

Dave Epps Announces Candidacy

Dave Epps, local furniture store owner today announced his candidacy for the state legislature to represent Linn County.

Epps, who is a 42 year old native of Oregon served three years in World



War II as an enlisted man. Two years of which were spent in Italy with the XVth Air Force where he was engaged in Information & Education work.

Dave graduated from the University of Oregon in 1929 with a degree in Economics. While there he won letters in both Basketball and Baseball.

In 1940 Epps was the State Chairman of the "Draft Roosevelt for a Third Term Committee", that succeeded in placing his name on the primary ballot. That same year he served as a delegate at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago where he voted for Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Upon his return from the service in 1946, he was nominated by the Democratic party for the office of Secretary of State. At the present time, he is the president of the Sweet Home Democratic Club.

In announcing his candidacy, Epps pledges his support for the Oregon Democratic platform. He declared that he will work for increased state support for schools, repeal of Oregon's anti-labor laws and for full development of our power resources.

Grange Plans to Unite City-Farm

Linn county farmers have decided to take their problems to the city folks.

The Linn county, Pomona Grange has organized two panel discussion boards. One dealing with agricultural programs and the other dealing with the national health program.

The agricultural panel consists of four members who will give non-partisan factual accounts to city and town audiences. Alvin Carnegie of Albany is moderator; Leslie Cade of Albany will present the National Grange farm program; Beryl Kizer of Harrisburg will present the farm program as passed by the 1949 congress; and Tony Moravec of Stayton will present the Brannon program.

The national health program discussion panel is headed by Earl G. Mason of Albany as moderator; Tom Jackson of Harrisburg who will discuss the Truman program; and Will White of Crabtree who will discuss the American Medical Assoc. program.

Robert Schmidt, Linn County Pomona master, announced that all members participating in these discussions are working farmers.

"There is no better way of getting together townfolk and farmers in the country than to have a real understanding of each other's problems," Mr. Schmidt said.

Organizations desiring to have these boards appear at their meetings are urged to contact Mr. Robert Schmidt, Route 2, Albany, for available dates.

Gates Petitions to Form City Limits

Petitions were being circulated in Gates this week to place the incorporation question on the ballot for a vote in the near future.

Boundaries for the proposed city limits have been suggested that will extend south to the river, north near the Deb Devine place, east to the Harvey Kiser property and west to the area of the Rainbow trailer court.

It is reported that the majority of the property owners have expressed themselves as being in favor of the incorporation to promote the future development of the town and surrounding territory.

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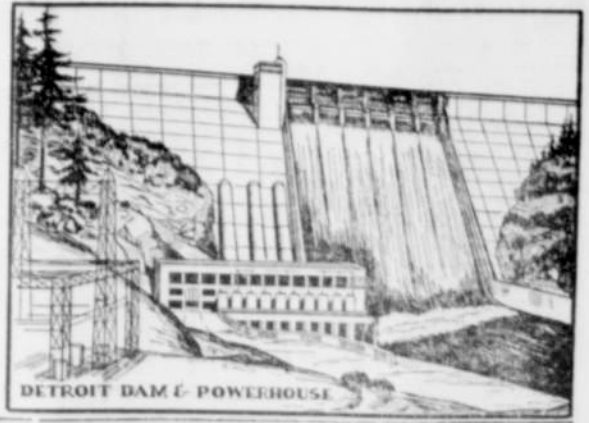
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Red Cross Drive Starts Here This Monday

The Red Cross fund drive got under way in the Mill City-Gates area on Monday of this week with a goal set for \$750. Before the drive ends on March 31st, local drive chairman Carl H. Kelly reported this week.

Citizens were reminded of last years disasters when tornadoes, floods, fires, and hurricanes took toll of property loss and human suffering. The Red Cross was able to help with emergency and rehabilitation aid for 228,500 persons.

Solicitors for the local drive have been named and are Mesdames: Clayton Baltimore, Rose Daly, Delbert Jenkins, Clyde Golden, Lonnie McRoberts, David Reid, Martin Jepsen, Jack Colburn, Frank Blazek, Ed Kellom, John Swan, Bob Veness, Dudley Jones, and Mildred Allen.

