

Mekvold's Fund for Committee

A history of O and C funds was outlined Tuesday by Alf B. Mekvold, superintendent of Jackson county schools, at a luncheon meeting of the Branchfield for State Representative Committee at the Jackson House.

The informal speech, followed by a question and answer discussion, is one of a series planned to orient the committee on subjects of concern to the state legislature, according to Campaign Manager Sam B. Harbison. Speakers wishing to discuss other issues and problems affecting Jackson county are welcome to attend a future meeting and should make arrangements by calling Harbison at 773-5331.

Pickin' Pears

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Ray Oliver is doing fine work in recreation with the musicians and stage talent of one kind or another. But in producing talent shows, like all producers on stage and screen, he has his troubles.

He put together an entirely satisfactory talent performance Friday night on the spur of the moment. The show he planned for the evening and for which his group of actors had rehearsed fell apart when his star performer had to go to the infirmary, indisposed.

His Astronaut musicians came to the rescue with the aid of three guest artists from the Muzilli accordion band, Johnny and Billy Landau and Charles Anselmi. Then another volunteer came forward in the person of Jimmy Adams, who is Chaplain Frazee's assistant, and who sang negro spirituals.

Changes Piano Style
Louis Nichols, changing style at the piano, gave a fine interpretation of boogie woogie. Arthur Thompson did selections at the concert piano. Two amateurs, Jimmy Cleary and Robert Tobias, also were applauded, with Irish songs and harmonica tunes.

Kenneth Haeker was musical director and he put together two numbers of hill billy and Scandinavian music. The Rogue Valley Vets in these numbers were Kenneth Haeker, Roney Baucher, Alfred Cank, Calvin Harris, Pat Fredericks, Bert Vastilica, Sid Johnson, Louis Nichols and Ray Oliver.

The instrumental music included piano and organ, fiddle and guitar, accordion, drums, trombone and base violin.

Al Crank and Ray Oliver did a duet with guitar and drums and the Rogue River Vets concluded with a "hoe down" and "Turkey in the Straw," with all the company coming forward for the finale. Oliver was master of ceremonies.

Marie Rehling, Red Cross hospital chief at the domiciliary, is something of a magician or fairy godmother. She waved her magic wand and the theater was packed at the Red Cross variety show Wednesday night last.

It was a little show, a group of girls from McLoughlin Junior High, singing in harmony, and a boys trio with instruments and songs, from Medford High. They were well trained and well received by the audience. Refreshments, as usual, followed.

Postmaster Art Scarseth is taking a well earned vacation this week at the World's Fair in Seattle. If he doesn't get lost or run out of money, he will be back next Monday.

There have been no benefits authorized for service later than the Korean Conflict, June 27, 1950, to Jan. 31, 1955, according to a recent announcement from the VA information service, Seattle. This excludes men with no previous service, now serving in troubled areas.

Another interesting statement comes from the same source in an estimate of 81 million beneficiaries out of the 186 million population in the United States. This includes veterans and their dependents and survivors.

Of the 22.3 million living veterans, about 18.3 million are married, with survivors of deceased veterans numbering more than 2.5 million, the VA points out.

FTC AWAITS EVIDENCE
Washington—Sen. Maurice Neuberger (D-Ore.) has told the Senate that the Federal Trade Commission is waiting for the "required evidence" before deciding whether to force cigarette companies to warn in their advertising of possible health hazards from smoking.

FM ON PLANES
Washington—The Federal Aviation Agency has extended for another year its ban on the use of portable FM radios on commercial airlines. Tests have shown such radios could interfere with certain cockpit navigation equipment.

It's cook-out time at last in Medford and here's good news for all you outdoor chefs. Oregon Food Stores, both Central street and Westgate locations, are having a steak sale. Not just a little old sale but a real super sale. Cut from Eastern Oregon long fed steers and trimmed so carefully of all excess fat and bone there's hardly a bit of waste. You'll love the mouth watering goodness of this wonderful beef.

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