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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



Medford Member Of State Board Visitor at Union

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)
UNION, Ore. (Special)—Albert Burch, of Medford, member of the state board of higher education, paid an official visit to the Eastern Oregon experiment station Monday. He made the trip to Eastern Oregon with Dean W. A. Schoenfeld, head of the agriculture division and director of experiment stations in the state. They spent Sunday at Burns where they attended the annual field day of the Harney county experiment station and each took a part in the afternoon program. The afternoon here was spent looking over the various projects in progress at the station with a view to becoming more familiar with the work carried on at the different branch stations. They left in the evening for Pendleton to visit the experiment station in Umatilla county, after which they were to return to their homes.

Vincent Worden, of La Grande, has been spending a few days with the Sid Vanden family at their ranch home.

Mrs. Sarah Caspar, of Hot Lake, who has been taking a month's vacation from her work as dietitian at the hospital, has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Robinson and family at Yakima, and with friends in Seattle and Tacoma, and is spending this week visiting friends in Union. Little Billy Phyl accompanied her to Union Monday and spent the day returning home in the evening.

Sidney Dobbin and Gracia Haggerty drove to John Day Saturday where they met Mr. and Mrs. Will Haggerty and Miss Louise Caldwell, of Burns, and brought them back to Union for a two weeks visit.

John Rand, of Salem, supreme court judge, and Judge J. R. Messick, of Baker, were Union visitors on Saturday.

Mrs. H. C. McCann, who has been caring for her mother, Mrs. Caroline Perley, left Friday for Sacramento where she will spend the next few months.

Mrs. Ray Coles and son, Gordon, Mrs. Lydia Collins, Miss Helen Reynolds and George Owens drove to Walla Walla Sunday to visit Mr. Coles who is in the Veterans' hospital there. Mrs. John Wortman accompanied them as far as Milton-Freewater.

Mrs. Lulu Boswell Fairbanks and two daughters, Ora and Vina Jasper, drove in from San Jose, Cal. Sunday and will visit her sister, Mrs. Delaney, and other relatives here for a few days. Miss Ora teaches at Campbell, Cal., and Miss Vina teaches at Meridian, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gibson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Tucker and Nadine left Saturday evening for a week's outing at the beach at Seaside. Marvin Blake, of La Grande, is supplying at the light and power office during Mr. Tucker's absence.

After spending several weeks visiting friends and relatives here, Mrs. Sterlie Wigglesworth, Mrs. Myra Gattchell and daughter, Maradee, returned to Portland on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Haggerty and Gracia, Mr. and Mrs. Will Haggerty, Miss Louise Caldwell, Mrs. Nora Webb and J. R. Jones spent Sunday picnicking at Pioneer park. In the afternoon they drove to Medical

Springs to take in the swimming contests.

Miss Carrie Baardan, of Baker, who is nursing at Hot Lake was a weekend guest of Mrs. Nora Webb. The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Killin accidentally swallowed some arsenic Tuesday and was rushed to Hot Lake where she was cared for. No serious results are expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gale, Donna Clare and Billy, and Mrs. Mabel Galt went to Haines Spring Tuesday for an overnight camera and huckleberry trip. Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Gale took them as far as the pole bridge. Dr. and Mrs. Walter Swackhammer came over from Walla Walla Sunday and she has been visiting here while he is making a business trip to Boise.

Mrs. H. J. Nielson is reported to be ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Bidler, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cauthier, Buddy Conley and Larry Bonney drove to the East Lewiston for a weekend fishing trip and caught some fine trout.

The Epworth League held one of the most interesting meetings of the year Sunday evening and about 65 attended the services. A varied collection of Bibles with interesting histories and other points of interest was assembled for the inspection of the crowd. A pantomime of "My Mother's Bible" was given by the leaguers with the lights turned low. Ethel Conklin played the piano and a group of ten sang. Virginia gave a reading to the accompaniment of music. Judges had a difficult task selecting the most used and the most unique Bibles.

The American Legion and auxiliary picnic held at the O. P. Hall ranch on Sunday was attended by a large crowd, including the members and their families. By actual count there were 101 and there was food for all. The men spent a busy day getting out wood which was donated by Mr. Hall and worked up by the legion members for the Women's club. The legion did this work as a part of its relief work for this winter as many of the meetings are to be held at the club house and the men decided to help further this work by furnishing the wood.

