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The Weather
Increasing cloudiness with rain this afternoon. Showers Thursday.
Sunset today 4:31 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:33 a. m.

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins

BETTY WAMBOLT, waitress at Horn's, came to Roseburg three months ago from Castle Rock, Wash. She is shown here after having served Bob Stevenson, Bonnie Bowman, George Benson and Bob Morgan, early afternoon customers. Bonnie Bowman was a candidate for "Miss Roseburg" selection in the Oregon preliminaries of last season's "Miss America" beauty and talent contest.

NEWSPAPER JOB PICTURED

Facts Dispel Fiction In Editor Stanton's Talk On Getting, Publishing News

By LEROY INMAN

Much of the romance and adventure pictured in books and movies typifying the life of a newspaper man is non-existant in real life, Charles V. Stanton, News-Review editor, told Kiwanis Club members at their noon meeting Tuesday in the Hotel Umpqua.

As portrayed, the cub reporter is usually telling the editor where to head in, falls for the pretty girl reporter and ends up by rescuing her from a dope ring, he said. In reality the cub would probably be fired for telling the editor off. The pretty girl would not be old enough to be more than a copy girl, or would have to be 40 years old to have had the experience to make her a good reporter, and the cub would be told to let the police handle the dope ring.

Reporting is, however, he stated, an interesting profession, not because of the romance connected with it, but because of the opportunity to meet people, to learn and to study. A person can learn more philosophy from the ditch digger and more economics from a farmer than he can in the class room. A newspaper man learns from practical experience.

Layout Is Described

Stanton described the layout of a newspaper, its departments, its staff, and, at the request of program Chairman Harold Schmeer, how a newspaper is put together so that every column comes out perfect at the bottom of the page.

A newspaper is highly departmentalized, said Stanton. He introduced Ed Knapp, business manager, who is, he said responsible for the business office, advertising department and circulation department, and supervises the mechanical department and all plant equipment. Under him are managers responsible for

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Four Directors Of C. of C. Soon Will be Chosen

Election of four Chamber of Commerce directors is scheduled between Dec. 16, when ballots will be mailed out to all members, and Dec. 30 at noon, the closing time for receiving back the marked ballots.

According to Secretary-Manager Harold Hickerson, four directors are elected each year, for a three-year term, with four directors retiring each year, thus keeping the number of directors at 12.

From the board of directors the officers for the coming year are elected by the directors themselves.

The nominating committee has announced the following candidates: Roland West, Dale Sims, Tom Pargeter, George Luoma, Walter Olmscheld, Al Parr, William Oerding, Allen Ciute and Frank Bodin.

Other nominations can be made over the signatures of 25 members in good standing providing such nominations are filed with the secretary by Dec. 15, said Hickerson. Only those members whose dues are less than six months in arrears are considered to be in good standing, he said.

Jaycees Plan Annual First Citizen Banquet

It was brought out at the regular Junior Chamber of Commerce board meeting Monday night that the third annual first citizen banquet will be held in the middle of January, at a place to be designated later.

Awards to be presented have been approved, passed on and have been ordered. A secret committee of Roseburg citizens, who are older than 36, will choose the next "first citizen," according to "Chuck" Williamson, Jaycee president.

The next regular meeting of the Jaycees will be Monday, Dec. 13, at the Umpqua Hotel civic clubroom.

F. S. Lamport Succeeds McKay in Oregon Senate

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 7 — (AP)— Frederick S. Lamport, Salem attorney, was named unanimously today by the Marion County Court as state senator.

Lamport succeeds Sen. Douglas McKay, Salem, who resigned to become governor.

It will be the second time Lamport will have served in McKay's place. In the 1943 and 1945 sessions, the court named Lamport to take McKay's senate seat while McKay was in the Army.

Lamport might have the deciding vote in the race for president of the senate between Senators Carl Engdahl, Pendleton, and William E. Walsh, Coos Bay.

But Lamport was not immediately available for comment on his choice.

