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## CAPITAL PARADE

By Murray Wade

### WARNS VETS SELLING LOANS

Veterans who sell their homes and let purchasers assume the 4 per cent G. I. loans remain personally responsible for the payment of the loan, the veterans administration warned this week.

Property with the favorable 4 per cent G. I. mortgage in effect is more easily sold. This factor should influence the selling price. However, the veteran runs the risk of later having to pay all or part of any debt resulting from a default on the loan by the new owner.

### HIGHER GAS RATES

An increase in gas rates to provide the Portland Gas and Coke Co. new revenue of about \$366,300 a year was granted last week by Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Hetzel. The increase, effective immediately, would partly offset recent payroll increases, Hetzel explained.

Company officials said the average increase for gas used in cooking and automatic water heating would be only 18 cents a month, for industrial users 3 cents a thousand cubic feet.

### RETAIL TRADE WAGES

Minimum pay as it applies to women and experienced minors in retail trade will rise from 65 to 70 cents an hour May 6.

This ruling was made by the State Wage and Hour Commission after several hearings and is the first pay boost in this class in four years.

The new minimum pay for inexperienced minors in retail trade, those with less than 400 hours experience, is 60 cents.

### NO OPPOSITION

There are fourteen legislative candidates on the primary election ticket who have no opposition in their party or in any other party. This practically means their election. Their honorable records in the legislature and in civic work have been worthily won.

Unopposed for the senate are Phillip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls; Stewart Harde, Condon and Elmo E. Smith, John Day. Unopposed for house seats are: Joseph M. Dyer, Astoria; Francis W. Ziegler, Corvallis; Ivan C. Laird, Situm; Russell Hudson, The Dalles; Rodger Loennig, Haines; A. C. Goodrich, Bend; B. A. Stover, Bend; Carroll Loecey, Ironside; William W. Bradeene; Burns; Edward A. Geary, and Henry Simon, Klamath Falls.

### POSTMARK DID IT

A filing for president of the United States came from a "Mysterious Stranger" (nobody around the Capitol knew who he was) by mail after the deadline. But it had been mailed before the state election department office closed and his name, Wm. R. Schneider, will be on the primary ballot.

Enclosed was a \$100 check for filing fee and a statement from Bob Elliott, state Republican chairman, stating that "Schneider's candidacy is advocated generally throughout the United States."

### CAMPAIGN CAPSULES

The names of 455 candidates will be on the May 16th ballots.

Charles D. Wheeler, former editor of the Milton Eagle, has been retained as publicity manager for Fred W. Robinson, candidate for state treasurer.

"My job was to see that Senator Taft's name was kept off the ballot," says Lowell C. Padgett. "That was as Senator Taft wanted it as he could not campaign here," Padgett added.

State Representative E. J. (Bill) Ireland, of Molalla, is doing a good publicity for Sig Unander in his campaign for state treasurer.

### STATE BUILDING AWARDS

Bids will be called late this month for a \$455,000 addition to the State Tuberculosis hospital and a \$264,000 employes dormitory at the Salem institution, the State Board of Control announced this week. A \$44,492 contract for building a steam distribution system at the hospital was awarded to Bohren, Inc., Portland.

### RECENT LEGAL OPINIONS

Translations of Oregon law released this week by Attorney Gen-

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## Illinois Valley News Sold To Washington Couple

It was announced this week that the Illinois Valley News has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Abernathy to Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Pinkerton of Ferndale, Washington.

The News, a weekly paper of general circulation in the Illinois Valley and southern Josephine county, was founded by M. C. Athey in 1937. It was acquired from Mr. and Mrs. Athey by the Abernathys on January 1, 1950, and has been published by them since that time.

The Pinkertons, who have already taken up residence in the Valley, will assume control and operation of the business on April 1, 1952. Mr. Pinkerton was associated with his father in publication of the Ferndale Record for several years, and has been employed in various capacities in the printing and publication fields for the past few years. He is a veteran, and has studied journalism at Montana State college, the University of Colorado and the University of Washington.

