

Director Urges CD Preparation

There is no military defense capable of stopping a hundred atomic Pearl Harbors on American cities, but casualties can be reduced as much as 50 per cent if individual families are prepared.

That statement was made this week by State Civil Defense Director Arthur Sheets of Salem, who reminded citizens that the Japanese sneak attack of a dozen years ago "was like receiving a bruised knee at a church picnic compared to the type of destruction we would suffer in another war."

"The air force has repeatedly stated that our military defense could not stop more than 30 per cent of the attacking planes," Sheets said. "But we will be able to survive any further Pearl Harbor if Americans become mentally conditioned to possible emergencies and prepare calmly while there is time."

The director said that all citizens, whether or not they are registered as civil defense workers, should have a knowledge of first aid and fire fighting and have a few basic emergency supplies in their home, such as a first-aid kit and a five days' food

supply. He said that civil defense literature is available either from local directors or by writing to the Oregon Civil Defense Agency, State Office building, Salem. First-aid instruction can be obtained without charge at Red Cross chapters.

Group Discusses Children Topic

"Are we spoiling our children?" was the subject of a group discussion held at a meeting of the Mist P.-T.A. on December 10 at the gymnasium. The group decided as a part of the year's work to continue efforts toward a crosswalk at the school. After the business meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Wayne Kyser. Her table was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 10 at which time the dads will take charge. Norman Hansen was appointed program chairman and Jack Kells refreshment chairman. Clarence Kyser, vice-president, will preside at this meeting.

USDA Reorganization Does Not Alter Conservation Program for 1954

The U. S. Department of agriculture emphasizes that the recently announced reorganization of the department has not changed the already announced 1954 agricultural conservation program. Requests for carrying out cost-sharing practices under this program will still be submitted to and reviewed by local agricultural stabilization and conservation (formerly PMA) committees.

The 1954 program is being adapted to local needs through the teamwork of representatives of the soil conservation service, extension service, forest service, farmers home administration, officials of soil conservation districts, county and community farmer-committees and others.

Under broad National and state authority, county programs are being developed and operated in line with the following general policies:

- (1) The program is to help achieve additional conservation on the land. Funds are to be used to achieve this goal most effectively.
- (2) County programs are to encourage maximum conservation with emphasis on practices on which federal cost-sharing is most needed.
- (3) They are to encourage those conservation practices which will result in the most enduring conservation benefits practicable.
- (4) Conservation costs will be

shared with a farmer or a rancher only where he requests it before the conservation work is begun and then only after he has satisfactorily performed the conservation practices.

(5) Conservation costs are to be shared only on practices which it is believed that farmers would not carry out to the extent otherwise. In general, practices which have become a part of regular farming operations on a particular farm or ranch are not eligible for cost-sharing.

(6) Rates of cost-sharing in a county or state are to be the minimum required for substantial increases of needed conservation.

(7) Farmers and ranchers are expected to assume responsibility for the upkeep, and maintenance of conservation practices for which costs are shared under the 1954 program. Cost-sharing is for the initial establishment of such practices.

M-N Home Unit Parties on 11th

The annual Christmas party of the Mist-Nehalem home extension unit was held at Mrs. Gus Wandstrom's home on Friday, December 11. To this meeting, the children and the child care sitters were invited. There were 14 children attending the party, two visitors and 21 members.

After a short business meeting, Mrs. Howard Jones, and Mrs. Norman Hansen took charge of the entertainment. Different contests were presented; winners receiving hob nail dishes. Pictures were taken of the children and their presents in front of the tree for the club scrap book.

The hostess, helped by several members, served a Christmas snack. Mrs. Clair Devine, and Mrs. Fred Busch had charge of refreshments. After the presentation of gifts and snack, Christmas carols were sung by all.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Lawrence Jepson's home in Birkenfeld January 8, 1954. The lesson will be on making belts, buckles and buttons. Everyone is welcome.

A fer-de-lance is a large venomous serpent.

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Tree Planting Practice Adopted

One of the conservation practices approved by the Columbia county ACP committee is the planting of forest trees. Trees can be planted for several different purposes, such as reforestation, windbreaks, or fence post or Christmas tree production. The county ACP committee will pay as high as \$15 per acre for tree planting. This amount will be somewhere near half the cost, if the work is done on a hire basis.

There are two very common situations in Western Oregon, says Don Coin Walrod, county extension agent, where tree planting can go a long way in building up the value of the farm. The first of these conditions is the logged-over area. Some older logged areas have not restocked satisfactorily even after 10 or 15 years. The farm forester who serves the county will visit farms on request and without charge and will advise if a logged area would benefit from planting.

The second situation in western Oregon where tree planting is especially recommended, says Walrod, applies to old fields and fern areas, where scattered trees and groups of trees established themselves years ago but many openings have persisted.

Non-stocked forest land now worth no more than \$10 per acre could well have a value of \$50 per acre in twenty years if successfully planted. An active person can usually put in 500 or more trees a day. The work is best done in the winter or early spring season, times when labor is usually most available.

If the planting area is obstructed by scrubby brush which needs to be cleared or killed before planting, there is an additional conservation payment for this practice. It is not to exceed \$10 per acre.

There is also a conservation payment for fencing a windbreak or woodland which may go as high as 75 cents per rod of barbed wire or \$1.10 per rod of woven wire fence. The ACP fencing payment will go a long way toward paying for the fence that should be placed around the

Alaska is more than twice as large as Texas.

windbreak. The county ACP office or the county agent's office will help to arrange inspection by the forester where this is needed.



Peace and Contentment be Yours

Store to Be Closed Until January 10

LYNN'S
Shoe Service

Greetings



May your Christmas be 'merry and bright' ...

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Ben's Barber Shop

Board Praises Fighting Effort

The letter appearing below was received a few days ago by City Recorder Sam Hearing. It expresses the appreciation of the board of the union high school in respect to the recent gymnasium fire.

"The board of directors of Union High School District Number One, Columbia County, Oregon, wishes you and your staff to know that in behalf of the constituents they represent they are indeed grateful for your assistance in furnishing equipment and personnel to fight fire in our gymnasium Saturday night, November 14, 1953.

"It was the unanimous belief of experts who have examined the building since the fire that the effectiveness of fire fighting efforts was very high regardless of what organization may have directed it.

"The board of directors recognize that the spirit and fervor of those who voluntarily served is largely responsible for the fact that the major portion of the school plant was saved, and the loss of life and added confusion was largely prevented by the vigilance of the police department.

"The building will be entirely restored to new condition and the insurance will cover absolutely all damage to school property at no expense to the district. The restored building will be a memorial to the wonderful spirit of assistance which is here gratefully acknowledged."

Merry Christmas



May we knock on your door to give you our Holiday Greeting?

Lyman Hawken and Associates

Season's Greetings



May the true meaning of Christmas be yours.

Palace Cafe
LUELLA AND AL ANDERSON



Merry Christmas

All the joys of the season be yours ...

Jay's Cafe