

Fight Thistles In District By Lostine River

By Mrs. William Wiggins (Observer Correspondent) LOSTINE, Ore. (Special)—A number of farmers in the thistle district, which begins as one crosses the Lostine river, have been asked to join the extermination group. Those who are in the district are E. R. Swart, G. R. Hilton, J. W. Allen, Earl Shearer, G. C. McClain, E. J. Mook, Neal Baker, E. Noif, A. Thompson, C. H. McRoy, J. H. Wolfe and L. F. Willett. The plan is a five-year campaign, using all known weapons against the thistle.

May 24 has been set aside for all those interested to go to the picnic ground near Flora and clear up the ground, preparatory to holding the picnic on June 16. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout to the grounds on that day. George Mitchell, for 30 years a resident of Wallowa county, passed away very suddenly at his home on Elk Mountain. Death came May 7 and was presumably caused by a burst blood vessel in his brain. He had eaten a hearty breakfast and went to the barn to do chores, when he fell and was carried to the house where he passed away. Mr. Mitchell for many years was in the hotel business in Enterprise, running the Enterprise and Farmers hotels. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Parent and two little daughters arrived from Ponders for a few days visit with friends before going to McCall, Idaho.

Miss Kathleen Hain, of La Grande, spent three days of her vacation last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hain. M. E. Stevenson, of Wichita, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wiggins, of Baker, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wiggins. William Wiggins returned home Saturday from a week's stay at Imbler. Louis Crow, accompanied by the Misses Ruth and Gertrude Swart, spent Monday on a picnic trip up the South Fork river. After driving to the end of the highway they hiked

Arrests Furnish Solution of East Oregon Robbery

EUGENE, Ore., May 19 (AP)—Police here yesterday that with the arrest here of Sidney Bennett, 33, and Fred Klinker, 37, they believe a widespread Eastern Oregon theft ring has been broken. The two men were arrested Sunday. Five cases of cigarettes, new tools, and a paper sack full of tags from a J. C. Penney company store, were found in their possession. Officers said it appears as though the ring with thefts in The Dalles, Freewater and Adams. Sheriff Gurdans of Umatilla county, and Sheriff Sexton of Wasco were on their way here to question the men. The cigarettes are thought to have been taken from the Hudson Duncan warehouse at The Dalles, and the tools are believed to have come from the Kirby garage at Adams. The Penney store at Freewater was robbed May 8.

THE DALLES, Ore., May 19 (AP)—Police here said yesterday they believe the arrest in Eugene Sunday of two men who said they were Fred Klinker and Sidney Bennett, has solved the burglary of the Hudson Duncan wholesale grocery warehouse here Saturday night, the burglary of the J. C. Penney store at Freewater May 8, and the robbery of a garage at Adams in Umatilla county May 8.

The two were arrested in Eugene when they were found selling cigarettes on the streets. Information received by The Dalles police was that the cartons bore the name of the Hudson Duncan company, from which 60,000 cigarettes, nine boxes of cigars, and \$400 was taken. Eugene officers said tools found in the possession of the men were similar to those reported stolen from Adams. Several Penney store tags were found in their automobile.

RECEIVE BIDS FOR WORK IN EAST OREGON

SALEM, May 19 (AP)—Fifteen bids, ranging from \$125,800 to \$157,575, were received for the Eastern Oregon hospital building at Pendleton, when the secretary of state board of control, Carl Abrams, opened bids on general construction. It is expected the award will be made today by the board. More than 40 contractors were here for the opening of bids. Bids were also opened on the garage building at the hospital in the general construction contract with the general construction. The low bid on the main hospital building was by Dougan-Hammond Construction company, Portland. The firm bid \$125,800 on the hospital, \$14,700 on the garage if awarded the hospital contract and \$10,700 if not awarded the hospital contract. The bid for the miller rainwater tank at the hospital was estimated at between 130 and 150 working days while on the garage from 30 to 130 days.

