

CITY BRIEFS

Joe T. Smith returned home from San Diego, California Wednesday after spending some time with his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Irvine, and grandchildren. Mrs. Smith remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Blackmore returned home January 6th from spending three weeks in South San Francisco at the home of Robert Blackmore and family for the Christmas vacation and at Paradise for New Years at the home of Mr. Blackmore's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Beaver.

Charlain Yirak Nelms and baby Susanne moved from Salinas, California to Medford, Oregon on January 8th, after living in California for the past three years.

Sunday dinner guests at the Albert Adkins home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray and children Howard and Mary Jane of Denver, Colorado and Mrs. Gray's mother, Mrs. Mary Brockelbank of Eugene.

Mrs. Robert Leathers returned home Sunday after spending a week visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Benedict, and sister, Mrs. Henry Hendrickson, at Winlock, Washington.

Sgt. Duane Eustace, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, plans to visit his mother in Grass Valley, California in March. Mrs. Yirak has not seen her son for over two years.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mitchell of Lorane returned home Sunday from a trip to St. Louis, Missouri where they went to spend Christmas. They were stranded in Egbert, Wyoming in the recent blizzard on Sunday night until Thursday. On Sunday night they were stranded on the bus which transferred the passengers to the train, and on Monday the train was stranded. They were able to leave Egbert on Thursday by bus.

Word has been received from Lt. Norman Blackmore stating he played with the 18th Inf. Vans against the Berlin Bears on Thanksgiving day at Garmisch, Germany in the Turkey Bowl at Olympic Ski Stadium before 4,000 chilled spectators, the Vans winning 20-12. Norman has traveled all over Germany and to Vienna, Austria on maneuvers, and has been made coach of a boxing team. They now live near Frankfurt, Germany.

Mrs. Hugh Doolittle was able to return home Saturday from a Eugene hospital where she underwent a minor operation a few days previous.

Hugh Doolittle is driving a new car.

Elinor Brown of the Lorane community is convalescing from a cut suffered when she accidentally cut her hand with an ax, which required nine stitches to close the wound.

Miss Chloris Roberts, who graduated from the Good Samaritan Hospital of Nursing in September 1948, has received notice that she has successfully passed the Oregon State Board examinations and is now a registered nurse under the laws of Oregon.

Dean Perry Smith of Corvallis was calling on members of the local Episcopal church here last week.

Saw Tojo Dead



BUDDHIST priest Shinsu Hanayama is shown at a press conference in Tokyo as he described the last moments of former Japanese Premier Hideki Tojo and six other top warlords. Hanayama said the men went to their death on the gallows of Sugamo prison after cheering the emperor and the Japanese way of life. Although Hanayama did not witness the executions, he performed last rites over the bodies, later cremated. (International)

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The Gowdville club met with Mrs. Maude Premazzi on January 5th for an all day meeting. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon, after which all members worked on pot holders for the hostess. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Ben Absher on January 19th.

The Child health conference will be held Thursday, January 20, from 1 to 3 o'clock in the health rooms. Please call 443L for appointments.

Mrs. Dorothy Clark has been employed at the city hall. She succeeds Miss Billy Reed, who resigned to accept a position with the Elkton Shopping Center. She assumed her position Monday. Miss Ida Hahn is also a new city employe at the city recorder's office.

Ray Trask was among those to enjoy ice skating over the week end. Mr. Trask said the ice was thick enough to skate on in the mill ponds around over the community.

Charles A. Palmer was called to Los Angeles, California Tuesday by the death of his sister, Mrs. Mabel Callahan, who passed away that morning. He was accompanied by his son David. Funeral services will be held at Los Angeles.

The Mountain States Power Co. has asked everyone to cooperate and not use any more electricity than is necessary during the peak of the day which is between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., until after this cold spell breaks.

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Oregon Has Good Hardly Unlimited Ag Possibilities

Oregon is neither a land of limitless opportunity for developing additional profitable farms, nor is it a state which has reached the peak of its agricultural development, according to a summary of Oregon's agricultural possibilities by Dr. M. L. Upchurch, former associate agricultural economist of the O.S.C. experiment station.

In a new station bulletin No. 159, "Oregon's Capacity to Produce," Dr. Upchurch bases his conclusion on the assumption that any practical expansion will be made with no material increase in the relative per unit cost of production. With unlimited labor and capital, he points out, almost unlimited production could be obtained from any given area of land.

Future expansion of production will come largely from a more intensive job of farming land already used for crop purposes rather than from bringing new land under cultivation, he predicts. About 50,000 to 60,000 additional acres are in sight for future irrigation development, around 10,000 acres might be cleared of timber or brush, and a few thousand acres might be reclaimed by drainage. Balancing these gains might be some decrease in crop acreage—particularly in the Columbia basin where some wheat lands are marginal in nature.

Although Oregon's five million acres of crop land may not be materially increased, wide possibilities exist for changes in the state's agriculture which will depend on various economic factors in the future.

"Less wasteful methods of irrigation can be followed that will permit more production from present water supplies," Dr. Upchurch reports. "Wider use of fertilizers will increase production. Better drainage of present land areas will help greatly. Use of better seeds and better breeding stock will increase the efficiency of production. Definite progress is being made along all of these lines."

