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## Shaniko? A Familiar Name...

A place name strange to most Central Oregonians of 1954 showed up in the news recently. It was "Shaniko", and it appeared in news stories in connection with the discovery near the southern Wasco county town of the body of a man believed to have been murdered.

There was a time when Shaniko, on the high flats of a brush-covered plateau, was known to every person in the then-isolated mid-Oregon region.

Shaniko, end of the rails up until 1911, when the first train reached Bend, was the jumping-off point for thousands moving into the interior from all parts of the continent, in search of land or timber. Those were the days when the lure of the Bend country was great.

Land seekers shipped their household goods to Shaniko from states as distant as Florida, and hurried into the high desert to homestead. Others hurried by stage from Shaniko to the village of Bend, toward which two great railroads were constructing lines of steel up the Deschutes gorge.

Still other came "overland" from Shaniko, to file on timber claims.

But even before the land and timber rush days, Shaniko was a name known across the nation. For a period of nearly 10 years, following the construction of the Columbia Southern railroad to Shaniko in 1900, the southern Wasco town was known as the wool capital of America.

In a single year, 1904, an estimated 5,000,000 pounds of wool were shipped from Shaniko.

That wool was moved to the rails from Silver Lake, Mitchell, Prineville and Antelope on freight outfits that slowly moved behind the gentle tingle of leaders' bells.

And even before the wool era, Shaniko had a history that dated to 1878 when a German, A. Scherneckau filed on a homestead at Cross Hollows. Indians in those early days called him "Shaniko". Later William Farr bought the Scherneckau ranch, and Farr in turn moved on to the new town of Antelope when things got dead in Cross Hollows.

Then suddenly in 1899 came news that the Columbia Southern was to extend south, and on May 13, 1900, the first work train came puffing in from the north. Shaniko on that date took its place on the map of western America.

Shaniko started its decline when the Hill and Harman systems pushed south along the Deschutes gorge to the railroad at Bend. Later Shaniko was abandoned as a rail terminus, and the steel was stripped to the north.

But Shaniko is not a ghost town. Traffic over U.S. Highway 97 rolls through its western edge. And for old timers the town remains as a signal post of memories of days of long ago—days when all freight destined for the new towns of Madras, Redmond and Bend was unloaded from cars in Shaniko and piled aboard freight wagons.

Incidentally, it was from Shaniko that the handpress and type used in printing The Bulletin over half a century ago was moved, in a small wagon drawn by two horses.

## Forest Fire Indicator

Relative humidity by itself is not a sure yardstick of forest fire danger, Robert Kirkpatrick, Portland Meteorologist, told the Western Forestry conference held in San Francisco recently.

"Almost everywhere in Western Oregon and Washington logging shuts down when humidity drops to 30 per cent," Kirkpatrick told his listeners. Most of those familiar with fire conditions will admit this rule has merit, he said, but others refuse to believe the forest fire problem is solved by such close-downs at 30 per cent humidity.

Kirkpatrick went on to tell of a fire danger meter developed by a Seattle meteorologist, reported in use by a number of timber operators. The meter integrates wind speed, fuel moisture content and the condition of vegetative growth with the relative humidity. When all these factors are considered, he said, the fire danger measurement is much more reliable.

As an illustration, Kirkpatrick cited the 1951 Vincent Creek fire in western Oregon. The fire made its biggest gain on a day when the humidity did not drop below 45 per cent and spread less than half that three days later when the humidity reading was only 30 per cent. The fire danger meter correctly forecast the conditions, having taken into account wind velocity and fuel moisture content, he said.

If proven over a period of time, the meter promises to be a big aid to fire fighters and loggers alike.

## Quotable Quotes

That (America's being ready for war) does not mean being truculent or provocative or militaristic. — Secretary of State Dulles.

Anything they (Red Chinese) can do, we can do better... Democracy is better than dictatorship. — India's Prime Minister Nehru.

For nearly four years... I have had to wait in silence while in my absence a myth has been developed. I hope that the return of the mere man will help to dispel the myth. — Alger Hiss goes free.

We must go back to the Bible — the whole Bible. We must return to the discipline that made our fathers strong. — Methodist Bishop Richard Raines of Indianapolis.



## Foreign Economic Policies Need Tighter Coordination

By PETER EDSON  
NEA Washington Correspondent  
WASHINGTON (NEA) — One of the biggest problems of the Eisenhower administration in the coming year will be to get its foreign economic policies straightened out.

The lack of coordination on these matters was most recently demonstrated at the Inter-American Conference of Finance and Economic Ministers in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The U. S. delegation to this important meeting went to Rio with a very definite, carefully worked-out program. Its basis was that there would not be any grandiose giveaway to the Latin-American good neighbors. Instead, they were to be treated as business partners. Individual loans and other assistance were to be offered instead of sound projects only. The American team to sell this program was headed by Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey Hoover, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State Henry F. Holland, who is in charge of inter-American affairs.

