

Merit System Bill Interest of League

Local Organization Supports Measure Also Given Approval by State Representative

Louis Craver, state representative from Klamath county, is one of the sponsors of the merit system bill, one of the projects of the Oregon League of Women Voters, in which the local league has taken keen interest, according to Mrs. Everett Dennis, president of the Klamath league.

House bill, No. 177, embodying the merit system, was first read before the house of representatives January twenty-sixth, and is now in the hands of the judiciary committee of the house.

The League of Women Voters is urging interested citizens, outside the league, as well as its own members, to write to members of the judiciary committee asking their support and urging a favorable report on the merit system bill, Eugene Marsh is chairman of the group. Letters are also being sent to Representative Henry Semon and Craver.

Along the same line, the National League of Women Voters has decried the McKellar bill in the national legislature which requires senate confirmation of all government positions carrying a salary of more than \$4500 as the "most brazen patronage raid since the civil service act was passed 60 years ago." This bill is now pending before the senate judiciary committee.

Pointing out that many thousands of positions in Washington and throughout the country would be affected, Miss Marguerite M. Wells, national league president, declared the McKellar proposal would "wreck" the entire civil service system.

She explained that under the terms of the measure:

"Government employees who have given a lifetime of service to their government in technical and scientific, as well as administrative positions, would have to cultivate the favor of senators to keep their jobs after June 30, 1943. "No new or present employees could be hired in their positions who are not 'cleared' by their senators, who have not been reviewed by a congressional committee, and approved by a majority of the senate."

Asserting that congress cannot be both legislator and administrator, Miss Wells said: "If the senate takes the time to investigate each one of the thousands to be affected by the McKellar bill carefully, there will be no time to legislate. If it only relies on the recommendations of the senators from the state where the applicant resides then there can be no purpose other than politics for the move. The principal function of congress is the making of laws. It has plenty of tough legislative decisions to make, and soon."

Chances for success of house bill No. 177, merit system, in the Oregon legislature will be greatly lessened if the federal government sets such a bad example for states as it would if the McKellar bill should become a law. Mrs. Dennis, president of the Klamath League of Women Voters, suggests that voters write to Senators Charles L. McNary and Rufus C. Holman, address U. S. Senate, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., asking that they do all in their power to defeat this bill.

REBEKAH LODGE MEETS THURSDAY

Prosperity Rebekah lodge 104 met on Thursday evening, February the eighteenth, in the IOOF hall. The business session convened at eight o'clock and at its close the following program was rendered.

Reading, Dicksy Weed; guessing contest, award going to Sylvia Tilton; pantomime "An Old Maid's Courtship" with Jeanne Williamson as the old maid, Shirley Tilton as the maid, and Frances Munsell, Lucille Helfer and Dicksy Weed as the gentlemen friends. Next came a clothespin game, the prizes going to Kate Hogue and Nina Beck.

Partners for supper were chosen by matching pictures. The tables were prettily decorated with logs, flags and ivy, in accordance with the patriotic holidays this month and the refreshments were also in keeping.

The next meeting will be on March the fourth in the IOOF hall at eight o'clock in the evening. Prosperity Rebekah lodge meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month, and visitors are always welcome. By request of the Noble Grand, Blanche Barker, all officers are to wear formals at each meeting.

JUNIOR UNIT PLANS AUXILIARY

The Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary is organizing a junior girls unit here in Klamath Falls. The purpose of the unit is to assist the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary in its activities, to instill and develop a patriotic spirit, and to teach loyalty to the government and flag of the United States of America.

This is a national organization and it will be the first time one has been organized in this community. In our country's present crisis the chairman of junior activities feels that such an organization can do much to aid in the war effort.

Eligibility for membership in the junior girls unit of the VFW is limited to the daughters and foster daughters, sisters and foster sisters (between five and eighteen years of age) of members of posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and daughters and foster daughters, sisters and foster sisters of men eligible to membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

This makes many girls who are sisters of boys in the present war and are serving outside of the continental United States eligible now.

Mrs. Emma Carter, who is state as well as local chairman of Junior Activities, has called a meeting of all girls who may be interested in such an activity for Saturday, Mrs. Carter may be reached by phone by calling 5881.

TULELAKE COUPLE HAVE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Baker of Tulelake observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary February twelfth, when a dinner was given in their honor by a group of close friends and neighbors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Crawford.