Mrs. Pinkerton studied journalism at the University of Colorado, and was employed in a Seattle bank before coming to Cave Junction. The couple was married at the University of Colorado in 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy's plans are indefinite beyond an immediate, and it is hoped prolonged vacation.

## Lions Club Will Sponsor 'Cave Queen' Candidate

A wild band of Oregon Cavemen, headed by Chief Bighorn George Hall and including Rising Buck Ted Kelt, Charles McLean Sherman Dahl, Chris Hansen and Ken Warren met with members of the board of directors of the local Lions club Tuesday evening to explain details of the annual "Cave Queen" contest. Lions club officers subsequently announced that the Lions club will sponsor the first Illinois Valley candidate for Cave Queen. The name of the lucky girl chosen by the Lions will be announced next week.

It was explained that the winning Cave Queen will reign over the howling, skin-clad Cavemen for a year, and will attend all their parties and functions. The candidates who fail to make the grade as Queen will be designated Princesses and will attend the Rose Festival in Portland with the Cavemen. Candidates for Cave Queen must be between the ages of 18 and 28, single, and comely enough to awe the unruly subjects. The Queen will be selected at the annual ceremony which will be held in Grants Pass sometime in May. Tickets which will be sold by the candidates entitle the purchaser to attend the colorful and entertaining ceremony.

## Tree-Planting Crew To Move To Williams Creek

The Siskiyou National forest tree-planting crew is completing work at Powers after having moved from the Chetco district. Because of heavy snow in the Powers area, the crew will soon move to Williams creek. Planting will be completed on the Little Elder sale area as soon as snow conditions will permit.

The crew, under foreman John Kihns, consists of Winston Tuttle, Randy Moore, Cecil Hathaway, Phil Clark, Bronson and Collins.

The trees are being planted on a spacing of 8 feet by 8 feet, or 680 per acre. By planting, the reproduction gets a start on the hardwood brush in the sale areas, and assures an adequate stocking in the minimum time. The trees are produced in the Forest service nursery at Wind River, Washington, from seed locally collected.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Doney have purchased the former Walter Doney home on the Redwood highway and are making some improvements to the property.

## REA Officials To Meet With I. V. Lions Club

At the next regular meeting of the Lions club to be held Tuesday, March 25 at the Todelope cafe at 8 p. m., representatives of the Redwood Empire association will be present to talk on the progress being made toward improving the Redwood highway and what is being done by them to benefit the cities and towns of the Empire. All business people of the Valley are urged to be present as this is a matter of vital importance to all of them.

Dinner will be served at 8 p. m. Those not desiring dinner may attend the meeting later.

## Electric, Plumbing Permits Now Required By City

It was announced this week by the city recorder's office that permits will be required for all new electrical and plumbing work or significant alterations to present installations within the city limits. The new regulation is effective immediately. The permits, which will cost \$3 each, may be obtained from the city office in the American Legion hall. All electrical work must be approved by George Mulvey, city electrical inspector.

## O'Brien Ladies Invited To Attend Meeting

The ladies of O'Brien have been invited to attend a potluck luncheon at the Marie Floyd residence Wednesday, March 26 at 11 a. m. The purpose of the gathering is to help all home-makers start a home extension unit in the O'Brien district. Short cuts and easy and new methods and ideas will be learned from the group in project lessons.

There will be no dues of any kind and everyone is invited to get acquainted and enjoy the social side of it too. Small children may be brought, your own table service and also a dish of anything handy to add to the potluck luncheon.

## Clinic Will Be March 26

The regular clinic will be held in the Auxiliary room of the American Legion hall in Cave Junction Wednesday, March 26 from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. Dr. Dewey and staff from Grants Pass will be in attendance. Immunizations and check-ups will be given.

Hereafter until further notice these clinics will be held but once a month, the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m.

## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freeman left Friday for a two weeks vacation. First they plan to go to Astoria to visit Mrs. Freeman's sister, and after a short time there are going to travel to southern California.

Roberta Hilliard spent a few days in Wilderville this week visiting her cousin, Myrna Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis of Roseburg spent the weekend with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Villiar.

