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Know Your Rogue Valley

President Lyn Newbry of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, speaking at a meeting of that organization a few days ago, urged that all residents of the city prepare themselves to give such information as may be sought by tourists visiting the area.

PRESIDENT NEWBRY'S proposal may be a bit too wide in scope, but it is a fact that residents of all the towns in this region who, in the course of their daily business, come in contact with tourists, should be better prepared to answer questions regarding our attractions.

Only a short time ago a carload of tourists from the middle-west stopped at a downtown service station for gas and the driver asked the attendant if Crater Lake park was open to visitors. The attendant was heard to say that the park was not open because of heavy snow.

OF COURSE, the fact is that Crater Lake National park has been open throughout the winter. The park service goes to considerable labor and expense to keep it so for the benefit of snow sport enthusiasts and such others as may wish to view the scenic wonder in its winter garb. Many believe the park is more beautiful in winter than at any other season.

FROM time to time tourist host schools have been held here and at other points. Unquestionably they have done much good in the way of acquainting those who contact tourists with "where to go and what to see." Our only criticism of the tourist host schools would be on their infrequency and the somewhat limited number attending.

PERHAPS it might help if chambers of commerce would prepare small, inexpensive and greatly condensed booklets setting forth the Rogue valley's scenic and recreational attractions. These could be made available at small cost to hotels, motels, service stations, restaurants and other places frequented by tourists. Space on the booklet cover could be provided for such places to print or stamp advertising concerning their own business.—E.C.F.

Can't Keep 'Em Down on the Farm

Some years ago there was much high-level worrying about the heavy movement of young people from farms and smaller towns to the cities. More attractive working conditions, better opportunity for social and recreational enjoyment were generally accepted as principal reasons for the migration.

WITH the coming of war the cityward trend was slowed to some extent but it has again assumed alarming volume, according to the United States Census Bureau.

A recent survey by the bureau shows that only 87 persons under 25 years of age are living on farms for every 100 under 25 living on farms in 1940, date of the last complete census.

ACTUAL drop in farm population from 1940 was 2,290,000 by the latest count, but of that decrease 90 per cent was in the group under 25 years of age. In 1949, total United States farm population was 28,258,000; it was 30,548,000 in April, 1940. During that span, the number of people aged 45 or over in rural areas remained about the same.

The Census Bureau states that the decline in farm population from 1940 to 1949 is all the more striking in view of the marked increase in population of the country as a whole, which rose by about 17,000,000 during that period, and was reported to have passed 150,000,000 last November.

DESPITE the heavy movement away from the soil, the increase in farm productivity and the amount produced per worker has more than kept pace with the loss of manpower.

Another factor which has helped to keep food production up while farm manpower dwindled has been the number of people living on farms doing a bit of farming and commuting to city jobs. This segment of the population, while not large, has nevertheless played a part in producing some of the basic needs such as vegetables, eggs, butter and milk.

MANY of the commuter-type farmers have been forced to the country by the absence of acceptable apartments and other housing units in cities.

With the signing of the \$3,500,000,000 housing bill Thursday by President Truman it may be reasonably expected that there will be further loss of farm and rural population. The measure is expected to provide a slew of rental dwellings for lower and moderate families in the urban sections.—E.C.F.

community of Wimer opportunity to see the movie "All Flesh Is Grass." All Grange ladies are asked to bring a dozen cup cakes or doughnuts so that refreshments may be served free of charge.

A few members responded to a request for help from the building committee and are spending much time at the Grange hall installing a new sink, drainboard and hot water heater in order to have them completed in time for the ham dinner to be served to the public Saturday evening, April 29.

Eagle Point Grange opened with seating drill Tuesday evening with Master Paul Force in the chair. Visitors were Master Dee Hendrickson and Mrs. Hendrickson of Phoenix Grange.

First and second degree obligations were given D. W. Pence, Mrs. Stella Butler and Mrs. Katie Fisk.

Mrs. Paul Force, Mr. Dumford and Harold Clark were reported ill but improving.

H.E.C. chairman reported the next meeting, April 26, would be at the home of Mrs. John Clark,

Crosstown by Roland Coe



"That radio guy is right. These blades really give a closer shave!"

On the Side—By E. V. Durlina

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The organizations contracting to take care of lawns in that part of Florida where we are staying, really go at the job in a large way. The house we rented is just a small place with an average sized lawn. This morning two trucks arrived on which were four colored men and a white foreman. Each colored man had a lawnmower and some gardening implements. They all went to work and fixed that lawn and garden up in very speedy fashion.

Protest
 Now I have a reader in Cork, Ireland. He writes to protest a statement made by the city health officer of San Francisco. It seems a 15-pound piece of the Blarney stone was shipped to San Francisco for a church festival. Those attending the festival were to be charged a small sum for the privilege of kissing the Blarney Stone. The San Francisco city health officer examined the 15-pound piece of the celebrated stone and said it was covered with germs and, therefore, dangerous to kiss.

"What nonsense," says my Cork reader. "People have been kissing the Blarney Stone for nearly 350 years and there is no record that this ever made anybody sick."

