

MOUNTAIN PASS BLOCKED



Although flood waters are beginning to recede highway maintenance men view the rampaging Willamette River at point where it washed out the tra-state highway through the Cascade Mountains between Oakridge and Eugene, Ore. The river and its surrounding tributaries caused havoc in the rain-soaked area. (UP Telephoto)

Annual Corn Show Opens

Hermiston (AP) — The twelfth annual Oregon State Corn Show opened here Friday.

In the two-day event are hybrid yield contests, judging contests, 10-ear corn exhibit contests and corn judging contests.

Herman Bierman, member of the state corn show committee and county extension agent here, said 185 field samples from over the state were in yield contest.

About a dozen FFA chapters are to compete in the judging contest, with four or five 4-H teams participating in the judging contest for 4-H chapters. An open class for judging is also slated.

The four districts competing in the 10-ear contest are the North Willamette, South Willamette, Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon districts. An over-all sweepstakes winner will be chosen.

A husking bee was set for Friday afternoon.

Judging contests are scheduled for Saturday morning, with Dr. R. E. Fore, Oregon State college agronomist, closing the show with a discussion of corn growing.

Only preliminary held for the show was a yield competition. Young Ronnie Larson, Hermiston, son of Dr. Carl Larson, head of the Umatilla branch experiment station here, led the field with a record of 204.5 bushels per acre. Previous record was 186.7 bushels.

WINTER, GIRLS TOO COLD

Regina, Sask. (AP) — A German sailor who jumped ship to live in Canada accepted a deportation order with thanks. Gunther Hoppe, 18, said he had given Canada a six-month try and found the winters and the girls were too cold.

HOW DO YOU DO?



Introducing Ricci James Martin, born Sept. 20, son of actor-singer Dean Martin and his wife, Jeanne. The couple, showing off Ricci in Hollywood, have one other son, Dean Jr., 2. (UP Telephoto)

CLOSE CHEST DRIVE

Woodburn — The Woodburn community chest campaign was closed this week with total contributions of \$1,837.23 listed by Mark H. Thompson, drive chairman. Last year the total was \$1,770.51. Any one who has not been contacted or wishes to increase the original contribution may leave the money at the Woodburn branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

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Miners Union Sounds an SOS

Denver (AP) — Removal of trade barriers and increased tax exemptions for persons earning \$5,000 a year or less are necessary to combat "general economic collapse," the executive board of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Ind., has declared.

Charging the Eisenhower administration with failure to understand the "urgent needs of unemployed workers, or hard-pressed small businessmen" the union contended a "crisis" has spread through the mining industries.

In a four-point program released at the close of the international board's four-day meeting here Thursday, the union said:

"Thousands of workers in our industry have been laid off, others have had cutbacks in total hours and take-home pay. Still others face threatened loss of jobs and income . . ."

It said the "crisis" has gone through the lead and zinc mining industries of the United

States and Canada to copper and brass industries.

The union, which was expelled from the CIO for following the communist line in 1950, called for increased foreign consumption of metals and metal goods.

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Thielsen to Retire After Long Service to County

By FRED ZIMMERMAN

Some men look forward to the time when they can shift their every day employment chores to other shoulders, go fishing, putter around and take it easy in general.

Such is not the case with H. William (Bill) Thielsen who is due to "retire" after serving Marion county in various capacities for more than 28 years.

Bill will be cut off the payroll as of December 31. Since 1936 he has held the position of property agent for the county and during that period has handled \$825,000 in cash. He has lived on "borrowed time" insofar as his employment is concerned for the past 15 years. From year to year he has been given an extension of time, but those in charge of the retirement system told him 1953 would be his last as a public servant.



William (Bill) Thielsen

A native born Oregonian, having seen the first light of day December 24, 1872, in Portland, Thielsen spent many of his early years on his father's 400-acre farm near Rickreall. There he assisted in the milking of 25 cows twice a day and attended what is now known as Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. He first came to Salem in 1900, but became permanently attached to the capital in 1919.

