

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Phoenix Health Unit—The Phoenix health unit will meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Stewart Porter. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

Visiting Relatives—Miss Betty Vincent of Hillcrest Orchard is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mueller of 905 West Tenth street.

Back from Kansas—Dr. George S. Jennings returned Friday from Winfield, Kas., whither he and his brother of Portland had been called by the death of their mother.

Visit Here—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hale of Gilchrist were guests here during the holiday period of Mrs. Hale's mother, Mrs. Almada Budge. Mr. Hale is principal of the high school at Gilchrist.

Arrested—Four men were arrested by city police and charged with drunkenness over the week-end. They were listed as John Enright, Arthur P. Close, Carl J. Scott and D. Bingham. All were to be arraigned in city court tomorrow.

Fishing Poor—Steelhead fishing in the Grants Pass area turned poor Saturday and will probably continue poor until the current storm ends. Glen Woodridge, river guide, informed the Mail Tribune today.

Dinner Guests—Carl Boswell, former speech instructor at Medford high school and critic for the Toastmasters' club, who has been a New Year's guest at the home of Mrs. Alice Trowbridge, 905 West Tenth street, was a guest of honor during his stay at a dinner at the D. D. Davis home. Mrs. Trowbridge also was a dinner guest. Mr. Boswell and his wife now reside in Oakdale, Cal., where Mr. Boswell is employed in the schools.

Skiing Poor—Conditions for skiing in Crater Lake national park were described by rangers today as poor. Rain Saturday spoiled the skiing and no new snow had fallen to give the ground cover a fresh topping. Weather this morning was cloudy, visibility zero, the rangers said in their daily short-wave radio broadcast. Park roads were mostly clear of snow though in spots there was slush. The snow was wet and had settled to a depth of 30 inches at headquarters. Lowest temperature during the night was 32 degrees.

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Happy New Year—a gift of 366 days

ALTHOUGH THERE'S a popular belief to the contrary, 52 weeks do not make a year. Fifty-two times seven always comes out 364—and that's not enough days for an ordinary year—let alone a Leap Year like the one just ahead. Even 366 days do not make a complete year unless they're happy days.

We wish you a happy New Year—one made up of 366 days, complete in their fulfillment. For most people in these times, that will mean an evening spin, many a week-end junket, and at least one annual vacation trip that's really ambitious.

To your pleasure in these things we'll continue to contribute, as in the past, to the best of our ability. Wherever you may go, wherever you allow us to serve you, this company will do all it can to make your travel carefree. Our hope is that in the New Year you will establish new records for miles of happiness to the gallon.

Once a New Year meant little more than a fresh measurement of time. Now it means anticipation of new places, new people, new experience—because gasoline has given to every man a pair of seven-league boots. Such magic is our business—and your opportunity to make more of the coming 366 days than of any which have gone before.

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GOLD HILL STRIKE AMONG RICHEST IN OREGON'S HISTORY

Gold Strike in Georgia Reveals Hope More May Be Found in Oregon's Hills.

By Victor Dallaire U. P. Staff Correspondent. Salem, Ore.—(U.P.)—Discovery of rich gold deposits in supposedly exhausted regions in Georgia revives the hope here in Oregon that rich finds are yet to be made.

While most of Oregon's gold is thought to be of the low grade variety, surface findings in past years have nearly equalled the \$60,000 a ton strike that Georgia reports.

One of the richest of the early day discoveries in Oregon was made by a man named George Ish, who, while prospecting on the Rogue river, uncovered a gravel bar that was literally sparkling with gold. The gravel paid Ish about \$12 a pound at a price about half the present value of gold.

How Town Got Name.

Looking for the source of the gold, he found a small hill near by which contained hard white quartz with stringers of pure gold in it—accounting for the name of the present town of Gold Hill.

Ish invested much of his findings in a mill to recover the gold and worked it for several years, but the gold eventually ran out and the mine was abandoned. A cement company, quarrying the hill now, is reported to manufacture cement with a small gold content in it.