The response has been reported to be excellent with over \$100 raised in the first few days.

Essay Contest Announced by Grange Head

Tony Moravec, master of the Santiam Valley subordinate Grange, today announced a nation-wide essay contest on "Soil Fertility and the Nation's Future" will be conducted by the National Grange and the American Plant Food Council, beginning February 1 and ending April 15, 1950, with state and national prizes totaling \$10,000 for young men and women through 20 years of age. "All young men and women, regardless of Grange membership, who are under 20 years of age on April 15, 1950, are eligible to compete for prize," Mr. Moravec explained, "and all entries in this area should be sent to Santiam Valley Subordinate Grange at Lyons, Ore., for processing not later than May 10th, 1950."

The following National and State prizes are offered to the winners: National—first prize, \$1,000; second prize, \$500; third prize, \$400; fourth prize, \$300; fifth prize, \$300, and sixth prize, \$300.

State—first prize, \$100; second \$50, and third, \$25.

Contest judges explained that each entrant's essay "may be based upon data from text books, bulletins, interviews or personal experience," but expressed the hope that all entrants "would give special consideration to the practical application of the subject to the soils of their communities."

Entries must not exceed 800 words and will be judged on the basis of 55 points for effectiveness, 20 points for originality, 15 points for practical application of subject matter and 10 points for grammatical correctness.

Farmers Union Organize for Legislature Reapportionment

Delegates to the 40th annual convention of the Oregon Farmers Union at Salem February 21-23 voted to support reapportionment of the state legislature in accordance with "democratic principles of representation according to population" with the additional proviso that areas on large population should be districted and representatives elected by district instead of at-large as at present. They moved under an effort by State Senator Dean Walker of Independence to substitute the compromise "balanced representation" measure. In declining by Oregon pioneers in the state's constitution.

After a heated floor fight, delegates defeated by a 2 to 1 majority, a resolution seeking repeal of the recently enacted initiated law, giving non-property owners the right to vote in school bond elections. They acted by our principles as a people's organization even though it hit our pocketbooks.

In another significant statement of policy in the organization's program,

Farm-Labor Meet To Form Coalition

A coalition of farm and labor groups in Marion county was formed in a meeting Monday night at Salem's labor temple. Labor representatives, Farmers Union, Grange members, and the general public met to form the new organization.

The coalition was designed to investigate political candidates and proposed legislation which would be pertinent to the farm-labor picture. They plan to make their organization a permanent one with extended activities in the future.

F. J. A. Boehringer, member of both organized labor and the Farmers Union, was elected president. Other officers include Prof. A. W. Sheets of Willamette university and Farmers Union, vice president, and Aloyse Parmentier of the Salem culinary alliance, secretary-treasurer.

F. D. VanSwearingen, business agent for the Salem building trades council, was named chairman of the organization committee. Other members include W. J. Entress and Jack L. Cutler, both of labor, and Herbert Demmy and Seth Dodge, both of the Farmers Union.

A legislative committee, appointed to study proposed state and national legislation, consists of Prof. John Radenager of Willamette university and the Farmers union; R. C. Shepard, state grange; Roy Carr, Farmers Union, and Boehringer.

Officers and committee members will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. in the labor temple for a policy-making session.

Next meeting of the entire organization will be March 27 at the Labor temple and on the fourth Monday of each month thereafter. The April 28 meeting will take place in either a Grange or a Farmers Union hall. All meetings are to be open to the public.

Speakers Monday night included Sen. Allan Carson, A. H. Bone, Farmers Union editor; Mrs. Oliver Ethel, labor; A. M. Church; Charles R. Smith of Portland, AFL organizer, and others. Evelyn Sainsbury, Farmers Union state junior leader, was secretary for the meeting.

Hewitt Files for Federal Congress

Roy R. Hewitt, native and longtime resident of Salem, and recent speaker at the chamber of commerce dinner at Gates announced his intention to file for the candidacy for the democratic nomination as U. S. congressman from the first district.

