

PHOENIX COMMUNITY CENTER NEARING COMPLETION; MAY FESTIVAL SLATED

2-Year Campaign To Fulfill Need For Meeting Place
Volunteers Get Credit For Project's Success

The little town of Phoenix, four miles south of Medford, next week will celebrate the culmination of a two-year campaign for the construction of a community club building and youth recreation center.

Volunteer workmen this week were rushing toward completion of the structure that is expected to fill a long-felt need in the growing community. Though the new school building in the town and the Grange hall have furnished a partial answer to the lack of meeting and recreational facilities, they are by no means adequate for lodges, women's clubs, Boy and Girl scouts, or for just plain afternoon and evening fun for the town's kids.

Memorial Building
When it is finished, the building is to be called a memorial to Phoenix men who died in World War II. The way it has been built makes it just about as fitting a memorial as can be imagined—almost all the 700 or so residents of Phoenix pitched in to help, and all will feel they have a personal stake in the center.

The word volunteer best describes the manner in which the whole project has developed. Materials, labor and funds have been made available in large portions by private individuals and firms in the Phoenix area, and A. C. Lewis, president of the organization behind the campaign, says the community center will be valued at about \$18,000 when it is finished. It has cost only around \$7,000 in cash outlay.

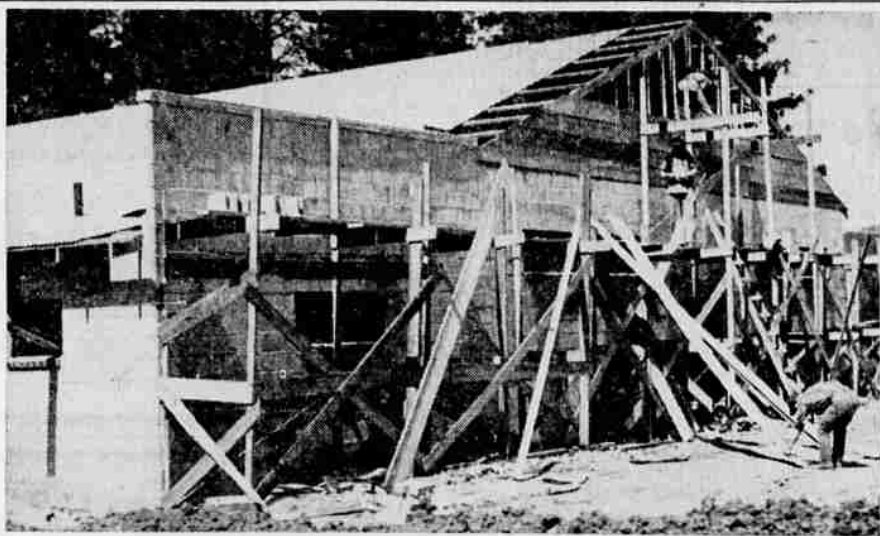
Cross Section Represented
Organizations that have participated in the drive for the building and which will enjoy its facilities when it is completed, represent a cross section of the town's social and civic life. They are the Girl and Boy scouts, the Neighbors of Woodcraft, the Thimble club, the First Presbyterian church and its Ladies Aid society, the PTA, the Grange, the Phoenix Lions and Lady Lions, the volunteer firemen, Garden club, home economics units, the Phoenix Youth club, and the Phoenix Thursday club.

Lumber and plastering have all been donated. Five mills, not all in the Phoenix area, came through with all the lumber that was needed: Alley brothers, Elk Lumber company, Fountain lumber company, the Tiller mill, and the Mistletoe mill. Plastering has been done by the Brethauer plasterers.

Supplied at Cost
Other work and materials have been supplied at cost, and in many cases for less than cost. Concrete for the floor of the building came from Lininger sand and gravel and that for the foundation was from the Tru-

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NEARLY READY FOR DEDICATION—Workmen are shown at work on the new Phoenix Community club and Youth Center that is expected to be ready for dedication next Sunday as a memorial to Phoenix men who gave their lives in World War II. The building, as it now stands, will provide a large main room for dancing, recreation, meetings and civic functions, as well as restroom facilities. Provision has been made for the addition of a kitchen and other rooms later. Exterior construction is of pumice brick with steel roof and the interior will feature a plaster finish with pine wainscoting.

