

UPPER WILLAMETTE

The girls and boys' basketball teams chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hills and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Phelps, motored to Florence Friday and played the Florence high school teams. The Pleasant Hill girls were defeated but the boys were victorious. The young folks were royally treated by the people of Florence and given a fish banquet after the game. Saturday the teams went to the beach where some of them enjoyed a dip in the ocean. Saturday night they returned to Mapleton where the girls were again defeated at basketball but the boys were victors. The young folks and their chaperons returned Sunday. Those who went to Florence were Verna Wiley, Lorne Laird, Zella Mauney, Evelyn Phelps, Mildred Swift, Ollie Tucker and Bonnie Jeanne Tinker and Althea Baughman, Floyd Mauney, Eugene Peebles, Raymond Hills, Sheldon Stutz, Henry Olson, Earl McLeod, Noble Wheeler, Prentice Wheeler and Robert Phelps. Mike Dilley and Kenneth McKenzie motored to Florence and Mapleton last week-end to witness the high school basketball games. Mr. and Mrs. William Ross and two children of Florence spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Crele and family. Douglas Kabler, who is attending the State Normal school at Monmouth, is visiting friends at Pleasant Hill. Friends of Mrs. Bertha Manning Conley will be glad to know that she has improved enough in health to be removed from the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene to the home of her niece, Miss Alta Manning in Springfield. The Pleasant Hill boys basketball team won a second victory over the Eugene high school team Monday. At the regular annual meeting of the Upper Willamette Mutual Telephone company held at the old Woodman hall at Pleasant Hill Saturday H. S. Merriam was elected president, Ernest Schrenk re-elected secretary-treasurer. The following directors were elected for the different lines: A. C. Ackins, line 51; J. W. Wheeler, line 12; William Cruzan, line 21; O. E. Bishop, line 33; Howard Merriam, line 25; Ernest Schrenk, line 19. Mrs. Schrenk was re-elected linesman for the coming year.

THURSTON

Mrs. Inez Planigan from Portland spent Wednesday at the Weaver home. There was a Christmas tree and program given at the Community hall Tuesday evening. The program was given by the grade school assisted by the Sunday school. Lorane high school basketball teams played Thurston's teams last Friday evening on the local floor. Both Thurston teams won. Thurston high school basketball teams motored to Marcola Monday evening where they met defeats by the players there. Vida high school basketball teams will play Thurston's team Friday evening on the local floor. Mr. and Mrs. Wright and daughter from Los Angeles are visiting Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mathews. Mrs. Martha McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ottorson and family from Merced, California, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gray. They arrived on Tuesday evening and plan to motor on to Tacoma, Washington, to visit relatives and to stop over on their return trip. Mrs. Davenhill and daughter from Portland are spending holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mathews. Mrs. Bert Weaver is ill with the flu. Mrs. Genevieve Beaman, who is principal of the school at Gold Beach, is spending holidays with her mother, Mrs. Buelah Harbit, and other relatives here. Miss Hazel Russell, who is attending business college in Portland, is spending holidays with her parents here. Miss Hazel Edmiston left Wednesday evening for Oakland, California, to spend holidays with her brother, Loren Edmiston. Mr. and Mrs. William Henson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gray left Wednesday for Klamath Falls to spend holidays with Mrs. Henson and Mrs. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrington.

MOTORISTS MAY NOW BUY HALF-YEAR PLATES

The date on which half year license plates for motor vehicles may be purchased in Oregon was advanced to December 24 by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. The change was made so that people who desire to give cars for Christmas presents and others who are purchasing automobiles may do so and need only purchase half year licenses instead of the three-fourths year plates which ordinarily are required up to January 1 of the new year.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Ren Womer, 41, a farmer in the Pe Dee district, near Dallas, was gored to death by a bull. Following a three weeks' shutdown, the factory of the Astoria Box company has resumed operation. The bite of a pet squirrel brought death to Mrs. Emma Anderson of Klamath Falls. She was bitten December 3. Robbers made away with the entire stock of the C. E. Johnson grocery store in Ashland. The robbers used a truck. A large chicken-thieving horned owl was caught in the J. H. Talley poultry yards near Redmond. Its wing span was 42 inches. Joel C. Stugill was nominated by President Hoover to be postmaster at Baker, and John A. McCall to be postmaster at Klamath Falls. The treasury department has announced the site of the new Bend post office. It will be at Wall and Franklin streets and will cost \$15,000. Construction work on the north Santiam highway will not be started until next spring, it was announced by members of the Marion county court. The mill and warehouse of the Oregon Feed and Flour company at Turner was destroyed by fire with a loss estimated at \$50,000, covered by insurance. The 1931 road construction program of Klamath county calls for an expenditure of more than \$200,000, of which \$115,000 will be spent on market roads. A co-operative plant to manufacture poultry and dairy feeds will be established near Oregon City if plans of leading dairymen and poultrymen materialize. The Willamette valley Older Boys conference closed its session at Albany following devotional and group meetings. The conference will be held next year at Eugene. Bend's airway weather station, one of the five points in Oregon that will send data to Portland every three hours for the use of meteorologists, is now in operation. The Medford school board has decided to use concrete instead of brick in the construction of new buildings to take the place of the Washington and junior high schools. State, county and city officials had parts in a public and city-wide ceremony at Grants Pass when the new motorcoach terminal of Pacific Greyhound Lines was dedicated. The liver fluke disease is affecting many sheep in Lake county. The greatest loss has been suffered by Jerry Cremin, who has lost several hundred head out of his band. A new box factory will be in operation at Eugene soon, it was announced by Fred Voight, one of the owners of the Terrill & Voight box plant that was destroyed by fire in June. For the first time in four years the price of bread dropped at The Dalles. Pound loaves are now retailing at two for 15 cents. The pound and a half loaves now retail at two for 25 cents. Coos county has expended about \$400,000 upon its road work during 1930, according to figures from the records of the county clerk's office, this including new work and maintenance. Hood River county is the only county in the state that is without a county jail. The present courthouse is a wooden structure, part of which was used 45 years ago as a one-room school house. Hood River county paid Wasco county last month \$180 for boarding its prisoners.

