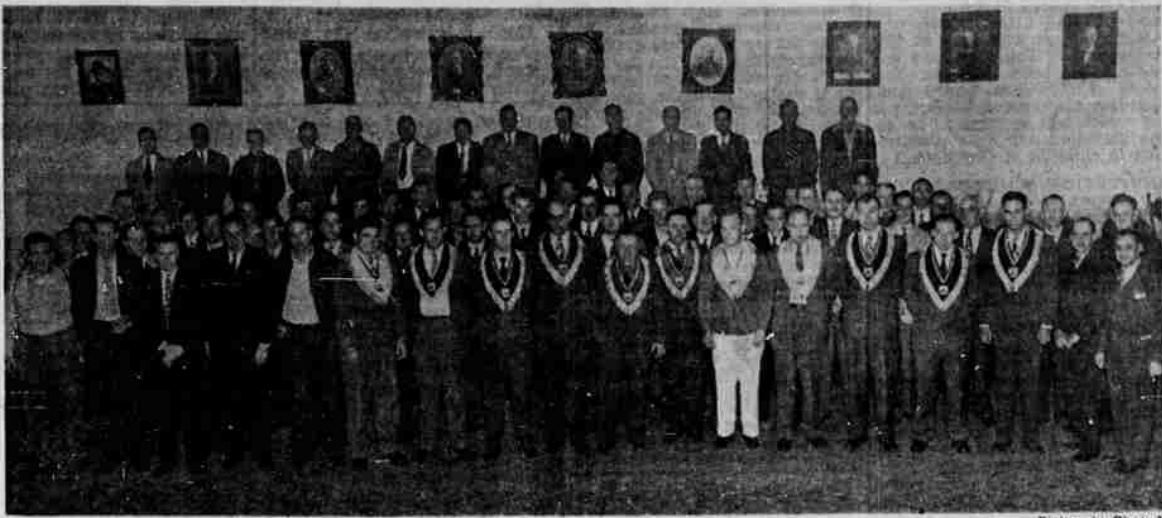




MOOSE LODGE REORGANIZED—A class of 80 members pictured here were initiated into Roseburg Lodge 1037, Loyal Order of Moose, Sunday at initiation and installation services held in the I. O. O. F. hall. Approximately 250 persons were present for the occasion. Eugene sent two bus loads, and Corvallis one bus load. Delegates were also present from Oregon City, Cottage Grove, Portland, Medford, Klamath Falls, Coos Bay and Albany. Installation of officers, pictured on page 1, was conducted by State President Cliff Gee, Corvallis, assisted by Sta. Secretary Lonnie Crawford, Eugene. The next meeting date and place will be announced later. The lodge plans weekly meetings as soon as arrangements can be made, according to Charles J. Skill, state organizer, who has spent considerable time in Roseburg recently assisting with reorganization plans.

Oregon's Credit Is Restored To Former Standard

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The state of Oregon's credit, which wasn't worth much a month ago, looked all right yesterday.

Seven banks and bond houses bid today for \$2,000,000 worth of World War II veterans' bonds, and the bids were as good as they were before the election.

The low bidder was Halsey, Stuart & Co., which bid at an effective interest rate of 1.7457 per cent. This compares with the 1.7454 per cent bid last August, when the last bonds were sold.

After the general election November 2, there wasn't a single bidder for veterans bonds. Bonding houses said they feared the \$50 minimum old age pension bill, passed at the election, would bankrupt the state. The state, however, will not put it into effect until the money to finance the pension is available.

Today's bond sale assures the veterans department with funds to keep on making farm and home loans to veterans. Since it came into existence 21 years ago, the veterans department has sold \$12,000,000 in bonds, and has loaned \$9,841,839 to 2,583 veterans.

Racoons Liberated By Goering Plague Germans

KASSEL, Germany —(AP)—Little "Goering's" have become a plague in the forest-rimmed village of Brinhausen near here. The villagers call them "little Goerings," and it is a curse when they say it, but actually they mean racoons, and they don't like them because of the damage they have done to their crops.

Rotund Hermann Goering had acquired several pairs of racoons from the United States in his hey-day when he was "Reich hunting master" besides running the German air force and the German economy. He liked racoons and wanted them in his forest. He set them free in the hilly forest region near this village in the Kassel area.

Meanwhile they multiplied and are roaming about the fields and orchards of Brinhausen. The farmers there now declared war on them because the heavy damage they are doing to their sugar and other beets as well as their fruit trees.

Farm Dept. Against Freight Rates Hike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department said yesterday the current farm price situation does not warrant the freight rate increase asked by the railroads.

"The income in agriculture is not what it was a year ago," Louis H. Bean, department economist, told the Interstate Commerce Commission at a hearing on the railroads' petition for a new 13 per cent hike in rates.

He said that although livestock prices have continued to rise and meats are up 10 per cent from a year ago, there has been a 15 per cent decline in crop prices since November, 1947.

Bean added that meat prices are expected to drop next year as the bumper 1948 grain crop brings down prices of livestock feed.

Asked by Jacob Aronson of the New York Central railroad if the department has not recently forecast another prosperous year for farmers in 1949, Bean replied: "We expect prices will be lower, and that net income will show a further decline."

Bean testified in support of the Secretary of Agriculture's petition asking the ICC to deny the immediate rate revision requested by the railroads as an emergency measure.

Yoncalla

Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers, Jr., and family moved into their new home just south of town last week.

Mrs. Eric Stenseth spent several days last week buying Christmas merchandise for the Red and White store and visiting her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Holland in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Richards are enjoying a few days with their daughter and husband in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Lasswell and two children spent the weekend Christmas shopping in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McKern spent last weekend with their daughter and family in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Cockle, Miss Dianne Cockle and Wayne Cockle of Kennewick, Wash., visited at the Dan Wright home last week.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Lange are the proud parents of a son, Robert Wesley, born Dec. 1 at the Boomer Maternity home near Drain. This is their second son.

Word has been received from Eugene, that Donald Rychard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Rychard of Yoncalla, who is confined in the Sacred Heart Hospital with polio is progressing in his fight, and expects to be home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brooks Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Adams and family spent Thanksgiving at Grants Pass, with Mrs. Brooks and Lee Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrennes Vro-

Mrs. Allen Lancaster and son Allen of Elkton were Thanksgiving guests at the Eola Raper home. Bobby and Donny Guard spent several days last week with their grandmother, Mrs. Dale Shirley, in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brant and daughter, Joanne, spent last

weekend with their daughter in St. Helens, Ore.

At a recent survey of preschool children in district No. 3, there were 277 children with an increase of 67 over last year's census, according to Bernice Mediki, school clerk.

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