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Shooting Affray At Messner Lands Man in Jail Here

Victim Reported Recovering In St. Anthony Hospital

Bad feeling existing between two colored men, Ralph Thomas and C. L. Jackson, members of a section gang located at Messner on the main line of the Union Pacific railway, culminated in a shooting affray Sunday. Thomas shot Jackson in the neck with a .22 caliber rifle, inflicting a serious wound. The victim is said to be recovering at the St. Vincent hospital in Pendleton.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman was called to the scene of the fray and brought Thomas to the county jail. Thomas, 42 said he would waive grand jury investigation and go directly before the judge to plead his case.

Thomas told the sheriff that Jackson, who is about 10 years his senior, picked on him from time to time and Sunday they and at least one other colored man were discussing the matter of travelling on passes. He reported that he had made the statement that when he was traveling on a pass he made it a point to surrender his seat if car space was at a premium feeling it his duty so long as he was employed by the railroad company to work for the best interests of the company. Jackson, he said, did not agree with that policy and became vilely abusive. Thomas alleges that Jackson threatened him with a knife and that he (Thomas) and another colored man left the bunkhouse. Returning shortly, Thomas had a .22 rifle. As he approached the door, he claims that Jackson came out with a club in his hand and acted in a menacing manner. Thinking Jackson intended to carry out his threat to kill him, Thomas took a shot at him.

When the officer arrived, Jackson was lying in a pool of blood and there was a knife alongside him.

Thomas is being held under \$1500 bail which he has been unable to raise.

Former Residents Of County Hold Picnic In Laurelhurst Park

Former residents of Morrow county to the number of 100 gathered in Laurelhurst park, Portland, Sunday July 2 to hold the annual Morrow county picnic. A box lunch was served at 1 p. m., with coffee and punch furnished by the picnic committee.

After lunch, Mrs. Mary Jones, widow of the late Rev. Lewis Jones, former pastor of Ione and Lexington Congregational church being the oldest lady present was given a corsage, the presentation being made by Bert Mason, former merchant of Ione now living at Oak Grove.

After renewing old friendships everyone went home about five o'clock. All will be looking forward to the picnic next year.

GOES TO SUMMER SCHOOL

County Agent N. C. Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson and the twins, left this morning for Fort Collins, Colo. where he will attend a three weeks summer school at Colorado A & M college. The school begins July 17 and ends August 4. Enrolled in the courses of "Principles in the Development of Youth Programs" and "Rural Housing". Anderson hopes to be able to do a better extension job upon returning (as if he hasn't been doing a good job).

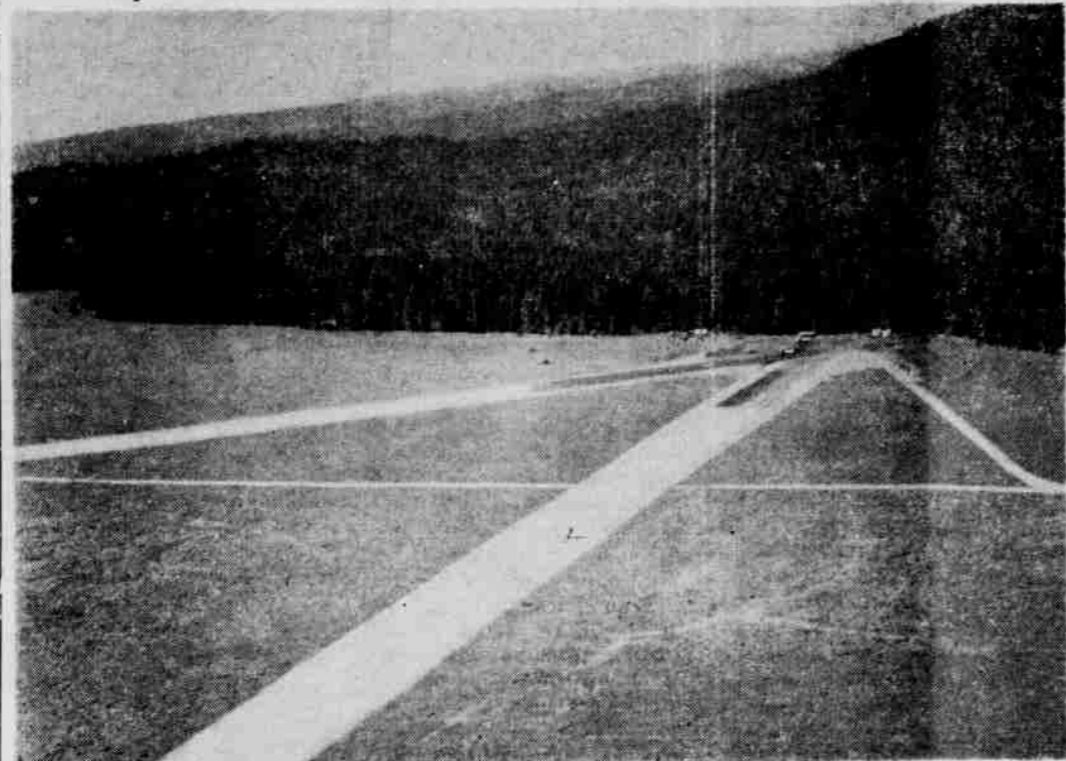
Maud Caswell, home demonstration agent, will be in charge of the office during this period.

