

BOND AWARDS TO BE MADE BY ELKS THURSDAY NIGHT

World War II veterans will be especially honored and victory loan drive awards of merit from the U. S. Treasury department will be presented at the regular session of the local Elks lodge Thursday, Feb. 28, Melvin R. Plaskett, exalted ruler, announced. Believing that it would be especially appropriate that these war services be honored by past exalted rulers of the lodge, Plaskett has also designated the meeting as the annual Past Exalted Rulers' night.

Awards of merit, to be presented for outstanding services in connection with the Victory loan drive from Oct. 29 to Dec. 8, will be given to the Medford News, Levelette's Interstate theaters, KMED, Medford Elks, the Mail Tribune and to A. S. Rosenbaum, only individual to receive an award. Ashland awards will go to the Ashland Tidings and the Ashland Elks.

Past exalted rulers of the lodge, in the order of their seniority, are T. E. Daniels, L. B. Haskins, Gus Newbury, O. O. Alenderfer, E. C. Jerome, Lewis Ulrich, F. H. Hart, C. E. Gates, C. Y. Tengwald, Ralph Koozer, J. F. Fliegel, Frank De Souza, H. N. Butler, J. Naumes, E. V. Winkle, B. L. Sanderson, W. E. Lantis, Arthur D. Hess, Ernest L. Scott, Stanley Phillips, C. H. Paske and C. C. Leonard.

Special entertainment will be provided and refreshments will be served at the close of the session.

The Grange

Master Glenn Hunter presided at the regular meeting Feb. 22 of Applegate Grange. Receiving third and fourth degrees were E. E. Robinson, Jessie Robinson, Edward Robinson and Lee Kendall.

Agriculture Committee Chairman C. H. Elmore reported on the local crop situation and the result of the AAA meeting held Feb. 14.

Berteena Hill reported on the

Home Economics club meeting held at Sister Hunter's on Feb. 20. Officers of the club are Vella Hill, chairman; Nellie Best, vice chairman; Harriet Rich, secretary and Bessie Elmore, treasurer. Next club meeting will be March 20 at the hall with Melba Sease as hostess.

Educational Committee Chairman Grace Hunter reported on scientific proof now available that a whale could swallow a man and that animals have survived a few days in a whale's belly as did Jonah.

Brother Benjamin Ellis spoke briefly on the United Nations Organization.

The master announced the following committee appointments and asked for further volunteers to these committees: Legislative, Benjamin Ellis; education, Grace Hunter; Berteena Hill; reception, Herbert Elmore; publicity, Beryl Elmore; agriculture, C. H. Elmore, Lester Hill.

C. R. Hill was reported ill. Herbert Elmore, lecturer, presented the following program:

Response to call with sayings of George Washington; information concerning Washington, given by the lecturer and Sister Vella Hill; Lee Kendall, reading; poem, Betty Kendall; song, Dorothy Kendall; reading, Berteena Hill. Beryl Elmore led in floor games.

March 8 lecturer's program will highlight St. Patrick's day and members are to come prepared to give some Irish saying or jokes.

The following committee was appointed to investigate purchase of a movie projector: Benjamin Ellis, C. H. Elmore and Berteena Hill.

Enterprise Grange met in regular session Feb. 23 with Master C. W. Jensen presiding. Roll call of officers found Pomona Maude Wentling and Lecturer Henry Toelker absent.

A petition is being circulated by a committee headed by David Blair to have the board of directors of Evans Valley school complete plans and begin construction of a gymnasium and auditorium for the grammar students. It was pointed out that the school already had the funds required.

Home Extension Unit has been given the use of the hall to carry on a quilting project which will be underway soon.

This Grange meets every second and fourth Saturday of the month and not on Tuesday as erroneously stated in the roster.

Central Point Grange

Regular meeting of Central Point Grange will be held in Grange hall, Friday, March 1, opening promptly at 8 p. m.

Lecture hour will be in charge of the legislative committee. All candidates for public office in Jackson county are invited to be present and "get acquainted." Non-Granger candidates are asked to come at 9:30 p. m.

The program will include group singing and a special number arranged by the music committee, introduction of candidates and remarks by each candidate limited to five minutes, contest conducted by Lecturer Betty Potter, and social time.