Youth, 20, Draws Life For Murdering Carhop

SEATTLE, Dec. 7 — (AP) — John Russell Gasser, 20, stood before Superior Judge Howard M. Findley today and heard himself sentenced to spend the rest of his life in state prison.

He was convicted of first degree murder for last summer's slaying of Donna Woodcock, 22-year-old refreshment stand carhop.

Asked by Judge Findley if he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced, he replied:

"Nothing."

DIES IN FIRE

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)— John McHargue, 68, died this morning of suffocation in a fire which practically burned his small cabin here.

S. P. Strike Threat Draws Mediation Move

Enginemen Want Action On Grievances

Railroad's System In Seven Western States Involved in Demand

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8—(AP) —A federal mediator hastened here today in an attempt to head off a strike which could shut down the Southern Pacific Railroad system in seven states next Wednesday.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, last night called a strike for 6 a. m., Wednesday. The union called it the "only method" to settle 296 points of grievance. There was no general wage demand at issue.

C. W. Moffitt, western general chairman for the Brotherhood, said 3,500 members would strike in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Nevada, Utah and Oregon unless agreement is reached before the deadline. He added, however, there was a chance progress in mediation might postpone the strike date.

Southern Pacific said in a statement that the issues have been under negotiation "and now are being handled under the orderly processes of the National Mediation Board." The railroad explained that the board has as-

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Damage Suit For $40,000 on Trial

The $40,000 damage suit brought by Alta Taylor against Universal Lumber Company and J. C. Compton Company as the result of an automobile accident Feb. 19, 1947, three miles south of Roseburg, went into its second day today.

According to the original complaint, the plaintiff was injured when her car struck a gravel truck, which was allegedly turning off the highway in the vicinity of the Universal Lumber Company.

The plaintiff claims that smoke from a burning sawdust refuse pit was so heavy that visibility along the highway was impaired, to the extent that she could not see the truck.

The palintiff claims extensive injuries and asks in addition to the $40,000 damages, sums in excess of $1200 for hospital and medical care plus costs and disbursements.

A jury of 12 was selected shortly after noon Tuesday, and the trial opened with Mrs. Taylor giving her testimony yesterday afternoon. The trial is expected to continue most of today.

Ex-Postal Pair Fined For Padding Entries

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 8—(AP)— A $254 fine and a one-year suspended sentence were given S. David Mazen, former postmaster, who pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of making false entries to increase the pay of his wife in the post office.

Mrs. Mazen was fined $100 and was given a one-year suspended sentence.

Martin Brothers Box Co. Upheld In Ouster Dispute

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(AP)— The NLRB yesterday upheld its examiner's findings that the Martin Brothers Box Company, Oakland, Ore., had not engaged in unfair labor practices.

The charge was made by the International Woodworkers of America (CIO), and aired at a hearing at Roseburg last Feb. 19.

Cleta Wandell was discharged by the company in 1946 because her application for membership in the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union was rejected and the Union asked for her discharge. The contract between the firm and the Union required employes to maintain membership in the Union.

The CIO, in alleging an unfair labor practice, said she had complied with the contract terms by making application for membership in the AFL. This, the NLRB rejected.

A dissenting opinion was written by Paul M. Herzog, NLRB chairman, who took the view that under the contract "all she was clearly and unmistakably required to do was to seek membership and that she did."

A foot note to the opinion says her application apparently was rejected by the AFL union because of "her indecision about paying the AFL a fee of $1.50 for a 'permit' entitling her to work during the initial 30 days of her employment.

Own Pay Increased By Michigan Legislators

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 8—(AP) —Michigan's $3-a-day legislator's pay—tied at that figure for 40 years by the state's constitution —was on its way out today.

The legislature, acting in special session last night, approved bills pushing the pay up to a straight $2,900 annually — or about three times as much.

All that's necessary now is Gov. Kim Sigler's signature which in expected.

The pay boost for the lawmakers comes about as a result of a referendum in the elections Nov. 2. The electorate at the time decided to take the constitutional ceiling off the pay.