JOURNALISM HEAD VISITS

A visitor in Heppner Wednesday morning was Gordon A. Sabine, dean of the school of journalism at the University of Oregon, who was making his first visit to eastern Oregon. He came to Heppner from Condon and he spoke before the Kiwanis club at noon. He made a brief call at the Gazette Times office.

Dean Wager of Portland is assisting temporarily as teller at the local bank.

A Handy Place To Land If Lost In Blue Mountains . . .



Aviators seeking a place to land in the mountains should bear in mind the landing strip at Big Rock Flat—that is, if a plane is lost or runs out of gas in that vicinity. It is not the intention of the forest services to maintain an airport for regular landings of planes not in that service. Future spraying jobs will make it necessary to have a landing field and it is understood that the Big Rock Flat strip will be kept in condition. This view shows more plainly the markings and location of the strip on the big flat in the vicinity of the Kinzua Pine Mills company.

Delvin Nelson One Of First-Starters In NW Wheat Harvest

Wheat harvesting is not general in the Columbia river basin country and it is thought that a Morrow county rancher, Delvin Nelson, is one of the first to put his harvester to work in the northwest. Nelson started his threshing on July 5 down in what is considered the "sand belt" and reported that some of his cut ran as high as 30 bushels to the acre and that the over-all yield would average 25 bushels.

Grain trucks are beginning to move on the Lexington-Jarman highway but no reports have come in as to who is cutting or what the yields amount to. It was reported that Cliff Dougherty delivered a truckload of wheat Wednesday but had to cease cutting because the grain was not ripe enough.

Jams And Jellies Sought For Veterans

Jams and jellies are needed at the veterans hospital in Walla Walla. Mrs. Jack Loyd, chairman of the Morrow county unit of the Blue Mountain Council, has been informed.

Although the 1950 fruit crop is considerably short of normal, it is hoped that there are many people who can spare a few small glasses of these delicacies, and many no doubt will when they reflect that these boys gave that the rest of us might live and enjoy the fruits of life.

MARRIAGE DATE SET

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Yocum of Rufus, announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Miss Beverly Yocum, to Eddie Gunderson Jr. Miss Yocum has chosen July 21 as the date and the ceremony will be performed at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kane, in the presence of relatives of the young couple.

Judge and Mrs. J. G. Barratt left Monday morning for Grants Pass to visit relatives of Mrs. Barratt.

"Balanced Plan" Backers Obtain Sufficient Signatures To Place Measure on Ballot In Fall

Over 33,000 "Balanced Plan" reapportionment petition signatures were filed with Secretary of State Earl T. Newby at 4 p. m. Wednesday, July 5.

Beating the July 6 deadline by only one day, the "Balanced Plan" far exceeded the 25,842 signatures required to place it on the November ballot.

