

Year's Activities Are Summarized By Jackson County Chamber Commerce

The annual year-end summation of Jackson County Chamber of Commerce activities issued today reveals one of the busiest years in the organization's history with a wide variety of projects given attention. The report in full follows:

Service Extended

An indication of increased use of the chamber's quarters and facilities by the entire community, records show that 245 civic meetings of all types were held here during the 1945 season. Chamber offices also were used as headquarters for numerous drives and campaigns, among them army, navy, marine and state guard recruiting, the 1945 National War Fund and community chest campaign, Red Cross and Jackson County Civic Music association membership drives, paper salvage campaigns, mobile X-ray campaign, Seventh War Loan and Victory Bond sales and coordination of housing efforts. The chamber is also utilized as headquarters for the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Crater Lake

A special Crater Lake committee of the chamber initiated a state-wide campaign to create a winter use area at Crater Lake National park and bring to the attention of the National Park service the need for increased appropriations in 1946 to meet anticipated tourist travel as well as to replace equipment turned over to the military in wartime. Senators Cordon and Morse and Representatives Ellsworth and Stockman extended valuable assistance in this effort. Creation of a winter use area this season is still pending appropriation of funds by the bureau of the budget in Washington. Restoration of appropriations for Camp White to pre-war levels seems to be assured and additional funds for expanded operation will apparently be forthcoming.

Housing

Throughout the 1945 season the chamber has extended its own services and assisted in the operation of a separate housing bureau. A program has been initiated to acquire surplus military housing to meet the urgent and critical housing shortage existing in Jackson county at this time. Senator Cordon and Representative Ellsworth are lending full cooperation to this effort.

Veterans' Hospital

For many months the chamber has sought to interest the Veterans Administration in utilization of the Camp White hospital for veterans. Although Klamath Falls has been tentatively listed as site for a proposed hospital plant, General Hawley and Colonel Brown of the Veterans' Administration has expressed to Congressman Ellsworth and a representative of this chamber assurance that Camp White will be "carefully looked over" before final selection is made. Complete data concerning population, climate, recreational facilities, etc., have been placed before the Washington office.

Camp White

Early in 1945 the chamber's special projects committee, working in conjunction with the congressional group at Washington, sought fuller utilization of the facilities at Camp White, inactive to a great extent following the departure of the 96th infantry division. In March, chamber officials were given reasonable assurance that the camp would be reactivated as a redeployment base after V-E day when war emphasis centered on the Pacific area. In July the redeployment center was established but later moved to a point nearer San Francisco Bay because of transportation problems involved. Effort was then centered upon the establishment of some type of permanent military garrison at Camp White, resulting in the recent designation of this camp as a home for a force of army engineers. By January 15 this force is expected to total 1,600 officers and men. There is assurance that Camp White will be the permanent training center for 2,000 to 3,000 men.

Camp White Hospital

In an effort to encourage fuller utilization of the well-equipped army station hospital at Camp White, both the army and navy were approached in Washington through Senator Cordon and Representative Ellsworth, using informative brochures covering the salient facts concerning the hospital plant itself, the recreational attractions of this area, meteorological data, transportation, accommodations, etc. As a result of this program, the navy negotiated for a portion of the Camp White hospital in May, 1945, and actually assumed charge of that facility. Official commissioning was in September. The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has extended full and friendly cooperation with Captain Harry LeFavre, USN, commanding officer, and his staff in housing, acquisition of civilian labor, milk supplies, etc.

Transportation

During the 1945 season the chamber has consistently sought improved transportation and through service between Portland and San Francisco from the Southern Pacific. The latter service has been resumed and improved accommodations have been promised as soon as military demands upon S. P. rolling stock lessen. The chamber assisted the Rogue Valley Transit company, a Medford concern, in securing a franchise for service between Rogue River Valley communities, cooperated in establishing an air strip for civilian flyers here, advocated establishment of feeder air service on the Pacific coast, and aided the operators of a bus service in Medford.

Highways

Principal highway problem confronting the chamber in 1945 was the effort of Highway Commissioner Arthur Schaupp and the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce to secure the designation of the so-called Klamath route as the official inter-regional highway extending from Eugene to Weed, Calif. This chamber assisted the Pacific Highway association in preparation of a brief outlining the advantages of the 99 route and led a delegation appearing before the state highway commission at Portland on May 15. Following the Portland hearing, Highway 99 was officially designated as the inter-regional route, placing Rogue River valley communities on the network of national highways extending throughout the U. S. Construction of this roadway calls for a 24 foot pavement with 10 foot shoulders on each side. This victory will have long and far-reaching effect.

