

### Lexington Grange Officers Installed At Pomona Meeting

By DELPHA JONES  
At Pomona grange in Ione Saturday several members of the Lexington Grange were installed in their respective offices for the coming year; and also six members were obligated in the Pomona degree including Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Boardman. Installed in office were Cecil Jones, overseer; Delpha Jones, lecturer; Hortense Martin, chaplain; Wilbur Steagall, steward; Armin Wihlon, treasurer; Wilma Wihlon, secretary; and Marie Steagall, Pomona. The next grange meeting will be Saturday night at the local hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Vann are the parents of a baby son born in Pioneer Memorial hospital on Monday night. The young man weighed 5 pounds and 6 ounces. She was the former Betty Griffen.

The Christian and Congregational Bible schools have been fortunate to obtain the Rev. Lewis Wetzel for a full time minister, and they will soon move into the parsonage. Services will be held both morning and evening.

Mrs. Bill Mathews underwent a major surgery in St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla Saturday of last week. Her mother, Mrs. O. G. Breeding, spent a couple of days in Walla Walla and Pendleton with Mrs. Mathews and son Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan were LaGrande visitors over the week-end where Mrs. McMillan was consulting an eye specialist. They also visited at the Fred Bristow's in Cove. Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin are staying at the McMillan ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Wall-

## The American Way

EXPENSIVE FREE (?) MEDICINE  
By GEORGE PECK

There is one law of economics that no Communist, Socialist, Planned Economist, Bureaucrat, or starry-eyed dreamer can circumvent. No government ever has been able to give anything away from those who had earned it by application, ingenuity and thrift. Whenever a government has rendered any free (?) service, it has done so at the expense of the honey-bees of the hive—the workers.

The government of the United States can be no exception to this fundamental economic law. Even if one attributes greater wisdom to those who run our government than that with which they are actually endowed, the fact remains that they cannot find nor ever will be able to find any way to get revenue except by taxing

those who have toiled and saved. It is the people who produce that make all government functions possible.

The "Planned Economists" have many schemes that attempt to skirt around this law. One is the "Compulsory Health Insurance" proposal—an attempt to socialize the practice of medicine in Capitalistic America. This free (?) medicine hocus-pocus is based on the false assumption that our American physicians and hospital authorities have fallen down on the job. Fortunately, most American citizens are aware that under the present American system, medical science has progressed continuously over the years, conquering dreaded diseases, saving and prolonging life. They see no reason for upsetting such a practical and beneficent system.

Let's take a peek through "The Iron Curtain." Russia has a nationalized medical and surgical program. The Russian medical bureaucrats schedule patients in the order they apply for treatment. A patient needing an emergency appendectomy may find 100 applicants ahead of him. Though most of the 100 may not be emergency cases, he must wait his turn. Meanwhile, if his appendix ruptures, it is no concern of the bureaucratic medicos, unless...

If by chance, however, the patient with the bursting appendix has a few rubles, it does become the concern of the Russian doctor and he can get himself moved up on the list, perhaps be operated upon in time to save his life. In America we would call this procedure "political graft."

Russian doctors are not allowed to charge for their services but are permitted to accept gifts from prospective patients. The fellow without a few rubles stands a poor chance of getting prompt, satisfactory medical attention. In America we would term this "discrimination against the underprivileged," discrimination against the very class of citizen the "do-gooder" proponents of socialized medicine pretend it will benefit. Russian patients may not fare so well but the doctors do all right. Russian doctors always have plenty of rubles.

So we see that under a system of free (?) medical care the members of an honorable profession are debased and corrupted. Undoubtedly this is the most serious indictment with which it can be charged.

Certainly we do not want that kind of a medical system in America! Last November 7 the voters indicated that they no longer believe the political promises of "something for nothing." Despite this, however, the "friends of the down-trodden" have declared their intention to continue their efforts to socialize our medical fraternity.

All of us have had enough experience with bureaucracy to know how obnoxious it is. We also know that government managem-

### Car Maker Boosts Record to 25 Million



A giant cake lettered with the production milestones of the company marked Chevrolet's observance of its twenty-fifth millionth automobile. Above, T. H. Keating, general manager of the division, watches his top assistants light the candles (l. to r.) E. W. Ivey, administrative assistant to Keating; W. J. Scott, general manufacturing manager; W. E. Fish, general sales manager, and E. H. Kelley, chief engineer. Registering an achievement without precedent in the history of the auto industry, Chevrolet built its 23rd millionth car on January 11, its 24th millionth June 30 and the 25th millionth December 22. The last milestone was reached with new 1951 models.



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

### Friendship—Four Thousand Miles Apart

Never quite got the hang of how to play chess myself, but I'll say this for the game—it started one of the strongest friendships I know of: between Dad Wilson in our town and a fellow in Sudbury, England.

The two of them have never met or seen each other—but for eight or nine years they've been playing chess by mail together. Dad puzzles over the Englishman's latest letter, takes a couple of days to think it over, and then airmails a chart of his next move.

Dad always thinks best with a mellow glass of beer beside his chessboard. And the fellow in England writes that he does the same. "Almost as if we were in the same room," says Dad contentedly.

From where I sit, you can talk about diplomacy and foreign policy, but it's often little friendly things—like a game of chess or a glass of beer—that can make for tolerance and understanding... between people of different nations, between folks here at home!

Joe Marsh

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### Lt. Col. Burchell With Seventh Army HQ In Western Germany

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY—Lieutenant Colonel Edward L. Burchell of Heppner, has been assigned to headquarters of the recently reactivated U. S. Seventh Army at Stuttgart, in the U. S. Zone of Germany.

Burchell, whose new assignment will be with the transportation division at Seventh Army headquarters, was formerly commanding officer of a transportation truck company on Heidelberg Military Post.

His mother, Mrs. Mae Burchell, resides at 2864 Northwest Raleigh street, Portland. The colonel, who attended high school in Lexington, Oregon, earned his bachelor of science degree from Oregon State college, Corvallis, in 1938. He received a reserve commission in the Army through his enrollment in the Reserve officers training corps while in college. He entered the Army in May, 1938 and during World War II he served as commanding officer of an amphibious engineer boat battalion in the South Pacific theater. Among the decorations Burchell holds are the Bronze Star and the South Pacific theater ribbon with five battle stars.

Prior to his arrival in the European Command in September of last year, Burchell was a student at the Command and General Staff College Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

With the colonel in Germany are his wife and three children; Larry, 12; Gale, 10; and Barbara, 6; Mrs. Burchell is the former Katherine M. Healy; her mother, Mrs. Margaret Healy resides in Heppner, Oregon.

ment. It logically follows that government's sticking its nose into medical affairs would hinder, if not absolutely destroy, an orderly and efficient medical system. Even rich America just cannot afford the luxury (?) of free (?) medicine.

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