

# Danger Of Damage To Fruit Trees In Valley Disappears

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# UNION CO. GETS ASSISTANT AGENT

## H. H. RAMPTON TAKES POST THIS WEEK

Will Organize and Handle 4-H Club Work, Crop Demonstrations.

FEDERAL FUNDS TO PAY SALARY

Addition of Mr. Rampton to Union County Staff Without Any Expense Locally.

To aid in completing the wheat reduction campaign and the corn and hog program about to start in Union county, funds have been obtained from the agricultural adjustment administration on recommendation of F. L. Ballard, state county agent leader, for the employment of an assistant county agent in Union county from January 1 until June 30. This extra assistance is furnished the county without expense to either the county, the county wheat control association or the corn and hog production control association soon to be organized.

The regular program of extension work in Union county is an extensive one, according to Mr. Ballard, and the work necessary to bring to the county the maximum benefits from the wheat and corn and hog adjustment plans are such as to make the load too heavy for effective work if all is left to a single extension representative. The extra assistance, such as has been received in Union county, was only possible in one other county in the state.

## Three Selected As Winners In Speech Contest

Robert Eakin, Burke Inlow and Wallace Koopeke were chosen from among a group of eight students as the outstanding after dinner speakers in an assembly Tuesday at the Eastern Oregon Normal school. The speakers were seated around a table and were attending a mock meeting of the junior commerce. The speeches given in an appropriate atmosphere were on the theme "American Optimism." Miss Amanda Zabel directed the activity which the men entered voluntarily.

## BANK VICTOR IN CIVIL CASE IN COURT HERE

The case of L. D. Eakin, of Boise, vs. the First National bank of La Grande, on trial in circuit court this week, came to an end this morning when the jury returned with a verdict for the defendant. Eakin, the plaintiff, brought suit to recover money from the bank, alleging that he furnished C. A. Ditty, farmer, with gasoline to harvest his crop and that the bank promised to pay for it.

## EASTER SUNDAY FALLS ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Easter Sunday this year will come on the first day of April, which also is enjoyed by the younger children as April Fool's day.

## WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 16 — Papers all excited today over the dollar being 60 cents. Well it's been 60 cents for months but we just love to have something new to get excited over. Worst thing about the whole mess is, we are going to have to listen to all the same old arguments all over again. It's a good argument for us dumb ones to stay out of, so sic 'em Tige, may the loudest man win. I am going to get onto some news.

Did you know that Greta Garbo is prowling around in the Arizona desert under the name of Jones with some "furriner" going by the name of Brown? I got to get that settled before I can take up this gold business. Yours, Will Rogers.

## GOLF CLUB LOOKS AHEAD TO BIG YEAR

Members Enthusiastic at Prospects For 1934 — New Directors Are Elected Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the La Grande country club, held last night at the offices of Charles H. Reynolds, president, proved to be one of the best attended and most enthusiastic in years. New directors were elected, reports read and without a dissenting opinion, those present expect the club to enjoy one of its best years during the coming season.

From a financial standpoint, the club report showed a very satisfactory condition. Reports of other committees, and discussion of the future plans of the organization were gone into thoroughly.

## KIDDLE SPEAKER AT ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON TODAY

Senator Fred E. Kiddle, who only recently returned from Salem where he served as governor of Oregon during the absence of Gov. Julius L. Meier for a few weeks, was the speaker at the Rotary club luncheon today at noon at the La Grande hotel.

## LOUISA MILLER SPEAKS TONIGHT

Miss Louisa A. Miller, of Repais, Guntur, India, will speak in the Lutheran church this evening at 7:30. Miss Miller, whose home was in Woodburn, Ore., is visiting in this country during her furlough, and comes to La Grande to tell of the work she and her associates are doing in India.

## DANCER



James Frazer, dancer, who will appear Thursday with the Frazer-James Dance group at the Normal school auditorium.

## MUCH INTEREST IN DANCE GROUP COMING THURSDAY

Unusual interest is being displayed by the faculty and students of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and by townspeople, as well, in the coming appearance of the Frazer-James Dance group which will present an entertaining program of dance and music in the Normal school auditorium, Thursday evening, Jan. 18.

## To Mark Mt. Glen Spot Where First Settlers Wintered

The meeting of the Union County Historical society held Tuesday evening at the Sacajawea Inn was presided over by Mrs. Kate Hanley, president. Plans were made to permanently mark the place in the Mt. Glen locality where the first band of settlers in Union county spent the winter of 1860-1861.

## JOAN BILYEU IS IMPROVING

Joan Bilyeu, who formerly lived at Enterprise, and who was seriously injured in an automobile accident in which her mother, Mrs. C. J. Bilyeu, and her grandparents were killed, is improving from her injuries, according to word received here from her father.

## RUNNING SAP RETREATS IN APPLE TREES

Recent Cold Snap Returns Orchards to Normal Winter State.

NO POSSIBILITY OF DAMAGE NOW

## Condition Allays Fears Held By Fruit Men and Others in Grande Ronde Valley.

Fears of orchardists, as well as others in Union county, that a sudden cold snap this winter would damage fruit trees and other vegetation, have been allayed, severe cold could come now without causing any unusual damage, authorities said today.

Recently, a few apple trees in the Elgin and Imbler districts which are no longer productive, have been cut down, and the workmen learned that the sap is no longer running, according to information received by Haskell Andrews, fruit inspector. The sap had been running a few weeks ago but the recent cold snap, that saw the mercury drop to 24 above in La Grande, caused the sap to retreat without damage.

