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Editorial Correspondence

Palm Springs, Cal., March 21.—Another storm,—that makes three in 17 days. Not a bad winter record but you should hear the old-timers howl,—the worst season in 20 years!

Mostly wind and sand,—not much rain this time, but not a very auspicious way to usher in spring.

As far as the Palm Springs "Hit Parade" is concerned there is no doubt whatever. No. 1 is "Rum and Coca-Cola," and No. 2, "Don't Fence Me In."

We don't believe Bing had any rehearsal for their golf match repartee here Sunday, but this we DO know:—Bob appeared first and under the direction of George Howard, the local "pro" practiced putting on the club putting green.

That cute dog we mentioned,—the miniature French poodle,—belongs to a Mr. Hawthorne Dent of Portland who wears a beret, but doesn't play "beret" golf. He was in our "four-some" today,—before the storm started,—and he made the Medford contingent (at least one of them) look like a deuce spot in a straight deck.

But that little baby-doll dog! She remains the cutest and the smartest thing in all the canine world,—at least that your correspondent has ever seen.

There is a blind hole here,—No. 4. The player can't see the green but must shoot over a ledge of jagged rock to reach it.

If the player looks up, and his ball instead of going over the rocks, hits them,—that is the signal for Julie to hunt the ball and when her master gives the signal,—bring it back to the tee.

March 22nd: This is another day,—and another storm! We can see some reason for that. C. of C. boast they will pay \$500 for every day in Palm Springs the sun doesn't shine.

Great opportunity here for an optometrist. Broke our glasses and no place in the townsite to get them fixed,—have to go to Redlands or Riverside for repairs,—two hours or more on the bus.

Had the western premiere of "God Is My Co-pilot" at the Plaza theatre last night for the benefit of the new (projected) Community hospital. Only those who subscribed \$25 or more to the hospital could get a ticket.

According to one person who did attend we were correct on our hunch as to the film,—he was bored to death. But he said the features were worth the price of admission,—Bob Hope was master of ceremonies and Dennis Morgan, star tenor of Hollywood made an excellent speech, there were one or two other movie stars on hand but we can't recall their names at the moment.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL CALLING FOR FAG TAX ELECTION

Salem, Ore., March 26.—(U.P.)—Three important bills, concerning schools, the June election and unemployment compensation, were signed by Gov. Earl Snell last week.

House bill 416, which changes from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 the amount of income tax surpluses for property tax offsets which will go to schools of the state, was one of the bills signed.

Gov. Snell also signed house bill 418, authorizing the statewide election to be held June 22, 1945, for the voters' approval of a two-cent cigarette tax and a five-mill property tax levy (two years only) for schools.

Senate bill 136, which changes the amount and penalty rate of employer contributions to the unemployment compensation commission, was also signed.

The governor signed a number of other bills. They included: HB177—Increasing the maximum permissible on loan valuations.

HB391—Allowing insurance companies to put into effect new mortality tables on life insurance policies.

HB414—Which authorized the secretary of state to cancel state warrants to cities now unincorporated, from state liquor revenues.

SB76—Prohibiting the use of

non-fire-resistant tents (the bill resulting from the Hartford, Conn., circus fire.)

SB128—Declaring the public policy in regard to the various duties of the department of agriculture and the state board of health, and providing for cooperation between the two departments in the field of health and sanitation.

SB219—Opening portions of Yaquina bay to shad fishing.

Camp White—With Red Cross war fund returns virtually complete, 1st Lt. F. J. Johnston, military chairman of the drive, announced today that a total of \$1,347.51 has been collected at Camp White.

Post civilian workers donated \$780.50; prisoner of war camp personnel, \$239.75; SCU headquarters, \$217.57; and station hospital, \$109.69.

"Considering the number of troops stationed at Camp White, contributions were exceptionally gratifying. It demonstrates a fine spirit on the part of civilians and soldiers at this post in meeting the increased demands of 1945," Red Cross Field Director Edward J. Warren said, in commenting on results of the drive.

