

Uranium Discovery Possibilities Here Talked by Speaker

Chances for finding uranium in Oregon are as good as anywhere else, according to Max Schafer, geologist for the Oregon State Bureau of Mines.

Speaking at a meeting of the Northwest Mining Council, Schafer stated that the geological formations in Oregon are of approximately the same age as those in the Colorado plateau country where uranium was discovered recently.

Although Oregon has a type of rock entirely different than that found in the Colorado plateau, it has been discovered that uranium may occur in almost any type of rock, the speaker said.

Similar Formations

Schafer pointed out that uranium has been discovered in tonite rock in Washington, and noted that formations similar to this type of rock are located in the Ashland area.

Uranium has been found on rhyolite deposits near Bakersfield, Calif., which are similar to deposits occurring in central Oregon. Old lake beds around Klamath Falls and Lakeview are similar to locations where the valuable mineral has been found in other California areas.

Uranium also has been found in Nevada in formations much like those in adjacent formations in eastern Oregon, Schafer said.

He declared that many areas prospected by the Atomic Energy commission and pronounced to be unlikely areas for uranium have produced good deposits. Old gold and copper mine dumps are good places to prospect, he said.

May be Low Grade

The reason for a low reading, or none at all, from a sample taken from a location showing a good reading on a counter is that the volume of the body of ore may be of so low a grade that the small sample, removed from the area, will show no reaction, Schafer said.

Uranium is not radioactive, the geologist stated. It is the disintegration products which cause reactions on a counter. For this reason, he said, it is possible to obtain a good reading from an outcropping where ground water may have washed the uranium out of the rock.

Schafer also pointed out that it has been established that a Geiger counter is not reliable when temperatures are low. More than 50 per cent of the recent uranium discoveries have been made from instruments carried by plane, he said.

Grange

Roxy Ann Grange
Roxy Ann Grange met Jan. 7 with Master Ori Moore presiding, all officers and 64 members present.

Master Moore requested the following members to act on committees, also Grange to start at 8:15 p.m.:

Hospitality, Ethel Bish, Madge Nowlin and Roscoe Roberts; youth chairman, Carolee Dalton; insurance, Roscoe Roberts; agriculture, Charlie Witcher; publicity chairman, Muriel Shaw; building chairman, Nels Shober; legislature, Ivan Wolfe; dance committee, Ken Shaw, Dave Winkelman and Don Slater.

Agriculture chairman Charlie Witcher reported beef cattle up in price and dairy cows down, hay selling at a good price and not too plentiful, eggs low now but that reports seem to show there will be a better market in 1955.

R. J. Ritchie, Boy Scout committee, asked if the Grange would sponsor the Lone Pine Boy Scout Troop 44 and it was agreed to do so.

H.E.C. Chairman Marguerite Shaw announced M.E.G. would meet at the Grange hall Jan. 19 at 1:00 o'clock with Ethel Luman and Lotus Nolte as hostesses, also that H.E.C. would contribute to the Spence Memorial fund.

Chaplain Mae Dalton announced that Charlie Hoover, who had surgery at Sacred Heart hospital is doing all right.

Mr. Harrison announced there will be a movie showing interior of cows stomachs, how their food is digested, before Grange takes up.

Dance Chairman Ken Shaw announced there will be a square dance on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 8:30 p.m.

Lecturer Laurer Witcher had a nice program.

Next Grange meeting will be the birthday party. Those having birthdays in the first half of the year are to bring cake.

Carlos Morris Appoints Three Deputy Coroners

Carlos W. Morris, county coroner, today announced appointment of three persons to serve as deputy coroners.

Morris named Charles G. Dorrell and Joseph R. Hosick, both of Medford, to serve the northern end of the county. Gordon C. Hays, manager of the Ashland mortuary, was named to serve the southern end of the county.

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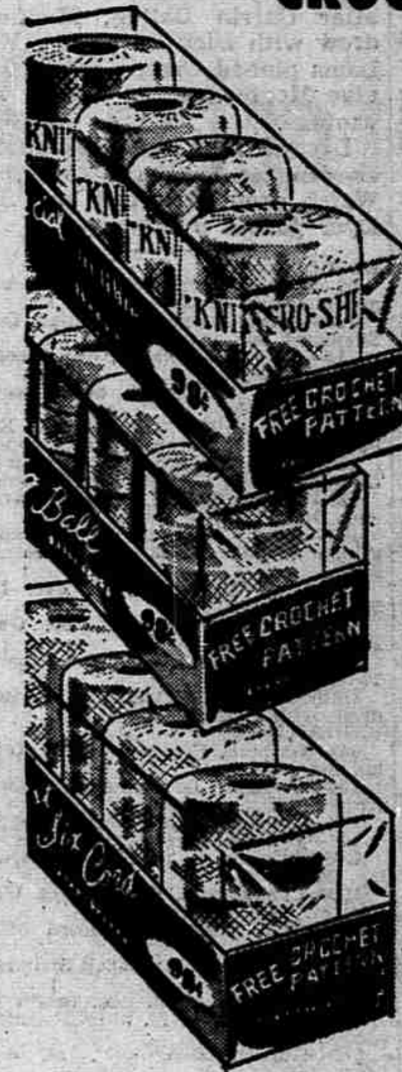
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