

## Weed Control Meet Slated for March 17

A weed control meeting for Jackson county agent. The meeting will open at 10 a.m., and will adjourn in mid-afternoon. Speakers will include L. R. Chandler, of the Oregon State Highway department; Rex

Warren, of Oregon State college, and Frank McKennon and R. S. Kelso of the Oregon State Department of Agriculture. Kelso will conduct state examinations for interested applicators.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

## Pickin' Pears

News and Notes  
From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Southern Oregon is possessed of a landmark—Table Rock—which provided the setting for a famous incident in the colorful history of dealing with the Indians.

When General Joseph Lane led a delegation of 10 men to the top of the rock in 1853, to negotiate the treaty with Chief Joe of the rebellious tribe which had been causing trouble in the valley, one of the members of the party was a young captain of volunteers, J.W. Nesmith.

Today his grandson Linn W. Nesmith is a World War I veteran living at Camp White. Nesmith writes background stories of the war experiences and other interesting phases of the lives of domiciliary members for the Oregon Legionnaire. Only a few intimates know that it was his grandfather who furnished the most dramatic gesture that sealed the peace in the Rogue valley for years to come.

It was agreed that the men would go aloft to the Indian camp unarmed. And when they came in the presence of the chief they carried no side arms or

guns. In the course of the powwow, there was much wavering over the decision. Finally, the chief spoke up and agreed to the terms. He was convinced because Captain Nesmith had reached into his jacket to grasp the hunting knife which was not visible, but was understood by Chief Joe, beside whom Nesmith crouched.

Linn Nesmith was born two years after his grandfather died. The family had moved to Polk county and he knew little or nothing of the incident at Table Rock until he had grown up. He was naturally stimulated by the accounts of the exploit, which he uncovered when he came to live in southern Oregon.

Captain Nesmith afterward was made a colonel in the volunteers. In 1861, he was elected by the legislature to serve in the United States Senate. Later, he was elected by the people to be a congressman-at-large.

Linn does recall one story which was part of his family tradition, in remarks made to a minister, who commented on the impressive oration Colonel Nesmith gave at the funeral of General Lane.

"I noticed," the minister observed, "that you spoke glowingly of General Lane in his life on earth, but you said nothing of the hereafter."

"Reverend," Colonel Nesmith answered, "I never say anything about things I don't know anything about."

Being a little skeptical as well as practical, seems to be a family characteristic. Linn Nesmith likes to be shown, and so not long ago, one of the doctors, who also wanted to see the place where the Treaty of Table Rock was negotiated, took him along and there they examined the marker giving the names of the 11 men who went to the top "unarmed" to meet the warring Indians.

Now, Nesmith carries a photograph of himself, beside the marker on the spot where his grandfather placed the family name in the history books.

Washington's Birthday was observed quietly at Camp White, with no special activity scheduled and few taking advantage of the "long weekend" to be away. The only special event planned was the dance held Monday night under auspices of the VFW Auxiliary.

## Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (U.P.)—A movie star who has been movie-less, Sheree North, finally started her first film today and served notice she'll be no carbon copy of Marilyn Monroe.

Sheree indicated with a sigh she is weary of being reminded she is 20th Century Fox' second - stringer who was signed after Marilyn skipped out to get married. For a year Sheree has been yanked in and out of casting announcements, depending on whether Marilyn was speaking to the studio that week.

After Marilyn announced she wanted to play in "The Brothers Karamazov" the studio suspended her again and Sheree won another hand-me-down Monroe role, co-starring with Betty Grable in "How To Be Very, Very Popular." Unlike Sheree's other announced roles, this one is actually getting on celluloid.

Script Sharp  
"But I'm doing this part my way," Sheree said firmly as she walked on the set for her first movie job. "If I'm ever going to be known, it will have to be my way."

Nunnally Johnson, the producer, director and writer of the picture, originally wrote it as a custom-job for Marilyn. To tailor it for Sheree, he explained he switched the script from "Blah" to "Sharp."

"For example, the girl's opening line was 'Blah—you know, wide-eyed, like Marilyn. To suit Sheree, I made it a sharp line," he said.

"And Sheree," he added firmly in memory of the open-mouthed Monroe, "will not act like Marilyn. She has been instructed to play the entire part with her mouth shut."

Sheree actually has her own type of wiggle and behaves not at all like Marilyn. The wisecracking dancer is more like a blonde, sexy Eve Arden.

Walk in Rain  
For the first scene Sheree and Betty Grable (her injured knee still in a brace) had to walk in a man-made rain on the set. Water even spouted from pipes that framed the camera. The two blondes were thoroughly soaked, clothes and all, before they stepped before the camera in the downpour.

After one day of this wet work, flipped Sheree, "I'm beginning to wish Marilyn would come back!"

"This rain! I dunno, maybe they can have this business. And this six o'clock in the morning bit," she groaned.

"But I won't feel as if I've really done anything until I see the results on the screen."

"It's almost a year since the studio signed me. And all I've done so far is publicity."

## Theft Leaves 11

### Fathers Out of Work

Portland — (U.P.)—Theft of a motor and a fan in a weekend burglary at a paper-shredding plant here left 11 fathers out of work today.

The shredding plant, operated by the Oregon Institute of Social Welfare, has been employing 11 heads of families recently dropped from public welfare roles.

Dr. Floyd K. Dover, institute president, said that no funds were available to replace the stolen machinery.

Nine out of 10 fur coats sold in the U.S. are made within a five block area in the city of New York.

Thursday, February 24, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

## Ex-French Diplomat, Playwright Succumbs

Paris — (U.P.)—Paul Claudel, who won acclaim as a diplomat and a playwright, died yesterday.

He was 86. Claudel served in the French diplomatic service on four continents, culminating his career

in the top overseas post of ambassador to the United States from 1927 to 1933.

Although most of his plays were written to be read, several of them have achieved stage success. His "Joan at the Stake," set to music and starring Ingrid

Salem — (U.P.)—Motorists traveling to Timberline are advised by the State Highway Department to carry chains. Two inches of new snow fell in the resort area.

Bergman, has toured Britain and Italy and is now playing in Sweden.

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