

### The Salem Sampler

By Ralph T. Moore

As a skilled artisan carefully selects and cements in place each piece of colored stone in his mosaic pattern so that the entire picture is not marred by a defective part, so has the governor worked to compose the staff of executives who are to make his administration a success or a failure.

He has been very fortunate in his selection of a new State Highway Commission. All three members are men of high standing in the state as well as in their respective communities.

Particularly is this true of the Honorable Merle Chessman of Astoria who served so well in the senate.

Senator Chessman is a man of strong character and yet with an instinct for diplomacy that has pulled him through many a tight place in public life. He is politically fearless and has no patience with intrigue and underhanded dealing. His habit of getting to the root of the matter straightly, regardless of whose toes are stepped on en route, should serve him in good stead on the commission. The governor chose wisely in his case and the Coast Highway gets a friend on the board.

The appointment of our own Judge Peterson as Director of Agriculture comes as no great surprise to those who are close to state politics. Many of us have long known we had the outstanding county judge of the state at this writing. Not only does Judge Peterson have unusual qualifications for the job in the way of college training but he also possesses a keenly analytical mind and a reservoir of nervous energy that has carried him into recognized leadership among those of his profession.

His job is to be one of the hot spots of the administration. The pressure on him will be very great because of the enormous demand for farm production. The milk control matter will require an iron hand and a tough-fibred determination. He will be sniped at by hostile groups "ad infinitum." But he will come through with flying colors because he is built to take it and like it rough. Maybe it's the Scandinavian part of his make-up. They say that there is no one who can be more stubborn than a Swede when he gets his back up. Or maybe it's a Norwegian. Suppose we ask Hitler.

At any rate, Coos county can be proud to yield "Pete" to the greater field of the state, although we are sad to lose him from our county court. He has a great future and our best wishes follow him and his wife as they prepare to go to their new home.

An advertisement appeared in the paper announcing that prices on shaves and hair-cuts have advanced in the barber shops.

This brings to mind the Barbers Bill which passed the legislature during the closing hours of the session and was recently signed by the governor.

The bill was intended to rid the profession of unfair competition from price-chiselers and to build up the shops into better position as regards sanitation and equipment. Threat of state action to enforce with police power the regulations agreed upon by 70 per cent of the barbers of each county, acting in convention, is presumed to keep all shops in line. It is frankly a Barbers' Union measure.

Opposition to the bill came from smaller communities which feared that they would be enslaved by the greater voting power of the towns and cities. It was pointed out in the debate that there is a great difference in the overhead of barber shops. Some of the part-time shops in small communities could not collect as much money for their services without jeopardizing their entire business. Some shops, apt in war-worker communities, feared they would lose their business because their customers not having any great increase in income from the war, would simply quit them cold.

Others thought the bill too rigid and packed with potential trouble.

But it passed and has now become law. It is up to the Barbers' Association themselves to see that it does not work a hardship on the smaller shops.

I was afraid of this legislation and voted against the bill when it came up for final passage. I was one of those who feared that it would work to the detriment of the barbering profession by arousing a resentment both in the public and in the smaller shop owners. I hope I was wrong and that the profession will soon prove me so. It will be a blessing if fairly handled and a curse if it isn't.

The high quality of leadership in our armed forces is indicated by the casualty list of Generals and Admirals.

Our ranking officers are in there fighting with their men and taking everything the enemy has to offer. There is none of this Rommel stuff in our Army and Navy. Our leaders don't hide out while the fight is going on and let the privates do the dirty work. Our leaders really lead.

It may not be any too wise from the standpoint of preserving the personnel of our high command. But it certainly keeps the morale of our troops high. The Axis simply can't beat that kind of an Army and Navy.

By appointing a good man to head the State Department of Agriculture the governor bids fair to avoid the mess the National Administration is now in after the passage, and subsequent veto, of the Bankhead Act.

After the veto, advocates of the measure promptly got it referred back to committee where it now rests, a threat to loose the flood gates of inflation if the Administration does not stand pat on its price and wage fixing program.