THE MARKETS

Portland Wheat - Big Bend bluestem, 77c; soft white, western white, 67c; hard winter, northern spring, western red, 65c. Hay - Buying price, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, \$17.50@18; valley timothy, \$17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$19@20; clover, 14; oat hay, \$14; oats and vetch, \$13.50@14. Butterfat - 27@30c. Eggs - Ranch, 14@20c. Cattle - Steers, good, \$8.25@9. Hogs - Good to choice, \$7.75@9. Lambs - Good to choice, \$6.50@7.00. Seattle Wheat - Soft white, western white, northern spring, hard winter, western red, 65c; bluestem, 73c. Eggs - Ranch, 22@31c. Butterfat - 34c. Cattle - Choice steers, \$7.75@8.50. Hogs - Good to choice, \$8.75@9. Lambs - Choice, \$6.50@7. Spokane Cattle - Steers, good, \$7.25@7.75. Hogs - Good to choice, \$8.50@8.65. Lambs - Medium to good, \$5@6.

Purds of the Prairie City school will have a brand new gymnasium for the 1931 winter basketball season. The structure is scheduled for completion by January 15. It is of frame and costs \$15,000.

Consolidation of the Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Wasco, at Wasco, was announced recently. They will take the name Bank of Commerce and occupy the building of the former bank of that name.

The Eastern Oregon Light & Power company at Union has completed a new \$7000 office building and dwelling and a \$5000 out-door sub-station to replace the old plant that was destroyed by lightning last July.

January 15 has been set by the Coquille Odd Fellows lodge for the formal dedication of its \$40,000 temple, completed there about a month ago. On this occasion grand lodge officers of Oregon will be present.

Dying in their sleep, three children burned to death near Albany when the residence of Carl Seefeld was destroyed by fire. The victims were Gordon Smith, 6; Oran Smith, 3, and Velma Seefeld, 8 years old.

With one local store burglarized a short time ago and 15 gallons of gasoline stolen from a garage recently, business men of Willamina took action, pooling contributions to pay the salary of a night watchman.

The state tax levy for the year 1931, based on the valuations for the year 1930, will aggregate \$6,842,949.09, or approximately \$40,500 less than the tax levy for 1930, based on the 1929 valuations, according to an estimate prepared by the state tax commission.

Clamming beaches of the Astoria beaches are being endangered by oil believed to have been jettisoned off the coast, according to reports. It is stated that tide sands from Hammond to Gearhart are heavily coated with oil, which is held as a menace to the bivalves.

The East Side Mill & Lumber company of Portland, through its president, has given out information that it is making arrangements to begin in the spring the cutting of 50,000,000 feet of standing timber located on the west side of Squaw mountain, near Estacada.

With interest equal to that in the recent successful prune conference, many cherry growers from both eastern and western Oregon were in Corvallis for the three-day conference and short course called by the horticultural department to consider critical conditions in that industry.

Burneys, 1-year-old baby girl, and Estel, 3-year-old boy, children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniel, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the McDaniel home near Bend. Mrs. McDaniel had put the children to bed and was at the home of J. H. Buchholz, next door, when the McDaniel home was found to be enveloped in flames.

Oregon's irreducible school funds are available for use in the purchase of textbooks for Oregon schools, in the opinion of I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, who has so advised J. O. Bailey, state senator from Multnomah county. Senator Bailey is engaged in drafting a free textbook bill for introduction in the forthcoming legislative session.

In cases where certification does not apply in fact, it is illegal to use the word "certified" in connection with potato sales, according to an opinion handed down by the attorney-general. The opinion was requested by E. R. Jackman, state potato certification board member, of Corvallis. Jackman objected to use of the phrase, "certified seed potato company," in the title of a Portland firm.

Twenty-seven Oregon counties will participate in the distribution of \$191,772.64 in federal forestry funds this year, according to word received by Governor Norblad from the United States department of agriculture. The amount represents 25 per cent of the gross receipts from rentals and timber sales from lands included in national forests in this state and will be pro-rated among the counties.