BETTER TURKEYS NOTED

'Unsurpassed Quality' At Show Gives Judge Tough Task Selecting Winners

There has been steady improvement in the quality of turkeys exhibited in the Northwestern Turkey Show since its post-war reshows, the judges have never failed to comment on the "unsurvival here three years ago. Each year, in the current and previous passed quality" of the birds on display, and apparently they mean what they say.

H. P. Griffin of Sonoma, Calif., judge in the live division, said he "sweated blood" yesterday to pick the winning turkeys in a class of 45 young hens. It was an extremely arduous task to pick the top placings, since the birds were of such uniform standards, he pointed out.

"The quality of the turkeys this year is better than in any previous year," Griffin declared. He attributed this fact to the revived interest in turkey breeding since the war and the improvement of breeding stock as result of competition in the turkey show.

He pointed out that "the function of a turkey is meat," and turkey growers are picking out and developing the birds that gain maturity and have heavy flesh. These are the birds which give the producer his profit.

"We are trying to establish a type that's most profitable for the grower to grow," Griffin explained.

In his judging yesterday, Griffin placed awards on groups of young hens in the broad breasted bronze class and on miscellaneous classes, including Beltsville white, Bourbon reds, and blacks. He was assisted in the judging by boys of the Future Farmers of America, directed by Homer Grow. The boys held the turkeys during judging.

In the dressed division, M. H. Shook of Medford started in the

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Bids Slated For Enlargement Of Highway Building

Proposed construction of a 24 by 60-foot addition to the State Highway Department's division office building in Roseburg will again be up for consideration, when the Highway Commission opens bids in Portland Dec. 20 and 21.

The Roseburg job was been up twice before, but bids both times were rejected as being too high. The Commission estimates the work at about $12,000. The lowest bid last time was in excess of $21,000, with other bids running much higher.

The project calls for constructing four rooms along the east side and additions to the heating department.

The present building is occupied by the Highway Department and the State Police. The addition is designated to give both Departments room in which to expand their present crowded quarters.

Kicking Cop in Shin Costs Errol Flynn $50

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 — (AP) — Errol Flynn, two-fisted movie star, paid $50 today for kicking a policeman in the shins.

The actor of adventure roles pleaded guilty in magistrate's court to a charge of disorderly conduct. He originally had been charged with third degree assault but the charge was reduced with the consent of his complainant, Patrolman Joseph Bergeles.

The alleged kicking grew out of a taxicab episode early Tuesday morning.

Police stopped the cab in which Flynn and movie publicity man Robert Graham Wahn were riding. They thought the driver looked too young for his job.

Wahn became abusive, police said, so he and Flynn were taken to the lockup. While there patrolman Joseph Bergeles said Flynn kicked him in the shins.

Auto Blow Kills School Child When She Quits Bus

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8. — (AP) — Ten-year-old Donna Louise Pierce was killed yesterday when struck by an automobile as she stepped from a school bus north of the city.

State police said the girl ran around the rear of the bus directly into the path of a car driven by Leonard A. Patterson, Salem.

The girl was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pierce, route 2, Salem. She was a student at the Keizer District School.

Jobless Pay Sought As Coos Bay Strike Sequel

NORTH BEND, Ore., Dec. 8 — (AP) — Some 200 employes of the strike-bound Irwin-Lyons Lumber Company mill here have submitted a claim for about $40,000 in unemployment compensation.

The question of whether the workers are eligible came before Aubrey Tussing, Salem, chief referee of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, at a hearing here yesterday.

He expects to make a ruling in a week.

Two employes and John Hawkins, plant general manager, testified yesterday that the mill was closed ten weeks because of a jurisdictional dispute involving a company-owned weighter.

Japs Sentenced For 'Hell Ship' Treatment

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 8 — (AP) — Sentences ranging from one to 24 years imprisonment were imposed today on six former Japanese lieutenant generals and a colonial convicted of packing war prisoners into "hell ships."

An Eighth Army Court held the defendants responsible for transporting 17,000 allied war prisoners aboard overcrowded ships—conditions which resulted in "pain, suffering, disease to all and death to many."