The office he would seek is now held by Rep. Walter Norblad, republican. Hewitt, who holds his Ph.D. and LL.D. degrees from Willamette was dean of their law school from 1927 until 1932. He has since been in private law practice in Salem.

C. B. I. Head to Lead Industry Discussion

An Oregon State college alumni educational conference designed to provide a greater understanding of the relationship of O.S.C. to the northwest's basic industries has been scheduled in Portland March 25.

Heading the speakers will be President A. L. Strand and Albert Bauer, general manager of Consolidated Buildings, Inc., of Portland. Bauer, an O.S.C. graduate, recently retired as president of the Portland chamber of commerce. He will speak on "Oregon's Industrial Future" at a luncheon meeting.

Seminars related directly to Oregon's great industries will be conducted in the afternoon by key men in four schools on the campus. They are William L. Teutsch, assistant director, agricultural extension service; George W. Gleason, dean of engineering; Clifford Maser, dean of business and technology; and Paul M. Dunn, dean of Forestry.

The conference is intended to give Oregon State alumni, mothers, dads, their families and friends a perspective of the institution and its work. It is sponsored by the O.S.C. alumni association.

Bids Open On Canyon Timber

Bids will be opened by the Portland District, Corps of Engineers, at 11 a.m. March 9, in room 678 Pittock Block, Portland, on a total of 1,210,770 feet board measure, gross log scale, of logs in the vicinity of Detroit Dam site on the North Santiam river.

Colonel Donald S. Burns, Portland District Engineer, said the lot consists of two stockpiles, both of which are young second-growth, principally Douglas Fir.

Of the total, 589,770 feet board measure are in stock piles in the vicinity of Blowout Creek on either side of the North Santiam river, and 621,000 feet board measure are in stock piles in the vicinity of Ripley Creek logging camp on the north side of the Santiam river.

The logs are available for inspection and persons desiring to view the property should contact the Resident Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Detroit Dam, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, inclusive.

Persons interested in bidding on the logs should contact the Detroit Dam Resident Engineer or the Portland District office of the Corps of Engineers, 678 Pittock Block, Portland 5, Broadway 0621.

All bids opened January 18 for the logs were rejected as being too low.

DEMOCRATS MEET

Earl Mason, Albany, chairman of the Linn county Democratic committee, was in Mill City Monday conferring with party leaders.

"Things are shaping up well for the Democratic party in the county this year," Mr. Mason said. "We are getting together a strong group of candidates."

Coming Events:

- FRIDAY—
 - LOOF meeting.
 - Lyons IWA meeting 2nd Friday.
 - Mill City IWA meeting last Friday.
- SATURDAY—
 - Legion Dances at Legion hall.
 - Santiam Riders Dance.
- MONDAY—
 - Lions club meeting.
 - A.P. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting 3rd Monday.
 - Boy Scouts 7:30
- TUESDAY—
 - Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.
 - Santiam Eagles auxiliary 8 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY—
 - Altar Society meets 2nd Wed.
 - Lions club auxiliary 8:30, 4th Wed.
- THURSDAY—
 - American Legion 2nd and 4th Thurs.
 - PTA meeting, Dad's night, 8 p.m.

Citizens Committee Start Action for U. S. Forest Unit

In a special meeting held last Friday night committee members and interested citizens met with high Forest Service officials to formulate the details in the plan to hold local timber for local industry. It will be the citizens decision in the final analysis if the plan is incorporated, it was revealed.

High forest officials at the meeting were R. W. Lund, assistant regional forester from the United States Forest Service and his assistant, Homer Nixson, both were from Portland. Also present were Ray Bruckart, district forester from Eugene and his assistant Rex Wakefield; S. T. Moore, Detroit ranger and his assistant Mr. Weisengerber. From the office of a commercial forestry agent was Mr. Kerns from Portland.

The plan which is underway will make mandatory local processing of all timber taken from public land in the canyon area. It will mean that only companies who have local manufacturing facilities will be able to bid on the vast stands of virgin timber still standing in many areas of the proposed boundaries. While the boundaries have not yet been established it is believed they will include all of the watershed areas of the Little Northfork, with the west boundary being in the vicinity of Lyons and Mehama. Although such a proposal would at present only affect federal owned lands it will be possible to extend the control to other publicly owned forest basins in the canyon. Private lands of course will remain free of any such plan.

