

Gentner to Speak To Seed Growers

L. G. Gentner, Southern Oregon branch experimental station entomologist, and E. A. Dickson of Oregon State college, will report on results of lygus bug control in ladino clover, at the tenth annual meeting of the Oregon Seed Growers league in Portland December 18, 19 and 20.

The session will be held in the Multnomah hotel, according to League Secretary-Treasurer E. R. Jackman, Oregon State college extension farm crops specialist.

Control methods for clover seed weevil, a spreading insect threat to Oregon's ladino and alsike clover seed industry, will be discussed by Max Reehner, USDA entomologist, Forest Grove.

This weevil, first found in the state in 1938, is present and spreading through Oregon's seed producing counties, reports R. W. Every, Oregon State college extension entomology specialist.

The insect pest committee is headed by R. W. Schaad, La Grande. He has announced that Charles S. Ross, Dallas, president of the Polk county dusting cooperative, will report on how 22,000 acres of Austrian winter peas and vetch were dusted at a nominal cost of \$1.68 per acre.

Other speakers include V. D. Young, Forest Grove. The USDA agricultural engineer will describe new developments in insecticide applications. Dr. Don C. Mote, head of the OSC entomology department, will review the residual problems involved in insecticide applications.

Local Ford Dealer Wins Award for Excellence

Presentation of the Ford Motor company "Four Letter Award" was the highlight of the annual Christmas party for employees of the Busch Motor company, held last Thursday night at the Rogue Valley Country club.

The award is presented each year to outstanding agencies that meet requirements set by the Ford company, according to John Hill, zone sales manager, Richmond, Cal., who presented the award to Jim Busch, local Ford dealer.

Basis for the award is sound financing, efficient management, competitive spirit and modern adequate facilities, he explained.

Hill said this is the first year the local agency has received the award and commended Busch and his employees for meeting standards usually met only by dealers in larger cities.

Ashland Recruits Finish Training at San Diego

Stanley P. True, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Amy True, 344 Wimer, and William Samuel Wilson, Jr., seaman recruit, USN, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 317, Ashland, recently completed their recruit training at the Naval training center, San Diego, Cal., and are now waiting for assignment to a fleet unit or to one of the navy's specialized training schools, according to an announcement received from the navy department this week.

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Approval Needed For School Lights

City Superintendent Elmer Biegel said today that specifications for the proposed traffic signals at the Bellview and Lincoln school crossings have been forwarded to the state highway department for approval.

Biegel said he will ask for bids on the lights as soon as approval of the installation is received. He explained that highway department approval is necessary even though the installation would be within the city limits, since the signals are to be located on a state highway.

Check Cars, Newbry Warns

Earlier hours of darkness and dropping temperatures should serve as fair warnings of rough weather ahead, motor vehicle owners and operators were advised today by Earl T. Newbry, Secretary of State.

"From the lessons of last winter, wise motorists know it pays to change driving habits and to have vehicles put in shape to drive safely in any kind of weather," Newbry said.

He particularly urged car and truck owners to equalize brakes, check headlights and taillights, renew windshield wiper blades that smear, examine exhaust systems and inspect tires and batteries.

The secretary's office advised that tire chains should be carried in every car, ready for use whenever severe snow or ice conditions develop. National Safety council tests have shown that special winter tread tires do not eliminate the need for tire chains.

Defrosting equipment should be in condition to keep the outside of the windshield free of snow and ice, and the inside free of frost and moisture, the secretary pointed out.

Newbry said that while motor vehicle mileage is lower in winter months, traffic fatalities are higher than in summer.

Unemployment Pay Up in November

Unemployment payments last month increased 64 per cent over October, but were 59 per cent under those for November, 1949, the state unemployment compensation commission reported this week.

Heavier benefits during the last week of the month brought the month's total to \$792,604, comparing with \$483,295 in October and \$1,936,454 a year ago.

New claims recently have kept pace with other years but the number receiving first payments and exhausting their annual benefits is lagging far behind comparable periods, the commission announcement said. Barely half of the 44,000 workers who have filed claims since the start of the benefit year last June have drawn even one check and only 2,543 have received maximum payments.

Continued claims have been creeping upward recently because of seasonal letdowns, but last week's total of 12,657 was below the 26,638 reported a year ago.

Claims in downstate areas have jumped 132 per cent since the fall low reached in October, while the Portland office with about 40 per cent of the entire load has increased only 52 per cent.

Hiring by out-of-state agencies for defense jobs and the continued demand for skilled and semi-skilled workers in metals and other lines accounts for the lower number of continued payments in the metropolitan district, the commission said.

Drunken Driving Termed Grave December Hazard

During the first 10 months of the year, 1,942 Oregon drivers have had their licenses revoked because of drunkenness while driving.