It is reported that Mr. Villiar is steadily improving from his recent illness.

Reuben Scott and family of Redwood highway moved last week over near Jacksonville, where Mr. Scott will be employed at the Carberry sawmill. Guy remained in Cave Junction to continue his school and work. Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb moved at once into the house occupied by the Scotts. Mr. Holcomb is with the Illinois Valley Logging company.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mulvey have received word from their daughter, Pat Wright, that she arrived in Portland safely. Pat is staying with Mrs. "Cloudy" Beyer until she tries out for the baseball team. She is to try out for the team on March 24 at Franklin high school.

## Merton Ingham Initiated In Kappa Delta Pi At OSC

Merton Ingham of Cave Junction has been initiated by the Oregon State college chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national education honor society.

Members are selected from upper classmen and graduate students on the basis of scholarship or recommendation. Activities sponsored by the organization include the annual award presentation to the outstanding freshman in education.

Ingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Ingham Sr. of Cave Junction, is a junior in education.

## Blood Bank To Visit Here

The American Red Cross Mobile blood bank will visit the Illinois Valley April 17. It will be stationed at the American Legion hall from 3 to 8 p. m.

Blood is still urgently needed and we must all do our part. Snow and ice prevented the unit from coming on its last scheduled visit, but barring the unexpected, it will be here this visit.

The organizations of the Illinois Valley will again be assigned quotas. It is sincerely hoped that we make an excellent showing after our long lay-off. We must make up for lost time.

## Administrative Foresters Meet In Grants Pass

Administrative personnel of the Siskiyou National forest completed a three-day meeting in Grants Pass last week. Questions of administration and policy interpretation were discussed in the light of new regulations.

The meeting was attended by George Morey and Harold Bowerman of the Illinois Valley Ranger station. The district rangers from Gold Beach, Powers, Agness and Galice also attended. Elwin Frye accompanied Ranger Stickney from Powers. The forest supervisor's staff, under the direction of Supervisor H. C. Obye, directed the meeting.

## Self-Service Laundry Opens

The Bob and Ruth shop of Cave Junction this week announced the opening of a completely modern self-service laundry in conjunction with their shop just north of the American Legion hall. The operators, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rausch, announced that in addition to furnishing service between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. each day, they will also be open two evenings a week, Tuesday and Wednesday, until 9 p. m.

## Governor Urges Citizens To Register And Vote

Men and women who fail to register and vote are not keeping faith with themselves or with past and future generations of Americans, Governor Douglas McKay declared this week.

Governor McKay made this view known in his statement designating the week of March 23-29 for observance as Voter Registration week throughout Oregon. He expressed alarm and regret over Oregon's record as the poorest of all western states in the matter of voter participation. At the same time he commended the volunteer Oregon Register and Vote committee on its campaign "to guarantee a stronger, better-governed United States."

The full text of the governor's statement follows: "Americans who neglect to vote are shirking their responsibility as citizens and, in a very real sense, are betraying the generations that gave them this privilege, as well as the generations that are yet to come.

"I think it is a sad commentary on our evaluation of our freedoms that over one-third of all Oregonians entitled to vote are too lethargic or too lazy to exercise their franchise. Percentage-wise, Oregon ranks 38th in the nation in voter participation, and is lowest of all western states.

"It is highly regrettable, in my opinion, that a campaign has to be undertaken to get people to register and then vote. But since it is quite evident that a campaign is necessary, I wish to commend the Oregon Register and Vote committee and all organizations who are cooperating with the committee in their efforts to impress upon the electorate their obligation to express appreciation for our many American privileges and to guarantee a better stronger-governed United States.

"I hope that every potential voter shall be reached, shall register, shall vote. I earnestly urge each person to assume personal responsibility in order that this may be a successful campaign."