The Bakers received a lovely gift of silver. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are former Medford residents and took up a homestead in the Tulelake area in 1938. Mr. Baker served with the 91st division in World War I, and saw action overseas. The Bakers have four children, Robert, Lewis, Franklin and Patricia Ann. The eldest, Robert, received his call for cadet training in the U. S. army air corps, and left February fifteenth to entrain for Denver, Colorado. He is a graduate of Tulelake high school, class of 1942, and was one of their star basketball players. He attended Oregon State college for three months prior to enlisting in the air corps.



NOW AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fiegi are now at home in Poe Valley where Mr. Fiegi is foreman at Chester Barton's ranch. Mrs. Fiegi is the former Virginia Alexander, daughter of Mr. James Alexander of 5131 Miller avenue. The couple was married December fourteenth in Reno.



SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Baker of Tulelake, who observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home on February the twelfth. —Kennell-Ellis.

JUVENILES ENJOY PARTY VALENTINE'S

The Juveniles of the Neighbors of Woodcraft held a business meeting and Valentine party in the KC hall Monday afternoon, February the fifteenth at four o'clock. Twenty-two were present to enjoy the games and Valentine exchange which followed the business meeting. Darlene Smith, Patricia O'Leary and Harriet Lavenick were in charge of the party and the refreshments.

On Monday, March the first in the KC hall the next meeting will be held at four o'clock. For this meeting the committee will be Patsy Clark, Louise Barnhart and Margaret Redkey.

TEA HELD AT MALIN RESIDENCE

The Women of the Moose, Merrill Chapter No. 18 held a galling tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Myers in Malin, on February thirteenth. The evening was enjoyed playing pinochle with refreshments after the games. Traveling prize went to Emmett Lahoda, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hadley took home honors for consolation. Mrs. Elmont Kenyon won high for ladies and Sam Herringshaw high for men.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Louis McIvor, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lahoda, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lahoda, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Elmont Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Price, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vacknitz, Mrs. Flossie Cantrall, Mrs. Mayme Giacomini, M. A. Gant, Roy Drees, Leonard Lahoda, Sam Herringshaw and John Giacomini, with the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Myers and their children, Virginia and Allen.

Three R club members are invited to meet next Tuesday afternoon at half past one o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. J. Steinmetz with Mrs. Marjorie Perkins presiding as hostess.

OLENE FOLKS ENTERTAIN DURING WEEK

OLENE—Mrs. Fred Reiling entertained on Valentine's day with a birthday dinner in honor of her son Gene's birthday. Invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Gebhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Anderson and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Reiling and son Dick and Mr. and Mrs. George Reiling and children, Peter and Carol, and Miss Victorine Reiling.

A family get-together was held on Sunday at the O. L. Brown home. The guests of honor were Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders and daughter, Betty Jane, and Miss Velma Hamn, all of Portland, who were weekend visitors in Klamath Falls. Other guests for the occasion were Mrs. Ida Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grimes and son, Jimmy, B. S. Grigsby, Mrs. Winifred Darnell and daughter, Mrs. Ted Robinson, Mr. Ed. Bond and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Brown.

A farewell party was given at Lost River grange hall Wednesday, February the seventeenth, for Wilson Tipton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tipton, who leaves Friday for Camp Lewis. A pleasant evening of dancing, cards and games was enjoyed by grangers and friends in the Olene community. After refreshments were served Wilson was presented with a gift from the grange. The presentation was made by Jack Marshall. A pleasant evening was ended by everyone extending good luck and best wishes to Wilson.

NEIGHBORS SPONSOR CARD PARTY

Neighbors of Woodcraft met in the KC hall Monday evening, February the fifteenth, for a short business meeting followed by a public card party at which there were eight tables of pinochle and three of whist. At pinochle Edith Eschle was high, and Mrs. Peterson second, while high score for the men was held by R. Thompson and second by Ed Paup. In whist, high score went to Mrs. Martin and second to Ella Elmister, the men's prize was won by Otto Smith and the door prize by Mildred Largent. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

On March the first the Neighbors will meet in the KC hall at eight o'clock for the regular business meeting together with initiation and practice for installation, with a potluck supper after the meeting. All officers and guards are asked to wear formals.

THIMBLE CLUB ENTERTAINED WEDNESDAY

The Thimble club of the Neighbors of Woodcraft met on Wednesday evening, February the seventeenth at the home of C. O. Dryden, 610 North Eleventh street. Three tables of pinochle and one of whist were in play during the evening. In pinochle high score was held by Mrs. Roy Bock, second by Ingeborg Wilkerson; for the men, high was held by Louis Eschle and low by Hilbert Largent. In whist, high prize went to Bertha Bishop and low to Ruth Stanley.

