

GRANGE HISTORY GIVEN AT MEET IN CENTRAL PT.

Central Point, Feb. 20.—Past Masters' pins were presented at a recent meeting of Central Point Grange with Live Oak, Phoenix, Jacksonville, Rosevale in Denver, Colo., and a Grange near Eugene being represented.

Mrs. A. T. Lathrop spoke on the condition of seed testing laboratories and how steps should be taken for improvements since the seed industry is becoming so important in this section of the state.

M. Ray Ward of Phoenix discussed use of DDT as a fruit spray, which is still in the experimental stage.

History of Grange
Sister Eudora Bohnert and Brother Arnold Bohnert reported on the home and farming conference held at the USO Feb. 5.

The following brief history of Central Point Grange prepared by Worthy Secretary Sally Puhl, was read by Worthy Lecturer Betty Potter:

Central Point Grange was organized April 12, 1928, with John A. Anderson elected as master, serving for three years. On June 6, 1930, the Grange moved into their new home. Several worthwhile propositions have been successfully carried out by the Grange. In 1932 the

Grange was instrumental in having an ordinance passed by the Medford city council which requires an out-of-state peddler to have a license and put up a bond.

Drill Team Wins
In 1934 the Central Point Grange drill team won first prize in a contest at the state Grange convention at Roseburg. Early in 1935 new velvet curtains were purchased for the stage. A collection of \$80 was made in 1936 to help in sending an infantile paralysis victim to Warm Springs, Ga., for treatment.

A resolution that proper governmental and private authorities be urged to take action to prohibit shipment of scrap iron to Japan was sent to congressional representatives by the Central Point Grange in 1939.

Mortgage Burned
On Dec. 20, 1940, Worthy State Master Ray Gill burned the mortgage on the hall with all past masters present. An amendment to the by-laws was made in 1943 giving honorary memberships to all members reaching 80 years of age. Parties were given for soldiers of Camp White and letters were written to Grange members in the armed forces. On April 16, 1943, a service flag was dedicated to members in the armed forces. The following year saw organization of the Juvenile Grange and the lot next to the Grange hall was purchased from the city.

Last year a new ceiling was placed in the hall, paid for with funds from dances and contributions.

Servicemen's Paper Claimed Gagged To Protect High Brass

Washington, Feb. 20.—(U.P.)—Rep. Alvin F. Weichel, R., O., told the house today that a servicemen's paper, the Daily Pacifican, published in Honolulu, has been prohibited from printing news carried by the major wire services.

Weichel inserted in the record an article from the Jan. 11 issue of the Daily Pacifican declaring that the paper was not permitted to print United Press and Associated Press dispatches if they reflected any criticism or dissatisfaction with policies of the war department or theater commanders.

"The army, in order to keep from enlisted men its failure, lies, inefficiency and the fraud it has practiced on the parents of enlisted men, has now gagged the voice of enlisted men in the South Pacific," Weichel told the house.

KANSAS-OKLAHOMA CROP SAVED BY HEAVY RAIN

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 20.—(U.P.)—The Kansas-Oklahoma winter wheat belt, tinder dry since last fall, will produce a sixth straight bountiful wheat crop to help feed the world, grain men throughout the district said today after a two-day soaking rain.

Where two weeks ago the dry topsoil was ripped from the fields, there was plenty of moisture as a two-inch rain moved out of the district.

Agricultural experts predict farm egg production in 1946 will be slightly below the near record crop of 56 billion eggs in 1945.

VETS FORGOTTEN DOVER DECLARES IN C. P. STATEMENT

Central Point, Feb. 20.—"The home folks have fallen down on the job where World War II veterans are concerned," Floyd K. Dover, of Grants Pass, member of the state advisory committee on veterans affairs, told a group of veterans meeting last Sunday in Central Point. Dover declared that throughout the war years "a lot of big shot planning commissions promised great things for the veterans, but those plans have come to nothing."

"The result is that thousands of veterans in Oregon," he said, "have no jobs and no homes." He declared he had seen many veterans and their wives "roaming the streets in Portland because they had no place to go, and that many were getting lodging in jails."