Another fabulous gold strike was reported by two men named Miller and Bellville, who in 1855 brought a quarter of a pound of almost pure gold imbedded in quartz into Jacksonville. They said they had located the ledge about 40 miles southwest of Jacksonville where they could see the ocean. They were never able to find the place again, but in 1904 a boy found the ledge and took \$35,000 worth out of a hole 12 feet long and a foot wide.

Jville Nuggets Big.

It was not an uncommon sight in Jacksonville during the gold rush, to see nuggets weighing 50 to 70 ounces apiece, old timers have recorded. One mine discovered on the Applegate river produced \$23,520 from 10 tons of ore.

One hears chiefly of the rich strikes, but the steady workers and the patient Chinese in Jackson county alone during the years of the Civil war were reported to have taken out about \$1,000,000 a month.

In 1857 gold was discovered on the Santiam river in Marion county and for two years the diggings paid the miners a fairly decent daily wage. One mine uncovered a vein of hard white quartz with pockets of thread gold valued at \$20,000.

Rich gold discoveries were made in eastern Oregon about the same time, but most of them were large bodies of low grade ore. One was made on the Powder river, however, by two Portland men that ran up to \$10,000 a ton.

Black Sands Rich.

Potentially the richest gold fields in Oregon at present are the black sands along the southern Oregon beaches. Gold and other valuable minerals are present in chemical formation, but the cost of extracting them so far has exceeded their worth. Some day, probably, someone will discover a method of reclaiming the precious minerals in these sands and a scientific gold rush will ensue.

Gold mining in the state has received impetus the past few years from the increased price of gold and many a stream and hard rock ledge has again felt the attacks of gold seekers.

Oregon production of gold now amounts to over \$2,000,000 a year, according to government figures.

RILEY D. HENSEN PASSES AGED 71

Riley D. Hensen, 71, passed away at his home Sunday morning after a short illness. The deceased was born in Greenville, Tenn., and spent his early life there. He was united in marriage to Dora Belle Slater on March 17, 1879. In 1903 they moved to Walla Walla, Wash., leaving there in 1911 and coming to Medford where they have made their home since.

He is survived by his wife and five children, Mrs. Mary Downing of Spokane, Wash., Daymond D. Berkeley, Calif., Graham, of San Francisco, and James and Stanley, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Funeral service will take place from the Perle funeral home Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. Joseph Knotts officiating. Interment in the Medford I.O.O.F. cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

ADA M. ROBERTS PASSES AGED 70

Latest Type Investigation Has 'Killing' Effect—Old Inquiries Recalled.

Ada May Roberts, 70, passed away at her home on Spring street Sunday evening after a brief illness. She was born in Coos county, Oregon, June 16, 1869 and had resided in Medford for the past 28 years, and was a member of the Roxy Ann and Pomona Grange.

She was married to William D. Roberts, November 17, 1891. Besides her husband she is survived by five children, four daughters and one son, Mrs. Ray Loosley, Fort Klamath, Ore.; Mrs. Burrell Redpath, Medford; Mrs. Bert Tolladay, Prineville, Ore.; Mrs. Zanta Hutton, Silverton, Ore., and son Roscoe Roberts, Medford, also ten grand children.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Perle Funeral home.

LARRY PORTER OF ASHLAND PASSES

Ashland, Jan. 1.—(Sp.)—Funeral services will be held at the Elks temple here at 2 p. m. Tuesday for Charles Lawrence Porter.

Mr. Porter was born August 17, 1903 in Volga, S. D., and came here with his parents in 1909. On June 27, 1936 he married Miss Helen Rice of Medford. The deceased was a long-time member of the Elks lodge and a member of the Klittie band since its organization. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. J. Porter of this city.

Arrangements are in charge of Litwiller Funeral home.

WEATHER HINDERS EAST, WEST GOLF

Rain and, more particularly, a gusty wind reduced the field in today's annual East-West golf match for the Shirley Temple trophy at the Rogue Valley Golf club course.