How It Works

Inauguration of such a plan can only be established in a community that is at least 90% dependent on the lumber industry. The Santiam canyon and proposed area will be able to meet that requirement.

Preparations were set into operation with the appointment of a committee to represent the people and with the U. S. Forest Service. Committee members were "Hap" Ware, Stayton (with local mgf. interest); Fred Lindeman, Lyons, and Huber Ray, Idanha. It will be this committee's task to answer all queries sent out by the forest service. Should the forest executives wish to know, for example, exactly how many persons are dependent upon the lumber industry in the area specified, committee members will be required to furnish such information. Their first appointment will be to establish the tentative boundaries for the proposed plan. When such boundaries are submitted, the government will call a public hearing to tenure the citizens attitude. If the people within the specified area are able to show their unity and desire for such a plan, the notification will then be submitted to Secretary of Agriculture Brannon in Washington, D.C. The secretary will make the final decision.

Committee members pointed out (Continued on Page 8)

Elkhorn Gets Promise of Electricity

Residents who have long lived without the aid of electricity held new hope today as plans progressed to bring power to that community.

Elkhorn committeemen met with Ben Little, manager of the Benton-Lincoln Electric Co-operative at Corvallis on Tuesday to discuss the possibility of getting power as far as the Elkhorn Guest Ranch in the near future. The power line would be erected under the REA.

A meeting open to the public will be held on March 10 at 8 p.m. in the Mehama Woman's clubhouse where full explanation will be made. The program will be under the sponsorship of the Farmers Union at Mehama.

A survey for line location is expected to begin in about 10 days and it will be possible to have power for the Elkhorn residents by fall.

Honeymoon Is Over, March 9th

"The Honeymoon Is Over", a comedy in three acts, to be presented by the Gates Playhouse, in the Mill City theatre, March 9th, at 8 o'clock promises to bring a full evening of entertainment to those who attend.

Previewers state the comedy hilarious from beginning to end and well worth the admission price. All profit from the play has been pledged to the building fund of the Gates Woman's club.

If you suffer with rheumatism, arthritis, goul, lumbago, or a heart ailment you can sympathize with Fred. As if his ailments were not enough he is heckled by women. You may see him "cured" in the comedy "The Honeymoon Is Over".

DESERTER ARRESTED HERE

William Anderson, son of Mrs. Perry Mason, was arrested here this week by Chief of Police J. T. King and charged with desertion from the United States Army. He was turned over to the military police who returned him to Fort Lewis.

Teach Children Religion Week Under Legion Sponsorship

The American Legion in Oregon has designated March and April as "Teach Children Religion" months and is sponsoring an active program in each of the American Legion posts located in the counties of the State of Oregon.

Alvin Armstrong, Post Commander of the American Legion Post No. 159 announced this unusual program for Legion headquarters in Mill City today, emphasizing that "it is a program without any partisan or denominational connections, and can be supported with equal enthusiasm by Protestants, Catholics and Jews."

Commander Armstrong described the purpose of this program as being to awaken all citizens, regardless of their station in life, and without relation to their religious affiliations, to the need for "moral and spiritual consciousness on the part of our children, who are the citizens of tomorrow, and who will either fill important positions of leadership in the church, home, business and govern-

ment or else fall by the wayside, based upon the opportunities we afford them to understand their spiritual and moral responsibilities."

Commander Armstrong further states: "No child has a chance who has not been taught to pray and love God. No good citizen wants to place upon the brow of our children failure's crown of thorns. No parent should crucify the moral and spiritual lives of a deserving child upon the cross of inactivity. The American Legion is dedicated to God and country. We do not attempt to influence the religious teachings of anyone, but we do beg of all citizens that you aid in teaching all children religion. The teachings should be in accordance with the belief of the responsible parties. The Legion is really interested in seeing a Protestant, a Catholic and a Jewish child benefit from the teachings of their own respective faiths. The state and the nation will benefit from all such teachings.

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