DISTRIBUTING YOUNG SALMON IN THIS AREA

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrill (Observer Correspondent) UNION (Special)—Young salmon are being distributed from the fish hatchery as rapidly as possible to make room for the new shipment of a fair million rainbow trout eggs that arrived from Diamond lake Monday morning. R. H. Bonney left this morning with 25,000 to be distributed in the creek cuts from Richland. A shipment of fresh water shrimp to be distributed in the lakes for food for the young fish arrived from Utah lake Saturday, but it will be scattered before the snow has melted enough for trucks to get into the mountains. In the meantime the shrimp are being held in a private pond near Baker, where they have their natural inclination to multiply rapidly; they will make a greater supply for the lakes.

Mrs. M. R. Moffitt, who was taken to a hospital at Wallowa in a very critical condition, is slowly improving. Mrs. Ida Houser is caring for the children while their mother is in the hospital. Fay Bright, of Wallowa, had charge of the mutual creamery while M. B. Moffitt was at the bedside of his wife. C. W. Jenkins, of Portland, arrived Thursday for an extended visit with his niece, Mrs. Ober Ward.

The Lostine Cemetery association held a meeting May 9 to appoint a committee for the Memorial day activities. The following committees were appointed: program committee, Mrs. Ella McKinzie, Mrs. Roy Hain and George Childers; dinner committee, Mrs. James Read, Mrs. F. E. Leach, Mrs. Earl Allen, Mrs. D. H. McGill and Miss Leota Holmes; decoration committee, Charles Bridwell, Gussie Crow and J. J. Chapman. Two days will be devoted to cleaning the cemetery and lot owners are requested to work on those days, Wednesday, May 20, and Sunday, May 24. A truck will be furnished to haul off the rubbish.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent) WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Miss Clarice Couch who attends high school here spent the weekend with her parents at their home in the Whiskey creek district. Frank Walker has recently finished seeding about 90 acres of spring grain in the Leap section and is moving his horses and machinery back to his Trout creek ranch where he has about 250 acres of summer-fallow to plow. He recently purchased several head of young mules which he expects to break while plowing. He gave \$30 per head for the mules which are all young and of a fair size. A car of fat hogs were sent out by the Wallowa County Stock Marketing association last week. Indications are that hog shipments will be heavier from this section than for past several weeks. A number of the farmers who took a considerable number of late fall pigs through the winter are fattening them now.

J. H. Feagins, of Leap, has been helping John Bales finish his spring seeding. Mr. Bales is farming the Bruce Fisher ranch in that community and is seeding about 100 acres this spring. Giles Plass has been building a chicken shed for young chicks at his farm. Mrs. Plass experienced excellent luck in hatching a large number of chicks this spring. The hatching was all done with hens and from one setting of 15 eggs in the Rhode Island Minor moved his sheep from range in the Whiskey creek district the latter part of the week to his ranch east of town where they will be held while shearing and then moved to the mountains southwest of Lostine for the summer.

New York—Sinclair Lewis says Yale officials were cool toward his offer to give his Nobel prize medal to Yale library. Lisbon—Two earthquakes shake city.

Los Angeles—Daisy Deboe sues Frederick H. Giraau, publisher, for using her name on series of articles on Clara Bow.

Holman Strikes At State Police Bill Opposition

SALEM, May 19 (AP)—Persons who believe in the spoils system of politics, including every bootlegger, game violator, speed demon, potential highwayman and thug, together with disgruntled politicians and office holders are opposing the enactment of the state police law. Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, declared in a statement yesterday. Holman warned against signing the referendum petitions against the police bill. Holman's statement was particularly directed to sportsmen of the state, and written as past president of the Multnomah Anglers and Hunters club. Holman reviewed the success of the police system in other states and stressed the promise of Governor Julius L. Meier in effecting savings to taxpayers if the bill is enacted. The referendum movement is "based on spite, malice and the spoils system of politics," Holman said. Every signature on the referendum petitions to be circulated against the state police act is a signature for the continuance of the present chaotic law enforcement conditions of the state, and the indefinite postponement of the great economies and marked tax reduction which Governor Meier will undoubtedly effect if his plan is not tied by the proposed referendum.