Dicksy Weed and Mildred Smith were the hostesses for the evening. The club's next meeting will be on Wednesday evening, March the first, and the hostess will be Ingeborg Wilkerson, at 1124 Mon Clair street.

Program Presented

Members Ambulance Corps Guests of Merrill Group Tuesday

The Women of the Moose, Merrill chapter No. 18, with the Loyal Order of the Moose of Merrill, met in the Odd Fellows hall for a joint evening of entertainment and business. Twenty-three members of the Oregon Women's Auxiliary Ambulance Corps of Klamath Falls presented an interesting program led by Captain Kathleen Livingston and Lt. Berdena Reeder. Rose VanMeter held high score for ladies in pinochle and low went to Marie Vachnitz. Flossie Cantrall received the traveling prize, Ivan Icenbice and John McNeil tied for high, the award then going to Joe Zumpfe, and the proceeds donated to the Women's Ambulance Corps. Low award for men went to Elmo Kenyon.

Each lady present brought a pie which was auctioned off to the highest bidder, who claimed the lady as his partner for supper. The pie social netted \$50.

The ritual committee of the Women of the Moose at Merrill observed their chapter night program at this time. Two visitors from Klamath Falls, Margaret Johnson and Dora Buchanan, were present for the evening.

Women of the Moose are donating a small sum each month to the ambulance corps, as one of their defense projects. They are very proud of the work the corps women are doing.

The program of the evening was in charge of Winifred Oelrich, Dovie Reeder and Dorris Winebarger.

Ambulance corps members present were Capt. Kathleen Livingston, Lt. Berdena Reeder, Staff Sgt. Inez McCoy, Sgts. Gladys Lofdahl, Aili Bessonette, Jane Epley, Eva Hooper, Corps. Dena Backes, Myrtle Donelson, Mona Dixon, Ella Mullen, PFC Betty Coetz, PFC Mary O'Loughlin, Pvs. Thelma Riley, Eva Long, Lena Harris, Lilla Evans and Ludi Caruthers.

WOMEN PLAN ANNUAL DINNER

Women of the Moose will hold the annual birthday dinner Tuesday evening, February twenty-third, at half past six o'clock in the Moose hall. All members of the chapter and their husbands or escorts are invited to attend. Those planning to be at the dinner are asked to call Mildred Wilkinson, 5935.

Following dinner there will be a regular meeting of the chapter and Belle Tompkins, chairman of the ritual committee, will be in charge of the chapter night program. There will be a class initiation and all members, officers and escorts are asked to attend.

Mrs. Rufus Buser will entertain the Ladies Aid of Zion Lutheran church at her apartment, 1003 High street, Thursday, February twenty-fifth, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Guest night will be observed by the Degree of Honor on Monday evening at eight o'clock in the KC hall. Each member may invite one or more guests.

SPRAGUE RIVER FAMILIES ENTERTAIN

SPRAGUE RIVER — A group of friends surprised Mrs. Everett Tuning at the parsonage Saturday evening, February the thirteenth, the occasion being her birthday. Many gifts and greetings were received. An informal evening was spent with music, singing and games, after which refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Hammons celebrated their forty-sixth wedding anniversary February the thirteenth. Friends called in the evening. Games were played and refreshments served to the following guests, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Wylie and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Tompkins and son, Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. T. Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Kiernan, Mr. and Mrs. P. McDonald and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williamson at a farewell dinner Tuesday evening. Places were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Kircher, Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Moore and the host and hostess. The evening was spent playing pinochle. Mrs. Williamson left for Shreveport, Louisiana. She will stop en route to visit in Sacramento, California. She will visit her brother stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Mr. Williamson reports at Fort Lewis February nineteenth.

SHOWER GIVEN IN WEST KLAMATH

Mrs. Harvey LeFever was honored on February sixteenth when Mrs. Gerald Zimmerman of West Klamath entertained for her with a surprise shower. Refreshments were served after the opening of gifts.

Bidden to the affair were Mrs. Harvey LeFever, Mrs. Audrey Hiltson, Mrs. Ray Overson, Mrs. Edith Goodwin, Mrs. Lois Beattie, Mrs. Frank Snyder, Mrs. Roy Mott, Mrs. Ott Zimmerman, Mrs. Jessie Cutting, Mrs. Bob Speelman, Mrs. Lewis Botens, Jr., Mrs. Taylor Hayes, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mrs. Jeannette DeBell, Mrs. B. McKale, Mrs. Darrel and Mrs. Taverline.