Briefly
 The state of Israel adheres to its ancient system of coinage; same as used 2,000 years ago, that is, shekels, prutots and gerahs.

Have a reader in Hoppington, Mass. That's where the Boston A.A. marathon race starts. Tells us quick as half a

flash the distance of this celebrated running race or cease calling yourself a well informed sports fan.

Argument
 A couple of Baltimoreans have been arguing as to how the president's residence happened to be called the White House. The name was inspired by the white coat of paint given it after it had been set on fire by the British in the War of 1812. Incidentally, residents of Baltimore do more arguing than any other city I have ever been in. What's more, they usually back their opinions with a bit of a wager.

Female Boxers
 Women boxers cannot be listed under the heading of something new. There were active professional ringwomen over 40 years ago. The greatest of female boxers was Polly Fairclough. Polly knocked out many a male boxer. One fellow she floored in the ring was her husband, Bobby Burns, then lightweight champion of Ireland. Polly boxed exhibition bouts with many celebrated male fighters. One of these was Jack Johnson.

Mules & Men
 Add "How to Get a Husband" data. Twenty-four year old Margaret Jarret, of Kent, England, not being able to find the right man for a husband in her home town or in any place in England she visited, wrote to the mayor of Sydney Australia, asking him to help her find a husband. The kindly mayor gave the request publicity. As a result Margaret received 817 proposals of marriage and is now in Australia looking over the prospects. So, young woman, if you can't get the kind of husband you want in your town why not start writing letters to mayors of other cities asking for aid?

Asides
 Cigar smokers among film stars are rare, but Joel McCrea is said to smoke 20 cigars a day. That's quite a day's smoking. Six is my limit.

General opinion of experts on the subject is that Japanese is the hardest language to master. Still the Urdu language, spoken in India, must be a tough one to learn. In Urdu the word "Vidnyud wanekshepakanoarakayanta" means radio.

Invitation
 Have just received the following interesting invitation from the Rocket Club of Chicago: "You are cordially invited to attend our Monday night jam session, 9:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. Featured are Ed Jordan on the 88s, Ronnie Walters on bongos and drums, Keith Sylvester on vib, clarinet and sax." My knowledge of jazz music language is very limited. I don't even know what an "eighty-eight" or a "vib" is.

Bachelorettes
 Are you a bachelorette? Which of your dreams repeats itself the most? It is said the most common nightmare the average bachelorette has is to find herself married to the wrong man. That is, after she has said "I do" she looks into the face of the last man in the world she would care to marry.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Our relations with Russia have entered a new phase. Our state department is exchanging stern notes with the Kremlin. Those of us who are old enough to remember our note-exchanging interlude with imperial Germany that preceded World War I are hoping for the best and keeping our fingers crossed.

THE LATEST Russian note bluntly rejects our version of the plane-shooting incident in the Baltic area. It reasserts the Kremlin's claim that on April 8 an American B-29 flew over Soviet Latvia, opened fire on Russian fighter planes, which fired back, after which the American plane turned tail and ran.

YOU DON'T believe that I don't believe it. What is more to the point, members of congress don't believe it.

Some of them are getting hot under the collar. House Democratic Leader McCormack from Massachusetts says the Russian attitude is "insulting."

Representative Vinson, of Georgia, chairman of the house armed services committee, calls the destruction of the American plane and its crew "cold-blooded murder of Americans by a foreign power." He adds that what the United States needs is armed forces "strong enough to insure Russian respect."

ON THE civilian side, collars are getting even hotter.

In Philadelphia, Gen. William J. (nickname Wild Bill) Donovan, who during the war was head of our office of strategic services and is now national chairman of the Red Cross drive, tells reporters:

"The United States should seize and hold 10 Russian soldiers and sailors now in this country as HOSTAGES for the 10 Americans who were in the navy plane that was shot down by the Russians. These 10 Russians should be held until indemnity which the United States has asked is paid or until the Americans are returned safe and sound—and the possibility that they are prisoners of the Russians" should not be excluded."

IT SO HAPPENED that I was in Europe when the war ended. I saw the swift breaking up of the finest fighting force that ever existed since the war began—ours and Britain's. We know now that the Russians were bled pretty near white then. We also know they have been using the intervening five years to make themselves strong again.

In the clear light of hindsight, we can see that the face of the world would have been different if we and the British hadn't been in such a hurry to throw our guns away and get back to the pleasant tasks of peace. Inevitably, we are reminded of these lines from Maud Muller:

"Of all sad words
 'Of tongue or pen,
 'The saddest are these:
 'It might have been."

WELL, WE CAN'T go back to those days. What has happened since then is water over the dam. The thing for us to do now is to keep our shirts on, keep a tight rein on our tempers and get as strong as we can as fast as we can without disrupting our economy in the process.

Young Democrats Plan Revival Meet
 Determined to play a vital part in local party affairs and to make their strength felt in the 1950 campaign, Jackson County Young Democrats will meet and reorganize at the Medford hotel Wednesday, April 26, with James J. Boyle acting as temporary chairman.

The meeting, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will be on the mezzanine floor. All democrats from 14 to 40 years of age, said Boyle, are cordially invited to attend and help form the new organization. He extended a special invitation to democratic veterans and their wives.