BIRTHS BRYANT—To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald, 619 South Central, Mar. 24, 1945, girl, 8½ lbs., at Osteopathic Clinic.

HAMMONS—To Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. 2, box 41, March 24, 1945, boy, 8 lbs., at Osteopathic Clinic.

Steve Crippen, parked in alley \$5 fine.

COOK APPOINTS COMMITTEES FOR 'Y' ACTIVITIES

Committee appointments for the coming year have been announced by Ralph Cook, president of the Medford Y.M.C.A., members having been selected at a recent meeting of the "Y" board.

Making up the executive committee will be Cook, B. L. Nutting, Charles Newland, I. E. Schuler, secretary of the board, Dr. B. R. Elliott, Archie Pierce, E. C. Corn, Mrs. Dolph Phipps and Tony Manno. Members of the finance committee will be Manno, chairman, Corn, Newland, Mrs. Richard Payne, Ray Baker, Sam Colton and Dr. Elliott.

Program committee members have been divided into two divisions, those for the junior high school and another for senior high school student program. Mrs. Luella Lewis will serve as chairman for the junior high division and committee members will be Mrs. Phil Singleton, the Rev. George R. Turney, Glenn Linn, Lloyd Timemors, Paul Bray, Mrs. Ben Schmidt, Walter Graff and B. L. Nutting. Mrs. Clarence Meeker is chairman of the senior high division and committee members will be Mrs. George Goodrich, Lester Harris, John Bullock, Mrs. Dolph Phipps, Mrs. H. O. Colburn, the Rev. Delbert Daniels, J. C. Tucker and William Barker.

Mrs. Richard Payne is chairman of the public relations and publicity committee and serving with her will be Dr. Elliott, Ed. Niles and E. C. Corn. The leadership and training committee is headed by Lester Harris with Mrs. W. Haskins and Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins.

Frans Redden heads the boys' work committee, with Ray Henderson, E. C. Corn, Paul Hanlin and George Goodrich as members. Mrs. Louis Kirby is chairman of the girls' work committee with Mrs. W. H. Fluhrer, Mrs. Clarence Meeker, Everett Faber and George Maddox as members.

Chairman of the religious work committee will be the Rev. George R. Turney, with the Rev. Harry Hansen, Larry Swamer, Mrs. Julia Elliott and Dr. J. P. Bray, Ed. Niles will serve as chairman of the summer camp committee with Ray Baker, J. C. Tucker, George Frey, John C. Mann, Dr. Goodrich and E. P. Leavitt as members.

Dr. Elliott will be chairman of the world service committee with Dr. Goodrich, the Rev. Louis Kirby, A. O. Bauman and W. J. Warner as members. The building and equipment committee is headed by R. M. Elder and members are Archie Pierce, Mrs. Dolph Phipps, E. P. Leavitt, Owen Walker and Clarence A. Meeker.

OBITUARY

BERT E. GRIGSBY Bert E. Grigsby passed away at a local hospital Saturday. He was born at Agate, near Medford, on June 9, 1896.

On May 2, 1917, he was married here to Miss Elizabeth Pepper.

Mr. Grigsby has been employed by the Rogue River Orchards Co. for the last 20 years.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and one son, Fred Grigsby in the army; his mother, Mrs. L. G. Palmer of Butte Falls, and one brother, J. A. Grigsby of Medford.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral home Friday at 2 p. m. The Rev. D. E. Millard will officiate and interment will be in Central Point cemetery.

Court Records

Justice Court Otto Freshman, William Evans, George Moser, overload, cited.

James McIntire, driving while license suspended, fined \$10 and costs, 30 days suspended sentence, license suspended for another year.

Kenneth Dorris Coy, operating with one headlight, cited.

William Larcey McDonald, overload, cited.

Edith Maudy Breazeal, no auto license, no auto tail light, \$2 and costs.

Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY March 26, 1935 (It Was Tuesday) Herr Hitler secretive about plans for German army. League of Nations to confer on future action in mid-April.

President speeds to Florida on fishing trip. Unsettled with frost. High 46, low 30 degrees.

Survey of Crescent City harbor favored in congress. Charles Wing talks to Rotary club about troubles for farmers.

Ernest Neldermeyer catches a gasoline thief robbing his tractor. State Chamber of Commerce plans "Hospitality" for tourists.

Coast longshore troubles near new crisis. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY March 26, 1925 (It Was Thursday) Grass fires sweep North Dakota and South Dakota.

Naval airplanes using anti-aircraft guns, fail to hit a target in 20 shots. Rain and warmer. High 62, low 28 degrees.

O. V. Myers leaves on auto trip to Roseburg and Marshfield. Ashland Baptists file new suit in church fuss.

Record smudging saves pear crop from damage. Now 120,000 more smudge pots in valley than last year.

Craters Frolic April 1 to be a hummer. Gov. Pierce invited to attend Ashland over Normal School victory next week.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY March 26, 1911 (It Was Sunday) Heavy frost tonight in valley preceded by P. J. O'Garra.

New York factory fire costs lives of 143 workers. Ralph (Kid) Burgess pitcher for the high school ball team, managed by Seeley V. Hall, is figured one of the best young pitchers in the state.

WOLF INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

An indictment, charging Fred A. Wolf, 63, with second degree murder in the knife slaying of Percy Harold Ijames, 43, at Gold Hill last February 4, was returned by the grand jury last Saturday. The indictment charges Wolf inflicted a mortal wound upon Ijames as the climax of an altercation in front of a Gold Hill establishment.

Three Gold Hill residents and two investigating officers were called to testify. Wolf has been in the county jail since his arrest.

The grand jury also returned a secret indictment. Georges Dusette To Wrestle Ross; Ivan Jones Back

Promoter Mack Lillard said today Georges Dusette, who is unbeaten in the northwest and holds a victory over the Gray Mask, will meet Terrible Tony Ross in the semi-windup of Thursday night's Medford armory wrestling card.

Pete Belcastro will clash with the Mask in the six round main event. Ivan Jones, classy wrestler and physical education supervisor at McLoughlin Heights at Vancouver, Wash., will face small but tough Billy McEuin in the opener.

FROST FORECASTS WILL BE BROADCAST TONIGHT Broadcasting of forecasts for the frost season will start tonight, at 8 o'clock. Observer Roy Rogers announces. Due to retarded advancement of the fruit buds, it will take a severe frost to do any damage.

Orchardists have distributed smudge pots and hanged tested thermometers in preparation for smudging. Clear weather is needed for dormant spraying and other spring work.

LOS ANGELES FACING MORE MEATLESS DAYS Los Angeles, March 26.—(U.P.)—Los Angeles may face three meatless days at restaurants and one or two days a week of closed meat markets if the critical meat shortage gets worse.

Retail meat dealers will know by the first of next week whether they will have to close shop part time, Phillip R. Melnick, business manager of the Retail Meat Dealers Association, said today.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—1:30 late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

DR. D'LONG GIVES FIRST SERMON IN LENTEN SERVICES

The Lenten preaching mission opened yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church sponsored by the Medford Ministerial association. Representatives from practically all the Medford churches were in the audience which nearly filled the spacious auditorium.

Dr. Russell V. DeLong of Gary, Indiana delivered his first in the Lenten series on the subject: "The Greatest Need of America: A Renaissance of Religion." He declared that a movement is sweeping across the country led by high officials in the government, church, education and business demanding a return to religion.

Supporting this statement he read statements from President Roosevelt, Dr. Angell, president of Yale, Dr. E. Stanley Jones and President Hutchins of Chicago university. He also referred to the religious interest reflected by the miraculous experiences of Eddie Rickenbacker, Lt. Jim Whittika and Pvt. Johnny Bartek in the South Pacific; the increase in the sale of the Bible, and wide sale of religious books as best sellers. Quoted also were excerpts from the Friday editorial of the Medford Mail Tribune in which Editor R. W. Ruhl indicated a need of a return to a Faith.

