

CHAMBER COMMENTS

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Nothing the chamber has undertaken in recent months has been greeted with enthusiasm in advance to compare with the interest being shown in the Action Course in Practical Politics which will get under way with a special noon meeting on Wednesday, November 4. Ron Bailey, Western Division manager of the United States Chamber of Commerce will be up from Palo Alto to explain the course — one of three such U.S. Chamber programs to equip businessmen to be more effective citizens.

Ron, who is as personable and dynamic a young man as you are likely to meet, will give those who attend the November 4 meeting a complete rundown on the nine-session course, but meanwhile, here are some of the things it is and does. . . .

It is a "do it yourself" course that needs no specialized training or knowledge to conduct, or take part in. It does not involve the chamber of commerce or any business firm in politics. It is not "slanted" — does not endorse any party or candidate. It points out that a person does not have to run for office himself to be effective in politics. It teaches the individual the role of the citizen in selecting, nominating, and electing good men to public office. In short, it simply explains how people, as individual citizens, can become active and effective in politics through the party of their choice.

Fred Ehlers, chamber director in charge of the state and national affairs committee, will organize as many discussion groups as are interested in taking the course. Which brings up a couple of points that might bear further explanation. Several chamber members have asked if their wives could take the course with them. The answer is yes. Others have asked whether it is necessary to belong to the chamber to participate in the course. The answer to this one is no — chamber membership is not required.

R. Frank Tucker, chamber manager, comments that he was overwhelmed at the recent American Chamber Executives meeting in Denver to learn the number of communities and groups that have participated in the course, and the almost unanimous enthusiasm with which it has been received. By actual count, since the course was first made available last February, more than 650 groups in 45 states have participated in it. Of this number, 430 were groups organized by chambers of commerce.

Last Sunday's edition of (you'll pardon the expression, Mr. J) the Medford Mail-Bulletin carried this little item on the editorial page: "We wouldn't be a chamber of commerce manager for all the diamonds in Africa. You have to work for 600 bosses, and rush hither and yon, trying to improve community relations, attract beneficial industry, promote business, and boost other civic activities. The life is noisy, hurried and ulcer-producing. But our own Don McNeil takes it with a philosophic calm. On the wall of his office is a large red button labeled, in

large black letters, 'Panix Button.' He has sympathy for others in the calling, too, and recently sent to Frank Tucker, the C of C manager in Klamath Falls, a phonograph record entitled 'Six Minutes of Golden Silence.' When it is played, there is utter silence — three minutes on each side."

So, if you should break in on Frank some evening and find him sitting in rapture before a noiseless record player, don't be too quick to form an opinion. He is merely enjoying six minutes of blessed, stereophonic silence.

Delegations To Meeting Are Split

By PETER UEBERSAX

VADUZ, Liechtenstein (UPI) — The four delegations to Western Europe's "little summit" conference split down the middle Friday shortly before they gathered at a Liechtenstein hilltop to think of ways of luring tourists away from their big neighbors.

The "little summit" meeting or "summit-ette" as some called it involved the (tiny) principality of Liechtenstein, the (tiny) principality of Monaco, the (tiny) republic of San Marino and the (tiny) republic of Andorra. They met to discuss tourists and boosting the revenue-producing stamp trade.

But the chief delegates of Liechtenstein and Monaco were squared off against one another on the question of whether the "little four" should be expanded into a "little seven."

Monacan delegate Gabriel Olivier rippled the smooth international waters by proposing that Luxembourg, the Vatican State, and Sark be invited to the "little summit."

"No, no, no!" exclaimed Baron Edouard von Fals-Fein, host of the "little summit" conference and Liechtenstein chief of tourism.

The baron said Luxembourg was too big to be considered little, the independent English Channel island of Sark, inhabited chiefly by birds, "doesn't come up to our stature," and the Vatican State "doesn't fit into the picture either."

The delegations from Andorra and San Marino studied the tense international situation and announced they were temporarily neutral on the question of expanding the little four to a little seven organization.

B57 Jet Crashes Off Japan Coast

TOKYO (AP)—A U.S. B57 jet bomber crashed Saturday in the Pacific off the eastern coast of Japan.

The bomber, carrying a crew of two, was on a routine training flight when it went down, the U.S. Air Force said.

First reports gave no indication what happened to the crew.

State Officers Of Cattlemen To Meet Here

The Klamath County Cattlemen's Association's annual meeting has been set for Thursday, November 5, according to the president, Bert Stanley of Fort Klamath.

During the discussion period in the afternoon at the Willard Hotel, problems relative to the cattle industry will be taken up.

Among those expected from out of town are Kent Magruder of Clatskanie, president of Oregon Cattlemen's Association and the new secretary of the state organization, Cecil Edwards of Prineville, Fred Pope, formerly of Fort Klamath, now chief of the Division of Animal Industry, State Department of Agriculture, and Henry Matschiner, state brand inspector, are expected here from Salem, Stanley said.

There will be election of officers and presentation of resolutions. Serving with Stanley this year are Alvin Cheyne, vice president, and Ray O. Peterson, county agent, secretary.