Rural School Budgets Topic At Board Meet

Items are Designated As Excluded From Levies To be Voted by Districts

The Rural School Board held a question and answer meeting at the County Court House Tuesday night, at which time representatives of Douglas County school districts were advised what items could be included in the Rural School budget, soon to be compiled by the various districts.

The school district budgets will be presented to the voters sometime in January for approval, after which they will be submitted to the Rural School Board by Feb. 1, for approval and inclusion into the Rural School budget. The individual school district figures will be totaled and submitted to a county-wide vote. If passed, a levy will be set by the School Board to be distributed among county taxpayers. The current levy is .244 mills per taxpayer, as set by the last assessment roll.

Arthur Marsh, chairman of the School Board, opened the question and answer session. Among the items discussed were insurance, hiring of special teachers, such as music instructors; the raising of teachers' salaries, and

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Fugitive Convict Nabbed in South

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8 — (AP) —Detective John Victory said a man identified as Edward Griffis, 34, wanted as an escaped lifer from Walla Walla, Wash., is held here.

Griffis was arrested in a boarding house last night and submitted meekly, Victory said.

Police reports said the man was turned in by a woman companion after she learned he was wanted by Washington authorities.

Victory said Griffis admitted his identification and waived extradition to Walla Walla.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8 — (AP) — Edward Griffis, captured yesterday in New Orleans, escaped from the state prison at Walla Walla with another convicted murderer six weeks ago.

His companion, George Madison, was captured two weeks later and returned to prison.

Griffis was sentenced to a life term in 1934 for the slaying of Police Sgt. John Donlan during a burglary at Donlan's Seattle home.

National Red Cross Goal Lowered to $60 Million

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(AP)— The Red Cross lowered its sights today, setting its 1949 fund raising goal at $60,000,000 —one-fourth less than this year's total.

Basil O'Connor, president of the organization, announced last night that E. Roland Harriman, New York banker and rail executive, will direct next year's campaign scheduled for the month of March.

WRECK VICTIM — Sterling Heater, above, end of the state champion Grants Pass High School football team, was one of the two players killed in the bus wreck on Sexton Mountain last Sunday evening. The other death victim was Al Newman, whose picture appeared in the NEWS-REVIEW yesterday.

Annexation's Pros, Cons Told In Aired Talks

The first Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored radio forum broadcast over station KRNR Tuesday night turned out "better than anticipated," according to observers attending the event.

The forum featured as its first topic the proposed annexation of West Roseburg, on which the residents of that area and the city of Roseburg will vote Friday, Dec. 10, between 9 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Lowell Rhoden, Jaycee member, acted as moderator in the half-hour presentation, while speakers gathered around the microphone included Mayor Albert G. Flegel and N. D. Johnson, talking in favor of annexation, and John E. Pinkerton and B. W. McGregor, against annexation.

The main issue centered around the sewage disposal question, according to McGregor, who questioned the availability of materials to build the plant and stated he, for one, preferred to follow the plan of North Roseburg and Edenbower, areas that formed their own sanitary districts.

He further pointed out that by remaining out of the city's jurisdiction, the area could avail itself of county funds in regard to road building. McGregor told how the county had already provided a road for West Roseburg, and

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State Highway Engineer Dies of Blow From Auto

NORTH BEND, Dec 8 — (AP) — W. T. "Tabb" Thompson, 59, state highway department engineer here, died today of injuries suffered Monday when hit by an automobile.

He came here recently from Eugene to supervise two local highway jobs.

Monday evening as he was standing beside a car on the highway between here and Empire — offering assistance to a stalled driver—he was struck by a car driven by R. A. Wooden, Coos Bay. Wooden told police he did not see Thompson in the rain and darkness. Thompson was standing on the driver's side of the stalled car.

Thompson was a native of Abilene, Texas. Survivors include the widow, at Eugene, and four sons.

Parents-Teachers' Unit Organized at Riverside

The Riverside P.-T. A. was organized at a meeting in the school Monday night, with 59 charter members listed as having started the new Parent-Teachers group.

