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Prisoner Commits Suicide In County Jail

John Ctibor Ends Life
By Hanging Self With
Belt Sunday Morning

John Ctibor, 52, itinerant farm laborer, committed suicide by hanging while an inmate of the county jail Sunday morning.

Ctibor had been employed on the Klaus Bardenhagen ranch south of Grasse Valley for about ten days, having come up from The Dalles office of the employment service. Papers indicated that he had lived in Sacramento and at Stockton, California where he worked for the Diamond Match company.

He weighed 170 pounds and was 6 feet and 7 inches in height. Arrest was made by Sheriff C. C. Wilson Saturday evening on complaint of residents of Grasse Valley who had reported that Ctibor was wandering around the south end of town clad in fewer clothes than proper. He had been given his time at the Bardenhagen ranch earlier that day.

Wilson went to look at his prisoner late Saturday night and he was alright. He was taken out for breakfast Sunday morning and about 40 minutes after being put back in jail the sheriff and Marshal Aden Axtell went to see him and found him dead. He had hanged himself to the jail bars with his belt.

Coroner Ed Alley, Dr. Leo Moore and District Attorney T. Lester Johnson were called and the death pronounced suicide. The body at Zell's in The Dalles and officials are awaiting word from relatives who are thought to live at Willis, Montana.

Red Cross Wants 15 Blood Donors

The Red Cross blood bank will be in The Dalles again August 23, Monday, according to Willy Knight, home service chairman for the county. As before 15 donors are expected from Sherman county and the normal division is one careful or five from each of the three larger communities.

Five donors are expected to go in each car with a driver who is not a donor. They should be in The Dalles at the high school by 9:15 and without breakfast. Those who can go will notify Mrs. A. H. McIntyre at Wasco, Willy Knight at Moro or Mrs. Ed Alley at Grasse Valley.