Klamath County Cow Belles will assist with arrangements for the banquet to be held that evening at the Willard. Mrs. Don Johnson, recently elected Cow Belle president, named Mrs. Ted Hyde as chairman of the Cow Belle committee. The banquet is an annual social event without planned speeches, Stanley pointed out.

Agriculture Group Meets Here Tuesday

Klamath Falls will host the Legislative Interim Committee on Agriculture on Tuesday, October 27.

The Klamath Falls meeting is one of many the committee is holding around Oregon to learn firsthand the current problems confronting Oregon agriculture.

Tuesday afternoon the group will visit the Klamath branch of the Oregon State College agricultural experiment station.

The evening session will be held at 7:30 in the lecture room at the fairgrounds and will be open to the public. It has been scheduled to give interested persons an opportunity to present the area's agricultural problems.

Sen. Francis Ziegler, Corvallis, is chairman of the committee which was established by the 1959 Legislature.

Other members of the committee are Senators Loy M. Key, Milton-Freewater; Robert W. Straub, Eugene; Representatives Roy Fitzwater, Lebanon; Arthur P. Ireland, Forest Grove; Joe Rogers, Independence, and Don McKinnis, Summerville.

MEETING

Bar, restaurant and tavern operators of Klamath and Lake counties will meet at 2 p.m. October 28 in the Chuck Wagon Cafe, Klamath Falls. The meeting was called by Al Franceschini, president of the local chapter of the Oregon Restaurant and Beverage Association.

Idea Formulated Here Lauded By Age Expert

By NORM CARDOZA

An authority on problems of the "aging" lauded a pilot system for their welfare, conceived and launched in Klamath County at a luncheon meeting of the county's Community Council at the Winema Hotel this week.

Miss Julia Johnson of Eugene, executive secretary of the state Council on Aging, formed by the State Legislature in 1957, said the county's unique trial program is a step in the right direction, but that seven league boots are needed.

The number of people retired in the nation is a cold fact, a big social problem and a walloping economic loss, said the pert speaker.

And unless public sentiment is remolded and the nation takes a penetrating look at welfare of the aging, a lot of trouble is going to erupt.

While lifespans increase, set retirement ages are cut back. Pretty soon the 20 to 40-year-old segment of the population will be

bearing the economic load for most of the people, who will fall below or above those ages, she said.

Today the population 60 years of age or over is increasing four and one-half times as fast as any other group. Average lifespans of 80 years and over are within reach, she said. By the year 2,000 the lifespan may stretch to an average of 100 years—maybe 120.

The percentage of retired in Oregon is considerably higher than in California—a state generally considered a retired man's mecca.

In many instances, retirement is forced for no good reason, resulting in loss of manpower in the peak of productivity, and shattering men's security and happiness, she said.

And, the retirement age seems to be dropping—partially because of a peculiar public worship of youth and lack of concern for the aging.

The aging she says, takes in everyone. We all are aging, and should begin to plan for eventual

retirement. But for practical purposes, the starting line is scratched haphazardly somewhere between age 35 and 40 for women and 40 to 45 for men.

Once a person has hit that mark, jobs suddenly are hard to find.

She outlined four regions in which the aging need help—employment, health, housing and education.

In many instances, when the worker is "put out to pasture," he doesn't want to quit work. Then frequently strength-sapping despondency sets in, when he finds himself alone and feeling useless. Within a year he is dead or chronically ill.

But the elder has good judgment, steadiness, the experience and other qualities often not found in young replacements. Retirement should be decided on the basis of ability, Miss Johnson said.

She wants cheery, inexpensive quarters for the retired, where they can mingle freely with people of all ages, indulge in hobbies

and activities, get adult education or which the aging thirst, and plenty of facilities to insure physical health. These are all essentials to health and happiness, particularly among the aging.

The nation is slowly becoming aware of the aging problem, she said, and it is reaching all levels of government. Her mission is to enlist interest in local communities.

Klamath County's program, to which Miss Johnson referred, was developed by Mrs. Margaret Boyd, nursing home case worker on the public welfare department, assisted by Mrs. Julia Brown, county welfare administrator.

Elders served by the department are placed in homes where they will live in a "family" atmosphere. Some have been taken from nursing homes . . . others from lonely quarters of their own.

About 10 subjects have been placed during the year and a half since the plan was undertaken, and it's working nicely, says Mrs. Brown.

ATTRACTS ATTENTION

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—All he wanted to do, said Arthur Bostian, was attract attention to Gov. John Patterson's fight against loan sharks. But police were unsympathetic. He was charged with malicious mischief after a garbage can was thrown through the plate glass window of a downtown loan company.

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Clicking Balls Covered Theft

BALTIMORE (AP)—The clicking of pool balls covered up the theft of \$12,400 Friday.

Frank Specia told police he discovered the money missing from a basement safe after he closed up his pool parlor.

The burglars worked their way through three locked doors without being heard by any of the pool players upstairs. The safe was unlocked.

FORFEITS FINE

Franklin Beckwith, Roseburg, forfeited \$50 in district court Friday for hunting game birds before opening hours on October 10.

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