Ted Hutchinson bought a partnership share of the Union Oil station here Monday from Harris Ross and the station is now being run by him and H. J. Lanaghan. The station until recently was in charge of W. W. Stevens, who sold out to Ross and Lanaghan.

Miss Doris Kirk is taking her vacation. She went to Baker on Sunday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Cuff Estis.

J. W. Sherman, who has spent most of the summer at Halfway, has returned to his home with the J. F. Hutchinson family. Ted drove over for him on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Townley, who has been visiting in Baker since the first of last week, will go to Medical Springs for a visit before returning to Union.

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PROGRESS IN ATHLETICS

There are a few pessimistic critics of modern civilization who have been insisting that because of our social and moral evils and especially because of the nerve-racking, high-pressure pace of life in America today, we are deteriorating physically.

They call attention to the fact that appalling numbers of men who were drafted during the war were physically unfit, and they remind us of the figures which indicate that more and more people are dying from heart ailments each year.

They say that Americans are growing softer and flabbier every day because of their increasing dependence upon machines to do their work and transport them from place to place, and because they are too busy to care for their health.

They paint a dark and gloomy picture — a picture of a great race slowly but surely sinking into hopeless physical ruin. So it is with great amazement that such critics must read such a news story as the following, clipped from Monday's paper:

"The athletic forces of the United States emerged today from 16 days of unprecedented Olympic competition with the greatest collection of victories gained in this quadrennial carnival in at least 20 years.

"In a swiftly moving drama unequalled in sports history for its color and spectacular elements, for its record-breaking pace, its spills and thrills, America's boys and girls romped out in front of the rest of the world under the most favorable conditions any Olympiad has ever known.

"They won no less than eight of the seventeen separate and distinct competitions. All sections of the United States contributed much to the sweeping victories of an American team that captured, altogether, 11 out of 23 men's events. Olympic records fell in 25 of the 29 track and field events, and in ten of the eleven swimming events. Thirteen world records were broken in the Olympic games this year."

Does that look as though the inhabitants of the United States were a race of weaklings? If they were, we could hardly expect them to produce men and women capable of winning the majority of victories in the stiffest competition in the world. Italy, their nearest rival won only three of the competitions, and the other crowns were scattered here and there among the rest of the fifty nations competing.

The pessimists might say that these record-breaking American athletes are the exceptions to the rule; that the great mass of our citizens are mere spectators who are glad to pay their money to be amused by the few who have spent all their time and energy developing this one talent and are good for nothing else.

Common sense refutes any such argument. A degenerating race cannot continue to produce physically superior men and women. The only possible conclusion is that the American people are gradually growing stronger and healthier, in spite of the obstacles imposed by our modern civilization.

THE THIRD DEGREE

The outburst of public indignation that has followed publication of the details of New York's infamous third degree case is a good sign. But to say "it ought to be stopped" and to demand swift punishment for the offenders is not quite enough. Unless we get some definite idea about how it can be stopped, and work to put that plan into effect, the shellacking of prisoners will continue as flagrantly as ever after the present furore has died down.

Perhaps the best suggestion is one voiced by the lawyer for the three prisoners who survived the massaging process in the Long Island police station. His prescription is as follows:

"All that is needed is a law barring all confessions not made in open court and introduced with the consent of the prisoner and his attorney. Get a law like that and you remove the motive for the so-called third degree."

The third degree, of course, arises chiefly from the efforts of the police to get confessions. Getting a confession is a surer way of obtaining a conviction than piling up a lot of other evidence. It is simpler, quicker and easier than going out and grubbing for solid facts. If all suspects would confess their guilt, when arrested, the policeman's job would be very pleasant.

Trying to get near to this idyllic state of affairs, the police have adopted the third degree. Quite aside from the fact that it is an illegal, barbaric and thoroughly stupid process, it is subject to two main objections; it gets the police out of the habit of performing genuine detective work, and it very often defeats its own end.

Many a criminal has been acquitted because he managed to persuade a jury that the police had beaten him. The third degree is a weapon that cuts both ways. It frees about as many men as it convicts.

What we need now is some revision of the criminal code, possibly along the lines suggested by the lawyer quoted above, to limit the use that can be made of a confession.

Abolish the third degree and you will have much better police work. The step is demanded not in the interest of the law breaker but in the interest of society as a whole.

Other Papers Say:

50,000 TO GET DIRECT WORK
Only those determined to maintain a dismal outlook regardless of what happens, at least until election time, will fail to find the picture considerably brighter as a result of recent apportionment of federal and state highway funds of the northwest.