The worst of it is that the farmers have a very good case for the bill. They point out that labor and industry have had heavy increases in wages and prices while the farm products have lagged behind. And now that inflation is upon us, why should the farmers be made the goats when it comes to freezing prices and wages? They have not, up to the present, enjoyed as great an increase in prices as has industry and labor. And now the door is to be shut in their faces. The Farm Bloc is very unhappy and resentful.

The American farmer is the most rugged of individualists. When the well-meaning Planners try to induce him to wear their brand of Pastel-shade Pants for the Patient Peasant or his wife to wear their Chic Chapeaus for Charming Milkmaids they meet with difficulty. The farmer has his own, and very decided, ideas on what pants he is going to wear. His wife wants no one else to pick out her Easter bonnet. Neither of them get on very well with regimental planning. And so they are a headache to the Planners.

Yet the Administration is to be commended for blocking the passage of the Bankhead Act at this time. It most certainly would have resulted in wild inflation and ruin to everybody that has a dollar in the bank or owns any property. The tragedy in the situation is that the poor farmer has to suffer until a careful readjustment is made and at the same time work his head off to keep the rest of us from starving to death. If he comes through successfully with the tremendous task laid out for him, and he will, he merits the highest badge of valor we can give him. It used to be said as a mere platitude that the farmer is the backbone of American economical life. Now it is the grim truth.

Opponents of the Burke Bill, which takes fortified wine out of retail stores and places it exclusively in State Liquor stores, are trying to get it referred to the people on a referendum measure at the next election.

It seems that liquor manufacturing interests are behind this move. They feel that they have been unfairly treated by the legislature and

seek redress at the polls. Much money will no doubt be spent in broadcasting arguments against the measure for it means much to many small businesses throughout the state.

In my opinion the wine interests are rather short-sighted in attacking this measure. I believe that Senator Burke caught the trend of public opinion when he wrote the bill and that this type of wine should be placed in the liquor stores to placate growing resentment against abuse of this beverage, to say nothing of the moral effect on our young people.

I could not help but note the very strong feeling out in the Valley against selling this liquor to soldier boys and war workers. If some regulation is not forth-coming the public is very apt to rise up in their wrath and throw out all liquor sales for the duration. And this is no idle threat, believe me.

Therefore, I think the wine interests will be smart to welcome a reasonable control over the sale of their product. It will be the salvation of their business. Without it they won't have any business. Prohibition came on suddenly during the last war from just exactly the same source. It is hovering on the brink right now. We Americans are a little slow in getting under way. But when we do, look out all over the woods.

### Coquille Girls To Take Up Canning

That Coquille girls are willing in helping out in the war effort by learning how to preserve the surplus food grown in the family Victory garden was indicated at a meeting of the Junior High school girls last Monday at Lincoln school at which time Mrs. Dorothy E. Bishop, county home demonstration agent and supervisor of Home Economics and 4-H Club work, explained the Mother-Daughter Canning project as it is to be carried out in Coos county this year.

The Canning projects include all methods of food preservation, such as, drying, freezing and canning. It is divided into four different divisions. Division I girls are required to preserve 25 quarts of fruit unassisted, or 50 quarts assisted by an older person. Division II, III, and IV are required to do an additional amount of canning accordingly. Each girl keeps a record of the work done and at the end of the project turns in her record book and exhibits two quarts of fruit of two different varieties at the county-wide exhibit in the fall.

The project was explained to the girls who were asked to talk it over at home before signing up. All those who have their parents' consent will meet at the court house at 11 a. m. Saturday morning to organize into a club or clubs. Any girl in Coquille between the ages of 9 and 21 is eligible to belong. From the amount of interest shown by the girls, it is evident there will be a need for additional leadership. Any one who is interested in leading a 4-H Canning club is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Bishop or come to the meeting on Saturday.