Assisting Boyle on the reorganization committee, appointed by the Jackson county democratic central committee at its April 1 meeting, are Mr. and Mrs. Delroy Aldershof, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rader, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Corliss and Mrs. Boyle.

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Medford People Attend Anniversary Observance for William Shakespeare

Ashland, Apr. 24—A number of Medford people were among the 100 guests who attended a reception given Sunday afternoon at the Ashland Elks club honoring the 386th birthday of William Shakespeare. The occasion officially launched the 10th annual season of the Ashland drama program.

Mrs. I. E. Schuler, Medford, a member of the board of directors of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association, spoke briefly during the commemorative program. Pouring at the coffee table were Mrs. L. D. Inskeep, Medford, and Mrs. A. C. Allen Jr., Central Point, wife of a board member.

Proclamation Read
 Board Member Harry A. Skerry Jr., representing Mayor Thomas S. Williams, presented a proclamation setting aside the day in honor of the famous dramatist and urging every effort be made to make the 10th anniversary the most successful in the history of the association. President John Cotton briefly told plans for the annual drama program which will be presented on Ashland's outdoor Elizabethan stage from August 2 to 24.

Robert E. Dodge, past president and member of the board since the festival's inauguration in 1935, expressed appreciation for the interest of those attending and predicted a fine season. Angus L. Bowmer, founder and producing director, described the importance of Shakespeare's works. Doyle Seely acted as master of ceremonies.

View "Hamlet"
 The group retired to the Variety theater for the first Ashland showing of Sir Laurence Olivier's motion picture, "Hamlet." Bowmer has played the role of the Dane in the Ashland presentation of the play in 1938 and 1939 and took a minor role during the 1947 revival season.

Members of the Ashland Soprano club attended the reception dressed in Elizabethan costume and theater attendants also appeared in period dress.

In England, the birthday of Shakespeare was observed when members of the royal family made a pilgrimage to Stratford-on-Avon, home of the Bard.

Dr. Ray Hawk of Southern Oregon college, will be principal speaker at the annual luncheon meeting of the Jackson County Public Health association Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian church in Medford. He is fast becoming known as an interesting and informative speaker, according to Mrs. Glenn Gibbons, vice-president of the association and in charge of the program.

Dr. Hawk, director of supervised teaching at SOC, has chosen as his topic "Fostering Mental Health in the School." He has a background of work with children, and was an elementary teacher and assistant dean of men at the University of Oregon. He received his education in the schools of Medford and Ashland, at Southern Oregon college and University of Oregon, with additional work at the University of Wisconsin and Washington and Lee university. His doctorate was completed at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Hawk has traveled extensively, and during the war was a director of physical education and personnel service officer with the army air corps with the rank of major. With his wife and two sons he now lives in Ashland.

In addition to Dr. Hawk's address, the program will include election of officers and reports of the past year's activities by chairman for the sale of Christmas seals, a chest x-ray survey, health education and social hygiene. Reports will also be given by delegates to the Governor's Conference on Children and Youth held in Salem recently.

There is no charge for the luncheon but those attending are requested to bring a half dozen sandwiches. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend, according to Mrs. Dwight Findley, president of the association.

New Atomic Weapons
 Washington, Apr. 24—(U.P.)—Defense Secretary Louis Johnson disclosed tonight that U. S. military scientists are working on a "variety" of new and more powerful atomic weapons for both strategic and tactical use.

Johnson also expressed this nation's determination to stay ahead in atomic warfare until Russia agrees to let the United Nations control atomic weapons.

The defense secretary made these statements in a semiannual report covering activities of the entire military establishment for the last half of 1949.

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The Grange
 Gold Hill Grange
 At the regular meeting of Gold Hill Grange on April 20, with Master John Gray presiding, Wallace McCloy, president of the Rogue River Berry association, announced a meeting of the association will be held May 3 at 8 p.m., in Gold Hill Grange hall. A demonstration of bundle tying will be given.
 The lecturer announced that the Dramatics club meeting was entertained by Mesdames Shaw and Gamon on April 13. Hal Bishop was elected director-coach; Charles Foote, secretary-treasurer; Willie McLean, manager; Glenn Miller and Reid McKay, property managers. After rehearsal, refreshments were served by the hostess. Next meeting will be at the home of Hal Bishop on April 27 at 8 p.m.
 Grange literary program included a skit by the H.E.C. and two skits in pantomime by Miss Ruby Twiest.
 The agriculture committee will preside at the next meeting. Refreshment committee, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cameron, Mrs. Reel, Mrs. E. Edwards and Mrs. Nina Dusenberry, served after close of the meeting. Next serving committee includes Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lester, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Morrow. Next meeting will start on the new time, 8:30 p.m.
 Sams Valley Grange
 Next meeting of Sams Valley Grange H.E.C. will be held at the home of Mrs. Wes McDonough on April 28. At the March 24 meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Palmer, an advertisement identification contest was enjoyed.
 Enterprise Grange
 At the last meeting of Enterprise Grange it was voted to disperse with the business meeting April 25 and have an open meeting in order to give the com-

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