Definite success is also noted in the building of the Williams Creek roadway, and in this effort the chamber received, for the first time, the fullest cooperation of the Grants Pass and Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. The Ashland chamber also assisted in this project. Southwest Oregon has also been organized for the promotion of an eventual all-Oregon route to the coast.

Mining

The chamber's active mining committee vigorously sought the lifting of W.P.B. directive L-208 in a move to speed the removal of mining bans and encourage this important source of employment. This committee also secured the cooperation of Dr. Lloyd B. Staples, associated with the U. of O. school of geology in a survey of mineral resources of this area. Dr. Staples spent considerable time in Jackson county and is encouraging more exhaustive research through the state mineral department.

Publicity

Numerous publicity articles and photo layouts were secured in various periodicals of nationwide coverage.

Tourist Booklet

Completion of a four-color booklet covering the tourist attractions of the southern Oregon area was effected in 1945, with financing secured through Medford business and industrial concerns. The Ashland Chamber of Commerce is also participating in this ambitious publicity program.

The booklet will be completed in February to meet the 1946 tourist travel needs. Distribution will be made throughout the U. S., with emphasis upon California and Washington, the major sources of vacation travel in this area.

News Letter

In 1945 the chamber initiated a monthly news letter directed to the membership. This letter gave a brief but comprehensive report on the month's activities of the chamber and has resulted in expanded interest and cooperation from members.

Public Forums

A program of periodical public forums was initiated in 1945 by the chamber as a service to the people of this community. Among those who have addressed these public meetings are: U. S. Representative Harris Ellsworth, Secretary of State Robert Farrell, Palmer Hoyt, former director of the domestic branch of O.N.I., Harvey W. Stowers, assistant to the president of Allied Aircraft Industries of America, T. O. Toon, president of the Coast Fuel Company, Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of University of Oregon, and Frank Jenkins, publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald-News.

Legislation

The chamber's legislative committee has taken active interest in matters not only effecting this area and state but also in nation-wide legislative matters dealing with business and government. A resolution passed by the board of directors aimed at stopping the policy of easy lending to foreign governments has attracted attention throughout the U. S., and has been the basis of nation-wide radio discussions by well known commentators. Legislation based upon the chamber's proposal will soon be introduced in congress.

Reclamation

The chamber initiated the establishment of the Rogue River water committee to survey the reclamation needs of this area with fullest consideration to the interests of sportsmen and agriculturalists.

New Industries

The new industries committee of the chamber is now working on numerous projects which should prove fruitful in 1946. Encouragement of the locally-owned H. M. Stretcher Company, new outlets for surplus fruit for frozen foods and other processing, and the addition of More Displays, a Santa Cruz manufacturing concern, were noted during the year. A new plant will be constructed by More Displays in the spring of 1946.

Reclamation Offices

Success followed the effort of the chamber to secure the Federal Bureau of Reclamation for this city. This office is devoted to analysis and investigation of flood control, irrigation, recreation, wildlife and soil conservation. F. H. Hart, engineer in charge, his family and staff have established permanent homes in this city.

Merchants Organization

Initiative was taken in the organization of Medford merchants to meet problems of legislation, rationing, sales, employment, etc. The chamber brought Edward N. Weinbaum, manager of the Trade and Commerce de-

Enters 50-Year Prison Term



Capt. J. R. Carpenter frisks clothing of 13-year-old Richard Ellis preparatory to the boy's entry into Illinois state penitentiary, Joliet, Ill., diagnostic depot for quarantine. The boy will serve part of 50-year murder sentence in Pontiac, Ill., state reformatory, returning to prison when he becomes of age. Richard was found guilty of fatal beating of 76-year-old Mrs. Mary Johnson.

Department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to Medford in February to address business men and women and offer assistance in perfecting this organization. The group has been functioning since with Noble Vincent as president.

Special Services

Current legislative bulletins and listing of surplus war materials have been available to business interests in this area. Two sets of abstracts covering 45,000 alien-owned U. S. patents, seized by the Alien Property Custodian of the federal government, were purchased by the chamber in March for public reference. Adjustment on shipment of fresh meats to coast markets, placing livestock producers and packers here on equal competitive basis with other shipping points, was secured by the chamber from the Pacific Inland Tariff Bureau.