Mix company. The Lowry Concrete Construction company did the finishing work on the floor. Pumice bricks, main construction material, came from the Builder's Supply company. Hardware, roofing and plumbing materials were furnished at less than cost by the Phoenix Hardware store. Other items that were supplied by firms wholesale were electrical supplies and installation, Trowbridge and Flynn; millwork and doors by Curleys cabinet shop, and heating by Dan Adams.

Construction of the building has been supervised throughout by H. R. Jensen.

Idea 2 Years Old
The whole idea of a publicly-supported civic building for the use of young people and civic

Former Druggist Here Dies in Sacramento

L. A. Dell, a former resident of Medford, died Thursday evening at Sacramento, Cal., friends here were advised Friday. Funeral services will be held in the California city on Monday.

Mr. Dell, a native of Canada, came to Medford a number of years ago, and was one of the founders of Western Thrift drug store in 1933, the first "cut rate" pharmacy in the city. The first store was located on sixth street.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, and a married daughter. He had made his home in Sacramento since leaving Medford several years ago.

organizations was born two years ago with the Phoenix Thursday club, a women's organization. They wanted a clubhouse of their own and they also wanted a place where their kids could have wholesome fun outside the influence of the taverns and street-side rendezvous. The Thursday club had \$300 to spend for a clubhouse — not enough even to lay a foundation.

But they were not dismayed by the shortcoming. They had an

Sheriff Tells Active Club of Office Duties

Howard Gault, sheriff of Jackson county, described the functions of his office at Thursday's meeting of the Medford Active Club held at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Gault traced the history of the sheriff's office from its origin in England to its present day position in American life. He pointed out that in this country it is the only law enforcement office to be filled by an elected representative of the people. He outlined the many services his office performs in a county. In conclusion Gault stated that one of the greatest satisfactions he derived from his position was the fact that he could help his fellow citizens straighten out the small troubles that daily crop up in their lives.

Gault is a former member of the Young Men's Service club. Earl Fichtner was program chairman.

unlimited stock of determination and enthusiasm—the contagious kind. They began to enlist the support of other groups in the town and soon had enough interest stirred up to fill a large meeting room at a mass meeting to get a campaign underway.

Credit Given
Much of the credit for initiating the movement and for keeping it going by lighting fires under a few "laggards" goes to Mrs. George Bourne, who was president of the Thursday club when the drive started, and to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lewis. They did much of the footwork and laid the foundation for a new organization that could broaden the scope of the work the Thursday club had started.

At a meeting held in June of 1948, the Phoenix Community club and Youth Center was incorporated as a non-profit corporation, and stock was sold broadcast to adults and youngsters alike.

To guide the project to fruition, the corporation elected Lewis as president, Mrs. Bourne vice-president, Mrs. Maggie Germer treasurer, and Mrs. Bert Stancliffe secretary.

The results of their work will be hailed with a good deal of fanfare next Saturday and Sunday when the annual May festival will see the Community Club and Youth Center just about ready to fulfill the purpose for which it was designed—a hub for all the community's activities, especially young people's doings.

Death Rate Down For Pneumonia, Flu, This Year

New York, N. Y., May 6—Despite a widespread outbreak of influenza and pneumonia, the lowest first-quarter death rate on record for the two diseases was established during the first three months of 1950, according to the experience among the industrial policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

The death rate was 23.2 per 100,000, as compared with 26.3 for the first three months of last year. The rates were 30.0 and 28.6, respectively, for the first quarters of 1946 and 1944, the two most recent years when influenza was epidemic.

General health conditions continued at last year's favorable level, the company's statisticians report, with the over-all death rate among the policyholders 8.3 per 1,000, identical with the all-time low recorded in the same period of 1949.

New low first-quarter death rates were also recorded for tuberculosis, the principal communicable diseases of childhood as a group, syphilis, appendicitis, gastritis, and the complications of pregnancy and childbirth.