The first six miles of the new highway around the rim of Crater Lake will be constructed next year, according to E. C. Solinsky, superintendent of the park. The right-of-way is clear and bids will be advertised for this winter.

Approximately 10,000 acres was added to land already classified for reforestation at a hearing before representatives of the state forestry board. This brings the total acreage classified for reforestation in Clatsop county to 108,000.

The Wendling mill of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, which has been idle for a number of weeks, has resumed operations. It will work three days a week. The Springfield mill of the company will be closed until the first of the year.

Bourne is the smallest town in Oregon, according to the 1930 census, which gives it a population of one person, D. L. McConnell, caretaker for the E and E mine. Bourne, a mining town near Baker, had a population at one time of about 2000.

One of the major road-olting projects for Jackson county the coming year will be the oiling of the Applegate road from Ruch to Provoit, or to the Josephine county line. This will give an oiled or paved highway from Medford to Provoit.

A White Wyandotte pullet belonging to John Bowman, a Bandon high school student, was awarded honors as the grand champion bird of the first Bandon egg and poultry show. It is said to be one of the finest birds ever exhibited in Oregon.

The first meeting of sheepmen in southwestern Oregon was held at Bandon recently. There are about 25,000 sheep in Coos county and 175 growers. The animals graze principally on cut-over land and hill slopes. There is room for at least 100,000, it is said.

Plans for the large addition to the Presbyterian church at Astoria will be given to contractors and bids will be opened December 20, it was announced by the church building committee. The total expenditure will amount to between \$20,000 and \$22,500.

The map of Oregon soon will have a new postoffice near Clifton, where the Bradley-Woodard Timber company has begun construction of a new hemlock sawmill to cost about \$250,000. The company has filed application for a postoffice under the name of Bradwood.

With a program that will make the event one of the largest waterway observances along the Pacific Coast, Coos Bay will hold its second great transportation celebration in July, when the entire district will mark the completion of the \$4,000,000 harbor project.

The Clatsop county court is preparing to request the Oregon delegation in congress to aid in the passage of the bill pending in the lower house providing for the return of \$100,000 paid by the county for the Tongue Point naval base site. The measure has passed the senate.

The assessed valuation of public service corporation property in Linn county for 1931 is \$34,269 less than for 1930. The valuation for 1931 is \$4,246,640, bringing the total assessment of the county to \$29,881,880. For the first time in 10 years the total is under \$30,000,000.

David Anthony Nork, 4, was scalded to death near Klamath Falls when he fell into a vat of boiling water prepared to scald hogs. The boy's father had been butchering hogs and was preparing to scald them. While he stepped outside the shed momentarily, the child fell into the vat.

Of 34 fires in the Santiam national forest during the fire season, 14 were man-caused, one incendiary, according to a report released by C. C. Hall, supervisor. The total area burned was 155 acres, of which 147 acres were covered by the only class C fire of the 34. The estimated loss was \$3163.

During the first 11 months of this year \$3,277,776 has been invested by newcomers to the state of Oregon farm lands, \$8,221 acres being involved, according to a report of the land settlement department of the Oregon State chamber of commerce. The report shows 865 families coming into the state to become farmers.

MANY COLLECT BOUNTIES ON PREDATORY ANIMALS

Many bounties on predatory animals have been paid out to hunters in this part of the county during the past ten days. Among those collecting funds from the bounty fund are W. J. Hubbard of Wendling, \$2.00 on a bobcat; Brittain Ash of Oakridge, \$6.00 on coyote and bobcat pelts; Kenneth Tyrrel of Waiterville, \$4.00 for coyotes; and Kenneth Wallace of Jasper \$10.00 for cougar pelts.

A larger number of men are hunting and trapping this year than usual due, probably to the difficulty in obtaining employment. Local merchants have been doing a good business in steel traps during the late fall.

EDWIN MILLER WINNER OF SEWING CLUB AWARD

Edwin Miller, student at the Lincoln school, was presented with a bronze watch fob at the office of Arnold Collier, Four-H club leader, recently for being the first member of the "Busy Bees," a bachelor sewing club at the Lincoln school to complete his work for the year. The award was offered by Lawrence Moffit, former principal of the school and now assistant county superintendent of schools.

The officers of the club are Disque Smith, president; Roland Farnsworth, vice-president; Edwin Miller, secretary. Other members of the group are Charles Cole, Lloyd Shipley, Kenneth Walker, and Richard Wright.

Not in the sense of custom, but with a genuine appreciation of our pleasant association during the past year we extend to you our best wishes for an old-fashioned Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. DEPT. STORES C.J. Breier Co. IN THE WEST

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CHRISTMAS symbolizes a great many virtues that are trite among mankind. Brotherly Love—that we are to regard the whole human family as one species—the high and low, the rich and the poor . . . It teaches that to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, and that truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue . . . These virtues are particularly applicable to Christmas, yet we subscribe to them for 365 days in the year, that as we mingle with our fellowmen during the year we may find time to practice these cardinal principles which naturally make for a better world.

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