### More WAACS Are Needed

Women enrolling in the women's army are considered a part of the total strength of the nation's army, the war department has notified Mrs. Mary Gilbert, volunteer WAAC recruiting chairman for Coquille.

Colonel J. J. Fulmer, commander of the Oregon recruiting district, informed the local recruiter that this makes it imperative that all quotas for women's enlistments be met. These women are needed, he continued, to fill non-combatant ranks in the army vacated by able-bodied soldiers who will participate in forthcoming offensives.

This increasing need for women soldiers for non-combatant duties is providing a greater variety of assignments for members of the WAACS and for increased opportunities for advancements to non-commissioned grades and to commissioned ranks, according to Mrs. Gilbert.

Complete information and application blanks will be provided patriotic-minded eligible women by Mrs. Gilbert. She will arrange for all qualified applicants to have free transportation to and from Portland headquarters where they will be sent for examination and for their meals and quarters while they are away from their home. The Coquille recruiter may be contacted at Norton's.

### Marriage Licenses

April 10—Carl W. Miller and Margaret Webb, both of Bandon.  
April 10—Michael J. Botta, of Long Island, N. Y., and Florence Senz, of Marshfield.  
April 10—Robert Harris, of Gardiner, and Edna Carter, of Reedsport.  
April 10—James E. O'Neal and Martha Wilson, both of Marshfield.

### Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

Back in New York state in a certain county they opened the season on deer, but there was a catch to it—the deer had to be bagged with an arrow. The season was opened for two weeks and it was estimated that some 10,000 archers invaded the woods and the result was just one dead deer. That sure was a fine bunch of Robin Hoods and William Tells! I am putting up all my marbles and my leaky raincoat against any sort of odds that if Grover Gouthier had been turned loose in that county that he would have brought in several limits with his bow and arrow. That Gouthier guy is one sportsman that sticks strictly to his bow and arrows. And why shouldn't he? He has laid low the lordly mule deer with an arrow. He has killed hundreds of digger squirrels and he has stood toe to toe and shot on even terms with the finest archers that Oregon has produced.

Grover scoffs at the man who still sticks to a rifle—friend Grover has harkened back many years. But let me say this, and that is, if every sportsman that stalks the lordly buck, or goes afield with a rifle or a shot-gun, would discard his gun and take up archery there is no question but what there would be an unlimited supply of game birds and animals left for many generations to come. But Grover Gouthier is in a class by himself—he might be classified as a real sportsman without any trimmings. He is without doubt the only hunter in southwestern Oregon who really gives the game a fighting chance and is content to stalk his buck with a bow and arrow.

When you compare the death-dealing loads that are in the chambers of most rifles as the hunter stalks his deer, when compared to Grover's yew-wood bow and broad tipped arrow, the comparison is really pitiful.

Grover asks no odds and depends upon his skill in tracking his buck down to within range. The last mule deer that he bagged was at a range of some seventy-five yards and the buck was running. At least forty per cent of the hunters with high-power rifles would miss a deer at that range when he was on the

run—so we just naturally have to take off our hat to Grover Gouthier. It is a foregone conclusion that he will never convert any noticeable amount of the hunting fraternity to take up the bow and arrow in pursuit of game, but in spite of that fact he is a sportsman that should be admired and we are perfectly safe in stating that should all nimrods revert to the bow and arrow in pursuit of game that said game would never be exterminated and that there would always be an abundance of same.

### Probate Court Items

Frank Heath was last Friday appointed as administrator of the estate of P. W. Lird, who died April 2. The estimated value of the estate as recorded was \$10,000. Appraisers named were J. H. McCloskey, Harry Dement and L. H. Pearce.

W. O. Campbell was on Tuesday named administrator of the \$500 estate left by Harry Ilgenfritz. Appraisers appointed were Beh R. Chandler, Henry Hegdahl and Alton Hall.

Woman's Club Annual May Day Dance, Saturday, May 1, in Coquille Community Building. Come and see the queen crowned at 9:00 p. m. Admission 55 cents per person. 1313

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