

LOANS ASSURED TO AID FARMERS IN HEAVY OUTPUT

Production Credit Vice President Is Speaker at Annual Meeting Held Here

"The farmer is America's first line of defense in this war," declared A. B. Robertson, Spokane, in an address this noon to members of the Medford Production Credit association attending the eighth annual meeting of the group in Medford. "The nation must have an ample food supply both for armed forces and for civilians if we are to be victorious," he said, elaborating on the meeting's theme, "Food for Freedom."

"It is the job of the Production Credit associations throughout the country to see that no farmer fails to raise his share of his food through lack of credit," Mr. Robertson continued. Locally there will be a need for increased production of dairy products, poultry products and fresh vegetables for canning, he said. Mr. Robertson, who is vice president of the Production Credit corporation for the northwest district, added that through the Steagall act the government had set a floor on farm prices to act as a stabilizing influence through the adjustment of expansion. He pointed out that this was not done during the last world war, resulting in confusion on farm prices.

Newby Speaker

Another speaker at the session was Earl T. Newby, Medford farmer, who discussed some problems of the local farm labor situation.

The association meeting opened in the courthouse auditorium this morning and continued until late afternoon, with lunch served at St. Marks parish house at noon. The morning session included business reports by the association secretary, Bren H. Starcher, and showing of a Farm Credit administration movie, "Food for Freedom."

Introduced during the meeting were several local and state agricultural officials, including E. O. Hulen, Spokane, assistant secretary of the Federal Intermediate Credit bank.

The meeting here was for Jackson and Josephine county members of the association, and a second session will be held in Roseburg tomorrow for Douglas, Coos and Curry county members. Members balloted today on two new board members, with the sealed ballots being taken to Roseburg for counting and announcement of results.

MARTIN STEPHENS PASSES IN TALENT

Martin Stephens, 63, a resident of Talent, passed away suddenly at his home Sunday from a heart attack. Mr. Stephens was well known in Medford and the Rogue River valley, and at one time was employed by the Eagle Point Irrigation district. For the past 15 years he had been with the California Oregon Power company.

Mr. Stephens was born at Holton, Mich., Oct. 4, 1878. He had lived in Oregon for 22 years and southern Oregon since 1927. A host of friends will mourn his sudden passing.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annabelle Stephens, of Talent, one daughter, Mrs. Eva Garroza of San Francisco, four sons, Warren Stephens, Los Angeles, Russell Stephens, Reedport, Ore., Stanley Stephens, San Francisco, and Jerry Stephens at home.

Funeral services will be conducted from Perle funeral home Wednesday at 2 p. m., Rev. Astleford of Talent officiating. Interment will take place in the Siskiyou Memorial Park.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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Gets Franchise



Awarded the franchise to promote boxing and wrestling matches in Medford during 1942 was Mack Lillard (above), popular impresario who has staged mat cards here for many years. The Medford Boxing and Wrestling commission at its annual meeting Saturday night, voted unanimously to give Lillard the franchise again.

JEROME ELECTED HEAD OF MEDFORD GRAPPLE COMMISH

E. C. (Jerry) Jerome was elected chairman of the Medford Boxing and Wrestling commission for 1942 at its yearly meeting in Hotel Medford Saturday night. Retiring chairman is Larry Schade.

P. C. Bigham was re-elected vice-chairman; J. F. Fliegel, secretary and treasurer and Vivian J. Beach of Jacksonville, official timekeeper. Members of the commission are Jerome, Bigham, Schade, Fred Erickson and Dr. A. F. Walter Kresse.

Promoter Mack Lillard was again granted the franchise to stage boxing and wrestling programs in the city.

The commission regretfully announced there would be no distribution of money to the civic emergency fund or the veterans' organizations on last year's receipts, due to the fact the army was not available for wrestling matches the greater part of 1941.

The commission voted to continue carrying public liability insurance.

DAVID CRAIG, 76 TAKEN BY DEATH

David Craig, 76, recent arrival here where he came to be with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Robinson, of 31 Geneva street, passed away Saturday evening. He arrived here from his former home at Great Falls, Mont., January 16.

Mr. Craig was born in Scotland, November 4, 1865, and came to the United States at the age of 10 years.

He was a member of the Congregational church and a prominent worker in Masonic bodies of Montana where he gained the high rank of knight commander, court of honor in the Scottish rite and was past grand high priest of the royal arch for Montana.

He leaves two children, Winifred J. Robinson of Medford and Wallace A. Craig of Los Angeles. One sister, Mrs. George Davidson, resides in Great Falls, Mont., and two grandchildren in Los Angeles.

The remains will be escorted by relatives to Great Falls where fitting services and interment will follow.

Conger Funeral parlors in charge of arrangements.

Free transportation on public transit systems for service men in uniforms is in effect in Detroit and is being considered in several other cities.

AID TO FARMER IN FOOD PRODUCTION PLANNED BY FSA

Guidance and Loan Assistance Offered Farm Families Says Co. Supervisor.

