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THE PURPOSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S BALL

A birthday ball such as that planned in honor of President Roosevelt for January 30, the nation over, is unique in the history of this country. It will not be a single celebration but a collection of them in hundreds of cities. It will not be a celebration merely for celebration's sake, but

for a purpose appealing to every citizen in the land, that of raising an endowment for the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation for infantile paralysis.

How near that Foundation and the work it is doing and the greater work it can do are to the heart of the President is in no need of extended explanation. The country knows well of the battle he himself fought against this affliction of the victory he won. It knows of his sympathy with every step of rescuing others from the ravages of the disease, particularly his interest in the aid of crippled children.

Hardly a more cheering birthday gift could be presented the President than the guarantee of expanded services by this Foundation. The success of this birthday ball will assure greater success of Warm Springs.

Mayor Howard Laren, with civic and fraternal organizations of Nyssa, is sponsoring such a dance at the Nyssa gymnasium next Tuesday. It is hoped that its support will be as enthusiastic as its results will be gratifying to the President on his 52nd birthday. We will not only pay a personal tribute to him but proceeds will help wage the battle against infantile paralysis, a scourge which handicaps thousands of American children every year and some grown-ups.

FIRESIDE GARDENING

Planning the garden before actual work is undertaken is the preferred approach to the problem. During the next few weeks the gardener must do his planning if he is to be ready for the spring rush of outdoor work.

Fireside gardening is not only comfortable but often quite exciting for the imagination may run its course without damage to the actual garden or to the family pocket-book. Elaborate schemes may be conceived and tossed in to the discard at will. The gardener may dabble with the idea of a rockery. He may toss the rockery aside as though it were a trifle and indulge in the imaginative building of a formal rose garden.

This is the proper time for the gardener to surround himself with books, with clippings from magazines, with notes from last season's notebook, with catalogues and other literature on the art of gardening. The flower beds and lawns lie dormant, demanding nothing of the owner just now. Let him plan out his program for the new year.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

It would seem that for every case emptied by the movie stars, their divorce lawyers open one.

The Indian is also promised a new deal, and like the rest of us will probably be looking for the jack.

That cigarettes have gone up in price will probably make little difference in the number that go up in smoke.

What the nudists need is a blanket code.

Dr. Mead Slates Grouting of Owyhee Dam for Coming Spring; Report Made

The annual report of Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, discloses that the Owyhee project is more than 63 per cent completed. Great progress will be made in 1934 as the heaviest program seen on the Owyhee since construction of the dam is now under way. Dr. Mead's report, which follows, also gives considerable history of the Owyhee.

During the fiscal year 1933, the project was brought to over 63 per cent completion. The dam was completed in October 1932 by the General Construction company four months ahead of schedule.

Grouting of the contraction joints will be done by the government crew when the heat in the mass concrete has been lowered to mean temperature, which will probably be in the spring of 1934.

Gates in the dam were closed December 8, 1932, and 150 thousand acre-feet of water stored before the release of Owyhee ditch water began lowering the reservoir.

Work on the inlet end of tunnel No. 1 was concluded in December 1932 but clean-up of camp and plant was deferred until award of contract for the controlling works. By the end of June, the work was completed by Connolly company. The outlet end of tunnel No. 1 was practically finished in May 1932, 16 months ahead of schedule, and the clean-up around the portal of tunnel No. 5 was done in 1933, the lining having been completed in February 1932, 20 months ahead of stipulated time.

Construction of the North main canal to station 242 plus 20 and structures was carried on during the fiscal year, the contract being completed in April 1933 on time. The contract for the open cut was finished in September 1932, the lining of tunnel No. 3 and the approach tunnel to Owyhee river siphon in October, seven months ahead of schedule.

VALE PROJECT REPORT

Dr. Mead made the following Vale project report: Public order No. 6, issued March 23, 1933, established water rental charges for the irrigation season of 1932, for the Harper and Little Valley, Bully creek west bench and Bully creek east bench units. Good progress was made by the settlers despite the unfavorable conditions which obtained during the past year. Approximately 5000 acres were seeded to crops by 118 settlers during the season and development of new lands continued. About 2000 acres of land now in sagebrush were contracted for purchase during the last month of the fiscal year. With few exceptions the farms are being operated by the owners. Crop yields have been good.

CCC WILL GO ON

President Roosevelt has arranged for the continuation of the CCC forest work for another year, involving an expenditure of 300 million to keep 300,000 men employed.

RANCHER RAPS

CONTROL PROGRAM

Nyssa, Jan. 14.—(To the Journal)—In your editorial "Planting time for the County Agent," you say it is the farmer's fault if he didn't share in the wheat allotment plan. Here's my side of it.

My grain crop has been mostly wheat the last few years. I studied the plan by attending the meetings and reading the contracts and decided the only way I could sign was by a lot of lying and more lying till the contract was terminated. As to the check it was promised November last but the promise is still coming.

The corn and hog program comes next according to your paper but I have already \$100 in it (paid in processing tax) that I don't expect to get back.

There was \$54,000 allotted to Malheur County in the wheat program and the farmers get something like \$14,000. Who gets the other \$40,000. I have only seen a report on one other county and there the farmers got eleven per cent, I believe.

The only thing I can see that the wheat plan can do is to make the spread between the producer and the consumer broader. Think of it—four pounds of wheat for one of flour. Of course, the main thing is to make the poor pay the tax, and if there gets to be a shortage of wheat they will find a way to raise the tax and produce more wheat and of course more tax.

—FRED KLINGBACK.

Around the Country

Oregon board of higher education has appointed Dr. Clarence V. Boyer, president of the University of Oregon; and Dr. George Peavey, president of Oregon State college. Dr. Kerr remains chancellor to keep the state educational system unified.

R. H. DeArmond, Vale stockman left an estate valued at about \$100,000. To his widow goes the use of one-half of the real estate while the other half was willed outright to the four daughters. Mr. DeArmond owned one of the finest stock farms in the Vale section.

New directors of the Ontario commercial club, elected for 3-year terms at the recent annual meeting, are R. W. Jones E. M. Davidson, Joe Cooper and J. D. Billingsley. Jones is president.

From 450 to 500 men will return to work in March when the Emmett saw-mill begins operation. A small crew is at work a present.

S. G. Tuning, E. G. Johnson, Jas. B. Newport, F. A. Miller, Edgar Dilley, W. B. Mitchell and W. E. Kerrick were re-elected directors of the First National bank of Parma at the annual meeting last week.

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A TEAR AND A SIGH

I wept for a passing fancy,
A ghost of what-might-have been,
A memory of poignant longing,
Cherished, my heart, within.

I sighed for a dream a shadow,
A phantom of yesterday;
For a fragrance of dying blossoms
And summer that would not stay.

I wept, and my tears softly falling,
Like the gentle summer rain,
Seem to dissolve into union,
Sorrow and Joy and Pain.

I sighed and my spirit answered:
"Live for what doth remain;
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