

Forest Park Suggested For Memorial To Heroes Of War

John Gribble, 139 Kenwood street, retired Forest Service supervisor, and now representative here, has suggested a living memorial to the men and women of Jackson county who served in World War II. Gribble suggests an acreage of forest trees in conjunction with the new city park. It was suggested the park strip along Bear Creek south of the new park might be extended to the highway, making a beautiful memorial forest park.

Gribble recalled the history of another memorial tree in Medford—the little evergreen near Main street in the City park which is lighted each year as a community Christmas tree. For several years, Gribble recalls, a Douglas fir tree was cut and brought to the park, set up and decorated with electric lights. One of the last ones, 45 feet tall, was hauled from the top of a hill west of Jacksonville.

The Christmas Tree committee was told, according to Gribble, that a tree could be grown from seed which some day might serve as a community Christmas tree. On Arbor day in 1927 Medford Boy Scouts set out a two-year-old seedling, six or eight inches in height, with each boy putting a bit of soil about the tiny tree. The tree was from a seed from a Mariposa grove near Yosemite Park in California and was planted by Gribble at his home about 1925. The tree, now about 50 feet tall, is the one decorated as a community tree last December.

At the same time that the little Mariposa was planted, Gribble said the Scouts also planted another of the same seedlings west of the Library building but it was pulled up by vandals the following spring. Photographs of the planting were taken and signed by all the Scouts and is on record at the historical society.

VETERANS INVITED TO CENTRAL POINT LEGION'S JUBILEE

Central Point, Jan. 17.—Preparations are nearly complete for the World War II veterans' homecoming jubilee here Saturday evening with a dance, the main attraction of the fete, scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m., according to William B. Keizer, Sr., chairman of committees for the event.

Keizer and other officials of the Myers-Holland American Legion post, which is sponsoring the jubilee, extend an invitation to all veterans of World War II and ask that they wear their discharge buttons or service uniforms as a token of admittance. Coronation of the jubilee queen will occur at 10 p.m. during the dance intermission. No figures are available on the five-way battle for the honor as the balloting is secret but indications are Gwen Goin and Jeanette Brown are leading. A buffet supper will be served to guests during the evening.

RANGERS REVIEW SEASON'S FIRES

Rangers and district fire guards of the Rogue River National Forest service reviewed all fires which occurred on the forest last fire season during a meeting held in the federal building here during the last three days. Fires numbered about 150.

Policies and new procedures for the coming season were also discussed during the session and plans made for combating forest fires.

Four rangers, four district fire guards and other forest officials attended the meeting.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY TO DISCUSS FAIR

Grants Pass, Jan. 17.—Plans for a 1946 county fair will be discussed by the county fair board Friday evening in the office of Judge W. A. Johnson, when fair board members and representatives of interested civic organizations meet. W. S. Carpenter, chairman of the fair board, announced today.

Carpenter stated that invitations have been sent out to civic organizations to attend the meeting and discuss the possibilities of holding a county fair this year.

Earlier in the season the Redwood grange passed a resolution favoring a fair for the coming year and the same resolution was approved by the Pomona grange.

The meeting Friday evening is for the purpose of making plans and determining what the residents of the county would like to do in regard to holding a fair for this year, Carpenter explained.

Tule Homesteads To Be Open For Veterans Entry

Eighty-eight units of homestead lands, consisting of about 80 acres each, will be opened in the Tule Lake area for veterans according to published reports from W. I. Tingley, chief clerk for the Bureau of Reclamation at Klamath Falls. Orders specifying the procedure for application have not yet been announced, it was said.

In the past, applications for such homestead lands have been rated by a committee of four men according to the applicant's farm experience, capital, industry and character, with drawings held in cases of duplicate ratings. The land is described as drained lake bottom land of peat soil.

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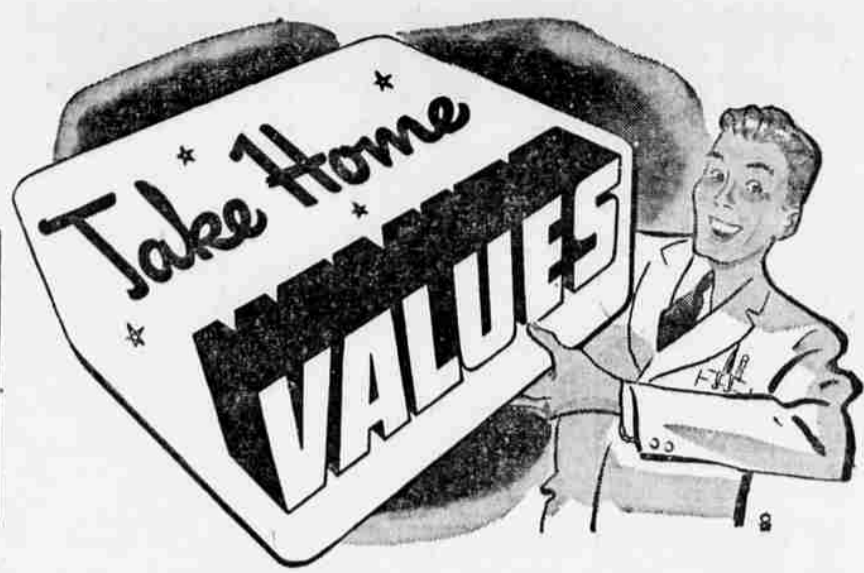
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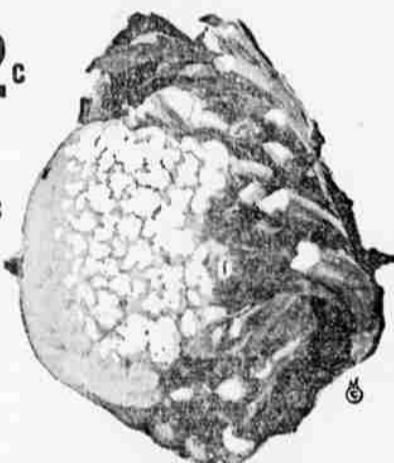
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