COUPLE HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Jackson were hosts at their ranch home on the Merrill highway Saturday evening, February thirteenth, in honor of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Stoehsler. The Valentine motif was used in the table decorations. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stoehsler, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Arant and daughter, Darlene, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stoehsler, Eleanor and Ray Jackson.

Schoolmates will meet Monday evening, February twenty-second, with Minnie Barnum Robinson, 421 Washington street, at half past seven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pauley have returned to their home on Roseway drive after a month's stay in California, most of which they spent in Stockton and Cottonwood.

Her Valentine



The soldier over Faye Emerson's heart is the man in her heart. It's the Hollywood way of wearing valentines.

LINCOLN HOMES SCENE OF PARTIES

LINCOLN—The G and S sewing club held a Valentine's Day party Thursday at the home of Mrs. Dixie Beaty. Valentines were exchanged among members. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mrs. Pauline Davidson and daughters, Mrs. Marvel Brandness and son, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, Mrs. Helen Kenyon and son, Mrs. Zella Converse and son.

A birthday party for Roger Dean Converse on his first anniversary was given by his mother, Mrs. Zella Converse, on February the tenth. Little guests were Duane Henshaw, Carmen and Albert Harwell and Jerry Brandness. Mothers were Henrietta Henshaw, Edna Hartwell, Myrtle Johnson and Marvel Brandness.

The Miriam circle of the First Presbyterian church will hold a covered dish luncheon on Thursday, February twenty-fifth, in the church parlors, at half past ten o'clock. The women will sew for the American Red Cross and a good attendance is desired.

Truck Kills Horse Early Wednesday

LAKEVIEW (Special) — A bread delivery truck driven by William C. LaFay of Klamath Falls crashed into and killed a horse Wednesday morning near Bradley's corner, about three miles from Lakeview.

The accident occurred about 5:30 and in the darkness the driver was unable to see the horse as it romped up on the highway. The truck was considerably damaged.

HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment

By ANITA GWYN

School was dismissed at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon so the teachers could receive instructions on the food rationing registration. Classes will be finished at 2 o'clock every day next week to allow for the registering. The first four periods will come in the morning and there will be two periods in the remaining hour. Buses are scheduled to leave the school as soon as the last period is over.

There was a statement in the last edition of the Krater that would be straightened up. The DeMolay was started in 1919, not 1923, and boys don't necessarily need to be related to a Mason to join this organization.

There will be an assembly Tuesday before the basketball game with Medford.

Students returned to the great outdoors during the lunch hour without wearing coats. We'd be tempted to say that spring is on its way if we were not afraid that it would revert to winter just to call us a liar.

Turn in your books that you like to read to the Victory book drive. Take them to the freshman-sophomore library in room 304.

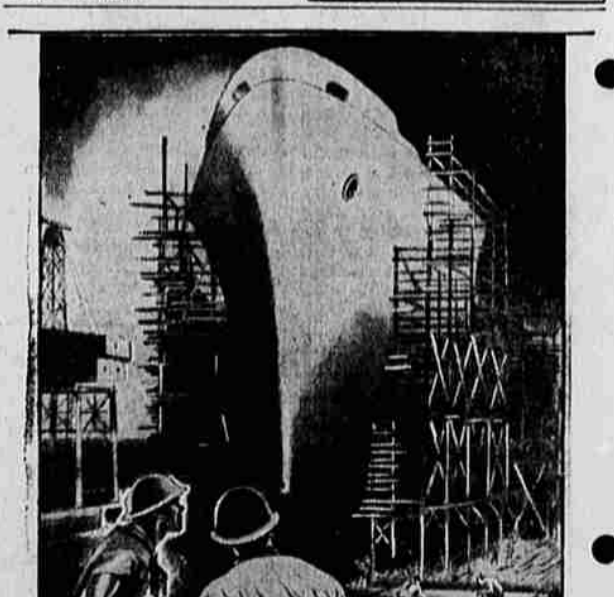
Political Leaders To Ask Release of Fasting Gandhi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 20 (AP) — A conference of 200 Indian political leaders decided today to send resolutions demanding the "immediate and unconditional" release of Mohandas K. Gandhi, national leader reported in grave condition on this eleventh day of his 21-day fast, to Prime Minister Churchill and William Phillips, U. S. ambassador to India.

Tolbahdur Sapru, moderate leader, was chairman of the conference. He talked with Phillips before the meeting opened.

(A government communique issued today at Bombay said Gandhi's condition had changed considerably for the worse and was regarded as grave.)

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