



Your Money's Worth

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FOUR-DAY CHRISTMAS WEEK END

If you work for a corporation which does not have to stay open the day before Christmas to serve the public, the odds are you'll get a four-day Christmas week end this year. Christmas falls on Tuesday. "It's one of those years," and, according to the annual Dartnell Corp. survey of holiday practices, 77 per cent of a broad cross-section of companies in 23 states and Canada will close the previous Monday. Exceptions will be such businesses as retail stores which will be active right up to the Christmas eve deadline.

The New Year's week end will be nowhere near as relaxed for most of you. Nearly 68 per cent of the companies surveyed will be open regular hours that Monday. You may, though, get a few extra hours off, for many firms will close between noon and 3 p.m. to give employees a running start into New Year's eve.

This Thanksgiving eve marks the start of the season for business parties, business holiday gifts, extra time off—and there are some provocative aspects to the picture this year.

For instance, one distinct trend is toward restriction of corporation gift giving.

Whatever the forces behind the trend—the political scandals involving giving of gifts both in the Eisenhower and in the Kennedy administrations, the mounting concern about business ethics and morality, the lack of oomph in the economy, the break in the stock market, the tightening of the tax laws or a combination of part or all of these—the fact is that the trend has been accelerating. Dartnell discloses that 47 per cent of the companies it surveyed have a no-gift policy, an increase of 8 per cent just in one year. Many who do not prohibit the taking or giving of gifts discourage them under unwritten rules.

Where the no-gift policy is written, it usually is strict. As one illustration, IBM sends a letter to its suppliers saying flatly, "You will appreciate our reminding you that it is our policy not to accept gifts, either from suppliers or those who desire to become suppliers." Mack Trucks' instruction is similarly stern: "No employee is to solicit or accept gifts at any time of the year." Raytheon adds that after stating its "policy prohibiting the acceptance of gifts or gratuities by our employees" the sentence, "It is extremely important to avoid any action which could be construed as an improper influence on our procurement activity."

A distinct trend this year too is toward less expensive business gifts when they are given.

Another study just made by "The Counselor," a trade magazine in the specialty advertising industry, reveals a sharp drop in the amount being spent for each business gift. While the \$25 limit on the tax deduction allowance for each business gift won't go into effect until 1963, the number of \$100 and \$200 gifts ordered has plunged (October and November are the traditional months for buying of business gifts). Gifts costing less than \$25 are way up, with most in the \$5-\$15 range, and the average business gift expenditure now down to around \$7 per person. The new tax law also has given a boost to "selective gift" plans—under which each recipient can select what he likes from a booklet illustrating a variety of gifts in the same price range. The reason is that the booklets provide the companies with a complete record of their gift spending and this will be required under the new tax law.

The type of gifts is changing as well. Gifts for the home are in an uptrend, desk items are in a major decline. In foods, cheeses and preserves are gaining at the expense of turkeys, hams and liquor.

P.S.: Counselor's prize for the "least popular gift" this year goes to Havana cigars.

P.P.S.: If you're in for a four-day Christmas week end and you're still on many business gifts lists, you've probably enjoyed reading this report. I haven't particularly enjoyed writing it, though. In my job my days off will be Christmas Day and New Year's Day, period. As for business gifts, I didn't even get a quota of ugly calendars last year.

Grange News

Greenhorn Grange

Yreka - The election of officers for 1963 was the main order of business for Greenhorn Grange at the regular meeting held Nov. 10 at the Grange hall. They will be installed Dec. 1 by Deputy Wayne Ralston and his installing staff.

Lou Coles was elected to serve as master; Kermit Wheeler, overseer; Mrs. Joe Lewellyn, lecturer; Kenneth Bley, assistant steward; Mrs. Lou Coles, chaplain; Mrs. Margaret Wintering, treasurer; Mrs. Wayne Ralston, secretary; Ray Wheeler, gatekeeper; Mrs. Brian Cannon, Ceres; Mrs. Francis Schultz, Pomona; Mrs. Estelle Severns, Flora; Mrs. Kenneth Bley, lady assistant steward; Willard Freeman, executive committee; Mrs. John Cavley, musician; Mrs. Kermit Wheeler, flag bearer, and Jimmy Bevel, steward.

During the evening the charter was draped in memory of Mrs. Harold Lange, for whom an eulogy was given by Master Ray Wheeler. Jim Bevel and Mrs. Kermit Wheeler sang a hymn accompanying themselves on their guitars.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bristler, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swigart, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lea, Mr. and Mrs. John Denz and Stanley Thompson.

