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SCOUT WORK IN KLAMATH GIVEN

J. F. Kimball today issued the following statement in reference to the Boy Scout work:

"Inasmuch as the citizens of Klamath county raised more than \$3000 for the Boy Scout work in the fall of 1924, the temporary officers of this organization believe that the public should be informed of the present status of the movement. A brief resume is therefore presented.

A field secretary representing the Boy Scouts of America visited southern Oregon in the early fall of 1924, and arrived at the conclusion that a first class council of Boy Scouts should be formed, comprising Josephine, Jackson and Klamath counties. Meetings of representative citizens in these counties were held and considerable enthusiasm developed, which resulted in subsequent joint meetings of delegates from Klamath Falls, Medford and Grants Pass. Medford and Klamath Falls finally decided to organize together a first class council on a fifty-fifty basis, each city bearing one-half of the expense, and being, therefore, entitled to equal benefits from such an organization. The citizens of Klamath Falls appointed J. A. Gordon, W. E. Bobbitt and J. F. Kimball as their representation in the preliminary organization. This committee met with the Medford committee, and the temporary officers of the council elected were F. J. Newman, president, and J. F. Kimball, treasurer.

Each city thereupon undertook to raise its share of the \$5000 estimated budget for the year 1925. J. A. Gordon was made treasurer of the Klamath county contributions, and our campaign resulted in securing over \$3000.00 in cash. In the meantime, Medford, while not collecting its full quota, raised over \$1700 and received assurance that the entire amount would be secured.

Recent meetings of the Klamath Falls committee with the Medford committee brought about a decision to employ a highly trained executive for a period of six months. A charter for a first class council will not be granted unless a paid executive approved by the National Council is employed. The temporary officers have selected Cecil A. Cook, who

comes to us highly recommended by the National Council, and whose official title will be Scout Executive. His time will be equally divided between Medford and Klamath Falls. His duties are to organize, in cooperation with the Scout Commissioner, Boy Scout troops, to train the Scout Masters of these troops, and to furnish to each community the benefit of his training and experience in the conduct of Scout work. The Scout Executive is the only paid official in the organization, and Mr. Cook is to be paid jointly by Medford and Klamath Falls, \$200 per month, together with traveling expenses.

The Reverend T. A. Meryweather was selected by the committee as the Scout Commissioner for Klamath Falls. The duties of the Scout Commissioner are to assist in the selection of the Scout Masters of each troop, to help the Scout Executive organize patrols, and to advise with the officers of the council. Owing to the fact that the Reverend Meryweather will soon leave Klamath Falls for other fields, Mr. Julius Mueller has been selected as his successor.

Confusion has undoubtedly arisen as to the duties of the various officials of the Scout organization, owing to the fact that the Reverend Meryweather has been acting in the dual capacity of Scout Commissioner and Scout Master. The Scout Master handles only one troop while the Scout Commissioner is in charge

New King of Bantams



Introducing Charley (Phil) Rosenberg, the new bantamweight king. Charley acquired the title the other night by decisively defeating Eddie "Cannonball" Martin over the 15-round route at Madison Square Garden, New York. Figured as more or less of an outsider, Rosenberg tore into the chap who had been termed "the second Terry McGovern" and left no doubt as to the winner. Even Martin's staunchest admirers were forced to admit their man had been thoroughly whipped. Rosenberg is the seventh pugilist to hold the bantam crown since the termination of the World War. Whether Rosenberg can cling to the laurels for more than a limited span remains to be seen. He's shown here with his smile of victory and in ring attire.

WILL ORGANIZE GYM CLASSES

Mrs. Florence Ollman to Instruct Classes in Physical Culture

Obtaining the Scandinavian hall for eight evenings a month, business women of Klamath Falls are anxious to start an athletic class of physical education in the near future, and the evenings to be given for the work will be determined tomorrow night at a mass meeting in the chamber of commerce, 7:30 p. m., for all those interested in the project.

The services of Mrs. Florence Ollman, teacher of Fairview school, have been obtained, Mrs. Ollman being qualified in the instruction of all branches of athletics, including swimming. She has received a physical education instructors certificate from the teachers school in Cedar Falls, Iowa, one of the best known institutions in the middle west. The group interested at present are looking for a class of 150 members, the minimum age 14, there being no maximum. There has been some discussion in favor of a class for children under another leader. This will be discussed later.

According to J. E. Patterson, manager of the hall, through whose courtesy the hall was obtained, the organization, if perfected, is welcome to the hall more than the granted eight evenings, if they so desire.

OFFICERS TO MEET

Klamath county reserve officers association will convene tomorrow night at 6:30 in the White Pelican hotel for a banquet. All former officers of the World War who are eligible to belong to the reserve officers association will be asked to attend the banquet. Benefits to be derived from membership will be outlined.

WHEAT DROPS AGAIN

CHICAGO, April 2.--Wheat prices tumbled headlong downward today, six cents a bushel, May delivery falling to 1.43 1/2. Breaking of the drought in the southwest and west was largely responsible, four inches of rain in parts of Texas were reported.

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MURDER CHARGE IS DENIED BY CHAPMAN ON WITNESS STAND

HARTFORD, Conn., April 2.--Gerald Chapman this morning took the stand in his own defense on the charge of murdering Patrolman James Skelly in New Britain last October 12.

Chapman, cool and collected, speaking in clear tones denied he had been in the Davidson and Leventhal store in New Britain at any time. It was in this store that Skelly was murdered.

His direct examination was brief. Under questioning of Frederick J. Groehl, he told of having met Walter F. Shean of Springfield, Mass., who first accused him of the Skelly murder through the agency of "Dutch Anderson, his pal of the New York mail robbery."

Mrs. E. C. Murray of Ashland is in the city for a few days visiting with friends.



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It is the expectation of those interested in the management of this first class council that several patrols will be organized in Klamath Falls and that at least one in each of the towns in the county. Klamath Falls has already raised money enough to make it possible for at least twelve organizations to do effective work, always providing that suitable Scout Masters can be secured and trained. The Scouting season is almost upon us and the future prospects for the success of the work look most promising. From time to time the public will be officially advised of the progress of the organization."

ON FORESTRY BOARD

SALEM, Ore., April 2.--George T. Gerlinger of Dallas was today reappointed by Governor Pierce as a member of the state board of forestry.

WOMAN KILLS DAUGHTER

SOMERVILLE, N. J., March 31.--Mrs. Catherine Sherman, wife of a farmer at North Branch, shot and killed her daughter Helen, 17, and critically wounded her son James, 14, as they slept today and then shot herself. Neither the mother, who is believed to have been temporarily insane, nor her son, is expected to recover.

RETURN FROM SALEM

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Smith Visit With Daughter in University

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Smith, returned last night from Salem, where they have spent the past week visiting with their daughter, Miss Gertrude Smith, who is a student in the Willamette University. This is Miss Smith's first year. Smith is a member of the firm of Chilcote and Smith.