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BODY OF RICH BANKER FOUND IN CLACKAMAS

HARRY OSBORNE AND BOB HAYDEN SAID TO BE ENTITLED TO \$1000 REWARD.

The body of A. H. Leete of North Branch, Michigan, 48 years old, was discovered in Estacada Lake Sunday. The man disappeared from Portland November 6, and a reward of \$1000 was offered for information regarding him.

Leete, evidently had been fishing in the river, as a part of a fishing line was caught in his clothing. Although, a raft had been tied up at the place the body was found and it is considered likely that the line was that of some other fisherman that had been caught in the dead man's clothes.

Bob Hayden and Harry Osborne, both of Estacada, were duck hunting Sunday and shot a duck near the spring in the park. While getting the duck out of the water they noticed the body, at first thinking it was a stump. After further investigating they decided it was the body of a man, and notified Jim Norris, Estacada marshal.

Further investigation proved that the boys had been correct, and the county coroner was called. The hands and feet of the dead man were down in the mud, he being in somewhat a doubled position as if he had been standing in the water and had tried to pick up something and was unable to rise again. The water was not but a few feet in depth at the spot where the body was located.

Papers found in the dead man's pocket identified him. He had a bank book indicating that he had \$10,000 deposited in the American Exchange Bank of Portland, and that he was a member of the Multnomah Golf club.

After the body was taken to Oregon City his son positively identified the remains. The body was sent back to Michigan for burial.

Reports indicate that the deceased was at one time a wealthy banker, but that his investments in mines and timber in Oregon had not turned out well and he had become despondent. How he came to Estacada no one knows. He had no car out here that anyone knows about, and while it was rather cool on election day,—the day he is supposed to have been drowned, he had no overcoat, or at least none was found. He had no money to speak of in his clothes, only about \$2 in change.

Several Estacada people say they remember seeing a notice in the papers offering \$1000 reward for finding the man, but it is not known now if the boys who found him will be paid the reward.

Returns to Estacada

Mrs. Lena Underwood and son Lester returned Sunday evening from Underwood, Wash., where they had been during the apple packing season.

BRIGHTWOOD CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Henry Larson entertained the Brightwood club Wednesday, the affair being greatly enjoyed by Mrs. W. A. Alcorn, Mrs. Ralph Gifford, Mrs. Art Reynolds, Carrie Hickey, Mrs. J. T. McIntyre, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Wm. Alt and the hostess. A wonderful chicken luncheon was served at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Murray Entertains Sandy Women's Club

A lively session of Sandy Women's club was held at the home of Mrs. Hazel Murray, Thursday. Plans were furthered for the carnival on December 15, dodgers for which are now out. The grange hall will be a merry scene. The vaudeville program is coming on and plans for booths, etc., are outlined. Present at the meeting were: Mrs. Murray, Mrs. W. A. Proctor, Mrs. Carl Loundree, Mrs. Lundy, Mildred Gray, Sadie Bosholm, Mrs. Scales, Mrs. Clarence Brown, Mrs. Dittert, Mrs. Shelley, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. R. S. Smith, Mrs. McGinnis, Mrs. C. O. Duke, Mrs. Horr, Maggie Bell, Cecelia Brown, Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. Zenger, Miss Shell, Miss Ollie Gist, Mrs. Crosier, Miss Mary Sharnke's name was accepted as a member.

STATE TO BUILD GARAGE AT SANDY

The state highway commission is preparing to build a large garage for housing the trucks used by the road repair force, on lots immediately east of the Jonsrud-Gunderson planing mill. The building will be of corrugated iron, but will be a neat structure, and the driveway and surroundings are to be kept up in neat condition.

