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WHO WILL WE FIGHT WITH?

Who will we fight with now? Our colleague to the north, Editor Wickes Shaw has sold her Curry County Reporter in Gold Beach to Bob Van Leer of Eureka.

We feel like a puglist, whose arms are waving windmill fashion, only to find that his opponent has stepped out for coffee.

It is impossible to sit in our offices and say like a hypocrit that Mrs. Shaw was our dearest friend in the newspaper field. We can't help but think back at the many, many times during the past two years that we've battled it out in the columns of our respective newspapers. Mrs Shaw had a completely different basic concept of the community newspaper field than we have, and consequently we disagreed vehemently on many occasions.

Despite all this, and despite our somewhat strained relations following the last election we do want to say that in many ways Mrs. Shaw was a very competent newspaper woman. Her issues of the Reporter were well

done mechanically, and were well written—both basic elements of a good newspaper. She was a strong enough person to print what she thought was right, regardless of consequences, and we respect this in a newspaper. We never doubted her sincerity, or the courage of her convictions—but only her premises.

Well, that's all over. We want to be among the first to wish Mrs. Shaw and her husband, Dave, all the best in their new life in Eugene, where he will be teaching law at the University of Oregon.

Too, our best wishes goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Van Leer, who are moving in the Reporter offices. We know they have a lot of work ahead of them—and like any business—a certain amount of grief. We assume that because the Pilot and the Reporter are, in a sense, competitive, we may have a disagreement occassionally with them. This is only natural because through the columns of our respective newspapers the people of Curry county become informed. It is a very serious business with us—and will be, we assume to the Van Leers

Again, we want to wish them the best in their new venture.

Accordion Band Plays in Program

The Dave Crockett Accordion band of Smith River and Brookings-Harbor played for two concerts last Friday, Nov. 30 in the Langlois and Port Orford public schools.

Mr. Charles Jensen, music instructor for both systems called an hour long all grade general assembly in the Langlois school before which this group played.

A like general assembly was also called at the Port Orford grade school where the band group was very well received.

While in Port Orford Mr. Jensen favored the group by asking them to sit in on the high school instrumental band class in the mid-afternoon.

Smith River students participating Friday were Betty Lou and Lester Leiber.

The Brookings-Harbor students of Mr. Crockett's participating were Alice Smith, Linda Vernon, Naoma Sanders, Joy Salmon, Marianne Longacre, Marilyn Hover, Curtis Nelson and Walter Biddle.

Local Credit Bureau Manager Appointed

Appointment of Vern Casey to be Manager of the Credit Bureau of Curry County, Inc. was received this week. Casey, a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps, has been employed with the Credit Bureau system as Assistant Manager of the Credit Bureau of Medford, Ore.

County, Inc. is located in the Johnson-Hurst Building, and is the 26th office of the Credit Bureau System, which operates bureaus throughout Oregon and Idaho. Francis W. Smith, the company president is also at present the National President of the Associated Credit Bureaus of America, representing over 3000 Credit Bureaus in the United States and Canada. The local office is equipped with the files built over the years from the merchants of this area. Credit Reporting and Collections will both be handled by the Credit Bureau. Rapid checking of references out of this area can be handled through its state and national affiliations.

Emblem Club Sale To Start December 14

The Brookings Emblem Club will have a candy and gift sale along with a rummage sale, starting December 14, through December 15, in the Hurst building.

The sale will start at 10 a.m. each day. All the candy and gifts will be donated by the Emblem club members.

Get Note From Mamie

Carrie Maude Metzger, a long time resident of Pistol River, celebrated her 90th birthday recently. She received a congratulatory note from Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower on the occasion.

Unit to Meet

The December unit meeting of the Brookings Unit of Home Extension will be held at the home of Florence Davis, 330 Maple st., on Dec. 12th at 1:30 p.m. The program is "Carried Lunches." There will also be an exchange of Christmas gifts of \$1 valuation.

Bank Debits Up In This Area

Oregon bank debits, reported for October, were \$1,729,803,012, an increase of 2.8 per cent over September of this year and on increase of 11.2 per cent from October of 1955.

Bank debits, regarded as good indicators of current business activity, represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms. The Bureau of Business Research at the University collects bank debits from 152 banks and branches monthly.

October bank debits in the Douglas, Coos and Curry counties area, showed a decrease of 5.4 per cent from October of this year and an 18.3 per cent increase over October of last year. Total bank debits for the area, with 12 banks reporting, were \$54,577,841.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Foster and son Stevie of Junction City were week end visitors in the A. O. Foster home.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Corvallis are visiting at the home of Mrs. Millers son, Albert Richards and family of Brookings.

Mr. and Mrs. George Funk returned from two trips last Wednesday. Mr. Funk traveled by bus to San Francisco, and then by plane to Chicago, to check on the shipment of his lily bulbs. He returned by air, just before his wife, who went to Portland for a visit.

Farm Loans Explained

Provisions of the new farm operating and development loan program for farmers who have part-time employment off the farm were explained this week by Wendell L. Harris, the Farmers Home Administration county supervisor for Curry county.

He said that although the main purpose of these loans is to help farmers who live in areas designated for the rural development program, there may be other farmers having part-time employment off the farm who may be eligible for operating and farm development loans.

To be eligible the applicant must be of legal age, a citizen of the United States, unable to get credit from other sources and have had farm experience or training sufficient to indicate reasonable prospects of continuing successful farming operations. He must be an established farmer, conducting substantial farming operations and spending a major portion of his time farming. The applicant must have a dependable source of outside income.

The loan applicant's farm must be of such size and productive capacity that the expected income, plus the income from part-time employment, is sufficient to pay farm operating and living expenses, pay debts, and provide a reasonable reserve for emergencies.

The county committee will determine the eligibility of each applicant. Ray Zumwalt, Louis L. Knapp, and Donald T. Crockett are the members of the county Farmers Home Administration committee.

The office serving Curry county is located in Room 210 Post Office Building, Eugene, and is open Mondays through Fridays. Mr. Harris may be contacted at the County Agent's office in Coquille the third Wednesday of each month.



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