Expansion of livestock production through improved ranges in both eastern and western Oregon is pointed to as one of the chief possibilities for future agricultural development.

Forest Protection
Wisconsin, which has set an outstanding record in protecting its forests against fire, plans a program of protection against forest-damaging insects as well. The fight against forest insects will become an organized effort similar to that carried on against the fire menace. Forest dusting or spraying with DDT and other chemicals by means of planes will be the method used. The state entomologist points out that it is fruitless to protect any given stand of forest growth against fire and then permit it to be destroyed by insect infestations.

Enrollments in U. S. colleges and universities now number over two million, but veterans now number only 42 per cent.

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New Guides Aid In Identifying Soils in State

How soils are classified as to provinces, groups and series, and how these apply to soils in western Oregon are explained in a new O. S. C. experiment station circular No. 175, "Identification and Productivity of Western Oregon Soil Types."

While this bulletin deals specifically with soils west of the Cascades, it contains much general information regarding soil handling, together with specific directions on how to take soil samples to be submitted for examination and identification. It also contains a map showing all areas in Oregon that have been covered by the continuing soil survey program.

The soil survey gives a scientific basis for any adequate plan of soil improvement, land use or conservation, according to Dr. W. L. Powers, head of the soils department, E. F. Torgerson and E. V. Danner, the three authors.

The new bulletin is intended to help farmers, land owners, land appraisers and county agents to make use of the fund of information accumulated for the soil surveyed areas. Cooperative federal-state surveys, started in 1917, have now been completed on some 11 million acres.

In eastern Oregon the Grande Ronde, Umatilla, Baker, Deschutes and Wasco areas have been covered by detailed soil surveys and mapped as to soil types. In western Oregon the surveys have covered all Willamette valley counties, Josephine, Columbia and Astoria areas. Older surveys have been made by the U. S. bureau of soils of the Medford and Marshfield areas, while a cooperative survey of the Douglas area is now in progress.

Three natural soil provinces are listed for western Oregon, the sub-humid Willamette - Umpqua province, the humid Coast and the southern Oregon or Rogue River province. Each of these contains from three to four groups and from 24 to 29 different soil series. As chemical analyses have been made of official samples of most soil types from each county or area, identification of soils on any farm makes available a large fund of information about its character and management possibilities.

Steel manufacturers estimate that ingot production should be a peace time record of 78 million tons this year.

The new U. S. Navy cruiser "Des Moines" is a 17-thousand ton vessel.

BRITAIN'S BONNIE PRINCE CHARLES



THIS WIDE-AWAKE little man is Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, infant son of Princess Elizabeth of England. The photo of the prince, second in line of succession to the throne, was made in Buckingham Palace, London, by Cecil Beaton, court photographer. (International)

SI/C A GRAZ COMPLETES 20 HOUR RUSSIAN COURSE

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN KYOTA, JAPAN, December 7, 1948—Sergeant First Class Alexander Graz of 420 St. Pauls Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey, recently completed 20 hours of instruction and study in the Russian course at the Kyota Education Center, Kyota, Japan.

Operated by the Troop Information and Education Section, Headquarters I Corps, Kyota, the Kyota Education Center offers I Corps Military and civilian personnel in the Kyota area an opportunity to prepare themselves for future careers, both in the Army and in civilian life. Courses are offered in such diverse subjects as languages, sciences, social sciences and trades, at both high school and college levels.

Sgt. 1st Class Graz is assigned to the headquarters detachment I Corps in Kyota, Japan, for duty as Food Service Technician. He entered the army in September 1940, received infantry basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Fort Lewis, Washington, and during the war saw his service with the 44th Infantry division in France, Germany and Austria. Since May 18, 1948 he has been serving with his present organization.

SERVICE — A Boston, Mass., clothing merchant added a novel touch to his window display, recently, when he allowed strips of cloth to protrude through the window slits so that passersby could feel the fabrics from which his suits were made.

Statistics show that passengers riding beside the driver suffer 82 per cent of injuries in auto accidents.

NW Barbershop Ballad Contest At Forest Grove

Male quartets of the Pacific Northwest are tuning up in preparation for entering the third annual All-Northwest Barber Shop Ballad contest to be held February 18 and 19 at Forest Grove.

Entries are now being received by the Forest Grove Gleemen, non-profit civic male chorus which sponsors the annual songfest. The Kelso, Wash., Elks club quartet was the first entry to be received.

Entry blanks and literature on the contest have gone out to well over 100 quartets for which the Gleemen have addresses. However, Contest Chairman Ray Hass emphasizes that the competition is wide open. Civic organizations, clubs or independent harmonists may receive information simply by writing the contest, PO Box 13, Forest Grove, Ore.

Quartets will be judged on blend of voices, use of barber shop harmonies, stage presence, appropriateness of selections, and costumes. They will be required to sing two numbers.

Last year's winners were the Four Flats of Pacific college, Newberg, Oregon.

GRAND COULEE — When work on the installation of 18 new units has been completed in 1951, the Grand Coulee Dam hydro-electric plant will be the world's biggest, producing 3 million horsepower. One of the new units can light a city the size of Chicago.

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