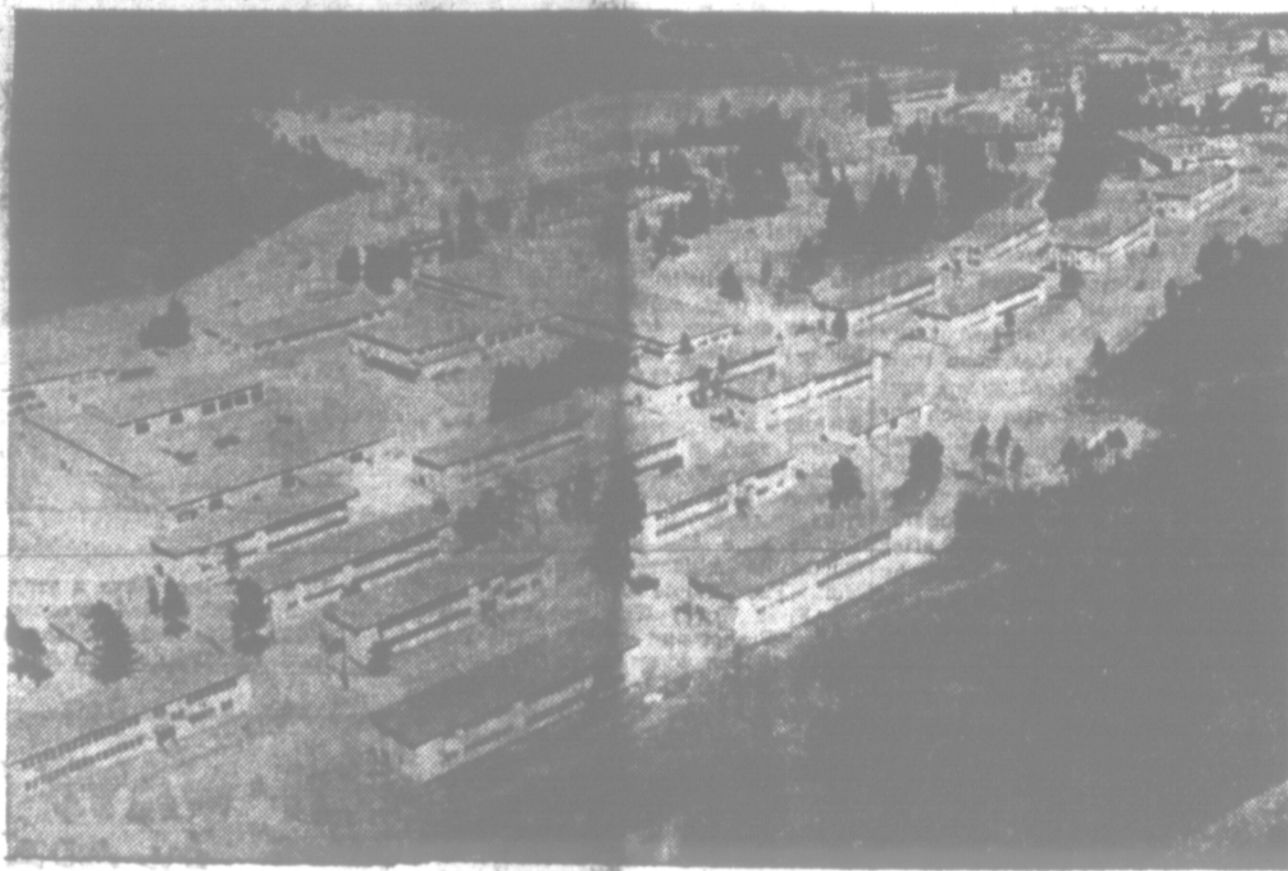
Parking Maneuvers Cause Accidents

A survey of traffic accidents in Oregon cities during the first six months of 1944 showed most urban collisions involve unsafe parking maneuvers and failure to yield right of way at intersections, the secretary of state reports.

In cities where angle parking prevails, a large proportion of the traffic accidents reported during the first half of the year involved vehicles backing away from the curb. Some of the vehicles backed into passing cars, or sideswiped other parked cars. Several were struck by passing cars when the drivers failed to notice the car backing away from the curb.

In cities where parallel parking prevails, many accidents involve cars pulling out of the parking space while there were some involving cars that stopped to back into a parking space and were struck by the following car.

Approximately three-fourths of the intersection collisions reported in Oregon cities involve failure to yield right of way, the survey showed. Rear end collisions, occurring when the car ahead stops suddenly, and head on collisions result from turning movements for a small percentage of intersection accidents.



This is an air view of the newly opened Marine Corps rehabilitation center near Klamath Falls, rest haven for thousands of Leatherstock veterans of Pacific warfare. Men suffering from tropical ailments are treated here until restored to full vigor and fitness. First of its kind in the nation's history, the center is still growing and will accommodate more than 5,000 Marines when completed. It is commanded by Colonel Bernard Dubel.

Dr. Hill Warns That New High Yielding Wheats Smut Badly

A warning that Alice and Elgin wheat, now much in demand for making specialty flours, require more than ordinary protection against smut has been given by Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department at Oregon State college. Neither of these wheats has any smut resistance at all, hence both require thorough treatment if serious losses are to be averted.

On the basis of careful tests made by federal plant pathologists, Alice and Elgin need to be treated with new improved ceresin at the rate of one ounce per bushel of seed. Use of other material or of this material in small amounts is unsafe should serious smut contamination occur. While Alice has proved to possess excellent milling qualities for specialty flours, the mills will not use it if it is smutted, says Dr. Hill.

Through careful treatment and the use of smut resistant varieties eastern Oregon wheat growers have reduced the average percentage of smutty wheat on the Portland market from around 50 per cent to less than 5 percent, said Dr. Hill. This advantage,

Sherman County's E Bond Sales Upped

Final report on the Fifth War Loan has now been compiled by the state headquarters and although the final does not materially change the preliminary report made last week it does give Sherman county a higher figure for E bond sales. Difference was made because the state loss in population was distributed instead of being given to a few counties. OPA estimates were not used in figuring final.

In E bond sales per capita Sherman county lead all the rest in the Fifth War Loan as it did in the Fourth and the Third, although the average was reduced by the last drive. In the Third drive we bought \$98.81 per capita, in the Fourth \$104.93 and in the Fifth \$87.49. State average for the last drive was \$88.37, the highest it has ever been.

