

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. James Valentine returned the first of the week from an extensive motor trip that took them to midwest and southern states. At Lowty City, Mo., they visited relatives of Mrs. Valentine's. Other points visited were Vicksburg, Miss., Amarillo, Texas, and San Diego. They narrowly missed severe floods in the Amarillo section, and reached San Diego the day after an earthquake temblor that was causing much comment upon their arrival.

Joe Batty and son Bud were over from their home on the John Day river, Tuesday. Mr. Batty reports that they have been considerably busy fixing up as a result of the fire last year which destroyed the house on the Sinas farm to where they recently moved. The winter weather has been ideal so far, and he expressed pleasure with their new location.

Grover Swaggart arrived in the city yesterday for a short visit with old-time friends, and with his mother, Mrs. Ben Swaggart on the farm at Swaggart buttes. He reported Mrs. Swaggart in ill health and not able to accompany him. He is now operating a farm in the vicinity of Portland.

Report has been received in Heppner of the birth of a 7 lb., 6 ounce girl to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomson of Portland, recently. Mr. Thomson is the step-son of Mrs. Mary Thomson of this city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carlson in this city on December 4, at the maternity home of Mrs. Lillie Aiken, Gary Edward, weighing 7 1/2 pounds.

STUDENT UNION PLANNED

Trustees of the University of Oregon alumni holding company have set 1943 as their goal for starting construction on the student union building on the campus, it was announced by Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel and newly-elected secretary of the board. The tentative date is based on the mounting student building fund, which the company expects to have increased sufficiently to warrant the new expenditure in 1943, Dean Onthank said.

Hay for sale at Lexington. Vernon C. Brown, Ione. 40-43p.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Massey at Heppner hospital, Dec. 2, Connie Lee. The infant is the first girl born in Mr. Massey's family in 36 years. His father and mother had six sons and six grandsons before the arrival of a girl.

Chipmunk Chinn is back on the job at the Elkhorn restaurant after a two-weeks' lay-off due to an infection in his hand as a result of lacerating it on a rusty nail.

Newsmen to Discuss Topics at U-O Meet

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 11.—Selective service and labor standards, two of the most important problems faced by newspapers as well as other industries, will be topics at the twenty-third annual press conference, to be held at the school of journalism at the University of Oregon, January 10 and 11, it was announced here.

A special panel of Oregon newspapermen will discuss newspaper policies and influence. Included on this will be Giles M. French, Sherman County Journal, Moro; Sheldon F. Sackett, Coos Bay Times, Marshfield; Donald J. Sterling, Oregon Journal, Portland; Palmer Hoyt, The Oregonian, Portland; Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls News and Herald; Hugh Ball, Hood River News, and others.

Newspaper topics to be taken up at the session include advertising, circulation, sampling of public opinion, and others. Visiting experts will be on the program include Roy Brown, publisher of the San Rafael Independent, and Floyd Hockenhull, publisher of Circulation Management. Oregon newspapermen who will speak on various topics are John Verschueren, circulation manager of the Astorian-Budget, Astoria; Dean Eric W. Allen and Professor Charles M. Hulsten, of the school of journalism.

W. Verne McKinney, Hillsboro Argus, is president of the conference. Program arrangements are in the hands of Professor Hulsten and Harry S. Schenk, manager of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association.

Lost—Men's plaid jacket from front of Heppner hospital. Return to Al Massey. 1tp.

Family to be Studied By New State Group

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 11.—Formation of the Oregon Conference on Family Relations, a new state organization to study the institution of the family by conducting scientific research and to work with the national defense program in "maintaining the integrity of the institution of the family against the sinister influences now operating in our social structure," was announced on the University of Oregon campus by Dr. Samuel Haig Jameson, professor of sociology and newly-elected first president of the conference.

The National Conference on Family Relations, made up of numerous sociologists, psychiatrists, and psychologists of national repute, and started three years ago under the leadership of Dr. Paul Sayre, professor of family law at the University of Iowa, last spring asked Dr. Jameson to organize a similar organization to serve the people of Oregon. Dr. Jameson organized an executive committee of 15 members, which held two meetings in November.

This group selected Dr. Jameson as president of the conference; Donald E. Long, circuit Judge of Multnomah county court of domestic relations, Portland, as vice president and Miss Faye Steinmetz, director, Neighborhood Councils, Portland Council of Social Agencies, as sec-

Wheat League Meet Reported to Lions

Observations of the wheat league convalesce at Pendleton last week end were brought to the Monday Lions luncheon at Lucas Place by George Peck and J. O. Turner, both of whom served on league committees. They reported the conference as one of the most successful ever held, with attendance exceeding all former meetings.

Mr. Peck especially emphasized the action of the committee on taxation and legislation that recommended revision of the law apportioning gas tax funds, to return to the counties 20 percent of such funds instead of the present 15.7, and to make the apportionment to each county on the basis of the equalized assessment figures as given by the state tax commission instead of upon the number of registered motor vehicles in each county, as is done at present. Such action would be more equitable to retary-treasurer. The executive committee also adopted a constitution drawn up by a special committee headed by Dean Wayne L. Morse of the University of Oregon law school.

The council will have an advisory council of 40 members, as yet not announced, to carry out the purposes of the group. Plans are already under way for a state convention of the conference to be held during the spring of 1941.

counties generally over the state and would particularly benefit morning and adjacent wheat-raising counties of eastern Oregon, he said.

Mr. Turner reported the action of himself and B. C. Pinckney, president of the chamber of commerce, in inviting the wheat league to meet in Heppner next year, and gave some highlights from talks of leading speakers.

The Lions signified their willingness to cooperate in every way possible in helping to entertain the league meeting next year.

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