Griffin Creek

The Griffin Creek Grange will not hold a regular meeting this week because the date falls on Thanksgiving day. The next meeting will be Dec. 13.

At the last business session officers were elected. Virgil Wilkes was elected master; Harry Haertle, overseer; Pearl Farnsworth, lecturer; Cyril Farnsworth, steward; William Darby, assistant steward; Iva Harper, chaplain; George Mero, treasurer; Ruth Clark, secretary; Winn Arnold, gate

keeper; Mollie Casey, Ceres; Helen Wilkes, Pomona; Marge Mero, Flora; Lulu Sturgill, lady assistant steward; Clyde Sturgill, Jack Bierma and Earl Croft, executive committee.

Phoenix Grange

At the last meeting of Phoenix Grange, Master Al Parks, a visitor from Gilroy Grange, at Gilroy, Calif., was escorted to the master's station. He spoke on the different ways that Grange elections are managed as that was the business of the evening.

Officers elected for the following year are Lloyd Whiteside, master; Charles Johnson, overseer; Mrs. Lester Carr, lecturer; Walter Gillette, steward; Mervin Hixson, assistant steward; Mrs. Raymond Cyr, chaplain; L. R. Thomas, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Meadows, secretary; Robert Meadows, gatekeeper; Mrs. Charles Johnson, Ceres; Mrs. Jesse Sanders, Pomona; Mrs. Charles Hockersmith, Flora; and Mrs. Mervin Hixson, lady assistant steward.

The executive committee are Lloyd Lacy, Olin Poe and Sol Cox.

Installation of officers will be held at the Central Point Grange, Dec. 2, at 1:30 p.m. Another installation service will be at Eagle Point Grange, Dec. 9, at 1:30 p.m., for those who miss the first program.

Refreshments were served after the meeting by the Charles Johnsons and Mrs. Ralph Swingle.

Oct. 12 Windstorm

Claims 19th Victim

Portland - (UPI) - The Red Cross has reported another death from the Oct. 12 windstorm.

Mrs. Maude Steyer, 82, Forest Grove, died in Tualatin hospital in Hillsboro Nov. 12 from injuries suffered in the storm. She was the 19th victim of the storm in Oregon.

Exams Open for Civil Service Positions

New examinations are open to fill the federal civil service positions of contract specialist, contract price analyst, stock control clerk and student trainee, according to the civil service regional headquarters. Additional information and applications may be obtained at most post offices.

New Constitution Expected To Face Axe in Legislature

Editor's note: The most far-reaching item to be debated by the 1963 legislature will be a new Oregon constitution. This is the last of three dispatches describing the background, and what lies ahead. Today: The Outlook for Passage.

By DOUGLAS GRIPP

Salem - (UPI) - The general feeling about the lean, austere Oregon constitution being proposed to the 1963 legislature is that the legislature will chop it to pieces.

Some predict the document will be killed altogether. While experts agree that the existing constitution, more than a century old, is sorely in need of modernization, pressures against major surgery are expected to be great.

The document that Oregon's constitutional revision commission is putting before the legislature is a major revision.

Minor surgery—such as taking out obsolete provisions—would be easier to achieve.

A two-thirds majority of each house is the minimum for passage of the new constitution. This is usually tough to muster even on lesser matters. If the legislature does

approve, the last step would be a verdict by the voters. Joint Committee Seen

Chances for legislative passage would be enhanced if the legislature decides to form a joint Senate-House committee on constitutional revision. There is some resistance to this already. Separate committees would make it easier to

bottle things up if the going got rough.

Pro and con lines already are forming.

The proposed document is too heavy for the Oregon State Bar, and the lack of support from this influential group hurts. The bar has recommended postponement of any action for two years, to

allow time for more study.

Some top state officials—including Gov. Mark Hatfield and Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr.—have praised the commission's work.

This helps, even though they disagree with some proposed changes.

The commission approved its final draft 15-2, with State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Portland) and State Rep. Stafford Hansell (R-Hermiston) dissenting. A unanimous vote would have made the commission's recommendation stronger.

Several commissioners are writing minority reports, including Mahoney; State Rep.

Clarence Barton (D-Coquille); and Hans Linde of Eugene, a law professor. Barton and Linde disagree with certain provisions, but strongly favor the product in toto.

Package Idea Favored

The commission chairman, State Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) feels this way: "I've been a little more encouraged lately. If we can get it through as a package, there is a better chance."

"Our hope would be that the legislature would approve it as a unit, and not submit it to the people in pieces," he added. Layman did not seek reelection to the legislature, but he expects to spend a lot of time here to see how the constitution progresses.