By early afternoon only 20 players, ten pairs, had teed off. The West was leading as play went into the afternoon rounds.

NEW MATERIALS AID HOME BEAUTY

Chicago, (U.P.)—Building materials have had their faces lifted and henceforth will play a more decorative part in construction of modern homes, the home building exhibit at the Merchandise Mart indicates.

The structural usefulness of stone, brick, steel, tile and lumber is fading into the background as these materials, improved by streamlined manufacture, step out in a new role as "home beautifiers."

Today's home built for tomorrow will be structurally sound and liveable as shown by a series of model houses designed by some of America's foremost architects.

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CONGRESS USING NEW TECHNIQUE IN ITS PROBES

Latest Type Investigation Has 'Killing' Effect—Old Inquiries Recalled.

Washington—The day of the congressional "killer" investigation has arrived to displace the long series of whoop-up investigations designed to put across pet pieces of legislation.

Many of the methods adopted by the one or two as fantastic as those of the other.

Two "killer" investigations are underway and a third has already completed its work. The Smith committee investigating the national labor relations board has already brought out enough evidence of dissension and peculiar performances to put the board's life in jeopardy at the coming session of congress.

The Dies committee was largely credited with bringing about the defeat of Frank Murphy last year in his race for re-election as governor of Michigan. It is adding to the shelling directed by the Smith committee at the Wagner act.

The house investigation of WPA activities last summer killed the federal theater project by exposing an over-dosage of Communist influence.

The Older Pattern

What a contrast are these to the pattern of earlier investigations of the type which began with the securities and banking investigation in 1933 and 1934. Banking practices, stock market manipulations and phony security flotations were paraded before the incredulous eyes of a country at large, both of which were smarting under the scorch of the depression. Out of it came the securities and exchange commission and a volume of legislation designed to make good bankers out of bad bankers and to wipe out trick security issues altogether. It has worked so effectively that now the cries arise from the other direction—that regulation is stifling enterprise.

The insull debacle brought a demand for drastic utility reform. The holding company bill resulted. At the hour of a crucial test as to the kind of teeth it would have, the Black anti-lobbying investigation got busy. A utility company had tried to drum up an appearance of public antipathy to the bill by sending in a volume of protests.

Unfortunately, most of the protesters had names beginning with letters C to G. An enterprising utility company agent in Pennsylvania had simply picked up a telephone book and began dispatching telegrams signed by directory names as fast as he could copy them. The committee caught him before he reached the Jones, Smiths and Zilches. It had a three day circus out of that. Other utility protests, many quite valid, were discredited and the bill was whooped across.

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RAILROADS IN OREGON EXTEND 3,472 MILES; SPEND LARGE AMOUNT

Salem, Ore., (U.P.)—There are 3,472 miles of railroads in Oregon according to information received here from the national Association of American Railroads.

The report shows that railway payrolls in the state amounted to \$17,418,002 for the 10,566 employees in 1937, the latest year for which these complete figures are available. Railway purchases of fuel, materials, equipment and supplies for the year amounted to \$10,772,635.

In 1938 the railroads paid taxes amounting to \$2,785,658, and in the period from 1900 to 1938 inclusive, the state, county and local governments collected \$70,959 in taxes from the railroads of the state, not including some of the minor lines which have not reported since 1917 and many of the switching and terminal companies, the report shows.

Charlie McCarthy In Detective Role At New Craterian

Charlie McCarthy attains the status of a star in "Charlie McCarthy, Detective," seen yesterday at the Craterian theatre. And as a stellar performer, he's great in every splinter of his being.

Of course, Edgar Bergen shares the starring position with Charlie, edging in on every one of Charlie's scenes but not attempting to steal anything from McCarthy. Mortimer Sgerd, another of Bergen's family, is also starred.