Generally, it is believed that since this condition exists in apple orchards, it also will hold true for cherries, prunes and other trees.

## PLANS DANCE AND BANQUET

B. A. R. E., railroad men's organization, will entertain at a banquet and dance in the Sacajawea Inn ball room on Jan. 24. It is announced.

## Murder Suspect Carried to Trial



Dr. Albee Wynekoop is brought daily in a wheel chair to the doorway of the Chicago courtroom where she is being tried on a charge of murdering her daughter-in-law, Rheta. Then she is placed in a state as pictured here and carried to the front of the courtroom. Veiled, dressed neatly in black, she watches impassively, under the eyes of Mary Kennedy, her nurse, and guarding officers.

## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

U. S. SAILORS BACK ON BOAT  
PIERCE ASKS BIGGER LOCKS  
GRETA GARBO NOT MARRIED  
FAY AMENDS COMPLAINT

FOOCHOW, China, Jan. 17 (AP) — Nationalist government infantry, pouring into Foochow on the heels of retreating rebels, set about restoring order today. United States sailors, sent ashore to guard American lives and property, returned to the U. S. S. gunboat Tulsa.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP) — President Roosevelt was urged today by Representative Pierce of Oregon and Knute Hill of Washington, to sanction the construction of locks in the Bonneville dam, large enough to transport ocean going carriers.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 17 (AP) — Greta Garbo and Rouben Mamoulian, her director, were back in town today — and not married or thinking of marriage, Mamoulian declared.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17 (AP) — In a surprise legal move, Fay Webb Vallejo today amended her separate maintenance suit against Ruddy Vallejo, accusing him of misconduct with a "Jane Doe, No. 2, of Los Angeles," and specifically charging him with misconduct with Miss Alice Faye, blues singer, in various Eastern and Southern cities.

## ENTERPRISE GETS \$3038 OF C. W. A. AIRPORT FUNDS

PORTLAND, Jan. 17 (AP) — The allotment of C. W. A. funds for three new Oregon airports, and word that approval of an expenditure of \$14,051 on the Pendleton airport is expected immediately, was announced here today by Lieut. Basil B. Smith, airport engineer of the aeronautics division, U. S. department of commerce.

Enterprise was granted \$3,038 for a field there. About 28 men will provide another unit in the air route from Portland to Lewiston, Idaho.

Construction of a field at Chilquin to form a part of the alternate coast airway from The Dalles to Klamath Falls, was approved, and \$5,798 was allocated. More than 60 men will get work.

## OTTO RUNTE EAST OREGON LIQUOR HEAD

Appointments of Portland-La Grande Man Announced By G. Sammis

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17 (AP) — Edward B. Morris of Eugene, Otto J. Runte, of La Grande, and Laurence R. Hickam, of Portland, were today named supervisors of the Oregon liquor control commission by George L. Sammis, administrator, and will at once take over their duties in the three distinct divisions of the state. The salary is \$3000 a year.

Morris will have charge of all of Western and Southern Oregon south of Eugene; Runte will supervise operations east of the Cascades, except in Klamath and Lake counties, and Hickam will have charge of all Western Oregon north of Eugene.

Morris will make his headquarters at Eugene, Runte at La Grande, and Hickam at Salem.

## Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 54 cents a bushel here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 72 cents. Portland export 77 cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17 (AP) — Wheat and rye advanced in prices late today, with enlarged demand for immediate deliveries of rye doing much to lift both grains. Not all of the gains, however, were held.

## COMMITTEES GET DOLLAR LEGISLATION

Hearings May Be Held on Roosevelt's New Monetary Measure.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF PLAN AFFIRMED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP) — Some slight concessions to Senator Glass (D. Va.), the nature of which was withheld for the time, marked the administration's new dollar legislation as it was started today through congress.

The house coinage committee, meanwhile, halted its other inquiry into money questions to speed this latest official bill on its way, possibly with open hearings.

Chairman Fletcher of the senate banking committee put the administration measure formally before the senate, but before the changes made could be ascertained the draft was shot to the printers so plentiful copies could be made available.

The measure authorizes the taking over by the treasury of all monetary gold stocks, including that of the Federal Reserve banks, permits the president to lower the gold value of the dollar to between 50 and 60 cents, and establishes a stabilization fund of \$2,000,000,000 to be taken from the profits from gold revaluation.

Senatorial doubters, meanwhile, had White House word that President Roosevelt obtained an affirmative opinion from Attorney General Clegg.

## Japan Likely To Devalue Gold Content Of Yen

TOKYO, Jan. 17 (AP) — Japan probably will follow the monetary policies of the United States as laid down by President Roosevelt, Finance Minister Korekiyo Takahashi indicated today in an interview.

He asserted the government is intensively studying the problems of gold and devaluation with the intention of presenting legislation to the Japanese parliament asking powers similar to those of the American president.

"If America returns to the gold standard with the gold content of the dollar reduced, as seems likely," declared Takahashi, "Japan probably will be compelled thereafter to devalue the yen similarly in order to resume gold payments."

## Steel Production In Good Recovery

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP) — Steel production, says "Iron Age," is making a "more rapid recovery than had been expected following the heavy shipments that were made against expiring contracts in December."

## HEARING ON BIRTH CONTROL TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP) — The "birth control and national recovery conference" today enjoyed the backing of a resolution voted by 500 attending physicians, endorsing pending birth control bills.

Hearings will be held tomorrow on Capitol Hill on the identical bills of Representative Pierce, of Oregon, and Senator Hastings, of Delaware, which would permit dissemination of contraceptive information by physicians.

## Another Place Where Working Hours Need To Be Regulated



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