

# Districts Select New Officers As Year Begins

Redmond, Jan. 3—Ethan Allen of Alfalfa was elected president of the Central Oregon irrigation district board of directors at the annual organization meeting held here yesterday, in the C.O.I. office, with Jay Shively to continue as secretary and Olaf Anderson as superintendent. The legal firm of Cuning & Brewster was retained as counsel for the coming year.

Other directors are R. I. Hamby, Bend, retiring board president, and E. E. Burgess, Business. The decision to change meeting dates from the first Tuesday of each month to the first Wednesday, with the next meeting set for February 7.

New legislation was discussed, with special emphasis placed on legislation directed against the pollution of district water. Increased pay for directors of irrigation districts was considered.

The C.O.I. directors also favored legislation that would provide for the pay of watermasters' salaries by the state, through the state engineer's office, rather than by counties.

## TUMALO ORGANIZES

Tumalo, Jan. 3—Joe C. Henry, elected to the board of directors of the Deschutes County Municipal Improvement district, took office at a meeting held in the Tumalo office at 2 p. m. yesterday. Henry replaced H. F. May, outgoing director.

Only routine matters were discussed at the meeting. Those present were J. L. Jones, chairman of the board of directors; directors Elmer Davis and Joe C. Henry, and G. W. Montgomery.

The directors will hold their regular monthly meeting in the Tumalo office of the Deschutes County Municipal Improvement district at 2 p. m. next Tuesday. Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. During the winter they are held in the afternoon, it was announced today.

## MADRAS BOARD INTACT

Madras, Jan. 3—Membership of the board of the Jefferson Water Conservancy district remained intact today, as a result of the annual organization meeting held here yesterday. Howard W. Turner was retained for the fifth consecutive year as chairman. Other members, who had previously served, are Ben Evick and E. M. Bone.

## MEETING ADJOURNED

Directors of the Arnold district met yesterday, then adjourned until a later date, probably Saturday, when the annual organization meeting will be held. Present yesterday were two of the directors, George Murphy and Donald Porter, and H. H. DeArmond, attorney.

## AUXILIARY TO ATTEND

All members of the V.F.W. auxiliary are requested to attend the funeral of Mrs. Floyd Ellis at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow, Mrs. Cecil Rhoads, president, has announced.

## Firemen to Hear Capt. J. H. Hicks

Capt. James J. Hicks of the Portland fire department and president of the Oregon State Firefighters association, will address a gathering of all members of the Bend fire department at 8 o'clock tonight, it was announced today by LeRoy Fox, local fire chief. The meeting will be held at the fire station, and all members of the Bend department were urged to attend.

## Plates Necessary, Car Owners Told

With the announcement that the secretary of state's office in Salem can now issue duplicate 1942 automobile license plates, state and city police here today warned that they would shortly start making arrests of drivers of cars with missing plates. As the usual January checkup on license stickers for 1945 begins, special attention will also be devoted to lost plates, officers said. Sgt. L. Hirtzel of the state police, said that the Oregon law requires license plates (1942) on both the front and rear of an automobile, the substitute license sticker, and the registration certificate of the car posted in a conspicuous place near the driver's seat.

Affidavit forms for procuring duplicate plates are available at his office, Chief of Police Ken C. Gulick said. There is a charge of \$1.00 for duplicate plates, the chief explained.

## Advice Given

Police also warned that the 1945 license stickers should have been applied for now, but that if they have not yet been ordered, the car owner who also has a missing plate may include his affidavit of loss and the \$1.00 fee along with the \$5.00 for the new sticker.

At police headquarters, it was also revealed that a number of lost 1942 plates are held there, and that persons locally who have lost a plate might possibly find it in the police vaults.

## Corpse May Have Piloted Train

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 3 (AP)—Whether a dead man piloted the 20-car mail and express train when it crashed into the rear end of the Pacific limited of the Southern Pacific railroad 22 miles west of here Sunday will be determined at an inquest Tuesday into the death of engineer James McDonald, 64.

Forty-eight persons were killed and 76 others were injured in the wreck, the worst railroad disaster in 1944.

"We feel the cause of McDonald's death is the key to the disaster," said corner Alfred Gladwell of Ogden.

## Autopsy Made

An army medical officer at Bushnell general hospital, Brigham City, Utah, was expected to complete an autopsy today and will file a report with railroad and Ogden officials. It is thought McDonald may have suffered a heart attack before the crash.

Railroad officials said there were indications that McDonald, a veteran of 37 years with Southern Pacific, had attempted to stop his speeding train. His locomotive telescoped three cars of the 18-car passenger train and mail express cars of his own train piled onto the debris. It was necessary to cut away a section of the crushed cab to free McDonald's scalded and burned body.

## Two Cadets Make Solo Flights Here

First Sgt. Norman Mikelson, commanding officer of the Civil Air Patrol cadets, and Lawrence Beach, a former cadet member, flew their first solo flights last week from the Bend airport runway.

Sgt. Bob Carlson of the Portland CAP squadron was a visitor at the Bend airport over the New Year holiday period. Sgt. Carlson made the trip to Bend for the purpose of cross-country flying over an unfamiliar terrain.

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## Few Major Earth Temblors Forecast for Present Year

By Alex Janusitis (United Press Staff Correspondent) Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 3 (AP)—According to the planets, and Canada's foremost earthquake predictor, Edgar C. Thrupp, the year 1945 will produce only one major earthquake—and that won't be until between Dec. 10 and Dec. 20—from 4 p. m. to midnight.