In total sales in relation to quota Sherman county was 19th. Average sales per capita for Sherman county in the last three drives is \$96.05 and for the state is \$85.97.

FALLON CLOSES NAVY RECRUITING OFFICE

Chief Quartermaster R. B. Fallon, in charge of Navy Recruiting Station at The Dalles, received orders to close the station August 31. All young men and women who may be thinking of enlisting in the navy are requested to make application before that date. Chief Fallon will report to the Portland recruiting station September 1 for duty.

George Updegraff Resigns As Circuit Judge

George G. Updegraff resigned as circuit judge of the 11th judicial district comprising Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties as of August 16 and Governor Snell has appointed D. N. Mackay of Condon to fill the place. Mackay was elected in May to be circuit judge. His term would have begun January first. He defeated Fred Finley of Fossil in a close race.

Since spring when Mr. Updegraff decided not to continue as a judge he has purchased the abstract companies operating in Gilliam and Wheeler counties, in addition to the Sherman County Abstract company which he previously owned, and desires to get back to his work and active practice of the law caused him to resign.

Rufus Orchardists Cultivating Weeds

Cultivation of Russian Knap weed in the orchards in the Rufus district has improved the condition materially according to County Agent Wright, who says that 16 of the 31 acres badly infested are now being worked when the weeds are at the proper stage. Walter Morris has cultivated his weeds twice this year and has the ground nearly clear of them, for the present at least.

Stephen Bibby Cited By KOG Association

Stephen Bibby, Grasse Valley, has been cited by the Keep Oregon Green Association for meritorious service to his state and has been awarded a merit badge. His boy, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Bibby of Grasse Valley, member of the Green Guard has helped in the publicly-sponsored fire prevention program by extinguishing a fire which might have proved dangerous had it not been detected immediately, and has been awarded this badge in recognition of his service to the state and his community.

The Keep Oregon Green Association and the Oregon Green Guard were instituted as an endeavor to enlist public interest and support in a concerted effort to reduce the ravages of man-made fires in Oregon.

"We are proud of the work of this boy," says Glenn Howell, Wasco-Sherman county KOG chairman, "but during the next two months when the skies are hazy and the fire dangers are at their height, we must ask that all people, young and old, accept a part in the responsibility of preventing, detecting and suppressing these small blazes."

Penn Crum Elected State Commander

Penn C. Crum, Hood River oculist, was elected as state commander of the American Legion at the annual convention in Portland last Saturday. Crum had been liaison officer between veterans of the First and Second World Wars for the past year and was considered well adapted to continue this important phase of Legion activities in this coming year. Neil Morfitt of Astoria was elected vice-commander.

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'A' Ration Book Renewal Changed

Renewal of basic 'A' gasoline ration cards which expire September 21 will get under way the latter part of August, Frederic F. Janney, district OPA rationing executive announced today.

All renewal applications must be accompanied by the back cover of the current 'A' book, Janney emphasized. The applicant who has lost or thrown away the cover of his 'A' book will have to prove to the board (1) that the car is currently registered and in use; and (2) that a new basic 'A' ration has not been issued for it and no application for a renewal is pending at any board. Janney said the new 'A' book will provide the same monthly ration as the old—eight gallons or approximately 120 miles a month. However, coupons in the new 'A' book will be worth four gallons instead of three, the value of the present coupons. Six of these four gallon coupons will become valid every three months instead of three gallon coupons.

"BRAVERY ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH" "Bravery alone is not enough it win't battle," declared Gen. A. A. Vandergriff, Commandant of the Marine Corps in urging youths of pre-military age to return to high school this fall. "To have bravery without knowledge is to have only half prepared. If you have been employed in the factory or on the farm this summer you should plan to go back to high school this fall. We in the Marine Corps feel you can best serve your nation and your fellow men at school, now, building the sound mind in the body."

Sherman Citizens Meeting For Past and Present Gather and Dine Return Planned

Sherman countians, past and present, old and young, picnicked at Laurelhurst park Sunday in the annual get together of those who have at one time been residents of this county.

Basket dinner at long tables could hardly be finished for the visiting and "do you remember" of the diners and many a tale of early days was told and a friend remembered.