By contrast, slight increases—as compared with last year—were shown in the mortality from the diseases of the heart, arteries and kidneys, which account for approximately half of all of the deaths among the policyholders, and in the fatality from cancer, which ranks second among the causes of death.

Mortality from accidents and homicide was about the same as in 1949, and that from suicide slightly lower. An increase in motor vehicle accidents was counterbalanced by a decline in home and occupational mishaps, which have fallen off to new low levels this year.

Rogue River Sawmill Bought by Magnolia

Rogue River, May 6—The sawmill of the Rogue River Lumber company has been purchased by R. D. Lamb, general manager of the Magnolia Lumber company of Ashland, and is being repaired and enlarged, it was reported today.

Among the improvements will be a larger mill pond, and the green chain is being reconstructed, and lumber carriers will be used instead of trucks.

Hugh Moulton of Grants Pass, now general manager of the mill, said he is re-employing the former workmen who reside in the vicinity. The mill is expected to be in operation by May 15.

Total aquatic production in Japan during 1949 was approximately 3,113,000 metric tons, including whales and seaweeds, an increase of about 380,000 metric tons over production in 1948.

Scout Camp-O-Ree Held This Week-End

An estimated 250 Boy scouts were to have spent last night camping out at Hilltop ranch, near Griffin creek, in the annual camp-o-ree of the Crater Lake Area council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Camping by patrols, the youngsters planned to spread out over about a square mile of territory on the ranch, where camp-o-rees have been held in the past. A full agenda of camping activities, games and campfire last night were scheduled, and the event is to conclude this afternoon with a dress parade.

Greek Youngster Aided by Gifts of Medford Woman

The recent report of a Medford woman providing care for a European youngster under the Foster Parents plan has helped bring to light the aid another member of the community is giving to an 11-year-old Greek boy.

Little Constantine Agathos of Nikaia, Piraeus, Greece, is being assisted through the financial gift of a local woman who has asked that her name be withheld. The assistance is being handled through the Save the Children federation, 1 Madison avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Receives Aid
Under the arrangement Constantine will receive an outfit of good, warm clothing, a pair of shoes and five additional packages of food, blankets and textiles. Cash may be sent if advisable.

Constantine was orphaned during the war. He and his sister are cared for by a grandfather and aunt whose combined income is only \$30 per month. His health is very weak and he is in the first stages of tuberculosis.

John C. Alexopoulos, federation representative in Greece, recently reported the worst conditions there since 1921 and made an impassioned plea for aid to the children of that country.

Darryl Zanuck Tops Salaries Paid by 20th Century-Fox

Washington, May 6—(U.P.)—Darryl Zanuck of 20th Century-Fox Films Corp. received a salary of \$265,000 in 1949, it was disclosed today.

Zanuck was the highest paid official of the company.

Twentieth Century reported to the Securities and Exchange commission that salaries to all its executives aggregated \$1,457,739, last year. Spyros P. Skouras, president, was paid \$252,315. Murray Silverstone, a director of the corporation, was paid \$138,028, and W. C. Miciel, executive vice-president, received \$118,745.

Retirement Paid
Retirement fund payments were made by the company for all four men, including \$2,645 for Zanuck, \$10,290 for Skouras, \$1,946 for Silverstone, and \$3,656 for Miciel.

Salaries reported by listed corporations to the SEC are all prior to federal income taxation, which takes from 50 to 77 per cent.

Earlier, United States Steel Corp., largest steel producer in the nation, had reported that its three top officers received total salaries last year of \$538,400.

Rabbit Breeders Set Talent Meeting Monday

A meeting of the Southern Oregon Rabbit Breeders association will be held in the city hall at Talent, Monday, May 8, when a pot luck dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and their own service. Friends are invited.

Copco To Interrupt Power Tuesday A. M.
The California Oregon Power company announced Saturday that service will be interrupted to residents of the area south of 10th street and west of Plum street to Rogers avenue Tuesday morning.

The interruption, which may be intermittent from 8 a. m. to noon, will be for the purpose of installing new equipment which will build up the voltage in the area.

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