

NEIGHBORING TOWN TOPICS

The Ontario Boy Scout fund drive has \$1,535.23 in cash contributions to date and not all workers have completed their clean-up calls, Garland Christiansen, Ontario drive chairman, reported today.

The amount does not include pledges that have been made to be paid during the coming year.

The Ore-Ida council decided early last spring to make one council-wide drive for the whole year and the 1953 budget will be drawn up for the council to fit the funds obtained.

The fund campaign in October ran simultaneously in all of the

Ore-Ida council throughout Malheur county and Southwestern Idaho. Nephi Grigg is general chairman for Malheur county. No county report is available because of incomplete and rural totals. —Argus-Observer.

A joint meeting of representatives of civic groups from Plymouth, Payette and Fruitland was held at the Payette county court house last night to map a plan for action to be taken concerning hazardous sections of the highways within the county.

Number one topic for discussion was the slick stretch of Highway 30 just west of New Plymouth where many accidents happen during bad weather each year.

Those present at the meeting also agreed that road signs limiting the speed to 30 miles per hour should be posted along Highway 30 from three miles south of Plymouth to Iowa avenue just north of Payette.

A further recommendation of the group was the placing of better warning signs at the north approach to the Payette river bridge on Highway 30. —Payette Valley Sentinel.

Juvenile Court Judge W. S. Stephenson, filed his yearly report with the governor covering the activities of his court for the fiscal year just ended. He reported that

39 boys and three girls appeared before him during the past 12 months charged in some degree with breaking the laws of the state.

Out of that total Judge Stephenson committed one boy to the State Industrial school at St. Anthony, two were paroled to the custody of the sheriff, three received suspended sentences and 36 were admonished to be better citizens or face punishment for their misdeeds. —Independent-Enterprise.

Henry Ricco of Prairie City, 48-year-old Grant county native is the "Grant County Cattleman of 1952." It was revealed this week by the Grant County Stockgrowers' association.

A special committee appointed by Ricco, which makes the annual association selected Ricco as the county cattleman after long deliberation over records of other members of the association being considered for the award.

Ricco's name will be submitted to the district committee, where a finalist for "State Cattleman of the Year" award will be made. The state award, instigated last year for the first time, is sponsored by Herman Oliver, prominent John Day cattleman, in the interest of community betterment for the future through improvement and other methods affecting the cattle industry. —Blue Mountain Eagle.

Surveying crews from the state highway commission are working out of Baker on an engineering survey of highway 30 from Baker to Pleasant Valley.

They report that it is a preliminary survey to modernize this section of the highway. Tangents of curves will be reduced with straightening and widening with the idea of better accommodating the increasing travel.

Those in charge report that they have no knowledge of when the contemplated improvement will be made other than the fact that the commission will have the surveying data on hand and made available. —Record-Courier.

Encouraging reports come from the manganese bodies that have been developed on Dry creek, four miles out of Whitney, during the past three years. Development has progressed to the point that regular and continuous shipments in car load lots can be made.

There are six claims of 140 acres and engineers, examining the ground, report it one of the largest of high grade manganese in the country.

Government engineers, making the examination, recommended that it be milled on the ground and stockpiled. There are several bodies of exposed ore and they will run as wide as a 40-foot face. —Record-Courier.

Albert Paulsen was elected chairman of the Wilder Farm bureau at a meeting held Monday evening at Mercer hall. Harry Jungert was named vice chairman and Mrs. Jack Smith, secretary-treasurer. The bureau's county representative is

Omar Peret.

Heading the women's committee is Mrs. Jim Edmunds, chairman; Mrs. D. A. Sherbert, vice chairman, and Mrs. Earl Martin, secretary-treasurer. —Wilder Herald.

Thirty-two years of federal service, 330,000 miles on the road, four horses, 13 cars and 15 million pieces of mail are just about enough for one man. So decided Edwin L. Kinne, rural route carrier out of the Weiser post office, who headed into the west Weiser flats for the last time last Friday morning.

The tall, quiet spoken friend of hundreds of rural residents is retiring to his three acres and his comfortable home near the intersection of 9th street and Pioneer road. Born July 14, 1886, he is trading the 45-mile daily grind for easy hours in his well-equipped wood-working shop, in the garden and the flower beds so carefully tended to date by Mrs. Kinne.

In point of service here, Kinne is the third in line in the local post office.

When he went to work out of the local office back in 1920, Roy Lacey, the present assistant postmaster, and Miss Zella Mae Lester, money order clerk, were the only one in service who are still serving the public at the local post office. Postmaster Josephine McMurren joins with other employees in wishing the veteran carrier many happy years at home. —Weiser Signal.

Construction crews on the new span across Snake river are making excellent progress with the concrete roadbed of the new bridge. The first section of the concrete was poured last week, according to Supt. John Lindstrom of Lindstrom Brothers, general contractors.

According to Lindstrom's estimates, the last concrete section will be poured on Nov. 7, then the work of installing the railing will start. About three or four weeks will be consumed in setting the concrete posts and the steel railings to form the side protection to traffic. The various stages of the work will dovetail Lindstrom pointed out, while the concrete for the roadbed is drying its required 28 days the railings and posts should be completed. —Independent-Enterprise.

William Randolph Hearst was a member of Congress from 1903 to 1907.

The San Francisco fire of 1906 was caused by breaking of gas mains following the earthquake.

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New Books Have Adventure Slant

The Malheur county library in Ontario offers again a week for examination of new books while they remain on display before going into circulation Saturday, Nov. 8.

One group of books reaches out beyond local boundaries. The first of these is "By the Waters of the Danube" by Alexandra Orme which tells of the author's life in postwar Budapest, living in a small apartment with ten other people and three dogs.

In an entirely different vein, "The European Cookbook" compiled by Cora Brown and others tells how to prepare dishes for which Italy, Spain, Portugal, and France are noted.

Those contemplating trips south of the border will want to see a handy volume by Frances Toor called "New Guide to Mexico." It gives many items of useful tourist information such as bus and train service, shopping information, road charts, holidays, and amusements.

Then, leaping from warm to colder climates, the next book is "North of the Circle" by Frank Illingsworth. This Arctic traveler tells of hardships, commercial enterprises, airplane routes and military consider-

ations in the far north.

A second group of books concerns subjects pertinent to this country. The first of these is "The West of Alfred Jacob Miller." In 1837 Miller was asked to accompany an expedition to the far west in order to sketch scenery and incidents of the journey. This book collects his water colors and his commentaries that explain each picture. There are many superb paintings of individual Indian braves.

Another aspect of the American scene as it first developed is shown in Hugh Morrison's "Early American Architecture from the First Colonial Settlements to the National Period." Colonial architecture includes New England, Southern, Dutch, Spanish and French. The last part of the book is devoted to phases of Georgian architecture.

Turning now to a topic of current interest, one finds Edward Faulkner's "Soil Development," which extends the author's argument that productive soil may be made without chemicals or fertilizer while crops are being grown.

Another practical volume is the "National Electrical Code Handbook" based on the 1951 national electrical code.

A book of short stories spans the world in its settings. "Laughing to Keep From Crying" by Langston Hughes contains stories about Ne-

groes and inter-racial behavior all over the world.

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