

**20 TONS OF GRAIN DUMPED IN FEW MINUTES BY NEW GIANT HOIST**



**BIG LIFT**—Recently installed at a Portland grain elevator is this truck hoist designed to rapidly unload bulk grain from trucks which has previously been impracticable due to length of time necessary to unload by hand. (Photo by Carl Vermilya, The Oregonian.)

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Imagine 33,000 pounds of truck and trailer equipment loaded with 40,000 pounds of grain held in mid-air at a 35-degree angle to the ground and you have a rough idea of what a hydraulic truck loading hoist will do.

Now, of course very few people have occasion to hold 73,000 pounds of anything in mid-air at an angle for any length of time, but consider what a boon it must be to the fellow faced with the prospect of unloading all that wheat by hand.

That was precisely the thought of Kerr Gifford & Company when it decided to install the new hoist, first of its size in the Northwest, at its terminal No. 4 grain elevator at St. Johns.

In fact, all hands connected with the project were so proud of their new equipment that they

invited the press to a special "trial run" Thursday afternoon.

It worked without a hitch and within 15 minutes the entire load of 20 tons of wheat hauled in by the Portland-Pendleton Transport company from the J. T. Lieullen and Son farm in Adams Oregon, was unloaded. Furthermore when they became more familiar with the hoist, they hope to complete unloading within 8 to 10 minutes.

It seems that somewhere and at sometime someone figured out that grain would flow freely from a 33-degree angle. Thus it follows that if lifting a truck up in the air to a 35-degree angle, the grain will flow into a hopper below.

Naturally there are a few hours delay between such a theory and constructing the hydraulic hoist and that is where the Pacific Coast Engineering company of Alameda, California,

**Lexington News**

By Delpha Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Wallace and three sons moved their household articles to Ephrata Wednesday where they will make their home. Jim Bloodworth and Walt Wallace helped the family move.

Mr. and Mrs. William N. Jones of Odell, Oregon, and Mother Mrs. Rhoda Jones of Union, Oregon were visitors at the home of her other son and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, Sunday night. They were enroute to their home after several days spent in LaGrande. Mrs. Jones will visit there for some time.

The Nolan girls, Beverly and Phyllis held a New Year's party at their ranch home, over Monday and Tuesday. The girls were picked up in town by Mrs. Nolan on Monday. Those going out were: Patricia McMillan, Shirley Hunt and Betty Lou Messenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hagerud and Joan Breeding were dinner guests at the C. C. Jones home on Friday night. The evening was spent in playing pinochle.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Cutsforth of Montana are visiting at the O. W. Cutsforth home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cutsforth

enters the picture. It designed and built the hoist which in turn was installed for Kerr Gifford & Company and the dock commission by George Buckler and the American Sheet Metal Works.

40-horsepower unit drives the lift which is capable of raising up to 50 tons of equipment into the air, according to John Platt, Vice-President and Secretary of Kerr Gifford & Company. The platform on which the truck and trailer rest during their free ride is 60 feet long.

Up to now the movement of bulk grain from eastern Oregon to Portland has been almost impossible due to lack of unloading facilities for trucks, according to Herman Sites, President of the Portland-Pendleton Transport company.

Such an installation has further ramifications to the farmer also, by opening up new market possibilities and eventually reducing transportation costs, inasmuch as many trucks operating between Portland and eastern Oregon return without a pay load at present.

have named their small daughter Deanna Lynn.

Earl Miller is spending the holidays at the M. V. Nolan home where he is employed.

Miss Etta Millett of Pendleton, was visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Emma Peck, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morey of Portland were holiday visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Peck and children were Eugene visitors over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schwab and daughters have returned after a pleasant holiday spent in the valley.

Carl Marquardt spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marquardt.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger Jr., and daughter visited in Lexington Sunday at Messenger, Sr. home, from their home in Ordance.

**LEX Continued from Last week.**

Deanna Steagall who attends St. Joseph's Academy in Pendleton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McFadden and family spent Thanksgiving in Hermiston with relatives.

Herman Wallace accompanied by Eugene Sawyer and Denny McMillan motored to Donald Friday after Mrs. Wallace and granddaughter Shirlee Denser of that city who will vacation here with friends and relatives. Eugene stayed in McMinnville where he will visit an aunt and his mother.

