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The Westland Project Now Free Of Debt.

One morning last month the farmers of the Westland Irrigation District awoke with a feeling of something lost, something vacant in their minds. It was a headache-gone that had been troubling them for many years. The debt on the project was paid, all paid. They wondered if it could be true, and after pinching themselves a time or two they realized that they were debt free.

Negotiations and arrangements had been going on for a year or two, and the final date was set for every man to have his cash on the barrel head. There were misgivings as to whether each and everyone would meet the requirement, but when the closing day arrived, every tract of land was represented in the pile of almost \$80,000.00. The bonded indebtedness that had been over their heads for over 20 years was liquidated. They owned their lands and an irrigation system worth half a million dollars. The causes of their headaches were gone.

The Westland district contains about 8000 acres of good land lying westerly of the Umatilla river from Echo to the Irrigon dam. During the last few years much more of the sagebrush land has been improved, and values have greatly increased. Taken as a whole the district is one of the best in the entire irrigated area of this part of Umatilla and Morrow counties. It has over 60 miles of canals with concrete headgates, flumes and pipelines, and one of the oldest water rights. Now that its bonded indebtedness has been paid, the district should go forward at much greater speed, and its values in lands and improvements should increase. It is an area where investments will be secure and where farming should bring good returns. Post war progress should find every acre under cultivation, the canals enlarged, and general confidence restored to a high level. We congratulate the leaders of the recent achievement, among them Hawley J. Bean, 21 years chairman of the board just retired, and the members of the board, Floyd Laird, chairman, Fred McMurray and Ben Connor, and J. D. Corliss, secretary-manager, of the opportunity before them and the people of the project, in their great effort in financing this project. The Western Irrigation Company, represented here by F. B. Swayze, also deserves praise for its concessions and efforts to place the project on a sound financial basis.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. Grace Shoun
Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Hoagland have sold their place west of town to Lawrence Smith. Mr. Smith has been living on the Robert Smith place. The Hoaglands are buying the small Nora Wilson house and plan to give possession of the place February 1st.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Haddox have moved from the Bailey house to a farm near Walla Walla.
The E. R. Schneiders, Mrs. Tom Caldwell and Mrs. Emma Steward went to Heppner Wednesday.
Mrs. Theresa Connell, who spent some weeks in the Pendleton hospital, is home now and is staying with Mrs. Nora Wilson.
Roy Minnick is recovering nicely after his operation. His daughter Luella arrived home Sunday and Mrs. Minnick is to be home Thursday.
The Pentecostal church started a revival meeting with Mr. Stovall of Texas in charge.
A fellowship meeting will be held at the Pentecostal church Wednesday.
Ella Mae Grim and Kathleen oPulson went to Pendleton Friday

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STATE HOUSE—The 43rd Regular Session of the Oregon Legislature is now under way. After getting the usual routine matters out of their hair, the lawmakers took time out to meet in joint session and listen to the Governor's message. Then they got down to business in a big way. The job of organizing both the Senate and the House went through as per program. The political machinery which was well oiled, skidded Eugene Marsh of McMinnville into the Speaker's Chair, and Howard Belton of Canby took over the reins as President of the Senate (Lt. Governor). The election of Belton on one roll call was quite a contrast to the horse play the Senate indulged in last session, when the Toga Men cast forty-five ballots before they elected Senator Steiwer, which took up three days of valuable time. So hold your hats folks, we're all set to go again.

The old moth eaten story of winding up the session, and getting home in the allotted fifty days is going the rounds as per usual. However, the rail birds think differently. They see sixty days in light for the Legislators to wrestle with, and maybe longer. Some astute political observers also predict this session will be a tough one instead of easy going as many think. A flock of highly controversial bills are in the offing. The Oregon State Liquor Control Commission is a cinch to come in for a good going over, and that idea was percolating in the bean of many a Legislator long and before he heard the Governor's speech last Monday, in which His Excellency asked for a full and complete investigation of the now famous "Waterfall and Fraser Liquor Deal." Many lawmakers in both houses have been very critical of the Liquor Commission and its activities ever since the incumbents took office. The State Tax Commission, always a target for any Legislature to shoot at, will always come for a working over. Old Age Assistance, the pet subject of many lawmakers, will again be aired the benefit of all concerned.

Post War Legislation is certain to be up for consideration in a big way. In the first place, machinery must be set up before the two measures voted by the electorate in November can be effective. One act provides for the education of such veterans of the present war as desire to resume their interrupted schooling. The second act, (a constitutional amendment) is to make loans to veterans for the acquisition of homes or farms. The two new acts authorized these appropriations, but the details must be devised by the lawmakers and a commission will probably be created to work out the procedure.

The federal government will offer an advance or loan to the State or Political subdivisions to assist them in the preparation of plans, such as architectural and engineering. It may be necessary for the legislature to enact a broad act enabling the state and subdivisions, but the researchers are not certain that legislation will be required. Incidentally, if a subdivision accepts the advance it must be repaid to the federal government if the project is constructed. Nothing said about repayment if the project flops.

The usual array of job seekers were on hand bright and early buttonholing all committee chairmen they could find. Believe it or not, there is no shortage of help around this legislature. The boys and girls fell all over themselves in an attempt to get up to the pie counter. For the first time in the history of the state, a woman was elected to the high office of Chief Clerk of the House. The capable and efficient Clarabell Bull, who of many past sessions was the Assistant Chief Clerk, succeeds the veteran, Fred Drager. Many other important posts in both Houses are also held by women.