Secretary of State Earl Newbry said that this was an 18 per cent increase over the same period for last year. The Oregon law makes it mandatory to revoke the license of any person convicted of driving while intoxicated.

He also said that since driving combined with drinking is one of the gravest hazards of the season, December, which is always a month of peak traffic danger, may force the state's toll to its highest point since 1947.

Vision is the art of seeing things invisible. —Swift.

The world belongs to the enthusiast who keeps cool. —William McFee.



Chief John's Last Battle

By R. M. DeMILLE

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles by Mr. DeMille on the Rogue river valley in the days of the pioneers and Indian wars of this area.

The Rogue Indians were again on the war-path, killing and robbing the settlers in 1855 and 1856. The settlements were scattered over the mountainous region of the southern Rogue valley and could not be successfully defended by any reasonable force of the whites for the white man to live, fight, and travel through the mountains as the Indians could.

Chief John was the Indian leader of this last war and a better qualified Indian for guerrilla warfare could not be found in the valley.

It is impossible to record all the battles, the routs, the murders, and toilsome fighting by a dozen separated commands of volunteers and regulars, all endeavoring to keep the Indians on the move from one hiding place to another. By this strenuous effort, nearly all the old Indians, squaws and papooses of the Indian tribes were gathered up, but the able-bodied warriors still roved the country, murdering and robbing wherever their was an opportunity.

Headquarters Set
The Indians had moved to the junction of the Illinois and Rogue rivers to make it their headquarters. For a while this location was difficult to find by regular United States soldiers and their equipment. It was an ideal place for the Indians to make their getaway to some concealed place for protection in case of an attack by the soldiers.

To this point Lieutenant Colonel Buchanan, in command of the U.S. troops, directed his efforts in hopes of convening there all the warring chiefs for the purpose of inducing them to go on the Indian reservations in Benton and Yamhill counties.

December Draft Call To Take Only 10 Men
Only 10 men are subject to the December draft call from Selective Service board No. 17, in Jackson county, reports Guy Applewhite, board chairman.

This quota is a great deal smaller than expected by Applewhite. Last month's quota was 131, and since there are only 180 19-year-olds left in the board's area, he had expected the supply to be almost exhausted.

SALE OF LITHIA HOTEL BARBER SHOP ANNOUNCED

George E. Carpenter last week took over operation of the Lithia Hotel barber shop following purchase of the shop from Ed Paschke, owner of the business for the past year and one-half. Carpenter has moved here with his family from Grants Pass, where he formerly owned and operated a barber shop.

Paschke said his plans for the immediate future are indefinite.

The home death toll last year was 31,000 and about half of these resulted from falls, according to the National Safety council.

Tire chains will help prevent slay-rides when roads are snowy and icy, the National Safety council advises.

One out of 32 persons in the United States was disabled one or more days by injuries received in home accidents during 1949, according to the National Safety council.



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with his men to receive the remainder of the warriors. And then to hasten their decision, he had told them that if he found any of them roaming around the country with fire-arms he would have them hanged. But when he got back to camp no Indians appeared. Instead two peaceably disposed Indian women came in and informed Colonel Smith that he might expect an attack from Chief John on the next day.

Smith immediately hurried off a courier to Colonel Buchanan asking for reinforcements to meet this sudden change in Chief John's disposition, and then immediately moved his camp to higher ground, but farther away from water. He had to leave his cavalry horses in the big meadows below. The men, getting no sleep, had to work all night digging rifle pits with their tin cups since there were no shovels in camp. They planted their cannon so it would command only one approach to their position, while the men, lying flat in their shallow rifle pits, could protect the other approach with their carbines.

Strategy Fails
Chief John's first move was to send forward 40 armed warriors for a talk with Captain Smith and as they advanced to the east approach, they called on Captain Smith to come out and talk. The Captain was too well aware of Indian tactics to put himself in their possession, so ordered them to retire and deposit their guns at the edge of the timber. Thus finding Captain Smith ready to fight, and no chance to capture him by strategy, the warriors returned to their camp within an hour and, on May 27, 1856, they commenced the last pitched battle of the Rogue River Indian war.

The Indians simultaneously attacked both sides of Smith's camp, firing their guns and rushing up the defending slopes with hideous yells. They were met at short range with deadly fire of the carbines on both sides and were compelled to fall back to the timber. Not being

able to get at the soldiers by these approaches, the Indians made desperate attempts to scale the perpendicular banks of the defending hill and the regulars were compelled to abandon their rifle pits and hurl back the desperate foe with shots at short range, and club the Indians with rifle butts.

Suffer Heavy Losses

The Indians exhibited the most reckless daring and bravery in repeated attacks through the day in attempts to get into Smith's camp, but all to no purpose but the loss of life to the attacking party.