Sandy Grange Elects

Newly elected officers of Sandy Grange are: A. C. Thomas, master; J. G. DeShazer, overseer; Mrs. E. Herz, chaplain; Mildred Decker, steward; R. W. Mallery, assistant steward; Mrs. R. Jonsrud, lecturer; Mack Thomas, gate keeper, Mrs. E. F. Bruns, secretary; A. J. Morrison, treasurer; Mrs. Arthur Woodcock, Ceres; Mrs. Pete Stone, Pomona; Mrs. H. Perret, Flora, and Mrs. Maggie Bell, lady assistant steward.

Flu Epidemic Hits Estacada District

Dr. Walter W. Gilbert reports an epidemic of influenza in the Estacada district, having made as high as twenty calls a day recently. Jude Moreland is quite ill with a very high temperature. Others with severe attacks of the disease include Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strunk, Mrs. W. J. Moore, C. E. DuBois and Miss Agnes Harrington.

Alt Has Birthday Surprise

Bill Alt of Brightwood was completely surprised Friday night when 28 friends reminded him he had a birthday. Mrs. Alt planned the affair, and served delicious refreshments. Games and "lots" of fun passed the evening quickly.

PRIZE OFFERED FOR BEST DECORATED WINDOW

The News is offering a prize to the Sandy business house having the most artistic Christmas window decorations. A committee will make the decision as to who is the winner.

JOHN BLAUTH DIES IN ESTACADA POOL HALL

John J. Blauth died suddenly on Wednesday afternoon in Bob Marchbank's confectionery and pool hall, while engaged in a friendly game of cards. He suddenly choked, and passed away within a few minutes, not having been ill, to all appearances until with a few minutes of his death.

Dr. W. W. Rhodes was present and did what he could for him, but of no avail.

Mr. Blauth, father of Mrs. H. C. Gohring, was over seventy years of age, and had been in his usual health the past few weeks.

L. A. Chapman, Estacada mortician, has charge of the funeral arrangements. No annotations in the obituary will be completed until the arrival of other relatives from Chicago.

Rev. Schoen and Family Surprised

The Rev. Schoen family of Sandy were surprised Sunday night by the Lutheran congregation in honor of Mr. Schoen's birthday, both the house and school house being full and running over with the crowd. Refreshments were served to all. The older folks had a good time at the house, and the younger set played games at the school house.

FOOTBALL TEAM HAD SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The football season closed Thanksgiving day and the Estacada high eleven have put away their gridiron togs for another year. The boys are quite well satisfied with the success of the team this year. They won four games, lost four and tied one, finishing at the 500 per cent mark, which is considered good for the size of the school.

Bazaar Nets \$80

The bazaar and dinner Saturday at the I. O. O. F. hall, given by the Ladies Aid of the Christian church, was a decided success. There was a large number who enjoyed the splendid chicken dinner and also the social features. There were many pretty articles made by the ladies on sale and several nice quilts. These sold very satisfactorily. The proceeds of the bazaar amounted to something over \$80.

Ginseng Growing Important Industry

Ginseng is bringing larger net returns to the grower than any crop ever grown any place. Profits equal to \$4,000 to \$8,000 per year from an acre are established facts.

Estacada is the largest ginseng producing center in the west. This is rapidly becoming one of the most important industries in the Eastern part of Clackamas county.

Strangers visiting the community are always curious about the shades for the ginseng gardens, located on the hill east of the city, and every resident of Estacada, time and time again have explained that the sheds were shades or covers for the big ginseng beds.

At the present time there are more than ten acres near Estacada devoted to this profitable crop. The average amount received from an acre of the famous roots is \$40,000, according to J. S. Osborne, dean of the growers of the Estacada district.

It takes six years to grow a crop of ginseng, although there is a good income each year from the seeds, which sell at about \$2 per one thousand seed.

China supplies the market for a large part of the herb grown. The Chinese, much addicted to the use of opium, find ginseng a nerve-restorer that nothing else has ever equaled, and this market accounts for the high price of the dried roots. Some of the local growers have already sold their crop this year, receiving \$8.50 per pound. Mr. Osborne says he has been offered \$8 per pound for his crop, but he is still holding it, expecting a better price.