As to be expected, these experienced members of the '3rd House' known to you as lobbyists, are on the job, en masse. Always on the alert, watching out for the interests of the many business firms they represent, these gents know their way around—and how. In reality, it is a good thing they are here, otherwise, business would take an awful beating in many instances, for no good reason at all.

The veteran senator, "Bill" Strayer of Baker is on the job, as usual, and handled the gavel when the Senate was being organized. First elected to the State Senate in 1914, Senator Strayer is rounding

out his 30th consecutive year as a lawmaker in the upper house. Strayer's length of continuous service far exceeds that of any other elected official of the State, and in all probability will stand as a record for many years to come.

BOARDMAN NEWS

By Frances Skoubo

Greenfield Grange was host to Morrow County Pomona Grange Saturday, January 6th, and a large crowd was in attendance. Details of the meeting are reported by the secretary and will be found printed in this issue.

Flossie Coats returned to Brenton, Wash., Sunday where she has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barlow for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Seale, now residing in Ordinance, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mulligan and family and Mr. and Mrs. I. Skoubo and Frances were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderegg Sunday afternoon.

Crystal Barlow returned from The Dalles hospital Saturday where she was being treated for undulant fever.

Mike Moffit from Lostine, Ida., visited with the Linns Sunday en route to Lostine.

Otto Falconer was taken to the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton Sunday evening and was operated on for appendicitis at 11:30 Sunday night.

Word was received that Albert Partlow has been returned to the States for medical treatment.

Russell De Mauro, Ph. M. 2/c, who has been stationed at Farragut, Idaho, Naval Base since he was inducted November 6, 1942, is spending a ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul De Mauro. Russell is to return to Rhode Island to await further orders.

S/Sgt. Frank Kunze, one of the renowned 41st Division engineers, is enjoying a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kunze after serving 32 months with the 41st division in and around New Guinea.

Andree Wilson was in The Dalles over the week end.

STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

Mrs. Irwin Switzer and son of Portland called on friends here Tuesday en route to visit her former teacher friend, Catherine Buhman at Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Woidrow Daniels are enjoying his leave from the Navy and are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Reilly. Mrs. Daniels has not been home for more than a year. They will go to Bremerton this week end where Woodrow will report for duty.

Word has been received from Cpl. Garth Clark at Bremerton that he is not yet assigned to his work.

David Reese of Medford spent the New Year holidays with his friends around Stanfield and enjoyed hunting.

Mrs. Alfred Lantz and baby, Judith Carol, left Saturday night for Portland. Mrs. Lantz expects to resume nursing.

Along with Christmas news, it has been learned that Mr. and Mrs. Bob McNeil of Henderson, Nevada (formerly Orpha Brown), are the parents of a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Thomas have a daughter also, born December 25, and named Nancy Eileen. Mr. Thomas is a teacher in one of the schools at Ontario.

Rev. and Mrs. Benintendi and baby left Monday night to visit his parents at Ontario. The grandparents had not seen their grandson, who is now 3½ months old.

Misses Irene and Betty Challis of Pendleton spent Thursday night here, the guests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Don Childs.

Lloyd Russell has sold his confectionery to Waldo Stockdale, whose grandson William McElroy of Pendleton will help operate the business beginning February 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mansker are conducting the lunch counter while Mr. and Mrs. Toni are getting a much needed rest. The Manskers have leased the business for thirty days.

The Harmony club met January 2 at the home of Mrs. Lucille Parry with seven members present. The subject, Food For Thought, was discussed. On January 9 at the home of Mrs. Ralph Bartley, Mrs. Viola Loughary will present the subject of Generosity.

Mrs. Charles Connor and Dolores of Arlington were New Year's visitors at the Sara Shipley home and also at the Ralph Barley home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grant and son Georgy were Stanfield visitors Sunday. The Stewarts expect soon to open the business formerly operated by Grant. George is in the army, has just completed a technician's course in chemistry, and is here on furlough.

The Mile of Dimes contest closed recently, and captains Reeves and Greathouse reported on January 4 at the Aid meeting that a total of \$195 was thus gained, but the Reds were declared winners because all their members had turned in their dimes first, therefore the Blues will entertain on February 1. A most pleasing visitor, Mrs. I. N. Bowser

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F. B. SWAYZE, President

of Pendleton had charge of the missionary program. Mrs. Jake Rueber served refreshments. Mrs. F. B. Stuart and Mrs. George Elliott each turned in more than \$20 in the contest.

Mrs. Willa Hewitt with her three pre-school age children, and a primary teacher have not missed one Sunday in the past eight months. An enviable record for all. Why not resolve to attend Sunday School and church regularly.

The new Synodical President, Walters, will accompany Rev. J. M. Cornelison on January 21 to preach for the congregation here, and will also visit Umatilla and Boardman in the interest of putting the three churches on one circuit.

Miss Neva LeBlond, county librarian, pleased the eight children present last Saturday at the library to hear her tell stories for a half hour. Her next visit here will be 3 p. m. February 10.

Mrs. Roy Duncan was able to return from the hospital January 7th.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned, Sheriff of Umatilla County, Oregon, by virtue of an order duly made and entered herein by the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon, on the 6th day of December, 1944, will, on the 16th day of January, 1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Umatilla County Court House, Pendleton, Oregon, subject to a minimum price of \$150.00 therefor, to be paid in cash, at the time of sale, the following described parcel of land, heretofore by Umatilla County, Oregon, acquired for delinquent taxes, to-wit:

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