

Real Estate Men To Attend Course

Charles W. Johnston, chief auditor, state tax commission income tax division, will conduct a two-hour course in Medford Nov. 9 for all licensed real estate brokers and salesmen in Jackson county.

Johnston, who has had more than 20 years experience in the field of income tax, will discuss taxation in real estate transactions. In previous courses, Johnston has pointed out there is no such thing as a tax free deal. Under certain conditions, however, it is advisable to take advantage of a number of opportunities for tax postponement.

William Frohnmayer, president of the Medford Realty board, said the lecture and question and answer period will be held in Room 224, Hedrick Junior High school. Johnston is appearing under the sponsorship of the Oregon real estate department.

ACTOR DROPS DEAD

Hollywood - (UPI) - Actor Joe McCabe, 45, dropped dead of an apparent heart attack during filming of the "Bonanza" TV show at Paramount studios Thursday.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

The Verdict was Guilty, And Crow was Put to Death

There was pandemonium that morning in the crow-roost. The air was vibrant with the clamor of hundreds of raucous voices. It was a frenzy of sound and the tumult seemed to be localized in a tall cedar tree that stood by itself just outside the grove of other trees. Here the crow crowd was converging in a welter of black bodies.

Even with the aid of glasses the human observer had trouble sorting out the birds, but he noticed one that sat on a limb alone. Around him the others flew in circles. On a branch above him, four crows sat.

Remained Aloof

They did not fly with the circling crowd, but remain aloof from the noisy mob.

It was apparent the lone crow was a sad individual. He had every appearance of being dejected, as if he had lost his last friend. As the man studied the situation he realized he was a witness to an event he had often heard about, but never expected to see—a crowd defendant at the bar of justice; an accused bird about to be sentenced by a group of his superiors.

There they sat, those whose duty it was to mete out a sentence to one who had sinned. They looked the part, the solemn four; they also seemed to look with disfavor on the accused. It was obvious that the four judges were listening to the voice of the mob. All the crows were cawing; there seemed to be no dissenting voice; the crowd indicated that they thought the accused was guilty.

The accused never attempted to defend himself. Not once did he raise his head. He seemed to know that

the crowd was all against him.

Accused Was Guilty

Perhaps, as crow courts go, it was fair and impartial. All interested parties seemed to have been heard from and their combined opinions seemed the same. In all the bird minds the accused was guilty.

As if someone had pulled a lever, every crow voice was stilled. The birds came to rest in nearby trees, silent and watchful. There must have been a meeting of the minds, for without a backward glance the four solemn crows took wing and flew away.

There was no doubt as to the verdict. As the judges departed, the crow crowd swooped in toward the accused; as each passed him they pecked savagely at him. It didn't take long. Inside of a pitifully short time the lone crow fell from his perch, dead at the beaks of his executioners.

The trial, if that is what it was, was ended. The sentence was carried out; the last crow flew away, leaving the body of the condemned a bloody mass of feathers. Whatever he was guilty of will never be known, but whatever it was, he paid the supreme penalty.

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School Officials Attend Convention

A number of school board representatives and school officials of Jackson county are attending the annual Oregon School Boards convention at the University of Oregon, according to County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold.

Prof. Miles Romney, University of Oregon, yesterday spoke on the importance of post-curriculum study in the high school. A symposium on important developments in education administration in the decade ahead was scheduled yesterday. Speakers were Dean Paul G. Jacobson and Keith Goldhamer, both of the University of Oregon; Superintendent Harold Bell, Springfield; Cecil Posey, executive secretary of the Oregon Education association.

Group discussions were scheduled yesterday afternoon. Today the group considered the proposed legislative program as developed by the association's legislative committee.



POLITICAL OVERTONES—There seemed to be political overtones to the trumpeting and braying that filled the air when Queen Tut, the elephant, met Donna, the donkey, at the Fort Worth, Tex., zoo recently. Neither would back off, and the great debate settled down to one issue: "You don't scare me!" (UPI Telephoto)

Back Stairs: Availability of Jobs

By WILLIAM J. EATON

Washington - (UPI) - Back stairs at the White House: The White House staff is already busy digging up the answer to the question the next president is almost certain to ask right off the bat.

The question is bluntly, how many federal jobs are there available to spread around among leading supporters of the incoming chief executive?

It makes no difference whether Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the GOP candidate, or Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Democratic contender, moves into the White House so far as the job question is concerned.

Old hands recall that President Harry S. Truman swept out all but one of Franklin D. Roosevelt's top White House aides a short time after FDR's death in the spring of 1945, even though both Truman and Roosevelt were Democrats.

That's why wholesale changes are anticipated early next year even if the Republicans maintain the presidency. The Eisenhower crowd is sure to give way to Nixon's adherents. Of course, if Kennedy plants the Democratic banner at 1600 Pennsylvania ave., a more thorough shakeup is likely.

The answer to the job question is not ready yet. But it is estimated by experts that there are about 1,200 or 1,300 government jobs filled by the president. This total does not include ambassadors or members of White House commit-

tees. No president could come into office on Jan. 20 and reshuffle 1,300 on the following day. For one thing, many of the members of regulatory commissions have definite terms and cannot be removed at the whim of the White House.

Another consideration is that many regulatory agencies must be bipartisan in makeup by law. The statutes usually provide that, for example, no more than three members of a five man commission can belong to the same political party. This in effect, makes it necessary to throw some jobs to the loyal opposition.

Recent presidents - starting with Roosevelt - have found a way to minimize this type of Congressional interference with their desires.

The trick is to appoint a member of the opposite party - who shares the administration's broad political philosophy - like Eisenhower appointing an Eisenhower Democrat.

Of an estimated 275 persons on the White House payroll itself, informed observers believe about 200 will be "holdovers" under either a Nixon or Kennedy administration. Clerks, messengers, switchboard operators and others with less politically significant posts are included in the 200. But personal secretaries and special assistants to White House political appointees are considered expendable by an incoming president.

The outgoing chief execu-

Man Arraigned on Contributing Charge

Charles MacDonald King, 32, of 128 Valley View rd., was arraigned in district court Tuesday afternoon on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Judge Roy Bashaw granted King's request for a preliminary hearing. The hearing will be held within the next week or so, District Attorney Tom Reeder said.

King is accused of having contributed to the delinquency of an 8-year-old Medford girl on Oct. 21. King is free on \$2,000 bail.

RUSTLING DOWNGRADE

Corvallis, N. Y. - (UPI) - The absence of horse thieves in Orange county this year has proved a \$100 boon to Cornwall hospital. The 150-year-old Horse-thief Detecting Society voted at its annual meeting to turn the money over to the hospital because it did not have to finance any investigations. The society reported that no horses were stolen in the county during the year.

SOME ARE WRONG

Miami - (UPI) - Six licensed palm readers, seers and spiritualists who claim the power to foretell the future were asked by a newsmen Thurs-

day to tell him who will be elected president. Four crystal balls showed Democrat Kennedy the winner. Two promised victory for Republican Richard Nixon.

JOHN DELLENBACK FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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