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CONFERENCE
HOMEMAKING
PLANS MADEFeature of Economic Ses-
sions Here Late This
Month Is ArrangedMISS LUCY CASE
TO GIVE LECTUREPractical Landscaping
Will Be Among Subjects
Interior Decorating Is
Another.

When the fifth annual Union county economic conference convenes here Feb. 24 and 25, the homemaker's section, in third annual session, will hold what is probably the most interesting program yet arranged. Mrs. W. T. Phipps is chairman this year and has as sub-chairmen for the homemaker's department of the conference Mrs. S. E. Miller, of Union, Mrs. George Birnie, of La Grande, and Miss Alice Macmillan, county health nurse, of La Grande.

Among the features of their program will be a lecture and demonstration morning by Miss Lucy Case, nutrition expert from O. S. C. This will be in connection with the health and nutrition program which Mrs. Phipps has scheduled for Saturday morning, with Miss Macmillan as sub-chairman.

Two Subjects Friday
On Friday afternoon two separate subjects will be taken up, one, home interior decorating, a study of ways to make the home beautiful, with Mrs. Birnie as sub-chairman.

Landscaping and gardening will be the subject of which Mrs. Miller will have charge. Mrs. Miller was general chairman of the homemaker's program two years ago.

The subject of practical landscaping is a new one to the department and is being taken up this year following the passage of a resolution passed last year suggesting that it be made a part of the annual program. Particular stress is to be laid on encouraging the planting of Oregon shrubbery and plants. Mrs. Phipps announced.

The conference is to be held at the high school again this year, Feb. 24 and 25 fall on Friday and Saturday.

"BINGO" ENDS
LIFE TERM AT
COURT HOUSE

Bingo was a voluntary life term-er at the court house, but he's finished his term now. He finished it last Sunday.

And Tom Belford, the janitor up at the court house, feels downright bad this week. Says Tom: "It's funny how a thing like that affects a fellow, but it sure gets you."

"The thing" that's got Tom is this: Six years ago Tom brought home a bird dog pup and he called him "Bingo." He was raised (dog aren't raised from puppydom right there at the court house) and he grew up to be a big, kind-eyed dog. Everyone liked the big dog; everyone knew Bingo—he was such a friendly fellow. He was Tom's dog but everyone's pet at the court house where he was almost as much a part of daily life as his master, who has been there for years.

But last Sunday afternoon Bingo finished his term. Someone poisoned Tom's dog and Tom's just "naturally mad" about it.

Bingo can off Sunday morning for a romp over the hill from the Belford house on Fifth and C, and came back an hour or so later crawling in agony from poison. "I did all I could for the old fellow but I couldn't help him. He looked up with those eyes just like he knew I was trying to help him but there wasn't any use."

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"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Portland Paper
Prints Story Of
Big 'Phone DealLocal Company Mentioned
—S. D. Crowe Does Not
Know Firm Supposed
to Be Involved.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10. (AP)—The Portland Telegram learned today on what it considers reliable authority that W. B. Fosdy and company of San Francisco has acquired the Nevada, California and Oregon Telephone and Telegraph company, and has obtained options on telephone properties in Oregon and Washington valued at more than \$8,000,000.

The paper says it understands that all of the options will be exercised and that there will be a transfer of all the properties involved to Fosdy and company within the next thirty days.

Among the properties in Washington mentioned is the Montesano Telephone company and the Interstate Utilities company of Spokane. The latter is said to be the largest independent telephone company in the United States.

Included in the transaction was the Home Independent Telephone company of La Grande owned by W. S. and S. D. Crowe and stockholders.

Questioned this afternoon by an Observer reporter in reference to the Portland Telegram story of which the above Associated Press item tells, S. D. Crowe, of the Home Independent Telephone company, stated that he does not know the persons mentioned and, if they are interested, it must be indirectly.

The telephone company recently issued a statement regarding a proposition of purchase which the stockholders are now considering, which was printed in The Observer.

North Powder
Quint Defeats
Tiger Seconds

While the first team slumbered peacefully at home, the La Grande High school second string stepped into their shoes, went to North Powder and took a 12-10 defeat last night. Thus ended the second team boys first actual game; it was in no sense a disgraceful defeat, for North Powder has a speedy accomplished aggregation.

In the first quarter La Grande ran up five points before the Powder boys could score. Then, when they did score, say spectators, the Tigers became nervous and never again regained the control they should have had.

Playing an excellent defensive game, the Tigers fell down on converting free throws and breaking. The teams had an even number of baskets, but North Powder made more free throws.