Conditions Ideal

Ginseng is grown in a small way in many sections of the United States, and in one particularly locality in the east there are 75 acres planted in the money-making crop, but the average production per acre is only about one-fifth of that in the Estacada district, according to Mr. Osborne.

Climatic and soil conditions here are almost ideal for the culture of ginseng. So far no one has found it necessary to add fertilizer to the soil in the district. As a mulch the growers use leaves, straw and sawdust, and the ground seems to become more productive from year to year. The mild winters of Oregon and the pleasant summer weather help to increase the profits in the culture of the plant. Ginseng must grow in the shade, and it is only natural that the crop would grow better in this climate than where there was real dry hot weather in the summer, or freezing weather in the winter.

The Ginseng Journal, published in the East, in a recent issue said "We always advise those who expect to go into the business of growing ginseng to go to Oregon or Washington as the climate and soil is better adapted to the culture than any other part of the country."

In Business 13 Years

The ginseng industry was started in Estacada 13 years ago. Mr. Osborne, having had some idea of the crop, decided to try growing it in this section. He bought 1000 seeds and 20 plants. The result was all that was expected, and more. Since that time he has gradually increased this size of his beds until now he has one and three-fourth acres in ginseng. His success led others to undertake the culture, and while he is the most extensive grower in the district, there are several plots of an acre in size, and possibly a score of men are starting beds, with the idea of adding to them each year.

During the past year Mr. Osborne has sold all the seed he produced, most of which brought him \$2 per thousand, although he sold a few thousand seeds at \$1.75. They went to all parts of the country.

The successful growers of the district, without exception, have started on a small scale, and have increased the size of their beds gradually. Every year now, several are harvesting a small tract, the section of their beds planted six years ago.

Mr. Osborne has kept in close touch with the business in the district since it was started here, and says that while the average number

of failures the country over is about five out of six, there have been comparatively few failures here.

Failures in the business of growing the plant in this district is largely due to lack of proper care of the growing herb, but he attributes the percentage of failures the country over, in a larger degree, to lack of favorable climatic and soil conditions.

Profits Large

That the profits to be derived from the growing of ginseng are large is indicated in the figures supplied the News by Mr. Osborne. The initial cost is considerable, but when compared with the costs of planting other crops, and the returns, the business looks to be very attractive, and if the facts were generally known, a much larger business would soon be developed.

The seed, at the present price, the cost of shading the ground along the plan generally used in the Estacada district, and the care and cultivation of the plants for the entire six years required to produce a crop, Mr. Osborne estimates is about \$10,000. This allows a reasonable sum for labor actually required during the six-year period.

The income from an acre in the Estacada district varies from year to year, according to market conditions and the quality of the crop. The highest price received here from an acre is about \$60,000, and the lowest reported in the district \$20,000 per acre. These figures indicate that a profit of from \$10,000 up to \$50,000 may be realized in the course of six years from an acre of ginseng. (Continued on page 9)

SANDY GRANGE ELECTS

Officers elected Saturday by the Sandy Grange are: Master, A. C. Thomas; overseer, J. G. DeShazer; lecturer, Mrs. R. Jonsrud; steward, Mildred Decker; assistant steward, R. W. Mallery; chaplain, Mrs. E. Herz; secretary, Mrs. E. F. Bruns; treasurer, A. J. Morrison; gate keeper, Mack Thomas; Ceres, Mrs. Arthur Woodcock; Pomona, Mrs. Pete Stone; Flora, Mrs. H. Perret; lady assistant steward, Maggie Bell; musician, Lola Thiess.

BIG SHOW COMING

The Liberty Theatre, Estacada, announces the enormous production, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 16, 17 and 18. The filming of this show is said to have cost over two million dollars, and is the greatest thing ever undertaken in motion pictures. The cast includes some of the best known actors in pictures or on the stage.

