

UMC Schedules Annual Meeting For March 22

The United Medford Crusade will hold its eighth annual meeting Wednesday, March 22, at Hedrick Junior High school. A short business meeting will follow the 6:30 p. m. dinner.

The public is invited to the event and reservations may be made by writing the UMC office, post office box 5000, Medford, or by calling SPing 3-4287.

All contributors to the UMC are members of the corporation and may vote in the election of directors at the meeting. Richard D. Nelson, chairman of the annual meeting, announced that short talks will be made by Hal Gardner, 1960 campaign chairman; Adam Richter, 1961 campaign chairman; Richard H. Travis, retiring president; and G. Roderic (Spike) Durham, executive director of the Oregon United Appeal.

Musical entertainment will be provided by St. Mary's Marion choir directed by Sister Marion Joseph. Mrs. Scott V. Davis is in charge of table decorations.

Attendance is expected to be about 175 persons, judging from past UMC annual meetings. The UMC has had the largest attendance of any United Fund in Oregon, outside Portland, and has set a record of eight consecutive campaign victories in Oregon.

Ghelardi Accepts Board Nomination

Central Point — Charles L. Ghelardi, Old Stage rd., today accepted nomination for a five-year term on the District 6 school board, Superintendent Charles A. Meyer announced. Ghelardi is president of the Southern Oregon Bearing company.

His nomination, made by petitions circulated in the district, is for the position vacated by William Askwith, board chairman, who announced he will not run for another term. The Ghelardis have two daughters and a small son.

The annual school election will be held May 1.



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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Here in southern Oregon two counties, Klamath and Josephine, are undertaking a novel feed-the-hungry program.

What is it, basically? It's a plan to get the most for needy people at the least possible cost. It is based on the fact that this nation (for better or worse) has on hand the BIGGEST ACCUMULATED STORE OF FOOD SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN.

It seems a pity to let this vast store of food go to waste—or to dump it abroad at giveaway prices. So, with the common sense that historically has characterized our area, these two counties are seeking to keep down the cost of distribution of this food to those who need it to help tide them over the present (temporary, we hope) breakdown of the normal machinery of production, distribution and consumption that is resulting in decreased employment.

THIS is the plan:

The food will come from federal surplus stocks—presumably in Portland and/or Salem. It will be shipped in carload or truckload units to hold down the transportation cost. The counties will pay the freight.

The foods will come in bulk—by which is meant BIG packages. It will be stored in a county warehouse. Here it will be repackaged in individual amounts. The repackaging will be done by those on work welfare, jail trustees, etc.—aided, if need be, by volunteer workers.

AS A KEY point of the plan, recipients entitled to the food will be invited to COME AND GET IT. Which is to say, it won't be delivered except in the unusual cases where it can't be come for and carried home.

It will be assumed that in every neighborhood or block there will be automobile ownership sufficient to COME for the food. Needy families can double up on autos, or other forms of transport. Neighbors can take turns in use of cars. If necessary, gasoline rations will be provided for the trips to the food warehouse.

THE job of apportioning the food to the recipients will be done in the warehouse as much as possible with volunteer help. Those who come for it will be expected to help in getting their share together and into the means of transport.

The food will be distributed in basic form—flour, corn meal, beans, potatoes, dried milk, dried eggs, etc. The preparation and cooking will be done at home. Thus recipients of the food will be helping to the extent of their ability to hold down the cost of this help that is provided in time of trouble.

THE project should meet with the approval of all sensible people, including those who will be recipients of the assistance. The basic purpose will be to get as much food as possible to as many needy people as possible at as little cost as possible.

In a nation buried under mountains of surplus basic foods and at least temporarily afflicted with unemployment, it makes sense.

IN CONCLUSION, a word of warning.

Care must be taken to see to it that this is an EMERGENCY device, designed for use in times of unusual need. It mustn't be allowed to become a permanent dole, as were the bread and circuses of the later Roman Empire.

Nor must it be permitted to be looked upon FROM THE TOP as a convenient device to GET RID of food surpluses resulting from unsound agricultural subsidies.

It WILL be relatively easy to start. It will be much more difficult to GET RID OF when the emergency ends. That has been the trouble in the case of the agricultural subsidies that resulted in the present mountainous surpluses. The original subsidies, which were designed to INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN WARTIME, were sound in purpose.

But—When the war ended, and abnormal needs for food no longer existed, the subsidies should have ended. Instead, the politicians refused to end them, hoping by their continuance to corral the farm vote permanently.

The politicians will still be with us when the present recession need comes to an end. We must see to it that when the recession ends food distribution plans are not permitted to go on and on and on as a vote-buying device.