The tilt was an excellent seasoning game for the youthful players who will probably form the nucleus of next year's squad. Coach Christie believes he overlooks the loss of the game for the significance of the experience. Paul Roe, at guards, Provost center and Paul and Vincent Nordin, the sophomore twins who appeared in the Enterprise game last week, at forwards started the game, and later in the contest C. Wallinger, Bing and Griffin saw action. The coach and Mrs. Christie accompanied the eagles to North Powder. Bob Stoddard and Stanley Zundel went along but did not get into the game.

Proceeding the main game tonight at the recreational hall between Union and La Grande, the junior girls' basketball, sixtettes will mix in the championship game of the inter-mural series at the high school. Their game is expected to be an exciting one and considerable interest is being shown in it.

The lineups of the two teams follow: Seniors: Bertha Bentz, jumping center; Phyllis Amel, running center; Pearl Murray and Peggy Graze, forwards; Alyce Cook and Martina Saus, guards. Juniors: Marya Lyman, jumping center; Jane Stange, running center; Doris Gabe and Gueline Park, forwards; Ruth Durand and Mildred Standley, guards. Substitutions:

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Director Election
Ballots Sent Out

The second ballot for the election of chamber of commerce directors is now out. There are 25 names on the ballot, the 12 receiving the largest number of votes in the first round.

The ballots must be turned in to the chamber of commerce offices by Thursday evening, Feb. 16, when they will be counted.

Stolen Car Found
Near Hilgard, Ore.

A light coupe was taken from Chestnut street last night but was recovered this morning near Hilgard, according to a telephone call received by police. The car was abandoned. It is the property of W. A. Burns.

BAILEY GETS
2-YEAR PEN
TERM TODAYJudge Knowles Imposes
Sentence on Man Con-
victed of BurglaryCIRCUIT COURT
MEETS TUESDAYNo Session Monday Be-
cause of Observance of
Lincoln's Birthday An-
niversary.

Robert Bailey was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary this morning at 10 o'clock by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. The sentence was the maximum for the offense.

Bailey was found guilty in circuit court Wednesday of burglary of a private dwelling. He was arrested some time in November for the theft of a set of dies from a blacksmith shop on the J. W. Rush farm in the valley.

His trial in circuit court was a short one, lasting through a little more than half the morning. The jury had returned a verdict against him within half an hour. He is about 40 years of age.

The sheriff's office is not yet certain when the prisoner will be taken to Salem for confinement in the Oregon state penitentiary.

COURT OF HONOR
SATURDAY NIGHTWill Mark End of Boy
Scout Anniversary
Week Observance

Plans are completed and everything in readiness for the court of honor for all boy scouts of Union county which will be held at the county court house tomorrow night, when one boy scout—the first in La Grande—will be awarded an Eagle scout badge. Virgil Koehnensperger is the boy who will receive the award, having completed all requirements. He is a member of troop No. 3 of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

Troop No. 3 will be honored a second time during the court of honor, this troop having won the five-dollar window display award, which will be presented at this time. The window displays, a part of the anniversary week program, were judged this morning and the exhibit arranged by troop No. 3 in Hill's store was chosen as the most complete and the best arranged. There were three camp scenes, troop No. 14 of the First Presbyterian church having one in the show window of the Perkins garage and the American Legion troop having one in the Hill's store and A. J. Stanger, L. K. Kinzel and Fred E. Langer, of the Mt. Emily Lumber company.

During this morning's meeting general conditions in the lumbering industry were discussed. At noon the group had luncheon together at the La Grande hotel, and this afternoon the session was continued at the Mt. Emily company's offices.

Tomorrow night will mark the end of anniversary week. The court of honor opens at 7:30 and the public is invited to attend.

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Willamette University Basketball
Team to Play M. I. A. Here Tomorrow

A basketball game that is expected to fill the L. D. S. Recreation hall to capacity will take place tomorrow night, when the M. I. A. First Ward team of La Grande will face the variety five of Willamette university, one of the leaders of the Northwest conference.

Willamette has only lost one conference game this season, that last night at Walla Walla where Whitman nosed out the Beavers in a last quarter rally. After playing a second game this evening, the Willamette players will return for morning on Train No. 24. They will stop at the La Grande hotel.

Arrive on No. 24
Coach "Spec" Keene, the Willamette coach, is widely known in La Grande and many of his friends will be at the station to greet him. After playing here tomorrow night, the team will continue east, going to Caldwell where it will tangle Monday and Tuesday with the College of Idaho.

The Willamette lineup follows: Adams and Glass, forwards; Cardinal, center; Fletcher and Hawk, guards; Tweddie, Minto and Ledbetter, spores. Ledbetter is from Imbler and it is expected that he will take part in the game here.

Widespread interest is being shown in the contest, according to Leland Stockdale, who reports that

Justice Court
Jury List For
Year Drawn UpNames of Persons Select-
ed Will Be Eligible for
Service in Court Dur-
ing 1928.