All members are urged to come out and meet the men who propose to conduct the public business of the county for the next term.

P. T. A. Activities

Eagle Point P. T. A. is sponsoring an amateur night at the high school gym March 1 at 8 p. m.

Participants are students from the grade school and high school. Everyone is welcome.

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Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress from Oregon

OPA HEARINGS—Hearings are now being held on the bill to extend the price control act (OPA). I have attended some of the hearings. It seemed to me that OPA executives were frequently quite evasive in their answers to direct questions asked by members of the banking and currency committee, Congressmen Jesse P. Wadsworth, ranking Republican member of the committee, attempted to find out why OPA would not grant an increase of 50 cents on a ten-dollar garment but permitted similar garments made of inferior materials to be sold at from \$15 to \$18. The deputy director of whom the questions were asked repeatedly evaded a direct explanation of their reasons for such regulations. But they have such regulations and we all know it. Such foolish inequities exist in nearly every line of merchandise.

LUMBER PRICE READJUSTMENT—Lumber is a critical need for housing now. Nevertheless, OPA price schedules still make it more profitable for a lumber manufacturer to produce ties and timbers than housing material. This matter has been under discussion since last fall—but nothing has been done. Now they are talking about making houses out of soy-bean plastics, aluminum, etc. I have just been informed that at last the lumber price-adjustment order (which was promised for not later than February 15) will be issued March 1 to become effective March 8. Meanwhile, approved wage increases and approved log price increases have substantially increased the cost of producing lumber. Production thus far in 1946 is down 29 per cent compared with the same period last year. Production will continue to decline unless western lumber manufacturers are given consideration by OPA—just as steel and other industries. Plywood production for houses is in the same situation—possibly worse.

DAIRYMEN TELL TROUBLES—The National Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation held a meeting here and invited every member of congress to attend the concluding banquet. Most members accepted the invitation. The members of the Oregon delegation were guests of Henry Hagg of Reedsville, Ore., who is director of the organization. Five speakers, representing every section of the country, told us the entire dairy industry is shrinking at an alarming rate—that shortages of butter and other dairy products will become greater. They blame OPA mismanagement and subsidies for this condition.

FUTURE OF OPA—Sentiment against OPA seems to be building up. The argument for doing away with OPA runs something like this: "The war is over. We

must get rid of these controls some time—why not do it now and be done with it?" But the sudden ending of controls with supplies of consumer goods far below normal would be a drastic and dangerous step. I hope a formula for the rapid "self-liquidation" of OPA will be written into the extension law. We should direct OPA to remove controls a step at a time—and rapidly, until all are gone.

FEED REDUCTION—Oregon poultry and livestock producers will be directly affected by the department of agriculture's recently announced wheat conservation order. The order as issued limits the use of wheat in feed to the following percentages of wheat used in December 1945 and January 1946: February and March, 75%; April, 70%; May, 65%; June and months thereafter, 60%. A farmer may use without limit any wheat produced on his own farm.

Due to the lack of substitute grains in Oregon, I urged the department of agriculture to provide in the order some system of distribution of coarser grains to replace wheat in feeds. Since the order made no such provision, I have discussed the matter further with department officials urging distribution which will give Oregon a fair share of the available feed supply. Officials indicated that they were trying to find a way to do this but had no plan at present.

Protein meal available to Oregon during February should be about 80% of the amount used in February 1945, according to the department estimates. Through normal business channels the state will get 76% of the February 1945 quantities with an additional 591 tons from the government "set-aside."

TRUMAN, CHURCHILL FIX TRIP SCHEDULE

Washington, Feb. 27—(U.P.)—The White House today announced the time schedule for next week's Missouri trip by President Truman and former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

They will leave Washington at 2 p. m. Monday, arriving at Jefferson City, Mo., at 11:30 a. m., CST, Tuesday.

They will motor to Fulton, Mo., where Churchill will deliver an address at Westminster College. After the ceremony they will leave Jefferson City at 6:30 p. m. and arrive at Columbus, O., at 10:30 a. m., EST, Wednesday. Churchill will continue to Washington by train.

