

Moro Personals

B. H. Roberson and Darwin VanGilder were on the way to The Dalles Monday morning and saw the end of the accident that caused injury to Floyd Krut-singer, when his car was hit by a falling rock on Highway 30 along the Columbia river.

Bill Hall left Sunday afternoon for Pendleton to spend several days in conference with other re-search men about soils and crops in the northwest.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Teadtke, January 10, in Portland a son, Randy T.

Mr. and Mrs. Collis Moore are leaving Friday for Portland to see his doctor again before going to southern California for a month or so to give him a shot of sun in an effort to cure his case of the flu.

Wendell Balsiger was in Port-land from Thursday until Satur-day to attend a meeting of coop-eratives held at the Multnomah Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles French drove to Portland last Friday where he attended a meeting of the board of the Oregon Historical society.

George Wilcox has been ill in a hospital in Salem with pneu-

WASHINGTON AND 'SMALL BUSINESS'

By C. WILSON-HARR

It could be a bombshell, or it could be inconclusive.

But it appears now that there will be a report sometime during this session of Congress on the foreign give away situation, which has already cost the median taxpayer somewhere between \$50 and \$79 billion. No one seems to know actual total amount.

However, more than a month before Congress convened, a special subcommittee of the C. W. Harder House Foreign Affairs Committee headed by Rep. Thomas E. Mortan started private hearings of the foreign give away programs.

If one subscribes to the old maxim that where there is smoke there is fire, a great deal of dynamite could come out of this closed investigation.

There have been all sorts of unconfirmed reports flying around Washington as to outright waste, or worse, of tax money set aside for foreign give aways.

Based on some field work done in the recipient nations, there has also been from time to time some ominous rumbling from office of the Controller General.

Thus, it now seems possible facts may be laid on table.

Because the issues are quite large. With the super highway project running almost a billion in the red, there is strong talk of raising the Federal gasoline tax. This is by and large a direct tax on small business which depends on local delivery services, on trucking lines for freight.

In addition, Postmaster General Summerfield recommends that first class postage rates be raised again, although this time, his idea is to make all mail air mail and charge a flat five cents per letter, whether it is going cross country by air, or just across town by carrier.

Thus again, the thinking is to "rig" the scales against the small business operation whose correspondence is largely in the form of local mail in the shape of announcements to his customers, statements to his customers and other localized mail usage. But under this proposal, he will pay as much for this service as if his business were conducted on a transcontinental basis.

These are just a few of the measures being considered that illustrate disparate search in Washington for more tax money.

Yet, at the present time, there is a total of \$5 billion sitting in foreign give away funds that the global do-gooders haven't been able to shovel out yet.

In 1938, they managed to throw out all around the world, just about a billion dollars more than Congress appropriated for them but they still had a bit over \$5 billion dollars left at the end of the year in reserves piled over several years.

A Congressional edict recapturing these billions would undoubtedly go a long way in solving Federal financing problem.

Of course, in order to do this, Congress might almost have to call at the U. S. Marines.

There does not seem to be any case on record where bureaucrats have ever been made to disgorge public moneys; on the other hand, there is a first time for everything.



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Rufus Personals

By Mrs. Geo. L. Fox

Mrs. Ardie Jordan, the postmas-ter at Rufus, has announced be-ginning January 19, the outgoing mail must be in by 4:45 p. m. to go out that day, and by noon on Saturdays the same as it has been in the past. Previously, each days mail had to be in the post office by 2:30 p. m. to go out that day. The incoming mail will be just the same as it has been in Rufus, and that means at 8 a. m. This will give residents at Rufus a full day to get any answers to mail received in the outgoing mail the same day.

After a week of lovely weather, it is colder Tuesday night. The weather has been wonderful for January in this area.

The men started building out the Rufus Grange hall last Tues-day. A dining room is the project started. Volunteer labor is used, and the grange women take turns getting the noon meal for the men who are working at the hall. Later on the men will put on a new roof as the old roof has a flat surface in the middle and it seems impos-sible to keep this type of roof from leaking when it rains.

George Fox, master, called an officers meeting at the grange hall Monday night. At this meeting the men and women planned this year's work which is mainly get-ting the building project well un-der way.

The Home Extension unit at Rufus will meet February 29 at the home of Mrs. Joe Morris with Mrs. Don Macnab and Mrs. Frank Reid leaders. The lesson will be fabrics and their care.

Cherie and Bob Weatherford were overnight guests Thursday at the home of their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. George Fox, while

their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford went to Walla Walla, Wash. to attend the fun-eral of Earl's grandfather, Mr. Irby. Late Friday night the folks came after the children and all went to their home in Olex.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDon-ald had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan.

Mrs. John Mathieson had a party at her home Friday night.

Mrs. Dolph Baker had a party at her home Saturday morning.

Rufus grange met Thursday night with the usual pot luck dinner preceding the meeting. Mrs Roy Shafer was installed as treas-urer by the Sherman county de-puty, Rolland Johnson. On agri-culture Rolland Johnson report-ed there is need for better rela-tionship between the city people and the farmers in order that they understand each others problems. Mrs. Rolland Johnson announced there will be a Home Ec club district meeting at the Cherry Park Grange hall Friday, Jan. 23, 2:30 p. m. Also there will be a pot luck lunch at 12:30 p. m. there that day. Mrs. Harland McDonald report-ed the grange books have been aud-ited and found in good order. Rol-land Johnson said a new toilet has been installed in the mens rest room replacing the one crack-ed during the recent cold weather. Otto Petersen said the teen age dance held at the grange hall a week ago was well attended.

For the lecturers program Mrs. Bert Swigart had all sing "Bring-ing in the Sheaves." Each one present told of some spot of beauty in Oregon, and about everyone present agreed Oregon has other states bested for beau-tiful scenery. The lecturer read some old quotations. A skit by Rolland Johnson and Roy Shafer was put on called "Who's So Smart?" A game with ten chosen members participating in "Happy Hooligan." The beauty of grange ritualism was read by Mrs. Otto Petersen.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Richards and family recently transferred from Mikkalo Grange were present for the dinner and meeting.

There weren't too many attend-ing the card party Saturday night.

In Ages Past BY JOHN MONAGH



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Masons are putting up a new fire escape path from their hall to the alley and will make it a safer structure than the one that has served for so many years. Labor is donated by members.

Oregon In History

January 25, 1821—Dr. John Floyd, Congressman from Virginia, introduced a bill into the House of Representatives which would authorize the President to occupy that portion of the territory of the United States on the headwaters of the Columbia Riv-

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