The justice court jury list for this district has been prepared and includes the names of 248 people of this judicial district who are qualified to act as jurors. The list was prepared by Judge Hugh E. Brady, justice of the peace, assisted by two freeholders, B. G. Fritts and J. A. Arbuckle.

Following is the list of names from which the jurors for all jury trials in the justice of the peace court during the year will be drawn.

H. M. Bradshaw, E. Brusel, John J. Broomfield, W. E. Buchanan, James A. Bugg, C. B. Cuthorn, D. Charbonneau, Joe Clark, H. L. Clausen, Elmo Clegg, Dale Cox, R. A. Crawford, T. H. Cross, Oscar Crosson, Wm. Day, Chas. Disqua, E. J. Donohue, L. E. Dunn, B. McDurand, Fred Eames, C. J. Eaton, Chas. N. Edwards, Guy Ellis, E. L. Evans, L. Garrison, C. H. Gassett, Harry Gibson, C. G. Griffin, C. G. Green, J. T. Harvey, P. F. G. Henning, Al Herrmann, Will Casey, Bert Higgins, Chas. E. Hilderbrand, J. C. Hughes, A. B. Hunter, E. B. Hurley, F. M. Jackson.

G. R. Claycomb, James Mass, H. E. Williams, E. F. Willock, Gene Walker, R. W. Leighton, E. M. Lewis, C. W. Lofland, Geo. Lyman, E. G. Lovely, O. L. Macdowell, L. L. McKennon, James Mcmasters, J. D. Meyers, Chas. B. Miller, Wm. Miller, Jay Millering, L. B. Moe, John Neiderer, Sherwood Williams, W. W. Kinzie, Roll M. Baker, A. V. Andrews, S. P. Andrew, Geo. Kennedy, D. H. Kincaid, D. B. Ashby, W. P. Ballard, Fred A. Balmer, T. G. Banks, Wm. Barclay, Raymond Balm, H. M. Bay, George Bean, J. W. Beck, Wm. Berry, John Bennett, Oscar Berger, C. L. Berry.

C. H. Bidwell, Chas. A. Bingham, Geo. S. Birnie, Arthur R. Bowen, Victor Ekelley, C. P. Newlin, Otto Pieper, Ed H. Boylen, Lloyd Scriber, Bert Noy, Jesse Andrews, Geo. Curry, Otis Padgett, J. K. Fitzgerald, Frank Sydman, Chas. Bohnenkamp, C. W. Bunting, George Way, Max Cullen, Robert Clark, Norman Deslett, Sydney Hopper, Aggie Harrison, Dan Turner, C. L. Blystone, J. L. Courtney, E. E. Herlinger, E. E.

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Eastern Oregon
Lumber Men In
Session Today

A business meeting of the Eastern Oregon Lumber Sales company is being held here today at the offices of the Mt. Emily Lumber company. George R. Hicks, president of the company, of Kansas City, is here and is presiding over the meeting. Others in attendance are R. C. Caldwell, of the Eastern Oregon Lumber company, of Enterprise; David Stoddard, of the Oregon Lumber company of Baker; Joe Stoddard, of the Stoddard Lumber company of Baker; Elmer Stoddard, of the Grande Ronde Lumber company of Ponderosa; H. N. Ashby, of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company of La Grande; and A. J. Stanger, L. K. Kinzel and Fred E. Langer, of the Mt. Emily Lumber company.

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Five members were appointed to a committee to decide if the trapshooting would be divided from the club and a report is to be made by Feb. 16. Members of the committee are: H. K. O'Brien, Tom Zweifel, C. L. Macker, Art Weagle and Tracy Hollister.

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Missing Officers

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SENATE VOTE
UNFAVORABLE
TO 3 TERMSRefuses to Sidetrack Is-
sue by Sending It to
a CommitteeSMITH QUILTS AS
SENATOR-ELECTGov. Len Small, Illinois,
Immediately Appoints
Him to Position in Up-
per House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP)—The senate placed itself on record today as being opposed to a presidential holding office for three terms.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP)—The senate refused today to sidetrack the La Follette anti-third term resolution by sending it to the judiciary committee.

Senator Jones, republican, of Washington, denounced the La Follette measure as "wholly unwarranted and unjustified."

"Its passage," he said, "amounts to nothing more than a declaration by 49 or more senators that the people are not competent to select their own president."

"I shall vote against the resolution and I await with interest the action of members of that party whose slogan a few years ago was 'Let the people rule!'"

Senator Shortridge, republican, California, declared the resolution "has no place in this body."

SMITH APPOINTED

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 10. (AP)—Frank L. Smith, of Dwight, Ill., was a United States senator designate today, a title under which he expects to be admitted to the senate chambers from which he was recently barred.

The former chairman of the Illinois commerce commission handed his resignation as United States senator-elect to Gov. Len Small last night, and immediately was appointed by the governor to fill the vacancy. At the same time Gov. Small called a special primary, and a special general election to allow voters of Illinois to elect Smith again, if they so choose to do.