Dover also said that those in charge of veterans' affairs have not cooperated with the United States Employment Service, and that "this service is in a position to, and is placing many men in positions every day. He declared he has asked the advisory committee to hold a meeting as soon as Hugh Ross, state director of veteran affairs, returns from Washington, D. C.



Olive Barber's Letter

Figures can lie and sometimes do. The present upswing in divorces is one such instance. The general assumption that this indicates a recent break-down in marital life is, as are most assumptions, not entirely correct. A lot of these newly-obtained divorces are but the outward and visible evidence of a longstanding separation.

For divorces cost money. In rank-and-file terms, they cost a lot of money. So a couple may have lived separate lives over a period of years, yet have been unable to raise the funds necessary to make that separation legal. They may, paradoxical though it seems, have lived together in separate worlds.

Then came the recent economic prosperity and with it the means to bring that long standing divorce out into the open. "Divorce" isn't some words on a paper. A divorce is a cleaving of hearts and minds the reality of which a legally worded decree does not increase. Indeed there is much evidence that it draws a couple together, as the not infrequent remarriages of the same people is full witness. Such people never were divorced; not even a decree could bring this about.

One woman whose opinion I have learned to value through the years has still another explanation of the increased rate of divorce. She says people have an increasing honesty. In other years, a man and his wife may have lived together for years in what was really a little hell on earth. The boy and girl who married had little in common with the man and woman they grew to be; a man and woman who never would have married. They realized this; realized that each brought out the worst in the other. To the world, they were never divorced. But they knew. Lacking present day honesty, they dragged out the weary years, their home life a travesty of what it could have, should have, been. So now there is this new honesty, which faces conditions squarely, realistically, and acts accordingly; only setting down an "on the other hand" opinion.

Once I told you of the couple who celebrated their golden wedding. For very few of those 50 years had they been on speaking terms. They had five children. Someway they always manage to have children. Only two of these ever married; perhaps because they had been reared in a home where bitterness and hatred was the accepted pattern. To me, that golden wedding ceremony was a travesty. "Whom God hath joined together," intoned the preacher. I wondered at God's willingness to take the blame.

So it would seem that the words of either the divorce decree or the golden wedding ceremony mean little. It's hearts that count. Hearts have to be trump, if you are to win.

SUNSHINE PAYS

Kellogg, Ida., Feb. 20.—(U.P.)—The Sunshine Mining Co., world's largest silver mine, today announced its regular first quarter dividend of 10 cents a share. There are 1,488,821 shares outstanding in the company.

What's This?



(Scene Telephoto)
Willy, the Dachshund, sniffs at the butter-jammed refrigerator of Louis Craig of Oakland, Cal., who got 240 pounds of butter from a Midwest company by merely filling out a coupon he found in an advertisement.

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96th Division Holds Record For Jap Deaths In One Day

The 96th (Dead-Eye) Infantry Division, work-horse outfit of the Philippines and Okinawa campaign, ended World War II with a record of probably killing more enemy per day than any division in U. S. Army history.

Led by Maj. Gen. James Bradley, Rolla, Mo., whose own expert marksmanship typified the skill that won the division its nickname, the 96th's Midwest and Southwest GIs sloged through some of the bitterest fighting of the Pacific with little public recognition of their record.

Such designations as "the perfect infantry division," the "best exponents of 'alley-fighting' in modern war," and "the best damned bunch of fighters since the Alamo" describe the 96th.

Grenades Their Specialty
Bradley is characterized by 24th Corps staff officers as "one of the most human general officers in the Army." He was largely responsible for the 96th's envious combat record. Under his command, his men learned to be experts with a rifle. But their skill with hand grenades earned them fame for in-fighting tactics on Okinawa.

"I never saw a bunch of soldiers who liked to fight with hand grenades so well," one Army observer reported to the 24th Corps. "One or two companies in every regiment did nothing but carry hand grenades for the others. When those boys opened up with grenades, it looked like the whole hillside was blowing up."