A victory food production plan, making it possible for every rural family to do its part in producing food for freedom will be launched immediately by the Farm Security administration in cooperation with county war boards, announces Eugene Hampton, county FSA supervisor, 211 Fluhrer building, Medford.

"Every farm family with experience in food raising and land resources, including part-time farmers and farm laborers, who lack equipment, facilities and credit for all-out production of war foods, will be eligible for guidance and loan assistance from Farm Security," Hampton said.

FSA's first obligation, it was explained, will be to the 260 farm families now cooperating in the rural rehabilitation program in the county. Individual victory food goals will be set up with each family to increase essential war foods including dairy, poultry, pork and gardens. Supplemental loan assistance will be available for production goods, repair of buildings and livestock shelters, seed, feed and cooperative facilities where enterprises can be expanded.

"Every part-time farmer and farm laborer who has sufficient acreage available to produce war foods will be eligible for a special loan with simplified farm plan, to purchase a cow, a hog, chickens, garden tools, seed, livestock shelters and participate in cooperatives that will aid production of food for family use or market," said Hampton. "Loans for livestock and equipment will be repayable over a period of not more than five years, while loans for seed, feed and fertilizer will be repayable in one year, with interest at five per cent."

Special authorization has also been given FSA for loans to individuals participating in food for freedom clubs, engaged in organized and supervised dairy, poultry, hog, sheep, rabbit or garden projects. Loans can be made for livestock, tools, seed, fertilizer, livestock shelters, pressure cookers and similar goods with interest at three per cent. Eligibility will extend to members of future farmers groups, 4-H clubs and any organized group prepared to carry out a war food project.

Meetings are being scheduled with the county FSA council, local farm leaders and the county war board to plan steps for the Victory Food Drive.

WILLIAM WILSON PASSES, AGED 75

William Cyrus Wilson, 75, a resident of Medford for 18 years, passed away at the family home, 17 South Peach street, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, after a short illness.

Mr. Wilson was born at Booneville, Indiana, on Nov. 8, 1866. He spent his early life in Indiana and came to southern Oregon in 1886, settling at Grants Pass, where he married Miss Callie Isobel Bristow in 1888.

He is survived by his wife, of Medford, four daughters, Mrs. Veri Lee of Lakeview, Ore., Mrs. Zetta MacDonald of Sprague River, Ore., Mrs. Hazel Dean and Mrs. Wanda Sinclair of Medford, one sister, Miss Nancy Bristow of Portland, Ore., one brother, George Wilson of Evansville, Ind., also 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later through the Perle funeral home.

DIET SPECIALIST SLATES MEETINGS TO TRAIN LEADERS

Miss Lucy Case, nutrition specialist of the Oregon State college extension service, will be in Medford from January 28 through January 30 to conduct local training meetings, according to Miss Marian J. Farrell, home demonstration agent.

Miss Case has been active in training leaders all over the state who in turn carry on the nation-wide nutrition for defense program.

The meetings are intended for leaders of all organizations throughout the county, the organizations are invited to send two representatives to receive training provided they are interested in having the material given in the local community. The meeting is from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the courthouse auditorium.

Thursday, Jan. 29, Miss Case will conduct the regular extension unit training on "Meals From the Pantry Shelf," starting at 10 a. m., also in the courthouse.

On January 30 she gives another meeting in connection with nutrition for defense. This is the community cooking class training to be held in connection with the Surplus Marketing corporation to train leaders to conduct cooking classes on "Cookery of Vegetables," help the homemaker cut down the cost of family food and still provide adequate protective elements. These leaders will conduct meetings in their own communities throughout the county during February.

Invite Auto Dealers To Tuesday Meeting On War Production

All automobile dealers of Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass have been invited to attend a luncheon-meeting in the Hotel Holland at noon tomorrow to discuss what action can be taken, if any, to procure government orders so they can help in war production. Frank Hull, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, announced today.

With their business sharply curtailed because of a ban on civilian production, the automobile dealers have expert mechanics, tools and shops that perhaps could be put to use in war production provided they are all properly organized, Mr. Hull said. The meeting of the automobile dealers follows closely that of small shop and plant owners of Jackson and Josephine counties who last week decided to proceed with a study for the organization of a pool to bid for war production orders. Mr. Hull indicated that perhaps a place can be found in such a pool for the automobile dealers.

TWO MINERS KILLED BY PREMATURE BLAST

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 26.—(P)—A dynamite explosion at the Champion mine in the Bohemia district southeast of here killed two men and injured another Saturday.

William B. Hughes, 29, Disston, Ore., was killed outright. J. R. Henry, 36, Cottage Grove, died after being brought to a Eugene hospital. Clarence Patton suffered a fractured leg and cuts. A faulty fuse was blamed for the premature blast.

THE DALLS CHRONICLE RECEIVES A. P. SERVICE

Portland, Ore., Jan. 26.—(P)—The Dalls Chronicle became the 15th member of the Associated Press in Oregon today.

Service was started this morning from the northwest day leased wire.

The Chronicle was established in 1890. Ben R. Littin is publisher and K. L. Hicks, editor.

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