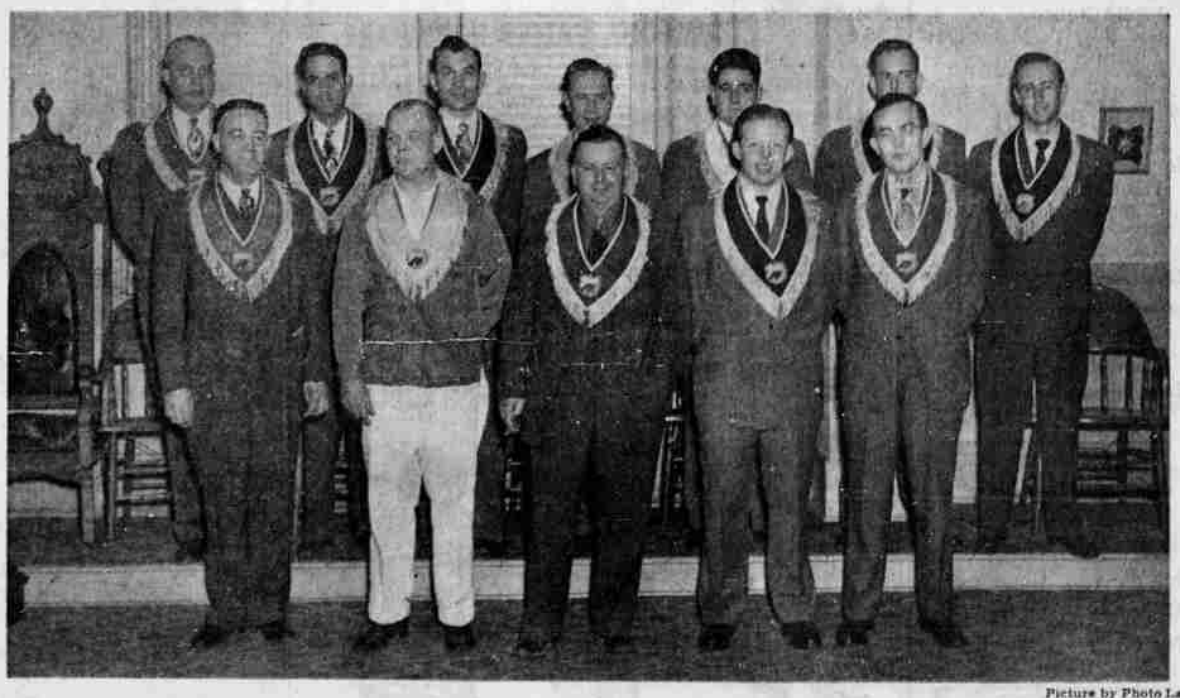
Attending the first meeting Monday 83 persons saw the following officers elected: Mrs. Clifford Travillion, 204 Alameda, president; Mrs. Leo Georgen, vice-pres.; Mrs. Ed Nolte, Sec.-Treas.

P.-T. A. groups at Benson, Fullerton and Rose meet the first Monday of each month, according to reports.

Motor Failure Halts Try For New Air Speed Mark

CLEVELAND, Dec. 8 — (AP) — One of Paul Mantz' frequent cross-country dashes ended abruptly near here late yesterday when his motor failed.

The Hollywood stunt and racing pilot was en route from Burbank, Calif., to La Guardia field in New York, trying to break the west-east transcontinental record he set Feb. 28, 1947. It was six hours, seven minutes, five seconds.