Some had settled in the bunch grass and broken a new furrow others had taught Sherman county children. Doctors, farmers, merchants, wives and children all hold their days in Sherman county to be an experience well worth keeping alive by at least an annual retelling.

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Five Men Examined For Service

Five young men went to Portland for their first physical examination for entrance into the service Tuesday. They were Jack Lyons, Lee Barnett, John Schadewitz, Donald Thompson and Milton Schoniger. All were in school last year except Schoniger. Unofficial report is that only two, Lyons and Barnett passed for active duty, that Thompson and Schadewitz were passed for limited service and that Schoniger was not passed because of poor hearing. No call has been issued for the men.

Information About Surpluses Available

Merle Beckett, manager of the Sherman County branch of the First National bank, this week announced that a department has been organized in that bank to dispense information regarding surplus war goods offered for sale by the federal government.

Information will be available to tell how to acquire one of those puzzle jumping jeeps, when and if they are placed on the market. Just now, however, they are not being sold, as the government needs them in winning the war, so the would-be purchasers will have to wait.

Cannot Sell Coal Burning Stoves

Local War Price and Rationing boards were authorized by the OPA today to withhold fuel oil rations from anyone who destroys coal or wood burning equipment or who sells it or gives it away without good reason, in order to obtain a fuel oil ration, Charles Maxfield, district OPA fuel rationing representative said.

Heretofore boards have only been permitted to revoke outstanding rations if such other equipment was destroyed or made unserviceable after the ration was issued.

Jobs for Veterans To Concern Local People in September

A meeting of the Land Use committee of the county, together with other agencies designated or requested to plan for the returning veterans will be held at the court house about the middle of September for the purpose of preparing a means of obtaining information about jobs for returned service men.

The Land Use committee in the agricultural scheme is the committee that is concerned with economics, agricultural and otherwise. Meeting with them will be representatives of the towns, the draft board, and men who are interested in the county section of the state post-war planning board.

This will require a group of 30 or larger and from it a smaller committee will likely be named to perfect plans for veteran rehabilitation in accordance with plans already made by the federal government and the state. The state Veterans Service may be of some assistance, also.

Members of the Land Use committee are Wallace May, chairman, LeRoy Wright, secretary, Joe Peters, O. G. Hilderbrand, Marvin Thomas, Tracy Fields, Le Dehlar, Herb Root, Harry Proudfoot, Paul Kaseberg, Elnor Helyer, Carroll Sayers, Clarence Sparling, George Wilcox, Millard Eakin, Roy Barnett, Kenneth Martin, David Reid, J. E. Norton, J. B. Adams, R. J. Baker, L. P. Haven, Jerry Wilson, Vernon Miller, Arnold Dunlap, Wendell Balsiger, Mere Beckett, George Harris, Giles French and Harvey Thompson.

In agricultural counties a questionnaire has been prepared to ask each farmer or householder, to designate what work he will have done for the after the war period and have these potential jobs listed and in an office so service men can find something they can do when they need the job. Other plans may be made available later. Already the county, and to some extent the cities, have made plans for post-war work, but it is felt that private industry, which includes agriculture, will have to provide more jobs than public works if post-war readjustment can ever be done.

MAIL PACKAGES SOON

Local postmasters all have instructions from headquarters in Washington to urge all persons who contemplate sending Christmas presents to men or women overseas to get it done between September 15 and October 15. It is impossible for the postoffice department to give assurance that packages mailed later will reach the soldier by Christmas unless this early mailing is done.

FEWER SCHOOL CHILDREN IN EIGHTEEN COUNTIES

Eighteen Oregon counties—exactly one-half—had fewer children attending public schools during the 1943-44 school year than during 1942-43, according to the state school superintendent's recent comparison of "total pupil-days of actual attendance". The counties, most of them in Eastern Oregon, that showed a decline in school attendance, were:

Benton, Coos, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Tillamook, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler. The decline in pupil-days of school attendance may reflect a shift of population to defense-industry communities.

The percentage of school attendance decline was largest in Deschutes county, 17.3 percent and smallest in Jackson and Klamath counties, each of which showed a 0.8 percent shrinkage between the two school years.