Marshall Swearingen (Oregon Farm Bureau), chairman of the Non-partisan Committee for Balanced Apportionment, reported that signatures were received from every Oregon county. Counties east and west of the Cascades were about equally represented. Many county committees went over their goals. Swearingen said.

The committee expressed thanks for the great amount of voluntary work on the petition

Draft Board Says 776 Registered In Three Counties

Morrow-Gilliam- Wheeler Have 149 Classified In I-A

With war and rumors of war claiming the spotlight in most of the world at this time, attention is being centered on eligibility for service among the young men of the land.

In the Morrow-Gilliam-Wheeler district there are 776 young men who have reason to be considering their chances for entering the service. Of these 149 are classified as I-A, which means that they may get the first call when the selective service gets into full swing once more. Men in the reserves also are looking the situation square in the face as they are the ones most likely to be called for service as the armed forces are increased, if not for combat duty at least for training work.

According to Jack Combes of Fossil, secretary, the local board does not have its quota of available men under 26 years of age. Men are called according to the nearness of their ages to 26 as first, 25; second, 24, and so on down to 19. They are now calling only single non-vets.

Anyone near or past his 18th birthday must register within five days of that birthday. Combes points out. All who have gotten married or otherwise altered their status since filling out their first questionnaire are urged to report same to the local board.

Volunteers cannot be taken by the draft board. These can be taken only at the regular military recruiting offices. Only single, non-vets are being taken at this time.

The tri-county draft board is headed by G. J. Schreiner, Condon, chairman, and includes Jack Combes, Fossil, secretary; Jerry Dean Mercer, Condon, clerk, and Conley Lanham, Heppner.

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campaign. Special recognition went to the Young Republicans, important segments of the Democratic and Republican parties, chambers of commerce, Oregon Council for Republican Women, other civic organizations, upstate labor union members, the press and radio.

The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation loaned offices and personnel to the committee. Farm bureau members have actively supported moves for a balanced legislature since their 1949 convention.

The "Balanced Representation Plan" developed as a compromise with the "Federal Plan" of Giles French, Moro publisher, and was drafted by a committee of Young Republicans, Freeman Holmer, Salem; Jim Collins, Portland and Henry Buehner, Portland. Farm

Florida Escapee Taken Into Custody By State Police

Earl Julia Pete Ellis was taken into custody Tuesday by the state police and is being held in the Morrow county jail for state authorities from Florida. Ellis had been previously picked up by the police on another count but was not held.

The prisoner escaped from a chain gang in Florida in 1946 after serving part of a 12-year sentence for assaulting an officer.

It is presumed officers will come for him as soon as extradition papers are ready.

SISTER DIES IN PASCO

Mrs. F. S. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford were called to Pasco Tuesday evening to the bedside of their sister and sister-in-law, Mrs. C. A. Jones. Mrs. Jones passed away about 10:55 that night as the result of a heart ailment. The relatives returned to Heppner Wednesday morning and, accompanied by other relatives, will go to Pasco Friday to attend funeral services at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Jones lived in Heppner a short time many years ago and spent several weeks here in 1949 under care of her physician. She was born November 26, 1873 in Waitsburg, Wash. and except for two periods spent in Oregon, at Heppner and at Enterprise, lived her entire life in that state. She had been a resident of Pasco for 43 years, and was a member of the Washington State Historical Society. Her husband passed away in 1949.

Surviving are one son, Francis V. Jones of Pasco; three granddaughters and several great grandchildren, besides the brother and sister mentioned above and another brother, J. G. Crawford of Arlington, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schunk Jr. and son Dale arrived in San Francisco Thursday from the Hawaiian Islands, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schunk Sr. have been informed. After Albert is reassigned they will visit his parents in Heppner.

Loan Rate On 1950 Wheat Crop \$2.03 In Morrow County

Applies To Grain Grading U. S. No. 1, Says Chairman

A basic loan rate of \$2.03 per bushel for 1950 crop wheat produced in Morrow county was announced this week by the Production and Marketing administration county committee. Last year's rate was \$1.98 per bushel.