THE GARDEN

GROW PINKS OF ALL SORTS It would be easily possible to grow a garden composed entirely of pinks and produce a grand show of color from early spring until hard freezing checked the parade. There are pinks for rock gardens, pinks for edging, pinks for bedding, pinks for pots, pinks for cutting and pinks good only for garden color. It is a general purpose plant and there are a great number of species, hybrids and varieties. The colors run through all shades of red, pink, rose to white, with some almost black. There are one or two pale yellow pinks, but blue is absent in the genus Muscatus. For immediate display the same season, we have the annual Japanese and Chinese pinks, perennial if protected. For the perennial border we have the hardy pinks, the grass pinks, clove pinks, hardy carnations and the alpine pinks for the rock garden.

The mainstays are the annuals and the grass pinks known as Dianthus plumarius, also often known as June pinks, clove scented, fringed with blue green foliage and a wealth of bloom in their season. The pink enjoys the distinction of being about the quickest of all flowers to germinate from seed. With good growing conditions the plants come up inside a week.

The annual pinks make fine masses of color with flakings and zonings, the prevailing colors being reds and pink. They come in double and single forms. Sow seed now and transplant eight inches apart. In a few weeks they will be in gorgeous bloom, developing new stems all summer if seed is kept cut. The giant single-fringed, laciniatus, is one of the showiest of the annual pinks. They can be bought in single colors or mixed. The self-colored rich reds, make most effective plantings. Crimson Bedder, a new hybrid with glowing dark red blossoms in clusters, is one of the finest. It is a perennial, but blooms the first year like an annual. Plant plenty of annual pinks and at the same time start perennials for next year and the handsome biennial Sweet Williams, which are also pinks. You won't have too many pinks and they fit all situations in the garden. They, fortunately, are one of the easiest growing of all the garden plants.

WHEAT HOLDINGS REDUCED

According to a recent statement the federal farm board now expects to dispose of the 33,000,000 bushels of stabilization wheat set for sale abroad not later than July 1. Total sales to date amount to about 20,000,000 bushels. Whether additional offerings will be made from grain corporations holdings is reported under consideration by the board.

WALNUTS

The total yield of walnuts in Oregon last year was approximately 1,000 tons or 2,000,000 pounds of grades quality. The outlook for yield this year is at least double that of last year, according to W. H. Bentley, manager North-Pacific Nut Growers Cooperative. About 85 per cent of the crop is sold through cooperatives. The condition of nut cooperatives is strong in Oregon.

GOOSEBERRIES

Gooseberry canning will start in the Willamette Valley where the largest portion of the crop is grown about the 25th of this month. Salem canneries put up over 100 tons last year. A shorter crop is predicted for this year.

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Members of Secret Societies Banned

SALEM, May 19 (AP)—The names of 19 of the 26 Salem high school students nominated last week for student body officers at the annual election were yesterday ordered withdrawn from the list by Fred Wolf, principal of the school. Evidence that the 19, whose names Wolf declined to divulge, are members of secret societies, under the ban in the local school, was given by the principal as the reason for his action. Of the remaining seven nominees two are suspected of being secret society members, Wolf said, and if further investigation discloses such affiliations their names will also be withdrawn from the list of candidates.

PARISIAN MATRONS DON ROMPER SUITS

PARIS (AP)—Romper suits, designed on the lines of small boys' playtime clothes, are a new addition to the modish matron's wardrobe this summer. The suits are designed with a "Buster Brown" blouse and a short straight jacket, worn with knee length shorts under a wrap-around skirt.

New Spring Crooks Of Opaline Green

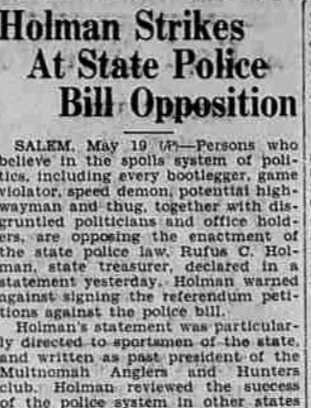
WASHINGTON (AP)—Opaline green is the name of a dainty shade much used in summer dresses. One of green dotted net is applied with large green silk flowers running over the full skirt.

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