Unruffled by scientists' plans to destroy Japan by mass production of artificial temblors, Thrupp, whose quake forecasts have proven uncannily accurate in the past 10 years, emerged from a pile of computations and calculations today with the following earthquake timetable for this year:

- Feb. 1 to March 8—Minor quake, between 3 and 11 p. m.
- March 9 to April 5—Medium, between 2 and 8 p. m.
- April 6 to June 1—Minor, 2 to 10 p. m.
- Aug. 10 to Sept. 15—Minor, 8 p. m. to 4 a. m.
- Oct. 15 to Nov. 10—Minor, 4 to 11 p. m.
- Nov. 11 to Dec. 9—Medium, 4 p. m. to midnight.
- Dec. 10 to Dec. 20—Major, 4 p. m. to midnight.
- Dec. 21 to Dec. 31—Medium, 6 p. m. to 2 a. m.

And Thrupp suggested you tuck that table inside your derby, because while he was sure there would be quakes in those specified times — he was not sure where they would strike.

The forecaster who first won his reputation by claiming foreknowledge of several disastrous South American quakes, said his system was simple. He explained his 1945 forecast this way:

Basing his calculations on "a careful study of the earth's crust, and the stress and strain placed on that crumbling mass by planetary gravity," Thrupp avowed that "the year 1945 has features tending to minimize the forces producing earthquakes." "Jupiter will reach the Aphelion in December," he said. "Venus and Mars are not in co-operation with Jupiter, as well as Saturn, although near its perihelion, is nearly 90 degrees out of phase with Jupiter. Consequently there are long periods without risk of even minor quakes and only one brief period producing risk of a major quake." But despite Thrupp's astral calculations, he admitted they did not include the possibility of man-made tampering with the Japanese "rising sun."

## New Cold Wave Moves Into East

(By United Press) A new cold wave, originating in Canada and sweeping eastward across the nation on the heels of yesterday's icy blasts, was forecast today for the northern plain states, the upper Mississippi valley and the Great Lakes region, with the mercury dipping to 15 and 20 degrees below zero tonight.

States along the Atlantic seaboard, however, were promised a 36-hour respite from last night's near-zero temperatures before feeling the effects of the new cold wave.

## Mercury Drops

Temperatures fell to two degrees below zero at Williamsport, Pa., during the night, while in western New York a blizzard partially paralyzed transportation and forced several major war plants to close.

The snowfall was described as light in all sections except around Erie, Pa., where a fall of 12 inches was reported. At Buffalo and Syracuse, N. Y., fierce winds whipped the snow, hampering visibility and bringing traffic almost to a standstill.

Temperatures hovering between 15 and 20 degrees below zero throughout the north and midwest were forecast for tonight by the federal weather forecaster at Chicago. In the east, however, the mercury was scheduled to rise to the low 30's today before falling again tomorrow night.

The south, laboring under unseasonably chilly temperatures experienced some relief yesterday and was due for warmer weather today. Atlanta's low yesterday was 31 degrees. Florida's lower peninsula and

the southern tip of Texas as well as some sections of the far southwest enjoyed comfortable temperatures throughout yesterday with a high of 73 degrees at Brownsville, Tex.

## Jap-Americans Win War Medals

Somewhere in France, Jan. 3 (AP)—Nineteen American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, all of the 100th infantry battalion, held bronze star medals today for "heroic disregard of personal safety" in action near Biffontaine Oct. 27.

The awards, announced by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Sixth army group commander, shortly after soldiers of the Seventh army had been angered by reports of anti-Nisei discrimination at Hood River, Ore., ironically included one for Pfc. George Akiyama who entered service from Hood River. Another recipient was Cpl. Shiro Ram Yamaguchi of Seattle.

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## OREGON STATEHOUSE JOTTINGS

By Eric W. Allen, Jr. (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Salem, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—The coming problems of the postwar years will vie in the minds of Oregon's legislators with those of the day-to-day mechanics of government during the 1945 session starting next Monday, a session which may be the last wartime meeting of the state legislature.

Many and pressing questions will confront this 43rd regular session. And for months before the session was due to open, proposed legislation kept popping up in the news. Special interest groups and various citizens' committees have served notice of legislation they intend to have submitted to the lawmakers.

One of the most controversial in recent months is the proposed law to require all milk to be pasteurized. This has the qualified approval of the department of agriculture, and the unqualified approval of many of the larger dairy

concerns throughout the state. Opposition will come mainly from the smaller dairymen, who feel that such action would be discriminatory against them. The controversy arose recently following an epidemic of undulant fever, caused by impure milk.

Another of the controversial problems which the legislators must deal with is that arising from the fact that the war is going to end—somehow, the organization of the already-approved programs for education and loans to veterans, must be worked out in detail.

The question of how to deal with returning Japanese-Americans will undoubtedly come up at the session. A fight is predicted by observers on this subject. It has been brought forcibly to the public attention by recent action of three organizations: The Hood River American Legion post, which selected the names of Japanese-American servicemen from their roll of honor; and two groups each seeking the title of Oregon Anti-Japanese Inc.

The state employs organizations presumably will ask for old-age pensions, and they may ask for civil service status. Teachers of the state too, may ask for pension provisions.

(This is the first of a brief series of articles discussing probable legislation to be introduced at the session which starts on Monday.)

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