Picture by Photo Lab

HEAD MOOSE LODGE—The above officers were installed to direct Roseburg Lodge 1037, Loyal Order of Moose, at the reorganizational meeting Sunday afternoon in the I. O. O. F. hall. Pictured, left to right, front row, are Paul H. Krueger, governor; Jerry Willis, junior governor; Bill Livermore, secretary; Dr. Howard A. Schuler, trustee; Dr. Dave Campbell, treasurer. Back row, Pat Turner, sergeant-at-arms; Earl R. Kennerly, trustee; Al Farenbaugh, trustee; C. Lowell Bass, past governor; LeRoy C. Hollis, prelate; L. R. Churchill, inner guard, and Benton O. Wilson, outer guard. A class of 80 candidates was initiated with the Corvallis degree and drill team putting on the initiatory work. There are an additional 30 or more members of the lodge locally, and others have signed membership applications. About 250 attended Sunday's ceremony, including delegates from several other Oregon lodges. See picture on page 7.

Action Urged On Utilities Of Northwest

Government System Will Join Private Lines In Plan to Ease Situation

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8 — (AP)— Oregon power companies were ordered today to work out a system to remedy the power shortage.

The order, by Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg, gives the companies 10 days to present their plans.

Flagg said his order applies to every privately-owned power company in Oregon, and that the publicly-owned companies would cooperate.

Similar orders are being made in Washington and Idaho, so that the companies can cooperate on a regional basis.

Flagg said the power shortage is becoming acute, and that it will not be ended until more generatin gcapacity is developed.

Flagg did not outline exactly what the power companies must do, but some relief could be expected form shifting loads to off-peak hours, appealing to customers to conserve power, brownouts, and shiting power to sections where the demand is greater.

Flagg said that in 1951 and 52, the average peak shortage would be 300,000 kilowatts in the northwest, but that with adverse water conditions, the shortage could be as great as 1,000,000 kilowatts.

The utilities themselves, the order said, are 'in the best' position to set up a program of curtailment that will provide the least inconvenience to their customers.

This was considered an indication that the utilities would be given a chance to solve the problem without action by regulatory officials.

Flagg's order applies to the Portland General Electric, Pacific Power and Light, and Mountain States Power Companies.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 8 — (AP) —The State of Washington ordered privately-owned utilities today to continue present power-saving measures and prepare new ones to meet the pressing Pacific Northwest "juice" shortage.

In a Department of Public Utilities order, Director Andrew J. Zimmerman said that in addition to the present shortage of electrical power at peak periods, the danger even exists of a shortage of "firm electrical power" at other times of the day, at least under some circumstances.

Public System To Join In

The Pacific Power & Light Co., the Puget Sound Power & Light Co. and the Washington Water Power Co. were given 10 days to work out, in cooperation with all

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Five-Year Prison Term Meted To Bad Check Passer

Laurence Goodman, 32, of 746 S. E. Lexington Ave., Portland, Monday pleaded guilty to three separate charges of "obtaining money by false pretense," and was sentenced by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly to serve five years in the state penitentiary, the sentences to run concurrently.

Goodman was arrested in early September and charged in Justice Court at Reedsport. He waived indictment by the Grand Jury and went before Judge Wimberly on District Attorney H. A. Canaday's information.

Goodman was accused of passing worthless checks at Reedsport on March 31 in the sums of $250, issued to Nile B. Paull; $45, issued to Unger Radio and Electric Store, and $40, issued to Dunn's Outfitting Store.

Two other charges on similar bad check deals were filed against Goodman by the district attorney, but the judge postponed indefinitely sentencing on these counts. The district attorney reported that he also had additional checks on which he had prepared no informations.

The checks were issued on the First National Bank of Portland. Goodman pleaded guilty to issuing the checks, but claimed he thought he had sufficient funds to cover the accounts.

Goodman had appeared before Judge Wimberly in November, but the judge at that time had postponed passing sentence until his record could be better checked.

Justice of Peace Vote 'Sticker' for This Town

ELLENDALE, Minn., Dec. 8.— (AP) — Ellendale held its annual village election yesterday and nobody filed for Justice of the Peace.

When judges counted the ballots, however, they discovered 10 in the race for that office as sticker candidates.

But Ellendale still has no justice of the peace. For each of the write-ins got only a single vote. And no solution to the dilemma had been found today.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The hammer still rules the Soviet sector of Berlin, but the election in the western sector this week certainly put the 'sick' in sickle.