

FOWLER STRESSES MORE IRRIGATION WATER IN COUNTY

Ashland, Sept. 17—Jackson county is urgently in need of more irrigation water if the county is to meet the increasing demand for land from large numbers of new citizens coming to the area, R. G. Fowler, county agent, told members of the

Ashland Rotary club Thursday. He emphasized that despite the increase in land under cultivation, there was a land boom under way which has taken prices to a dangerous height and that many would find it difficult to make farming pay under the current prices of land, the increase being 5 to 60 per cent above the pre-war period.

Agriculture Main Work
Agricultural income in Jackson county was approximately 16 million dollars with fruit representing half of the income, Fowler said making agriculture one of the leading occupations of the county.

A question of construction of dams along Rogue river, from

where the major portion of irrigation could be procured, has started with sportsmen aggressively opposing dams which they claim would interfere with tourist business, another sizeable income, Fowler told the club. A new source of irrigation water is absolutely necessary for agriculture growth, the speaker emphasized.

Conservation Praised
The soil conservation program which has particularly increased use of fertilizer was also praised by the county agent, who reminded his listeners that about one-third of the county's present 48,000 population are farmers. As a further emphasis of the value of land, he stated that practically all of the county's present 48,000 population are farmers. As a further emphasis of the value of land, he stated that practically all of the county's income comes from the land—farming, forests and mining.

He estimated that approximately 28,000 more acres of Jackson county land could be cultivated; much of it so-called marginal land now, if additional water was available.

NATIONAL OFFICER OF BOY SCOUTS TO AID CUBBING HERE

Gerald A. Speedy, assistant national director of cubbing, Boy Scouts of America, is to be



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in Medford, Sept. 19 and 20 to aid in preparation of fall cubbing activities. In order that full use of Speedy's suggestions for cub scout work may be made, a cubbing conference has been called for 8 p. m. at the scout hall, 500 East Main street, Gordon D. Gilmore, scout executive, announced, and all cubbers and parents and other persons interested are invited.

Having been associated with Boy Scout work since 1922, Speedy served in several capacities in the Minneapolis area council and has done considerable writing on boys' work and cubbing subjects. Cubbing is a scout program for boys aged nine to 11, and is participated in by their parents.

CLASS PREJUDICE IN KLAMATH HIGH

Klamath Falls, Sept. 17—Three high school boys, who were charged with assault and battery by the fathers of three other boys after a brawl last Sunday outside a lunch counter at Esplanade and Wall, were committed to the juvenile detention home last week by Circuit Court Judge David R. Vandenberg pending further order of the court.

Class prejudice at Klamath Union high school was blamed for the unsavory incident after the three lads charged told juvenile officers that "they didn't like '400' kids, who thought they were better than everybody else."

The complaints were signed by the fathers of the three boys who were allegedly assaulted.

One of the boys held has a previous record for assault and one other has come to the attention of the authorities prior to this incident.

Rogue River Boat Trip Disastrous
Grants Pass, Sept. 17—A near fatality occurred Thursday afternoon when a boat occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Painter of Berkeley, Calif., H. M. Painter and L. K. Painter both of Grants Pass, was capsized by a rock jutting out of the river, just below Hellegate on the Rogue river.

Mrs. Painter had a rope tangled on her leg at the time and when the boat tipped over she was unable to free herself. She was dragged about fifty feet behind the boat under the water. She finally managed to grasp the capsized boat and climb on top.

The boat and all of the fishing gear of the party were lost.

TRUMAN TO SPEAK
Washington, Sept. 17—(U.P.)—President Truman will deliver a address here Sept. 24 at the unveiling of a bronze plaque of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Members of the supreme court, the cabinet and congress will attend the ceremony. The plaque is the work of Miss Selma Burke of New York.

LEGION TO JOIN IN WORLD-WIDE MEMBERS' DRIVE

Commander-Elect Dick Balze said today, the Medford American Legion Post will take part in the world-wide drive to enroll the newly-eligible 12,000,000 fighting men and women of the armed forces. The drive will be launched this week, which is to be known as "National American Legion membership acceleration week."

Post Adjutant Walter Dunlap said among the plans to be carried out to enroll the quota of members of the armed forces are: (1) Put its World War II members to work on committees in charge of the enrollment drive. (2) Compile a list of the community's men and women still in service. (3) Get out letters immediately to these members of the armed forces with membership applications attached. (4) Get the local mayor to issue a proclamation on the Legion's membership drive. (5) Arrange for showing of the Legion film trailer in local movie theaters. (6) Order the 1945 American Legion panel posters for display on local billboards. (7) Establish membership booths in downtown locations. (8) Interest Legionnaire parents, and others too, in sending paid-up Legion

membership cards for 1946 to their sons and daughters in service.

Captain Hamilton, Ex-Minister Here, Serves in Germany

Capt. James M. Hamilton, who was pastor of the First Christian church here about five years ago, is now serving as chaplain with the 39th infantry regiment, ninth division, at Pottmes, Germany, according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. E. E. Hamilton of Portland, who is now visiting another son, Orville E. Hamilton, at Central Point.

According to Capt. Hamilton's letter, he has his office in a castle which was built in 1705 and the church where he holds services was constructed in 1349. The town, Capt. Hamilton wrote, was founded in 876 A.D.

The chaplain, who expects to return home about June 1, now has five battle stars and two bronze stars.

His wife and three children reside in Fort Worth, Tex.

THE GRANGE

Upper Applegate Grange met in regular session September 8 with Master Christine Harr presiding and twenty-nine members present.

Brother Bauman gave an interesting report on the electricity we hope to get in the not too distant future.

About fifty members and their friends celebrated V-J day at the hall. The evening was

spent in singing and dancing. Another of those popular dances is to be held September 15.

Next meeting will be October 13.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon Please remember

STAMP KING DIES
Denver, Sept. 17—(U.P.)—Albert E. Pade, who was known to stamp collectors as a "mixture king," because he sold as many as 75 million stamps a year, died yesterday in a Denver sanitarium. He was 53 years old.

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FRESHMAN WEEK SET AT OREGON

University of Oregon, Eugene, Sept. 17—"Freshman Week" on University of Oregon campus opens September 17 and will be devoted entirely to assisting entering freshmen to become oriented to their surroundings according to a new plan developed by the administration.

The week begins Monday in McArthur court when photographs are taken and examinations given. At 10 a.m. students will meet President Harry K. Newbern at an opening assembly.

Placement and physical examinations will continue through the week. Orientation meetings will be held by group appointments to inform freshmen on the organization and technical vocabulary of the university. Assistance will be given on selections of majors.

"Majors meetings" will be held Tuesday evening under direction of deans of the several schools and heads of departments. Students will confer Wednesday with faculty advisors.

Extension Unit At Central Point To Meet Wednesday

Central Point, Sept. 17—Central Point Home Extension unit will have a rally meeting Sept. 19 at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Merle Obenchain. Plans will be made and details considered affecting the efficiency of the unit throughout the coming year.

Officers for this year are Mrs. Lulu Floux, president; Mrs. Nola Goehring, secretary; Mrs. Merle Obenchain, vice president; Mrs. Evelyn Meadows, treasurer, and Mrs. Grace Hanscom, librarian.

Everyone interested in home extension work is urged to attend the meeting.

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