Navy Radio Station

The chamber financed the construction of a high frequency naval radio station at Medford, installed in July by the Civilian Aeronautics Authority. This navy transport command station is located at the Jackson county fairgrounds.

Motion Pictures

Fullest cooperation was extended to Universal Pictures in the filming of the technicolor picture, "Canyon Passage," by the Oregon author, Ernest Haycox. The chamber assisted in securing extras for the production at Diamond Lake and cooperated in problems of transportation and supply. It is estimated that approximately \$200,000 was spent in southern Oregon by Universal during the fall months of 1945, and nation-wide publicity will be received for southern Oregon's matchless scenery when

This picture is released in the spring of 1946.

Inter-City Cooperation

During the 1945 season the closest cooperation has been realized with neighboring counties and their chambers. This has resulted in a united front in problems affecting highway development, promotion of scenic resources and legislation which concerns the southern Oregon-northern California area as a whole.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a.m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p.m.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Dec. 31—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Winn of Bend, Ore., visited over Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Thompson.

Mrs. John Keeper and son, John, of Evans Creek, have been visiting at the C. W. Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wyatt entertained on Christmas Mrs. Lucy Corey, Mr. and Mrs. Fitch Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newnillaw and family, Mr. and Mrs. Veltie Biles and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wyatt and son, and Mrs. Evagene Bowers.

Guests at the Tom Smith home on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Sonora, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swindler, Eugene, an Harry Smith (MAM) of San Diego.

Arthur Iverson of Medford spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Cal Dusenberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson and son left Wednesday for San Martin, Calif., to visit relatives, they expect to be gone until after New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Force had as guests on Christmas their daughters Mr. and Mrs. Tuffy Kell, and son Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. Artie Laws and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wilson and daughter and Donald Wilson of Central Point visited here Sunday.

Lawton Hayes of Eugene spent Christmas here with his father, John Hayes and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Sutton spent Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Art Mullin of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw left Saturday to spend Christmas with relatives in Eureka, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright and two children of Washington visited over the holidays with Mrs. Wright's mother and sisters, Mrs. Susie Coy, Mrs. Maude Robinson and Mrs. Ernest Ross and other relatives.

Miss Laurene Kell left Wednesday for Portland to visit her sister, Mrs. Richard Gray and family.

Woodrow Nealy, S 1/c, left Tuesday for San Diego after spending his leave here with his

How's 'Bout It, Mom and Pop!



GOING TO GIVE ME my chance, too, like the other kids? When I grow up I want to go to college, Dad, so when I graduate I'll have an education, be better equipped to make my way and to take part in things. You know, don't you, Mom, that it's kids like me today who must be the YOU of tomorrow.

wife, Mrs. Phyllis Nealy and two children.

Mrs. Elinor Ganong left the last of the week for Longview, Wash., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. DiViechio have purchased the home of Mrs. Florence Lance which they now occupy and as soon as materials are available expect to remodel it.

Harry Smith (M.A.M.) of San Diego, and Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Sonora, Calif., came December 21 to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Z. Smith and family, Harry Smith and John Thomas returned south Wednesday while Mrs. Thomas remained for a longer visit.

HAPPY HUNTING

Thermopolis, Wyo. (U.P.)—Miss Florence Dusapin of Thermopolis had some unusually good luck, and quite unintentional, she says, in hunting with her car one night. First she struck a skunk. Next, in order, were a large jack-rabbit and a pheasant. Finally she narrowly missed striking a deer with her car. Her "hunting" took place on a 12-mile stretch of road. Now Miss Dus-

pin has a sign on the front of her car. It reads: "Critters Beware."

FLASH!
The boys are back on the job and sending out a call for work. Have that generator and starter serviced once a year. How about that magnet? The spring rush will commence soon. Be wise and repair now.

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".... a society of self-governing men is more powerful, more creative than any other kind of system, however disciplined, however centralized."

—From the August 9, 1945 radio address of President Truman.

As the New Year dawns, and in the spirit of Good Will toward men, let us resolve to be constantly alert to the responsibilities of peace... to be ever on guard to protect the precious freedoms and privileges as set forth in our Constitution and Bill of Rights. May we ever note well the legislative processes under which our Constitution and laws may be modified in an orderly way... May we never forget those who sacrificed throughout the past, that those things guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of our country should not be lost but that they may serve as a beacon light for all mankind.

Percey Smith

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Our Best Wishes for a Truly Happy New Year

With the blessings of Victory and the promise of Peace we enter a new and glorious year. It is our wish that all of you find the happiness you so richly deserve in 1946.

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