Thus the long day of May 27 was spent, followed by hard work all the succeeding night digging more rifle pits and throwing up more breastworks without food, water or sleep. On the 28th the Indians renewed the attack and to the white men was added not only the labor

the fatigue from loss of sleep and dangers of defense, but also and the torture of thirst. The Indians understood the frightful condition of the white men and from their cover in the edge of the timber, tauntingly called out "Mika hyas ticka chuck" (You very much want water), "Halo chuck Boston" (no water for white man). And to this taunt they added another—referring to Captain Smith's threat to hang all Indians he found roaming over the country with guns in their hands. Chief John came right back at Captain Smith with his threat, "We have rope to hang all the troopers you have, Captain Smith. Soldiers not worth the powder and ball to kill them." Occasionally a rope would be hung out on a bush or a stick and Captain Smith was told to come out and hang himself.

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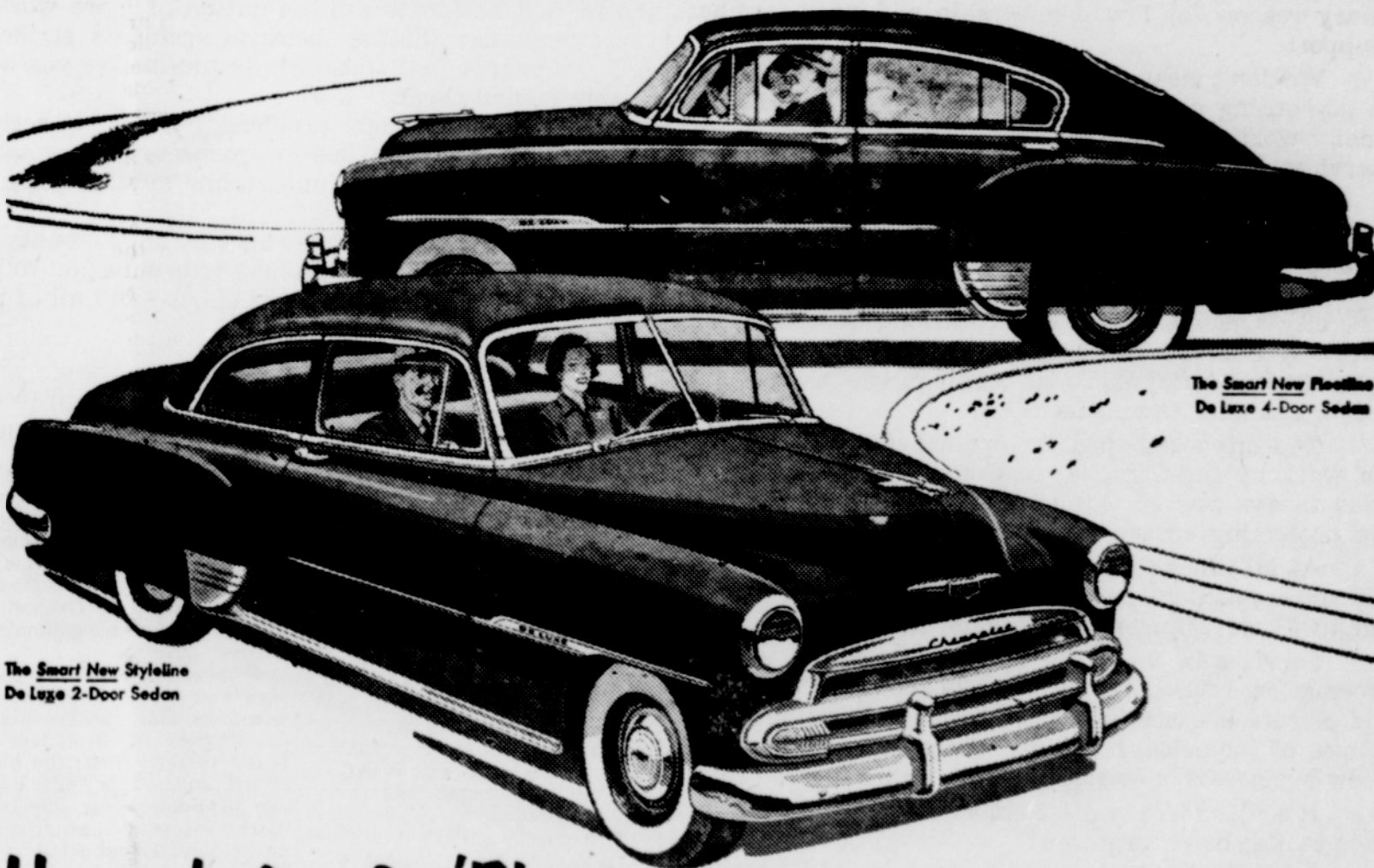
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