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## AVIATION TOPIC AT EUGENE MEET

Aviation in all its phases will be studied intensely at the annual session of the secretaries of commerce of Oregon, it is announced by F. E. Folts, head of the school of business administration of the University of Oregon. The session will be held during the week of March 19 to 24 on the campus. J. G. (Tex) Rankin, head of the Rankin flying school of Portland, will be one of the leading experts who will be present for the week, it is announced. Rankin will go down to Eugene in his new five-passenger plane, which will be placed on exhibition on the campus, near to where the school is being held. A talk by Rankin on Thursday, March 22, has already been scheduled, and the Portland expert is also expected to hold several conferences and give demonstrations.  
A complete survey of flying fields and aviation facilities of the state will be complete in time to put before the conference, it is announced by A. L. Lomax, and E. W. Fillingim, secretary of business administration. In this report Mr. Lomax and Mr. Kelly will also include figures on estimates for passenger and mail lines in all parts of the state.  
C. S. Dudley, secretary of the National Association of Commercial Organizations, will present to give the Oregon men data on work in their groups. C. W. Fillingim, of Sacramento, who is assistant secretary and treasurer of the national body, will also be present and have a prominent place on the program.  
Importance of radio today will be the subject of Richard Haller, head of the Oregonian station, KGW, Portland. T. A. Stevenson, of Tacoma, will speak, and Jack A. Harwood, of Boise, Idaho, will be present again.  
A record enrollment in the session is already assured, says Dean Folts.

**Parent-Teacher News**  
P-T. A. committees have been appointed by Mrs. Steele as follows:  
Program—Mrs. J. M. Culbertson, chairman; Miss Margaret Ferrin, H. O. Kross, F. S. Knight, Mrs. J. L. Brockenridge.  
Social—Mrs. C. C. Crew, chairman; Mrs. Fielding Kelly, Mrs. E. H. Moller, Mrs. Roderick McKee, Miss Frances Fuller.  
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Publicity—Mrs. L. C. Baldwin, chairman; Mrs. G. B. Ingalls; Mrs. K. W. Sinclair.  
Magazine—Mrs. C. V. Jackson, chairman.  
Officers of the Hood River Parent-Teacher association are: Mrs. A. F. S. Steele, president; Mrs. Leroy Childs, vice-president; Miss Halie Furdy, secretary; Mrs. A. S. Kehr, treasurer.  
Honorary vice-presidents are F. S. Knight, Thos. Burns, Miss Dora Oberton and Mrs. C. G. Cornelius.

**OAK GROVE**  
A. J. Vogler, general manager of Three Oaks Orchards, Medford, advises us that he is now settled and everything is moving like a "Swiss watch." With the hum of the tractors, sprayers and shears of the pruning shears and the sunshin, he says it all makes him feel at home and likes Medford but Hood River will always remain to him as the friendly city. Mr. Vogler is now driving a new Graham Paige sedan and expects to show his Hood River friends the valley and Crater lake.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kyner of Palmdale, Wash., are now at home on the Vogler ranch. Mr. Kyner is manager for the North Pacific Sales Co. and has his list of employees from Washington and everything is moving—high and wide. The company is installing the pipe spray system, which will have a tendency to make things quiet in our neighborhood without the h-z-z-z of the sprayer.


**Apple Wassailing**  
(From an English Magazine)  
A strange scene was enacted in an orchard at Carhampton, West Somerset, last week, when the old custom of apple wassailing was celebrated. Soon after dark the villagers met in an orchard near the village inn, where in the light of a stable lantern they put a bucket full of cider at the foot of the largest apple tree and a small piece of toast soaked in cider in a fork of the tree as a peace offering for robins. This preparation completed they gathered around the tree, and the chief wassailer, taking his stand before the tree, solemnly chanted:  
Old apple tree, old apple tree,  
We've come to wassail thee,  
Hoping thou wilt bear for us,  
To be merry next year,  
So merry let us be.  
Here's to the old apple tree.  
May thou grow apples snow,  
Hats full, caps full,  
Three bushel bags full,  
Big barn floors full.  
And a little heap under the stairs.  
Immediately after the end of this incantation the celebrants cheered loudly, while a number armed with sporting guns fired a deo jeo. Then one by one they marched up to the bucket, dipped in a tin mug, and solemnly pledged the ancient tree. Every orchard in the village was visited in turn, the same ceremonial being carried out carefully in front of the oldest tree.  
A pagan custom, it originally was practised to scare away evil spirits from blighting trees. Carhampton is almost the only place where the custom is still observed.