Another commissioner who also is a legislator—State Sen. Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland)—predicts that "on the

whole there is a good chance for passage"—although perhaps not in the form it is being recommended.

Pearson, a key senator, will be a big booster in the upper chamber for a new constitution.

Experts agree the constitution has a number of "mistakes" in it—material that belongs elsewhere, or belongs in the statutes. But one man's mistake is another man's vested interest.

The chances are best for a partial revision in the session. This would be "half a loaf" but a big step forward.

If nothing else, the need for revision has been recognized as never before.

There is no disagreement on one thing—the 1963 legislature has a vast opportunity to make history, greater than many sessions past.

Columbus Day Storm Story Is on Film

The story of Oregon's Columbus Day storm is portrayed in Pacific Northwest Bell's recently released film, "October 12, 1962," according to J. H. Creager, Pacific Northwest Bell manager here.

The 16-mm sound film in black and white shows graphically the force of the Columbus Day windstorm which struck western Oregon and the work of telephone employees in restoring service to the stricken area.

Creager said the film is available without charge for showings before clubs, church and civic groups. Arrangements for obtaining the film can be made by calling the PNB business office here.

"October 12, 1962" was produced by Don Horter Productions, Portland. The running time is 14 minutes.

Restaurant at City Airport To Close; Remodeling Planned

After nine years of continuous operation, the Talk O' Towne restaurant at the Medford municipal airport will close at 8 o'clock tonight, according to Gilbert L. Gutjahr, airport manager.

The lease on the restaurant, which has been held by William and Judith Fisher, was not due to expire until March, 1963, but the lessees have chosen to close their business earlier.

The restaurant will remain closed, Gutjahr said, for at least the next two months for extensive remodeling.

About \$15,000 has been appropriated for the remodeling. Gutjahr said he is now receiving proposed plans from restaurant and hotel suppliers.

The contract on the project will not be open for bidding but will be awarded to the firm which submits the best proposal for the remodeling, Gutjahr said.

The dining room will be completely renovated and new fixtures will be installed in the kitchen.

The restaurant has a seating capacity of 40. No expansion of the present quarters is planned in the remodeling project, Gutjahr said.

Prospective new lessees interested in assuming the operation of the restaurant following its remodeling have been invited to contact Gutjahr's office in city hall.

Police Investigate Three Accidents

Medford city police investigated three non-injury vehicle accidents Monday. No citations were issued.

A parked city police car was damaged about 3:03 p.m. at West Main and Jeanette sts. when it was struck by a vehicle operated by Dennis Lee Schmall, 17, of 841 South Riverside ave.

Police Officer Gerald Butler was away from the car at the time of the mishap checking on another accident.

The accident he was investigating occurred about 2:43 p.m. at Columbus and West Main sts. Drivers involved were Madge White Fairchild, 74, of 2080 South Stage rd., and Claude Douglas Rawlins, 27, Central Point.

Another accident Monday occurred about 1:25 p.m. at Eighth st. and Riverside ave. Drivers of the vehicles were Lamar Couch, 39, of 919 Chestnut st., and Velda Arlene Olson, 41, of 100 South Grove-land dr.

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Constitutional Report Approved

Portland - (UPI) - The Oregon Constitutional Revision Commission approved a report summarizing its work in drafting a proposed new constitution for Oregon.

The commission voted 15 to 1 to delete the word "moderate" in describing the changes it proposes after State Sen. Stafford Hansell (R-Hermiston) declared "The changes are not moderate."

The draft, which would delete many obsolete provisions of the present century-old constitution, as well as make new governmental provisions, now goes to the 1963 legislature. If it is approved by two-thirds of each house, it will go to the voters for ratification.

Pair To Start McNeil Sentences

Portland - (UPI) - Earl C. Corey and Laurence M. Smith have been ordered to surrender to the federal prison at McNeil Island next week to start serving two-year terms.

The order came after a federal judge denied Corey's petition for suspension of his sentence on grounds of ill health.

The judge said, however, if his health grows worse, another petition can be filed.

Corey, 63, Portland, and Smith, 64, Waterville, Wash., were sentenced after they were convicted of conspiracy in government wheat storage while Corey was head of the Agriculture Department's Portland Commodity office.

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Research Engineer Quits Highway Post

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon Highway Department has announced the resignation of Roy C. Edgerton, research engineer and veteran of 26 years with the agency.

He has taken a position with the Highway Research Board in Washington, D.C., and leaves Dec. 1. A successor here has not been named.

GETS CITY POST

Hood River - (UPI) - Bruce Clausen, 45, project engineer for moving the city of Arlington, has been named city administrator here by the city council.

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