Secretary Holland had made a swing around South America last summer to lay the groundwork for this new policy. Secretary Hoover had previously been employed as geologist by a number of Latin-American republics, so he knew his way around. It was Secretary Humphrey's first trip to the Southern Hemisphere, but he was Mr. U. S. Money.

The American delegation had no more than arrived in Rio and opened the conference than three things happened.

One—Foreign Operations Administrator Harold E. Stassen held a news conference in Washington in which he revealed that the Administration was considering a new and enlarged Asia aid program, smaller but on the order of the Marshall Plan for Europe.

This news, cabled to Rio, threw the Latinos into an uproar. The new good-partner program wasn't any too popular with them in the first place. They all felt that they were Uncle Sam's oldest and best friends and that they had been given the short end of the stick.

The United States had given bil-

lions of postwar aid to Europe, while it had shortchanged the American cousins. Now the U. S. was proposing to give other billions to Asia, while it still held out on Latin America.

As one Latin-American delegation spokesman explained to Secretary Humphrey in effect: "We know that what you are proposing for us is right, but you have done such foolish things all over the world, that we think you should give us more, too."

Two—Congress, James G. Fulton (R., Pa.) arrived in Rio about the time the conference opened, as "observer" for the House Foreign Affairs Committee. But he made a public statement to the effect that Secretary Humphrey had come to Rio "with an empty briefcase."

The effect was to make other delegations feel that the policy of Messrs. Humphrey, Hoover and Holland did not have the approval of the American Congress. Fulton proposed a billion-dollar aid program for Latin America as a substitute.

Three—This idea was further encouraged by Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R., Ind.) who was an official member of the delegation. He announced in Rio that in the next Congress he would propose priority for Latin-American economic aid.

It took all the persuasion that Secretaries Humphrey, Hoover and Holland could muster, ably backed up by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Overby, to prevent the conference from being wrecked. In the end, they think they succeeded.

The effects of all this hullabaloo, however, are apt to be just as pronounced in Washington as they were in Rio.

In the first place, it is now admitted that Governor Stassen's trial balloon for an Asia aid program was most unfortunate as to timing. This break may hurt more than help what was intended to be a well-meant effort to keep free Asia from going Communist.

## Honor Roll Gets Two New Names

The names of two Bend students were added this week, at the end of the fall quarter, to the Central Oregon College honor roll. They are June Scott, with a grade point average of 3.76 for 17 course hours, and Enid Cox, with a G.P.A. of 3.63 for 16 hours.

A student must earn a 3.5 G.P.A. out of a possible 4.0 to be placed on the honor roll. Scholarship recognition is based on the student's carrying at least ten course hours.

Four other C.O.C. students were named for exceeding a 3.0 G.P.A. They are Nolan Turner of Bend, with a 3.36 for 14 hours; Ramona Darby of Prineville, with a 3.30 for 10 hours; Loyal Strom of Bend, with a 3.29 for 15 hours; and Fred Stenkamp of Bend with a 3.19 for 16 hours.

Both Miss Scott and Stenkamp have been named before for high grades at C.O.C.

## Church Planning Christmas Rites

The annual Christmas program at First Christian church will be held Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 a.m., at the church. It will be climaxed by a presentation of "white gifts for the King," to be sent to the denomination's home for the aged at Beaverton.

The beginners in the Sunday school, under direction of Mrs. Del O'Day, will give recitations. Mrs. Bobby Baumgardner's first and second grade boys and girls will present an exercise, "Children All Like Christmas."

Children of the primary department, directed by Mrs. Cecil Moore, will take part in a pageant, "Children At The Manger." The juniors, directed by Mrs. H. Cecil Bever, will present two numbers, "And There Were Shepherds" and "A Norwegian Christmas Carol."

A mixed group will depict the "Story of the Christmas Flowers" in a playlet, and the intermediate and high school groups will sing Christmas songs.

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## Alliance Church Planning Special Yule Service

Special Christmas services will be held at the Alliance church, 520 Lava road, Sunday, Dec. 19. The pastor, Rev. James Thompson, has chosen for the subject of his morning message, "The Word Made Flesh." Leonard Van Leuven will sing "The Holy City."

At 7:30 Sunday evening the annual Sunday school program will be held at the church. The program will include narration of the Christmas story, a Christmas film-strip, songs by a junior choir and a pantomime featuring the children of the Sunday school. Other special features of the evening services will include the hymn, "Ivory Palaces," by a women's trio, and the carol, "We Three Kings," by a men's trio. The pastor will sing "O Holy Night." Trio members are Leonard Van Leuven, James Miller, Bill Colburn and the Misses Beverly Shoults, Betty Mae Ippock and Ruth Moore.

In charge of special arrangements are a Christmas committee composed of Mrs. John Nofsker, Miss Mary Forbes and Miss Betty Lou. The public is cordially invited to attend the services, they announce.

PUT IN SERVICE Special to The Bulletin MADRAS — The rock crusher which was approved by Jefferson county voters recently has been received and assembled and put through its first workout, Judge Henry Dussault reports.

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