The basic rate applies to wheat grading U. S. No. 1, Lloyd Howton, committee chairman, points out. Wheat produced on farms cooperating in the 1950 wheat acreage allotment program grading No. 3 or better, or No. 4 or No. 5 because of test weight will be eligible for CCC loan or purchase agreement. The chairman says that a schedule of premiums and discounts for the various qualities of 1950 crop wheat will be issued at an early date and will be available for inspection at the county PMA office in Heppner.

To be eligible for the loan, wheat must be placed in approved storage either on the farm or in a commercial warehouse or elevator, according to the chairman. He points out further that storage allowances will be continued for 1950 crop wheat on the same general basis as last year.

Loans and purchase agreements will be available from CCC through the county PMA office, in accordance with the program provisions, from the time of harvest through January 1951. They will mature on April 30, 1951 or earlier, on demand.

E Bond Sales Put County in Second Position in State

Sales of E bonds in Oregon for the week ending Saturday, July 1, amounted to \$466,117, according to figures released by the Federal Reserve bank. This amounted roughly to the average the state has been maintaining recently and is not big enough to indicate that Oregon has much chance of making its Independence Savings Bonds driving quota. Sales since the beginning of the campaign in mid-May to date are \$3,670,830, or 62 percent of the assigned quota of \$5,892,000.

The two top counties in sales, percentage-wise, last week were Walla with 40 percent and Morrow with 23 percent of quota sold during the week.

Issuing agencies will make their final report to the Federal Reserve bank for the Independence drive by July 17. Sales in Oregon last year were extremely heavy during the last few days of the drive. Volunteer leaders are hopeful the same surge forward will be in evidence this year.

According to James H. Driscoll, County Chairman, E bond sales in this county last week were \$7,875. Total sales in the county from May 15 to date are \$32,661 or 93 percent of the assigned quota of \$35,000. The county is now in second place on the basis of percentage of sales.

In order to meet its assigned Independence Drive quota, the people of this county must purchase \$2,339 more in E bonds.

AIRFIELD INAUGURATED SUNDAY AT HOOD RIVER

A CAP-sponsored breakfast at Hood River Sunday attracted several air-minded folk from Morrow county. The breakfast was part of the program of inauguration of a new airfield. More than 40 pilots attended the affair.

Going from Morrow county were four planes, including Vernon Munkers and Marvin Way; Dave Baker and Bob Christian; Bob Stephens and Wayne Swogger, and Archie Munkers and Roy Martin. They left at 5:45 a. m. and were back by 2:25 p. m. Due to high winds it required two hours for the morning flight, but the return was made in one hour.

Stephens will fly to Grangeville, Ida. Sunday to visit his family.



DR. R. G. LANGSTON

Dr. R. G. Langston (above), has taken over his duties of the new president of Eastern Oregon College of Education.

Dr. Langston is a graduate of San Diego State College and taught in public schools for a few years before entering the service in World War II. He completed the Doctor of Education Degree at Stanford University, and has served as assistant professor of education at the University of Oregon since 1948.

Albert Given Post Of Investigator in Pendleton District

Announcement that a livestock theft investigator will be stationed in Pendleton to serve the northeastern Oregon area has been received here from M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the division of animal industry, Oregon state department of agriculture.

The post will go to Edgar Albert who for several years has covered this area from his station in Portland. Albert expects to take up Pendleton headquarters on July 15. He may then be contacted through the office of the Umatilla county sheriff at Pendleton.

Decision to create a new district and place a resident man in this area was reached as result of increased work placed on Albert and other investigators when the department put the state livestock brand inspection program in each district in their charge.

Other factors entering into the change are economy and efficiency. Heretofore the northeastern counties have been served either from Portland or Vale, thus necessitating considerable travel with consequent loss of efficiency and time. Also a greater cost was entailed in this service.

But most important consideration of all in the move is the fact that in recent months more livestock thefts have been reported in this section than in any other area of Oregon, Knickerbocker says.

Roy Missildine Dies At Home In Tigard

Roy Missildine long time rancher in Morrow county, died suddenly at his home in Tigard, July 9, 1950.