The evening service was held in the First Christian church. Dr. DeLong brought a thrilling message on "The Uniqueness of Christ."

Music for the Lenten series is in charge of John Eby. The choir of the First Methodist church sang at the afternoon gathering and a large union choir at the evening service. Assisting in the services yesterday were Dr. Harry Hansen pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Dr. Louis C. Kirby of the First Methodist church, Dr. Delbert W. Daniels of the First Christian church and Dr. Fred W. Weatherford, president of the Ministerial association and pastor of the Nazarene church.

The Lenten series will continue each evening this week. Tonight is designated "Church Night" at which all members of all churches are expected to attend. Dr. DeLong will speak on "The Greatest Danger Confronting the Church in 1945." This service will be held at the First Christian church.

Each noon services will be held at the USO Auditorium from 12:05 to 12:35 with special Lenten music and a short address by Dr. DeLong on "The Cross and Christian Certainties."

RETAIL DEALERS PLAN DISCUSSION

Clothing and furniture retailers of the district will attend a meeting tomorrow night at the local war price and ration board office for a round table discussion with Hosea Evans, district OPA price executive. The meeting is set for 8 p. m.

Evans will discuss provision of the new maximum price regulation 580 which put into effect a freeze on percentage markups for clothing and furniture. The freeze was effective March 19.

DAMAGE TO SWINGING BRIDGE IS REPORTED The sheriff's office has received a complaint that visitors to the Applegate district near Ruch have caused damage to the swinging bridge across the Applegate river. Groups get on the bridge and swing it violently, resulting in the span being torn from its anchorage on one side. During the winter it is used by three families.

FILIPINO WORKERS MAY BE BROUGHT TO STATES Los Angeles, March 26.—(U.P.)—Natives of the Philippine Islands may be imported to ease the shortage of California agricultural workers, a farm expert disclosed today.

A proposal is being considered by which Congress would appropriate necessary funds, he said. The Filipinos could be brought here on empty troop transports returning from the Pacific area.

APPELLANT BRIEF IN FEHL SUIT PREPARED The reply brief of the appellant in the suit of Earl H. Fehl, former county judge, against Jackson county for salary claim due for the full term to which he was elected, has been prepared and will be filed with the state supreme court this week. The appeal was transferred to the high court on a stipulation by attorneys for both sides. Fehl claims approximately \$11,000 is due him.

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Camp White Civilians Are Paid For Time-Saving Ideas

Camp White — In making awards last week to six civilian employees who submitted winning ideas to the post awards committee, Col. John R. Young, post commander, told them, "Your suggestions show an interest on your part that goes far beyond the matter of merely doing a daily job. It shows that you are not only doing it well, but that you are constantly looking for ways to improve it."

Col. Young presented Frank Dunn of Shady Cove, a quarter-master laundry employee, with a check for \$100 for a time-saving suggestion which he submitted. His idea is expected to save over \$3000 a year at the camp laundry.

Checks totaling \$125 were given to Mrs. Rieta Hill, route 1, Murphy, Ore.; Mrs. Alberta Tucker, 17 Kenwood Ave., Medford, and Liwelyn Davis, Allen hotel, Medford, for a suggestion which they submitted jointly. Their idea, which will mean an estimated saving of \$4300 a year, calls for a more efficient arrangement of the clothing shop's sewing machine-section.

Awards of \$15 each were made to Charles Standford, Central Point, and Dale Sawyer, Shady Cove.

LOCALS

Return—Mr. and Mrs. Mark Goldy, Berkeley Way, returned today from a three-day business trip to Portland.

Bike Stolen—Don Clark, 331 Main street, has reported to city police the theft of his Hawthorn bicycle from high school Saturday afternoon.

