

ANNUAL CONVENTION SCHEDULED

The Department of Oregon Women's Relief Corps will hold the 53rd Annual Convention in Portland, Oregon, May 10, 11, 12. Business meetings will be held at the Masonic Temple and headquarters will be at the Heathman Hotel. All Corps members are invited to attend these meetings.

More sailboats made their appearance in Hood River harbor Sunday, and more will be launched in the near future, according to information from the Sun's marine editor.

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New Measure Would Equalize School Taxes

An initiative petition is being circulated throughout the state of Oregon this month for an amendment to the state constitution requiring state aid for public schools. This petition is initiated by State Department of Oregon, American Legion, the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The measure would require the state to contribute to counties a sum which, together with the money now appropriated from the public school fund, would total \$10 per pupil for each child of school age.

Backers of the measure defend it with the following arguments:

This is a constitutional amendment it is not advisable therefore to specify a type of tax or source of revenue in the amendment. This should be done by the Legislature which is empowered by law to seek sources of revenue.

Because of migration of population within the state, local districts should not have the entire responsibility of raising costs of education. Part of the responsibility for education is the obligation of the State. This responsibility has been accepted by practically every state except Oregon. In California over 60% of the cost of elementary and high schools is borne by the State. Oregon sets aside no State revenues for elementary or secondary education.

We have long felt that local prop-

erty should be relieved of bearing the entire cost of education. This relief is not possible while the local school district is the sole tax levying body for the schools because school districts cannot raise money any other way than on real property. The State may secure funds by other means than by levying taxes on real estate. It is plain then that real estate cannot be relieved unless some agency shares with the local school district in the responsibility of raising funds. This agency can only be the State.

Much has been said about the diminishing returns from the Common or Irreducible School Fund. This is the fund derived from the grants of federal lands made to every state for education purposes. Oregon, like other states, was careless in the management of these lands and today they yield only about \$1.30 per pupil. It is necessary to make officials feel an urge to conserve these funds which is great enough to overcome the encroachment upon the school assets by other departments of government and by pressure groups. If the State must make up the difference between the income from the Common School fund and a specified amount (\$10.00 in this case,) there is a definite goal to keep that income up.

Angry Youth Fires Gun at His Family

Angered because he was denied the use of his uncle's car, Leslie Brown Jay, 18, Saturday evening decided to drown his sorrows in alcohol, according to information revealed by Sheriff J. H. Sheldrake. After taking what was said to be his first drink, and following it by several more, Jay became violent and procured three guns, which he turned on members of the family at the home a half-mile south of Hood River on Tucker Road.

He fired an estimated 25 shots in all from the three revolvers, shots striking his mother, Mrs. L. B. Jay in the right arm below the elbow, and his uncle, D. E. Powell, in the left hand and leg. Jay then turned the gun on himself, a bullet entering his chest and glancing off a rib. Mrs. Jay and Powell were injured slightly, but the youth was taken to the hospital where he was operated upon and the bullet removed. He was reported yesterday as making satisfactory recovery.

Sheriff Sheldrake claims to have evidence that drinking was in progress in the home prior to the incident. Jay had asked to borrow his uncle's car for a trip to Bend, and when refused, started drinking; then went to his suit case where he procured two .22 calibre target revolvers and one .22 calibre automatic. Mrs. D. E. Powell, Jay's aunt, ill in an adjoining room in the 3-room cabin, suffering from a chronic ailment, did not enter into the fracas.

No charges against Jay have as yet been placed.

County Retains 7th Place In Accident Improvement

At the close of the first three months of 1938, Hood River held seventh place among Oregon's seven Group II counties on the basis of improvement over 1937 in traffic accidents, injuries and deaths. Secretary of State Earl Snell reported this week.

Last month this county ranked seventh.

Counties in Group II placed in the following order for their improvement during the first three months: Lincoln, Tillamook, Lane, Jackson, Coos, Linn, and Hood River.

Multnomah county placed first among the ten Group I counties and Deschutes among the eight Group III counties.

During the first three months of this year there were 55 accidents, 16 injuries and 1 death reported from this county. Last year there were 46 accidents, 5 injuries and 2 deaths.

Discuss G. O. P. Candidates

There will be a regular business meeting of Pro-America, Hood River Unit at two o'clock, Monday afternoon, May 2nd in Library Hall. Prominent Republicans will discuss the candidates for whom they will vote in the Primaries. All members are requested to bring a written suggestion for the Glenn Frank Policy Committee. These suggestions will be discussed and turned over to a committee to be sent to Glenn Frank through the State Organization. All Republican women are urged to attend.

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Progress Shown by FSA Farmers

Oregon's 2900 farm families co-operating with the Farm Security Administration are making notable progress in placing farms on a self-sufficient basis, increasing net worth, improving tenure status and regaining economic stability, according to a survey announced by Walter A. Duffy, regional director, of Portland.

County supervisors, providing operating credit for farmers who have exhausted other possibilities, completed loans totaling \$2,207,400 as of March 31, for purchase of livestock, feed, seed, farm equipment and co-operative facilities necessary to place individual farms on a productive basis. Supervised farm and home plans, insuring a livelihood for the family and repayment of the loan with average yields and livestock production, accompanied each loan.

A survey of Oregon families co-operating a year or more in the program reveals that they increased the net worth of their farms from \$3,111,000 before rehabilitation to \$3,686,000 after participation, an average of \$300 per farm. During the same period the number of work animals increased from 2600 to 4130, acreage of feed and forage crops from 52,500 to 110,300 acres and 800 farmers bettered their tenure status through improved leases.

The value of products produced for home consumption during the period was increased from \$171,300 to \$480,200, an average of \$150 per family.

As evidence of progress in economic stability, FSA farmers repaid a total of \$505,275 on their loans, with schedules running up to five years. Supplementing rehabilitation, debt adjustments were effected for 530 farmers, reducing a total indebtedness of \$1,068,000 to \$1,183,000.

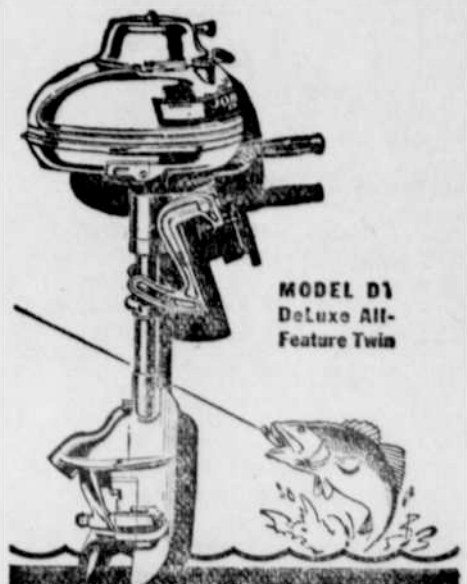
Baseball Opener At Parkdale Sunday

Parkdale will play its first home game Sunday May 1st. The fast Rockwood club will furnish the opposition.

The Parkdale business men will offer prizes for the first hit first two-base hit and first home run.

There will be another baseball dance at Parkdale Grange Hall, Saturday, April 30th. Paul Heulat's orchestra will furnish the music.

Parkdale lost their opening game of the season to the fast Blue Lake club last Sunday by the score of 12 to 6.



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