Mrs. Lundy Hostess

Mrs. Lundy entertained the Sandy Embroidery club Monday night, the following bringing their needles and enjoying a social time: Mrs. W. McGinnis, Mrs. Ivan Yost, Mrs. Hattie Dahrens, Mrs. F. L. Proctor, Mrs. Annie Glockner and Winnifred, Ruth Reed, Miss Kammerer, Mrs. Sylvester Hall, Mrs. Lundy. Mrs. J. M. C. Miller dropped in for a short while.

Leave for Gladstone

Fred Leihammer, who was confined to his home last week with flu, recovered so that he was able to go to Gladstone Monday afternoon and with Mrs. Leihammer, left for that city. His father and mother, who had been living with them for a time, both became ill and were obliged to go to a hospital until Mr. and Mrs. Leihammer arrived at their new home but are reported improved at this time.

School Teacher Ill

Miss Elsie Pool, one of the grade teachers, was absent from school this week on account of illness. Miss Sherman, primary teacher, took Miss Pool's pupils for a time.

Entertains Football Team

Coach Manning of the Estacada high school entertained the football squad at his home Thursday night.

Has Position in City

Miss Irene Kaake has accepted a position with Montgomery Ward in Portland, as saleslady.

BAND AND H. S. ORCHESTRA TO GIVE CONCERT TUESDAY

The Estacada Band and the Estacada high school orchestra are giving a concert at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, December 18, starting at 8 o'clock. A small admission fee will be charged and the patronage of the public is solicited.

ARMSTRONG BUYS WILCOX RESIDENCE PROPERTY

A. W. Armstrong has purchased from F. M. Forman the residence property and acreage, known as the Roy Wilcox place, in the north part of Estacada. Mr. Armstrong will modernize the house and expects to have the work completed that he may move into it about February 1.

Buy New Radios

Clyde Schock of Estacada announces the recent sale of Crosley radios to Tom Beebe, Carl Peterson, William Nelson, J. W. Moger, Mrs. Maud Axtelle and A. H. Fasel.

Former Estacada Boy Weds

Estacada friends of Louis Jones, a former Estacada boy who attended high school here, have received announcement of his marriage to a young lady residing in New York City. The wedding occurred the latter part of November.

Basketball Team Organized

The Estacada Basketball team has been organized with Ray Lovelace as manager. They had their first practice Monday night in the school gymnasium and now open for engagements.

Linn Goes to Portland

W. E. Linn, who recently sold his business here, Linn's Inn, to E. R. Judd, has bought a confectionery in Portland and will make that city his home. At present Mrs. Linn has a position as saleslady with Meyer & Frank, but after the holidays will be on duty at their new place of business.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF JUNIOR CLASS HELD

The Odd Fellows' hall, Estacada, was the scene of the annual junior banquet of the Estacada high school, Tuesday night, when the seniors, the football squad, school directors and their wives and faculty were guests of the junior class.

The dining hall was edged in cedar boughs while green and white streamers—high school colors, formed a false ceiling over the tables, which were adorned with candles. A white football was suspended over the center table.

Arnold Anderson, president of the junior class, acted as toastmaster at a program which consisted of a piano duet by Misses Wilder and Spall; instrumental duet by Fred Buell, Evelyn Buell; violin solo, Miss Wilder; recitation, Mrs. W. E. Buell; junior quartet—James Beck, Carl Folker, Herbert Fifer and Fred Buell; vocal solo, Miss Spall. Toasts were given by Claude Cook, student body president; Alvin Munson, senior president; Guy Fanton, football captain, and A. G. Ames, member of the school board.

Letters were presented to the following members of the football team: Claud Shriner, Herbert Fifer, Bob Hayden, William Tucker, Arnold Anderson, Guy Fanton, Robert Marchbank, John Beck, Walter Smith, Ralph Davis, Alvin Munson, Donald Meyers, Harold Kitching, Chas. Lingelbach and Ralph Metcalf.