The Pacific Builder and Engineer points out that approximately 50,000 skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers will receive direct employment on highway construction in the Northwest in the next few months.

In addition, some 100,000 or more men will receive employment as an indirect result of the highway program. They will be employed to furnish supplies, materials and equipment to the road contractors.

If the phases of the northwest road building program in our own area go through as hoped, they should do much toward relieving the unemployment situation in Klamath county, as well as to provide important highway facilities through this section and to this city.

Construction of roads and other necessary public works was authorized by congress in the emergency relief act, because it was found that they offered the most efficient means of furnishing relief to the unemployed. In addition to emergency fund, regular U. S. public roads appropriations were not authorized this year until July.

All in all, it begins to look as if we are going to make it through the fall and winter in better shape than it had looked for a while. Recognizing the demands of the situation, we are moving to meet them. Road work should do much to alleviate suffering.

Kenney Believes U. S. Experiencing Business Recovery
SEATTLE, Aug. 17 (AP)—The opinion that America is experiencing the first signs of business recovery was expressed here by W. P. Kenney.

Some of the equipment to be used in August was designed since the last total eclipse to fill gaps discovered by observers while watching the last "blinding" of the sun.

Expenditure of so much time, money and brains upon a three-minute eclipse may seem like shameful waste to the layman, but scientists places great weight on it. It expects to add to man's knowledge of the universe and would not be surprised if some startling discovery were made. When the astronomer looks into his heavens he never knows what new phenomenon may come into his ken. —Roseburg News-Review.

AMERICAN LEGION CORPS TO COMPETE
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also a member of the American Legion.

Each corps will play on the field for five minutes to qualify, and those who meet the qualifications will play for 15 minutes in national competition with drum corps from all parts of the United States.

To Parade
Aside from participating in the contest, the La Grande corps will appear on the streets each day and take part in the big convention parade. A downtown headquarters will also be maintained by the local post where legionnaires from all parts of the country will be entertained during the convention.

John B. Carley is the drum major and members of the corps are Harley E. Richardson, H. T. Smith, Norman Deatler, O. B. Maxam, George Ties, C. C. Hardman, L. J. Lindsey, C. Pross, William Erbe, L. C. Morehead, Julian Ash, R. J. Scott, E. M. McManus, buglers; Raymond O. Williams, cymbals; Leal Russell, bass drum; C. P. Holbrook, O. W. Palmer, Walter Palmer, E. B. Reed, E. C. Stephenson, Clifford Bragg, M. G. Swain, Cecil Wagoner and Roy B. Currey, drummers.

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CHANGE OF LOCATION
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WANTED
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The La Grande National Bank, located at La Grande, in the State of Oregon is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment.
P. L. MEYERS, President.
Dated June 13th, 1932. 8-14-80 t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF UNION COUNTY, OREGON
In the Matter of the Estate of Ben Sholdstrom, Deceased.
The undersigned having been duly appointed by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Ben Sholdstrom, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors and all persons having claims against said deceased to present them verified as required by law within six months after the publication of this notice, to E. R. Ringo, attorney for said administrator, at his office in the West-Jacobson Building, La Grande, Oregon.
Dated August 17, 1932.
GEORGE WALKER, Administrator of the Estate of Ben Sholdstrom, Deceased. Aug. 17, 21, 31, Sept. 7.

president of the Great Northern railway.

"There is no question but that in the last 30 days the nation has been stimulated by optimism and confidence," Kenney said. "It is the first time it has been so stimulated in the past two or three years.

"There is always an increase in business in the fall, but we expect a marked upgrade. This will result from the grain crop in the region east of the Rocky Mountains served by our line. The whole country is thriving over a bumper crop, much of the region, in fact, which was burned over last year by torrid weather."

Head of Miners' Union is Murdered
BENTON, Ill., Aug. 17 (AP)—Joe Colbert, president of local miners' union No. 303 at Orient, was shot to death today by one of three men who drove up to his home, called him to their car and then fled after killing him with a shotgun.

BOARDMAN RECOVERING
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Aug. 17 (AP)—Entirely satisfactory progress toward recovery was being made today by Russell N. Boardman, transatlantic flier, who crashed yesterday near Springfield airport. There is no skull fracture and a kidney injury was reported mending. No bone fractures have appeared.

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