Mr. Missildine was born May 13, 1882 in Winterset, Iowa. With his parents he came to Oregon when he was four years old, living first on Butter Creek and later moving to the Blackhorse section. At the age of 21 he homesteaded a quarter section, later adding and forming a partnership with his brother, W. L. Missildine.

In 1913 he sold his ranch and moved to the Willamette valley, where he has since been living. Besides his wife, Sylvia, he is survived by two brothers, W. L. of Tigard; Mack of Pilot Rock; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Horton and Mrs. Margaret McDaid, both of Tigard, and four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schunk visited over the Fourth with relatives and friends in Heppner. Both will teach in Mill City the coming year, enjoying the privilege of working in a brand new building. They are attending summer school in Monmouth.

Wallace Coleman, Ione received a broken foot Tuesday when the truck on which he was loading baled hay ran over his foot. He was brought to Heppner to a physician.

Mrs. A. D. McMurdo is in Portland where she is caring for her grandchildren during the absence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McMurdo. Mr. McMurdo is taking two weeks training at the army reserve officers training camp.



WAR-PEACE TIDE

"All of us hate war."
"Certain principles must be upheld."

"This is no time for jitters."
"It is a time for cool heads and clear thinking."

In these four short sentences Governor Douglas McKay condensed what he said he could write a book about.

The governor who served in both wars still holds faith with those who are striving to avoid another world war.

JUMPING THE GUN

Politicians who have taken it for granted that the 1950 census will give Oregon another representative in congress are busy juggling the boundary lines of the four congressional districts to provide for a fifth. There are two very apprehensive "ifs" to be cleared, however.

The tentative count of the census gives the state a gain of 420,646. That must hold up well in the final figures before we can hope for another representative.

For decades the congress has kept to the fixed 435 members. The estimated population of the United States is over 150,000,000. If the total count is close to this and the number of members in congress maintained the ratio would require more population per representative than now practiced.

ASSESSOR REFRESHER COURSES

The Oregon state tax commission has announced a series of two-day refresher courses for assessors in four cities during September.

The sessions will be devoted principally to appraising lots, industrial plants, stock in trade and depreciation. They will be held in Portland, Baker, Burns and Coquille. Speakers will include appraisal engineers and key employees of the tax commission.

RAISE WORKERS' WAGE SCALE

A recent order of the state wage and hour commission has established a five and a half day work week for women and minors in laundry and cleaning plants.

Explaining the order, W. E. Kimsey, state labor commissioner said it also sets a minimum pay scale of 60 cents an hour for learners and extra workers. The scale was formerly 35 cents an hour.

WAR MATERIALS SOUGHT

The importance of search for manganese, tungsten and other war materials in Oregon is emphasized in a letter received this week by Governor Douglas McKay. The governor alerted field operatives of the state geology and mineral industries to be on the continual lookout for evidence of manganese ore deposits. Even low grade ore in large tonnage deposits is valuable.

The 14-state governors' interstate Indian council informed Governor Douglas McKay this week of the appointment of A. Harvey Wright, Salem, as chairman of the council's educational committee.

The governor said Wright won considerable attention with an outstanding report on Indian education at the council's meeting in Salt Lake last month.

"Latourette for Governor" committee chairman, H. B. Vanduzer, prominent Oregon lumberman and former chairman of the state highway commission, has elaborate plans for the campaign—starts Monday . . . Oregon is one of the eight states in which the communist party shows the greatest decline . . . Governor Douglas McKay plans a heavy campaign. Expects to invade every county in Oregon before election . . . Formation of a socialist party in Oregon under the provisions of the state laws was planned in May. Not a peep since . . . Rumor has it Rep. William B. Morse, Prineville, will be chairman of house ways and means committee at 1951 legislative session . . . Walter Pearson, state treasurer, and opponent of Austin Flegel (the winner) in May primaries, is working 100 percent for Flegel . . . Phil Roth, recently elected president of the Young Republican Club, is a delegate to the Central Labor Council . . . Reports are that a Duff-Morse republican ticket in 1951 has passed beyond the talk stage.