Both special elections will be held on the same day as the regular primary in April and the general election in November.

The senate refused to seat the former Illinois official because of his acceptance of campaign funds from Samuel Insull, public utility magnate, and others.

Trapshooters To
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SONGS AVERT
PANIC WHILE
EARTH ROCKS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 10. (AP)—The songs of a Spanish soprano, Angeles Otter, averted a panic in the Iris theater here last night, when the severest earthquake in several years rocked the city.

So intense was the tremor which occurred at 6:40 p. m., that telegrams were thrown out of order and no official record of the movement was available today. The earthquake lasted for several minutes.

At various motion picture theaters people rushed through the darkness for the exits and fought frantically to gain the street, no casualties have been reported, however.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Feb. 10. (AP)—A severe earth tremor was felt here last night lasting eight seconds. Many persons fled from the theaters and their homes.

HICKMAN AND
HIS JUDGE

It took a California jury just 38 minutes yesterday to find William Edward Hickman, slayer and mutilator of Marian Parker, sane. Now Hickman, in oval, is waiting in his cell for the sentence which will be passed on him tomorrow by Superior Judge J. J. Trabucco, of Mariposa county, who last yesterday said "you can rest assured that this defendant will be given all the law allows."

BIBLE STUDY IN
SCHOOL ILLEGAL

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 10. (AP)—Bible reading and teaching of religious subjects, sectarian or otherwise, in the public schools of Michigan, is unlawful, Attorney General W. W. Potter has ruled.

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Gives Provisions
The attorney general cited the following provisions of the state constitution:

"Sectarian text books may not be used in public schools."
"School boards have no authority to establish or continue courses in religious subjects."
"Any text book stressing the doctrine of the divinity of Jesus Christ is prohibited."

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GIVES OPINION—
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Roman Question
May Be Settled
During the YearMussolini and Vatican
Are Carrying on Nego-
tiations, Correspondent
in Rome Learns.

Editor's Note—Solution of the "Roman question," involving the relationship between the Vatican and the Italian government since the end of the temporal power in 1870, looms as a probability of the near future.

Progress of the negotiations is told in the following article by Salvatore Cortesi, for the past 25 years correspondent of the Associated Press in Rome.

By Salvatore Cortesi
(Associated Press Rome Correspondent)

ROME, Feb. 10. (AP)—The year 1928 perhaps may become as noteworthy in the religious history of the world for the solution of the "Roman question" as is the year 1870 for the fall of the Vatican's temporal power.

It is possible that the figure of King Victor Emmanuel II., of that day, who transformed the apostolic palace of the quirinal into the royal residence of the new king of Italy, may be remembered throughout the centuries as contrasted to that of Premier Mussolini as one who brought reconciliation between church and state.

Mussolini Hopeful
At the beginning of 1927, Premier Mussolini, speaking on the "Roman question," said:

"It must be concluded and settled by next Easter."

Unforeseen circumstances have prevented this, notwithstanding willingness on both sides and the efforts and ability of the chief negotiator, who remains in the dark and is almost unknown, the Rev. Tacheli-Venturi. He is a Jesuit, a scholar in history and literature.

The Rev. Tacheli-Venturi knew Mussolini before the latter assumed office as premier, but their acquaintance grew very close when Pope IX., a few months after the advent of the fascist regime, chose him to negotiate the purchase of the ancient library contained in the Chigi palace, which was about to be bought by the Italian government. The present Pope Pius has already submitted to Pope Benedict XV., who did not carry it out because of lack of funds.

The Rev. Tacheli-Venturi went to see the fascist premier, submitted to him the pope's proposal and concluded: "I am instructed to ask your Excellency for what you would be willing to sell the Chigi library to his holiness."

Gives Library
The premier responded promptly: "I sell nothing to the pope. To the Holy Father I present the library."

Thus the conversations for the reconciliation between church and state began and they could scarcely have started under more favorable auspices.

According to reliable reports, the following are practically the main points agreed upon for the solution of the "Roman question":

(1) The Italian state grants to the Holy See an extension of its territory which will enjoy the right of extra-territoriality as in the case of the apostolic palaces and the Vatican gardens since 1870. The new territory to be added is on the southeast of the Vatican gardens and includes a beautiful villa, Doria-Pamphili.

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Plant Explodes;
4 Oil Derricks
Wrecked by Fire

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 10. (AP)—An early morning explosion in an absorption plant at 32nd and Atlantic streets, inside the city limits of Long Beach, wrecked a considerable section of the city and started a fire which resulted in serious injury to one man and the destruction of four oil derricks.

The blast occurred in the plant of the Signal Gas company. Sheets of flame were shot hundreds of feet into the air.

Ray Thompson,