Auxiliary To Meet—Medford unit, American Legion Auxiliary, will meet at the armory Wednesday night of this week at 8 o'clock for Red Cross cutting.

Furlough Ends — Sgt. James R. Bell has returned to Hobbs, N. Mex., Army Air Field after spending a furlough with his family and friends on Griffin creek.

To Elect — Jackson County Chapter No. 8, Disabled American Veterans, will elect officers at the regular business meeting March 27 at the armory at 8 p. m. Other important business is also scheduled. The women's auxiliary will meet at the same time to elect officers. Refreshments are to be served at 6:30 p. m.

Daughter Leaves — Jean Woodridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodridge, route 4, box 42, left yesterday for Washington, D. C., where she will report to the department of state for overseas duty. She has been employed as a personnel clerk by the war department in San Francisco for the past three years.

Permits Issued—Three building permits were issued Friday from the office of the city superintendent. The Free Methodist church, 337 West 10th street, received a permit to build an addition to the church for \$200. C. G. Vinson, 1204 Niantic street and J. H. Owens, 14 Keene way, received permits to improve residences for \$200 each.

Bullet Misses Family—Marvin Heidmann, 655 West Second St., reported yesterday to police that a .22 caliber bullet crashed through the front window of his home Sunday afternoon narrowly missing members of the family. The bullet, which was almost spent, disintegrated upon falling and was believed to have come from the Victory housing project region, according to the police report.

Celebrates Birthday—George Hoffman, pioneer of the Applegate district, celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary March 19 at his home. A family dinner was enjoyed by Mr. Hoffman and J. R. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffman of Chiloquin, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ballard of Weed, Calif. Mrs. Ballard being the former Bess Hoffman. Friends report that the aged man is "healthy, happy and jolly."

Ida Mae Barrows Enlists In WAC, Goes To Georgia The Women's Army Corps has announced the recent enlistment of Mrs. Ida Mae Barrows, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Earl, 502 W. 4th Street. Mrs. Barrows attended Medford High school, and was formerly employed by Mr. Linderman of Trail. Her husband, Pvt. Charles Barrows is with the 2nd Army in France. Pvt. Barrows leaves April 2nd for Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., for basic training and hospital training. At its completion, she will return to the hospital of her choice, De Witt General Hospital, Auburn, California, for duty as a hospital technician. Information is available concerning enlistment in the Women's Army Corps at the Army Recruiting Office in the Post Office Building.

SEEKS 11TH DIVORCE Reno, Nev., March 26.—(U.P.)—Arthur "Frenchy" DuPont, Reno's marrying barber, will make his 11th trip to the divorce courts next week to serve matrimonial ties with Mary Walsler Beard DuPont of Chicago, he announced today.

GET OREGON'S HULL Portland, Ore., March 26.—(U.P.)—The battleship Oregon commission today received assurance from the Navy Department that the hull of the historic old ship will be returned to Oregon as an exhibit if it is in satisfactory condition after the war.

Portland Produce Portland, March 26.—(U.P.)—Wholesale produce market: Cauliflower—No. 1, Roseburg \$2.75 per crate; California \$2.50 to \$2.75 crate. Asparagus—California \$9.75 to \$10.00 per 25-pound box. Egg Plant—California 14 pound. Squash—California Zucchini \$5.25 lug, Hubbard 7.00 pound.

Chicago Wheat Chicago, March 26.—(U.P.)—Wheat: Open High Low Close May \$1.68 \$1.68 \$1.67 \$1.68 July 1.52 1.51 1.50 1.51 Sept. 1.51 1.51 1.50 1.51 Dec. 1.51 1.51 1.50 1.51

S. F. DAIRY PRICES San Francisco, March 26.—(U.P.)—Dairy market: Butter—93 score 43, 92 score 42½, 90 score 42¼, 89 score 41½. Cheese — Loafs 27.9, triplets 27.2. Eggs — Large grade A 40½, medium grade A 37½, small grade A 33½, grade B 37½.

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