On Okinawa, Bradley gained a reputation for getting a maximum number of troops where they could do the most good—on the front line.

Sure of His Men
"He didn't know what it meant to have a reserve," one of his regiment commanders reported. "His division was made up of three of the finest regiments in the Army and the general knew it. He gave the orders and didn't worry about them doing the fighting."

Bradley was not one to throw his men onto the casualty list unnecessarily. But the tough engagements the 96th fought through took a toll of 94 per cent enlisted men and 120 per

cent officer casualties—killed or wounded — on Okinawa, the bloodiest campaign of the Pacific war.

Bradley drew outstanding officers to the 96th. Such men as Brig. Gen. "Spec" Easley, assistant commanding general of the division and one of the world's finest rifle shots, passed their own knowledge and training on to the foot soldiers. Easley, first casualty among general officers in the Philippines, died in the front lines manning a machine gun.

Another was Col. Macy Dill, Arkadelphia, Ark., a regimental commander and legendary figure in the Pacific. Dill honestly believed no Japanese bullet could touch him. He invited the enemy by constantly carrying a white swag stick and refusing to take cover except under the heaviest bombardment.

Grim Action on Leyte
The 96th took "Conical Hill" on Okinawa to roll back the east anchor of the main Japanese defense line. Their landing beach was the only one under fire during the Okinawa invasion. In the final stages of the island fight, the 96th marked up a record or near-record for a single day's hunting—more than 1,800 Japanese were killed on the Yaezu-Dake escarpment.

In the Philippines, the division's work was in support of other outfits. But their casualty report—about 1,800 killed and 8,000 wounded—was the highest of the 24th Corps on Leyte, a grim indication of the type of action the 96th drew.

The Dead-eye Division" commanding general knew what type of men he had with him. His men knew him best when Bradley humorously reported from the muddy Okinawa front: "Elements on forward slopes slid forward. Elements on reverse slope slid backward."

ZIG-ZAGGER FINED
Huntington, Ind.—(U.P.)—Max E. Paul has a grievance against the weatherman. He told police officers that he zig-zagged down Huntington streets to dodge frozen spots, but they fined him \$1 for reckless driving anyway.

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

THREE OREGON CITIES GET TEMPORARY HOUSES

Washington, Feb. 20.—(U.P.)—The federal public housing authority will distribute among three Oregon cities 55 temporary dwelling units for exclusive use of veterans, Rep. Lowell Stockman, R., Ore., reported today.

Thirty of the transferred units will go to Pendleton, 15 to Nissa and 10 to Arlington.

Stockman also reported the federal works agency approved a grant of \$6,280 to Redlands, Ore., school district for planning a new building.

FORMER SCHOOL BUS SERVES FOR HOUSING

Jerome, Ida., Feb. 20.—(U.P.)—The Rev. John M. Frees heard there's a housing shortage down in Arizona so he bought a school bus, set up housekeeping in it and started south today on a two-months vacation. The clergyman and his wife had the school bus seats removed and then put in beds, stoves, furniture, shelves and whatnot. "It's surprising how much room we have," smiled Mrs. Frees as the pair started for Arizona.

NEW SODA FOUNTAIN TO OPEN SOON AT TALENT

Talent, Feb. 20.—Their newly installed ten stool soda fountain will be opened some time this week according to H. J. Straus and H. R. Walter, proprietors of the Talent Market. Conversion of a wing formerly housing living quarters in the store was begun about two months ago to accommodate the fountain.

EXHIBITS AMERICANA
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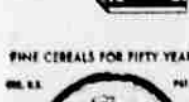
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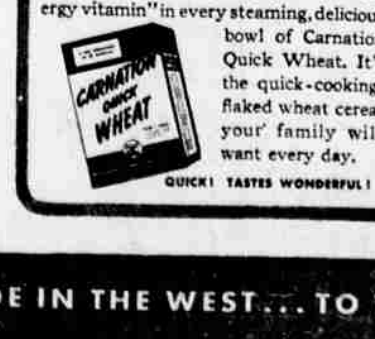
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