Committees for the banquet included: Entertainment—Evelyn Buell, Margaret Gavins and Edna Heiple; refreshments—Ruby Bates, Howard House, Janet Gilgan, Miss Noble and W. E. Buell; decorations—Mary Lemon, Donald Byers, James Beck and Margaret McConnell; invitations—Geraldine Connolly, Herbert Fifer, and Loretta Wallace.

Entertain for Friends

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kiggins entertained a number of their friends Saturday night at their home. Cards was the diversion.

Masons, O. E. S. to Install

The annual joint installation of officers for the Eastern Star and Masons, and the banquet, will be held December 27, this year.

MANY EVENTS TO BE HELD IN SANDY DISTRICT

WOMEN'S CLUB CARNIVAL AT GRANGE HALL TO BE HELD SATURDAY NIGHT

Sandy and the different communities nearby have planned many entertainments and social events for the few days remaining before the holidays begin.

This evening (Friday) the senior class of the Sandy union high school presents their play "Sonny Jane" at the school building. It is said to be an exceptionally fine play with 17 in the cast. Few in the community will miss seeing this production by the class.

Saturday night, December 15, a big time is planned at the Grange hall in Sandy when the Sandy Women's club gives their carnival. The ladies invite everyone to come, and laugh and have a good time. The carnival is staged for the purpose of raising funds for a club house in Sandy.

At Cottrell, also this Saturday evening, the Cottrell Community Church Ladies' Aid gives a chicken dinner, starting at 6 o'clock. A program and bazaar will follow. A large crowd is expected and the invitation to attend is extended to everyone.

Friday night, December 21, there will be an exceptionally fine Christmas program at the Sandy high school, which is to be given by the pupils of the grade school. "The Queen's Christmas," a play, will be presented by R. W. Mallery's classes, and the other three teachers of the Sandy grade school are preparing equally fine numbers.

Sunday, December 23, Sandy Community Sunday school will give a program immediately after Sunday school. A tree is to be provided by the Duncan boys, and a program is being arranged by the teachers. A Santa Claus will be in attendance, who will also be sent on a visit to some of the little children on Christmas eve.

Special Christmas services are now being arranged for at the Catholic and Lutheran churches in Sandy. The Christmas program and tree will be held Christmas eve at the Lutheran church.

Kelso Sunday school will give a Christmas program on Sunday, December 23, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A tree for the children will be provided. It is planned to give a program and social, also, around New Year's.

Pleasant Home M. E. Bazaar

The Pleasant Home Ladies' Aid cashed in about \$190 from their chicken supper and bazaar, Saturday night. It was regretted, however, that the pastor, Rev. O. J. Gill, was seriously ill from flu and a nervous breakdown and was unable to be present.

Good Program at Cottrell

A fine program at Cottrell P. T. A. Thursday night included old-time music by Jerome Cocklebras and Mr. Van Slyke, Gresham, and Clarence Browning; costumed girls, giving character songs were: Virginia Watkins, gypsy; Marjory Andrews, Hawaii; Leona Light, old-fashioned girl; Dorothy Watkins, Holland maid, and Louise Matthews, colored girl. Jaydene Nelson sang solos.

NEW INDUSTRY AT SANDYRIDGE FARM

Undaunted because frost took three acres of cucumbers, A. W. Newman of Sandyridge is decorating for Christmas by contracting. He is using cedar boughs and trees from his own place.

He has contracts for decorating the United Artists Theatre, Majestic, Columbia, People's, Pantages, Rivoli, and Circle theatres,—in fact all the large theatres in Portland.

He also has contracted to decorate prominent restaurants, including the Hazelwood, and some of the larger garages of Portland.

Mrs. Newman and their daughters make cedar roping and holly wreaths at home. With such industry and determination these enterprising people are considered certain to succeed.

Mr. Newman bought the John Myers place on Sandyridge last spring.