**STEVENSON**  
(From Skamania County Pioneer)  
J. W. Shipley and W. L. McCutchan of Underwood were scouting about this part of the county last Monday sniffing the air for political scents. Mr. Shipley is a candidate to succeed himself as representative and Mr. McCutchan is chairman of the Republican county committee. A meeting of all Republicans will be held soon to choose delegates to the state meet at Yakima in May.  
Tuesday while "Betty", the little dog belonging to Mrs. J. M. Eddy of Mof-fets, was running a varmint out of the premises she ran into the water and was caught in a trap some fellow had set there. In her struggles to free herself she got into deep water and was drowning when Billy the pet from Mof-fets spotted her out on a log, grabbed his unfortunate lady friend by the ear and held her head out of the water until Mrs. Eddy donned rubber boots, waded in and released her pet. Billy then assisted in dog's way in giving first aid and after that led the victim home by a string which was around her neck. This is the third time Billy has saved a dog's life, Mrs. Eddy says. First saving the life of her mistress, Miss Marie Schick, from drowning, then rescuing a cow from the waters and now Betty, the Eddy pet.

**Clipped Here and There**  
"As we are leaving town, we wish to sell baby buggy and baby bassinet."—Advertisement in Hood River Glacier. That is a charming compliment to Hood River, but we wonder where the family will make its new home.—Portland Spectator.  
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(From Produce News)  
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**The Good Banker's Attitude**  
(Roger Babson in Collier's)  
One of the most profound changes witnessed in recent years is the new attitude in judging credit. I well recall how the bankers of the passing generation used to sit around the table and turn thumbs down on loans to any business man who was suspected of advertising.  
The bankers of the coming generation will hesitate to lend money to a business man who is not advertising, for they know that he is probably due for a deficit. Likewise, investors will look more and more keenly into the advertising policies of corporations whose bonds and stocks are offered for sale.  
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## OREGON-WASHINGTON FROLIC IN SOUTH

(By A. D. Mow)  
There is no country with climate or scenery so good that has not some undesirable conditions, and no country so bad but it has some pleasant or interesting features. While the climate here is mostly pleasant, mild and sunshine the year round, yet when it rains or is cloudy one needs to put on winter wraps when outdoors and a little heat is needed in the house. We have had four days of such weather now, so we have had no picnics in the mountains. Not much rain has fallen, but a few occasional showers and the sky cloudy most of the time. Yet time does not drag here. There are a few families here from Minneapolis whom we used to know, then there are the former Hood River people and also several Dayton, Wash., families who come here every winter. Mr. Benough, former editor of the Dayton Dispatch, has been a resident here for several years, and arranges card parties several evenings a week with the Dayton crowd, to which we have been invited, so the weather does not matter. They have an annual picnic every year at Flinn Springs, 25 miles from San Diego on the Imperial Valley highway. It usually occurs on Christmas or New Years, but this year it was put off until a couple of weeks ago, so we were invited. The men had a solo game out under the shade of mammoth live oak trees and the ladies played croquet.  
Flinn Springs is a delightful place, with quite large grounds, and all conveniences for entertaining. There are plenty of tables and benches for each, while horseshoe and other games are in full blast. The grounds are filled with live oak and sycamore trees, so there is plenty of shade, while one can do a little hill climbing close by in the low range of mountains, or pick spring flowers which are in bloom at this time.  
We also had a very pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hague, who have a very neat little home in East San Diego. Mr. Hague is an officer in the navy and is stationed at the San Diego post. Mrs. Hague was Olga Plog of Hood River before her marriage a couple of years ago. They have a most beautiful garden in the back yard filled with a great variety of flowers, shrubs and a few fruit trees, and it is a pretty summer garden the year round. Mr. Hague will be away several months this summer on a naval trip to foreign countries, and Mrs. Hague expects to have her mother here from Hood River during his absence. Mrs. Plog has been in ill health for some time and this change of scene and climate should be a great help.  
E. G. (Doc) Walthers, of Los Angeles, who was the Watkins' salesman in Hood River several years ago, got a little curious to know whether I was telling the truth about San Diego, so came down a week ago to look it over. We kept him going all day and he agreed that Los Angeles did not have everything after all. We went to Pine Valley, about 25 miles beyond Flinn Springs and found another delightful resort in the mountains. It is at an elevation of 4,000 feet, but a short distance from the summit of the highway, and here are many large pine trees in addition to the live oaks, with a large tract of level land. A golf course has been laid out, tennis court and other amusements that make it a very popular place. Quite a few summer bungalows are scattered around here and there, with a large public dining room and a store where campers can get supplies. One of the odd things that are to be seen in several parts of southern California is seen here. In the bark of the pine trees woodpeckers dig holes and fill them with acorns that fall from the trees. They are placed in systematically perfect and so tight that they cannot be pulled out without digging them out with a knife. Worms finally get into the acorns and then the woodpeckers come back and eat the worms and birds!  
We went to Chula Vista the other day with Geo. B. Winship, formerly editor of the Herald when we lived in Grand Forks, N. D. He has a small lemon grove there and also a sister, Mrs. D. M. Kimmon. Mrs. Andrews, formerly of Hood River, but now living with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Gladden, at White Salmon, is spending the winter with Mrs. Kimmon, who is Mr. Gladden's aunt.



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