The Lexington Congregational and Christian churches held their Christmas program Sunday night with each class taking part. Between scenes the chorus sang with solo parts, Mrs. Betty Hagerud, Rena Marquardt, and a duet by Beverly Nolan and Rena Marquardt. Those singing in the choir were: Patty McMillan, Phyllis and Beverly Nolan, Rena Marquardt, Betty Hagerud, Shirley Hunt and Delpha Jones, Carl Marquardt, Bob Hagerud, and Truman Messenger. The reader was Donna Barnett and pianist, Betty Messenger.

Marvin Way who is attending officers training school is home on furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Way. He flew to Pendleton where he was met by his brother Ken who also spent Xmas with his parents.

Mrs. Ray is now living at the Laura Scott home with Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth DuVall are spending Xmas at the W. C. Van Winkle home, from Portland.

Several friends dropped in at the Hermann Wallace home on Saturday night where they en-

joyed a farewell party for the Wallaces. A gift was presented them for their new home in Ephrata. Those attending the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Donald Heliker, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Munkers and house guest Gladys Cutsforth, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg and two children motored to Portland Sunday night where they will spend the holidays.

Mrs. Winona Leonard is spending the vacation in LaGrande with her husband and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schwab are vacationing in Eugene.

David Buchanan who attends college in College Place, Washington is vacationing in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger, Jr., and children visited at the Truman Messenger, Sr. home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanan and son Teddy spent Xmas day in Lexington from their home in Ordance.

Clarence Buchanan spent the weekend in Lexington from his home in Hermiston.

Funeral services were held last week in Toppenish for Loren Mikesell of that city. Services were held from the Hopkins funeral home with interment in the Terrace Heights cemetery of Yakima with a military service as Mr. Mikesell was a World War I veteran. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mrs. Gladys Mikesell (Davis) and two daughters Delores and Carol Ann, a mother, Mrs. Mary Mikesell of Heppner and a brother Eugene of Portland and a sister Ethel of Arcadia, California. He was born May 8, 1899 in Heppner and he passed away at the age of 53 years. Those from here attending the funeral were James Davis, brother of Mrs. Mikesell, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Grey of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Harra and her mother Mrs. Weeks of Portland are spending the vacation with Mr. O'Harra's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt. O'Harra. They were Pendleton visitors on Monday.

Dinner guests at the Wilbur Steagall home Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Breeding and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Steagall and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breshears.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude White of Hardman were guests Tuesday at the Lonnie Henderson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Ziegler Jr. of The Dalles have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs.

William Smethurst.

The Lexington Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Munkers one day last week with a good crowd attending. The day was spent in making Christmas decorations. Lovely refreshments were served. There were several guests present.

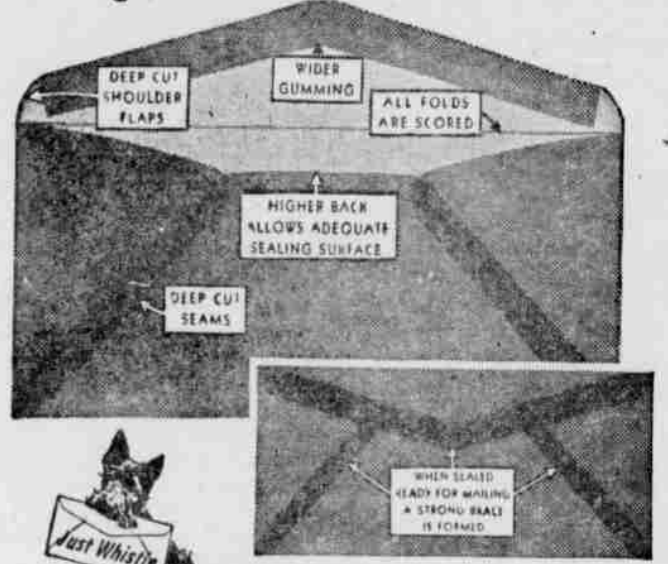
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munkers accompanied the Groves children Maureen and Larry motored to Salem via Prineville where they visited at the Ed Grant home, and will spend the holidays with Mrs. Munkers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree and where the Groves children will visit their

father.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Majeske motored to Pendleton Thursday night where they met their daughter, Patricia Louise, who is attending nurses training at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. Mrs. Majeske and Pat are planning on a visit with another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ansted at Medford this week, before Pat returns to school Jan. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hill, former Heppner residents now residing in Coos Bay, were here for the holidays.

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