"Charlie McCarthy, Detective" is a murder mystery story, with Charlie (with Bergen's aid) ultimately unravelling the maze of twisted clues and pinning the crime on the guilty party. The story is unusually sound, and with Bergen's inimitable comedy, the combination produces one of the top entertainment offerings of the season.

Robert Cummings, Constance Moore and John Sutton furnish the romantic element of the story, with Cummings as a magazine columnist, Miss Moore as Bergen's partner in his night club act, and Sutton as Miss Moore's sweetheart. In other important roles are Louis Calhern, Edgar Kennedy, Harold Huber, Samuel S. Hinds and Warren Hymer.

Miss Moore sings two songs—one more than does McCarthy, who bursts into song for the first time on the screen. Charlie's number is "I'm Charlie McCarthy, Detective."

Hens Get Shellshock.

Los Gatos, Cal.—(U.P.)—Mrs. George Bailey, proprietor of a poultry farm, protested strongly to county authorities against the continued blasting to destroy trees in construction of a new road. She represented 300 egg producers who declared that not an egg had been laid by a single hen since the blasting began.

SANTA BARBARA FLOAT IS BEST

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—A float depicting three modern racing sloops rounding a weather marker, done in flowers by Santa Barbara, won the sweepstakes prize of the 51st Tournament of Roses.

A special prize went to Portland, Ore., for a Portland Rose Festival entry.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—A million persons gathered from far corners of the earth today to watch the 51st renewal of Pasadena's famed Tournament of Roses.

Sixty elaborate floats, covered with millions of flowers, were rushed to completion during the night by weary workers.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

OREGON INCOME TAX WILL BRING IN MORE THIS YEAR IS BELIEF

Salem, Ore., (U.P.)—Oregon will collect approximately \$500,000 more this year on 1939 income than it did on 1938 earnings, the state tax commission estimates.

The total income tax collection for 1939 will be about \$4,600,000 and 1940 receipts should reach \$5,100,000, the commission believes.

The commission attributes part of the expected gain to the addition of between 4,000 and 5,000 federal employees to the tax list for the first time, and a decided improvement in economic conditions in 1939 over 1938.

The inclusion of the federal workers on the state lists will bring the total number of state income taxpayers to around 94,000 the commission said. This figure does not include corporations, partnerships or other business coalitions.

The state income tax is used to offset property taxes and the increase in receipts will be felt on the 1941 property levy providing expenses are kept equal.

HIT RUN VICTIM FIRST FOR YEAR

Portland, Ore., Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—A hit-run driver killed Portland's first traffic victim of 1940 early today, lifting the holiday toll of the state to five. Another man died in a gravel slide.

Joseph Van Gilder, about 60, died a few minutes after being struck by a hit-run driver at 1:15 a. m. His companion, Stuart Wells, 49, suffered a broken leg. The driver and a young woman companion escaped.

Near Klamath Falls Henry D. Turchard, 38, of West Fir was killed when a slide occurred at the city gravel pit. A boulder struck him on the head. His brother, Charles, West Fir, and R. L. Freeman, Klamath Falls, were covered by the slide but managed to dig themselves out.

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HOUSEKEEPER'S DAUGHTER

BACHELOR MOTHER

"Honeymooners"

Just married (two months) are Stuart Erwin and Marjorie Weaver in the new comedy, "The Honeymoon's Over," which comes to the New Rialto theatre for tomorrow and Wednesday as the companion feature with "Fugitive at Large," starring Jack Holt.

"The Honeymoon's Over" is a gay hilarity of domestic life with a swell comedy cast including Patrick Knowles, Russell Hicks, June Gale and E. E. Clive.

MORMONS SHIFT RELIEF LEADERS

Salt Lake City, Utah (U.P.)—A new slate of officers now supervises activities of the 100,000-member National Woman's Relief Society, women's organization of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) church.

New president is Mrs. Amy Brown Lyman, nationally known social worker and wife of Dr. Richard R. Lyman, member of the ruling council of 12 apostles of the L.D.S. church.

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