STAGE OPERETTA

The operetta "An Old Kentucky Garden" is to be presented by the Junior High school in the school auditorium on April 23. The music is based on the well-known old plantation songs by Stephen Collins Foster, adopted and arranged by G. A. Grant-Schaefer. The libretto is by Paynter.

The boys' and girls' chorus of 120 voices is under direction of Miss Marylou Piper and Mrs. Esther Lenke. Costumes and dialogues are being prepared under supervision of Miss Gladys Berge, and the dances are under direction of Miss Marjorie Kelly. Miss Delle Whitehead has charge of the staging. The scenery is being made by Miss Elizabeth Criswell with members of Miss Berge's art classes assisting.

Colorful scenery and clever dialogues plus the ability of the chorus and leading characters combine to make this an unusual operetta presentation for a Junior high school.

# MINIATURE FOREST AT RANGER STATION

Visitors to the Butte Falls ranger station this summer will see the natural botanical beauty of the entire Rogue river national forest in miniature within the grounds of the station.

Some 370 shrubs, all native to the Rogue forest, have been landscaped into the station grounds so that they appear just as they would in the cool canyons of the forest.

Planting was done under the direction of Laurence V. Espey, project superintendent of the South Fork CCC camp. The trees and shrubs are

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# FOREIGN TRADE WEEK TO BE OBSERVED BY C-C AND HIGH SCHOOL

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and Medford high school will assist in observance of "national foreign trade week" May 16 to 22.

Superintendent E. H. Hedrick today accepted an invitation to Medford high school students to compete in an essay contest designed to bring out the importance of foreign trade. The winning essay will be awarded a \$100 cash prize, other prizes to be in proportion. Grants Pass, The Dalles, La Grande, Astoria and Bend high schools have already entered the contest.

The chamber of commerce announced it would assist in the observance and today so informed F. H. Chapman, manager of the foreign exchange department of the First National bank of Portland who is in charge of the week's program for Oregon.

The agency preparing the program for this state is the Columbia River Gateway Foreign Trade association of which Gordon R. Green, division manager here for American Fruit Growers, Inc., is a director.

# PLAN NEW TUNNEL IN OREGON CAVES

A new tunnel will be constructed in the Oregon Caves this spring if plans are approved in time by national park officials in Washington. It was stated today by David Canfield, administrator of the national monument. The blueprints were submitted some time ago and early approval is anticipated, Mr. Canfield said.

Purpose of the new tunnel is to facilitate the progress of visitors through the caves so that more parties can be accommodated in a given time. About six weeks would be required for the contemplated improvement, with CCC men doing the work, Mr. Canfield related.

The proposed tunnel would extend a spur to the main tunnel and would obviate the retracing of steps by the visitors, Mr. Canfield explained. The spur has a dead end so that sight-seers must retrace their steps to the main tunnel. While one group is in the spur, others must wait at the entrance. Under the proposed arrangement one party will be able to follow closely after another.

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ment" into Medford. At 7:30 o'clock in the evening the band will present a free public concert in the city park, and city authorities have already made plans to decorate the bandstand with pear blossoms and other flowers as part of the "Blossom Time" festivities.

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# SPANISH WAR VETS DRAFT PLANS FOR CONVENTION HERE

Although a definite meeting place for the expected 500 delegates who will attend has not been selected, plans for the state encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans to be held in Medford July 11-14, inclusive, are progressing rapidly, according to Joe Wood, commander of Colonel Barrett camp, centered in hood.

Much interest in the coming encampment is being manifest by the state's 24 posts, Commander Wood states, and veterans of Medford and the auxiliary are working hard to arrange all details so that the hundreds of delegates may enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. He said that a central meeting place would be announced soon, and that the convention committee's report would be heard in the near future.

Hugh Rogers of Hillsboro, state commander, will attend the encampment, Wood said, as will other state officers from the various posts.

Commander Wood recalled portions of a speech given by Dr. R. C. Paust, department commander, at the state convention in Roseburg last year. "I am proud to be a Spanish American War veteran. A veteran of America's first war for humanity. A veteran of the only 100 percent volunteer army the world has ever known. A veteran of the only war in history that has paid dividends. A war that was not

fought to a draw—we dictated the terms. It was responsible for building the Panama Canal. It was responsible for the National Defense Act. It caused the abolition of the yellow fever and kindred diseases.

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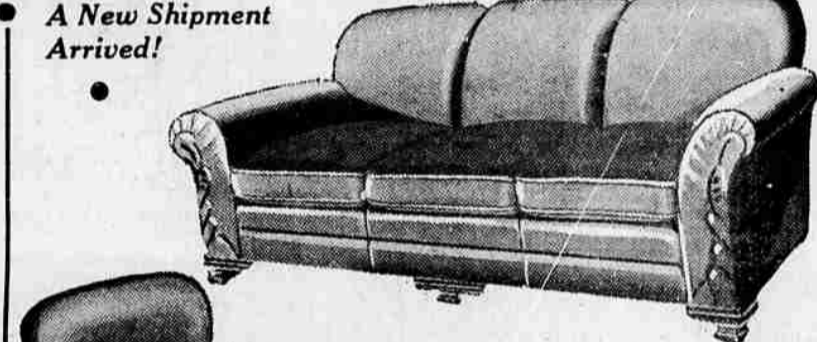
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