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GLADYS E. GRAFT TO CONTINUE IN NAVAL SERVICE

Gladys E. Graft, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Graft, 623 N. Central street, now stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif., has extended her services as a WAVE until September and was promoted to chief pharmacist's mate.

Chief Graft enlisted in the Women's Naval Reserve in March, 1944, and received her indoctrination training at Hunter College in the Bronx, N. Y. After attending Hospital Corps Schools in Bethesda, Md., she reported to the San Diego Naval Hospital and has been working in the neuro-psychiatric department for the past several months.

An alumna of Columbus High School, Columbus, Mont., Miss Graft was a doctor's assistant before becoming a bluejacket.

A sister and two brothers of the WAVE were also in the armed forces and have recently been discharged.

George Graft, who is now residing with his wife and family in Billings, Mont., was discharged in November after service with the Seabees. Another brother, Eugene, served as a yeoman in the navy and was released in December. Mrs. Ruth Cozen, sister of the wave, was discharged from the marine corps in October and with her husband, Lou, is living in Billings.

Reese Creek

Reese Creek, Feb. 27—Reese Creek Extension Unit is to meet March 5 at the home of Rachel Johnson, subject to be "Making Kitchens More Liveable." Miss Marian Farrell, county home demonstration agent, will be in charge of the subject and all members are to be present promptly at 10 a. m.

Harold "Coony" Briggs is back in the Associated store and all are glad to see him home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright are continuing building on their

property at Dodge bridge. Jay Williams is carpenter on the project.

Roy Picard is hauling gravel to make a driveway to his saw-mill pond.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gardner.

GARBAGE SERVICE FOR CENTRAL PT.

Central Point, Feb. 27—Weekly garbage pick-ups by the City Sanitary Service company of Medford will be initiated here Friday according to Tony Bortano, proprietor of the firm.

Charge for hauling from residences will be \$1.25 per month while the cost for business houses will be determined by the volume of garbage. For the present pick-ups will be made each Friday. Persons desiring the service may inform Guy Tex, city recorder, who is temporary agent for the sanitary company.

Bortano was granted a franchise here about two months ago but labor shortage prevented starting the route then.

Long Masquerade As Army Officer Ends For Youth

Los Angeles, Feb. 27—(U.P.)—A four-year sentence to a federal correctional institution today ended 17-year-old David Martin's masquerade as an army lieutenant, during which time he lived in officers' quarters, flew a blimp and wooed a major's daughter.

Martin, who pleaded guilty to charges of juvenile delinquency was ordered imprisoned until he is 21. FBI agents said Martin stole \$3,600 worth of articles from other officers and was arrested when he was caught attempting to steal an overcoat.

THREATENED JUSTICES

San Francisco, Feb. 27—(U.P.)—George M. Bennett, 43, formerly of Paris, Ark., pleaded guilty today in federal court of threatening justices of the Arkansas supreme court by mail and was placed on three year's probation.

J'VILLE MINING HALTED BY ORDER

A temporary restraining order preventing J. C. McKim from mining operations on F street in Jacksonville has been issued by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna, upon a complaint filed by the city of Jacksonville. The court set Wednesday, March 6 as the date for a hearing to show cause why the restraining order should not be made permanent.

Jacksonville, in the complaint, sets forth that the McKim mining operations have made the street impassable for travel, due to the digging of a pit. It is further claimed damage to the extent of \$400 has been caused to the street and the city also seeks reimbursement in that amount.

MOVIES AND LECTURE SCHEDULED AT CHURCH

Chaplain R. Tschirley of Spokane, Wn., who has been with the American invasion forces in Africa, Sicily, and Italy will be in Medford Friday to lecture and show colored movies of Northern Africa, Rome, Vesuvius in eruption, Naples, and Palestine. The lecture will be given at 8:15 p. m. in St. Peter's Lutheran church. The public is cordially invited.

GI PAUSE—FOR TEETH

Camp Grant, Ill.—(U.P.)—May be most soldiers begrudge an extra day spent in uniform, but Col. Earl G. Gebhardt, camp

dental surgeon, disclosed that five per cent of the men passing through Camp Grant for discharge chose to remain a few extra days or weeks to complete dental work before returning to civil life.

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