## I. V. Dairy Breeders Ass'n Holds Meeting March 13

The recently-formed Illinois Valley Dairy Breeders association held a meeting at the Illinois Valley Grange hall March 13. In attendance were most of the dairy men of the Illinois Valley with additional interest being shown by several owners of 1 to 4 cow family groups. Ray Nickerson, temporary chairman, called the meeting to order following a talk by Ben Simonson, manager of the Oregon Dairy Breeders, headquartered at Corvallis. Mr. Simonson pointed out the soundness of artificial insemination. The by-laws were read and adopted by all foundation members present.

Elected to the five-man board of directors were Ashby Fulk, Lacey Owings, Ray Nickerson, Jim Payne and Bob Martin. These men will meet soon and choose officers for the ensuing term.

Harold Hemingway, local dairy stockman, is the manager-technician for the local group, having taken a full course in this work at Corvallis. He points out that shipments are now being received every 48 hours at the local laboratory located on his farm. Any dairyman or dairy-cow owner may now receive service by phoning 1114 by 10 a. m. any day including Sunday. Additional members are invited to join this group.

## Belt Lodge Meets Saturday

A regular meeting of Belt Lodge No. 18, A. F. and A. M. will be held Saturday, March 22 at 8 p. m. in the Masonic Temple in Kerby. Topics of special interest to all brethren will be discussed.

All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hill brought their infant son home Monday. He was born February 27 at Josephine General hospital.

## Gas Storage Ordinance Discussed At Council Meet

About fifteen persons, including council members attended a meeting of the city council at the city office last Monday night. Mayor Fred Salvage announced that the main item to be discussed was the city ordinance regarding gasoline storage, and said that the question had deliberately been held over until after the meeting of the League of Oregon Cities in Medford last week.

Mr. Salvage said that the matter had been thoroughly discussed at the meeting, similar ordinances of other cities examined, and the opinions of several fire chiefs and attorneys had been offered. He said the League's attorney was of the opinion that Cave Junction's ordinance is definitely enforceable, and various other experts on city government were emphatic in saying that the ordinance, and all other city ordinances, should be strictly enforced. If investigation and experience shows an ordinance to be unfeasible or undesirable it can be changed, but all ordinances should be enforced as long as they are on the books. In an aside, the mayor pointed out that establishment and administration of good ordinances and regulations would be much easier for the council if citizens would attend the meetings and offer opinions on the many problems faced by the city government. Mr. Carlson, Cave Junction city attorney, added his emphatic opinion that the city's ordinances should be enforced at any cost.

Gist of the opinions of various fire marshals of Oregon cities, according to Mr. Salvage, was that gasoline storage tanks should definitely be buried underground as a precaution against explosion and fire, and the ordinances of practically every incorporated city in Oregon require this. The matter of the size of buried tanks or the total capacity of any given installation seemed of secondary importance, and wide variation is found throughout the state, with some cities imposing no limitation at all. "Clipper deliveries" were also discussed, and the fire experts' opinions seem to be that they are no more of a hazard than deliveries from smaller trucks, providing that there is room for the tanker to pull off the highway or out of the street during delivery. The mayor said that some cities regulated clipper deliveries to certain times of the day, but that this was apparently to reduce the traffic hazard which would be offered by the huge tankers in congested districts during rush hours.

In conclusion, the mayor said that in view of this expert opinion the city council was determined to enforce the present ordinance calling for burial underground of all gasoline tanks and limiting individual tanks to 3,000 gallons with a maximum of 7,000 gallons for any installation, even though this might run into considerable legal expense. He again pointed out that if the citizens of the city felt that this ordinance should be altered or the limits raised, it is their duty to appear before the council and make representation, but as the matter stands now the ordinance will be enforced as it is. He explained that many of the ordinances which are being criticized or questioned were passed by a previous council, but that the present council's duty is to enforce ordinances as they stand until citizens show enough intelligent interest to have the ordinances changed.

Various questions regarding building restrictions and zoning were asked, and the mayor referred questioners to the city zoning map which hangs in the city office and is available at any time.

The mayor, acting as he said "to kill a rumor," explained the city's action in deeding a 37 1/2 by 50 foot segment of a lot to a citizen with the understanding that he pay the \$213.50 in taxes against it. It was explained that this small section of land was in such a location as to be of no value to anyone except the city.

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