Honest Man Can't Decide on Offer

Los Angeles —UPI— Douglas William Johnson, 50, is having a hard time deciding what kind of reward he wants for turning \$240,000 in unmarked bills over to its rightful owner.

The unemployed janitor said he would announce today whether he will accept an unusual offer made by Brinks of a steady \$80-a-week job and a scholarship for his 16-year-old son, Richard.

Brinks officials offered the reward Saturday, the day after Johnson found the bag full of money which had tumbled from a Brinks armored car.

The officials wanted to reward such honesty, saying they could use a man like Johnson as a guard.

Johnson, after taking the week end to consider the offer, met with Brinks officials for an hour Monday but at the end of the conference said he still had not come to a decision.

Although neither the company nor Johnson said anything about a cash reward as an alternative to a job and scholarship, such an offer apparently was made and was causing Johnson's hesitation.

British Actress Dies in Crash

Baker, Calif. —UPI— Beautiful British actress Belinda Lee, whose love affair with Italian Prince Filippo Orsini led to her attempted suicide in 1958, was killed late Monday in a spectacular 100-mile-an-hour automobile crash.

The shapely Miss Lee, 25, hailed as England's answer to such sex queens as Brigitte Bardot and Sophia Loren, was thrown 63 feet when the auto, in which she was a passenger, blew a back tire, skidded 900 feet and flipped over on its top.

Three other persons in the auto, including her latest love, Italian screen writer Guatiero Jacopetti, 39, suffered serious injuries in the crash 12 miles east of this desert community.

The others were Alet Nino Falenza of Malibu, Calif., driver of the car, and Paola Cava, 34, of Los Angeles. The injured were taken to Barstow Community hospital. The foursome had been at Las Vegas, Nev., working on a new movie and were returning to Hollywood when the accident occurred on U.S. 91.

Kennedy To Address Newspaper Meetings

Washington —UPI— The White House announced Monday that President Kennedy will address two newspaper executive groups next month.

The President will speak here April 20 to a luncheon meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

On April 27 he will speak in New York at a dinner given by the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Lawyer Makes Bid To Save Finch's Life

Los Angeles —UPI— A boyish lawyer makes a bold bid today to save Dr. R. Bernard Finch, 43, from the gas chamber.

Attorney Max Keith, 36, handling his first murder case, opens final defense arguments for the surgeon at his trial with Carole Tregoff.

It's the third trial for Finch and his mistress, accused of killing the doctor's wife in July, 1959.

FALSE MONEY — Washington — American currency which is most frequently counterfeited is the \$10 and \$20 denominations, the U.S. treasury department says.

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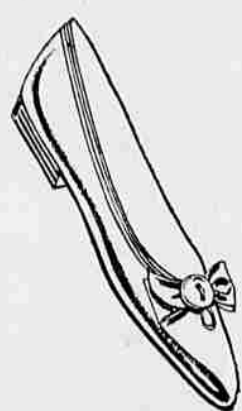
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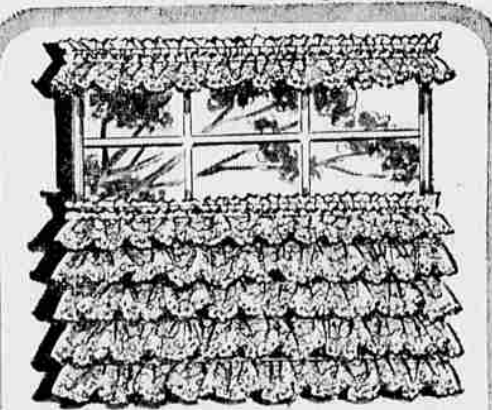
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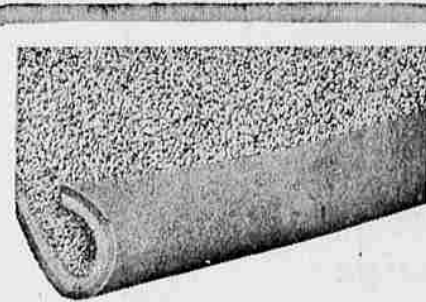
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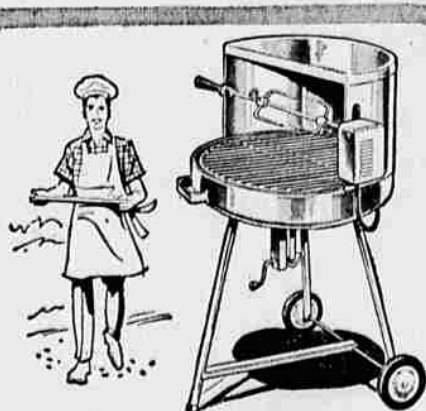
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