First employment with Marion county was 28 years ago when Thielsen was given a temporary assignment in the tax collection department under Sheriff Oscar Bowers. He subsequently advanced to the position of cashier. Then came a change in administration with the election of Andy Burk as sheriff.

One day, relates Thielsen, Burk approached him and said:

"There has been considerable criticism regarding the cost of operating the tax department. You don't need to come back tomorrow."

Thielsen then went to work under Assessor Tad Shelton as a deputy. Came the depression and with it delinquent taxes. The latter snowballed to such an extent that by 1936 the county had 1600 pieces of property on its hands. This necessitated the appointment of a person to handle the situation and Thielsen got the job.

One of the pieces of property acquired consisted of 1100 acres of timber land on Sardinia creek in the Santiam country. The owners were delinquent \$2750 in taxes and told the county they would not pay it.

The county offered the land for \$5000 and found no buyers. Then the tract was taken off the sale list and county and state entered into an agreement concerning timber lands. Under this agreement the state handles the timber and gives the county 75 per cent of the sale price.

Eventually the 1100 acres were sold for \$465,500. This was Thielsen's crowning achievement.

The property custodian states the hardest part of his job was that of trying to work out a plan whereby a widow with

dependent children could retain her home while paying the back taxes.

"It was difficult to dispose under such trying conditions," Thielsen said.

During the more prosperous times of current years, the county has not been compelled to take over much property because of tax delinquency. In fact, there were just five tracts this year, none of which had much value.

While Bill will not be compelled to twiddle his thumbs after his retirement from public office, he admits that he does not view with too much enthusiasm a situation wherein he will not report for work with the regularity that has been his in recent years.

Thielsen has a view home and 5 1/2 acres near Candalaria Heights that overlook the Willamette Valley to the west.

"I expect to be able to keep busy and may build a greenhouse where I will be able to raise plants with which to beautify my place," said Bill.

Apparently in good health and with a smile for all who visit him in his office on the third floor of the temporary Courthouse, Bill will not only miss the contact with the public, but the public is bound to lose something through his retirement.

TRUMAN TO SPEAK

Chicago (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman will come to Chicago tomorrow for a luncheon meeting with Cook county democratic leaders and to speak at an Israel bond rally.

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Horse Shies, Drags Little Rider to Death

Klamath Falls (AP) — A horse shied, then bolted, and dragged to death his little rider, Eileen Edwards, 6, Thursday afternoon.

The girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards of Merrill, had been out with other members of the family for a horseback ride near a their home, 20 miles southeast of here. For some reason she knotted the reins around herself and when she fell as the horse shied, the reins held fast. She had been dragged half a mile before the horse could be stopped. She died a few hours later in Klamath Valley hospital.

It is estimated there are 2,800 languages in the world.

LEGALS

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, on December 15th, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon thereof, at the front door of the County Courthouse, 325 Marion Street in Salem, Marion County, Oregon, sell as public auction for cash, in the manner provided by law for the sale of real property on execution, the following described real premises, to-wit:
Beginning at a point North 89° 45' East 310.00 feet from the Southeast corner of Lot Twenty-one (21), Evergreen Acres, Marion County, Oregon. (See Volume 12, Page 11, Record of Town Plats for said County and State); thence North 89° 45' East 372.82 feet; thence North 1° 15' West, 108.94 feet; thence South 89° 45' West, 370.87 feet; thence South 8° 09' East, 109.98 feet to the place of beginning. Reserving therefrom a strip of land 30.00 feet wide on the West side and a strip of land 20.00 feet wide on the South side to be used for a roadway.
Said sale will be made by me in pursuance of an execution to me directed and heretofore issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Marion County in proceedings therein entitled "Anna Babich, Plaintiff, vs. John Babich, Defendant," Clerk's Receiver No. 38,861.
Dated this 13th day of November, 1953.

DENVER YOUNG, Sheriff of Marion County, Oregon.
By A. L. Malstrom, Deputy, Rhoden, Rhoden & Rhodriguez, 319 Pioneer Trust Building, Salem, Oregon
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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