

--Mill Ends--

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Blazek took M. W. Dorothy to Post, Oregon Wednesday. Mr. Dorothy had been visiting her for several days.

John Swan spent the weekend in Portland with his son, Ronald and family and with his daughter Mrs. A. H. Smeenk and family.

The Mill City Woman's club meeting which was scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, has been cancelled. The next meeting will be February 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Walkup went to Portland Sunday and spent Monday there buying merchandise for their variety store here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barney of The Dalles have been visiting at the home of his parents for the past two weeks. Clyde is convalescing from a back injury sustained last September.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shively and family of Richland, Washington were guests over New Years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phillips. Mr. Shively worked on Detroit dam about two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George I. Mowery, of Sheridan, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Willoughby. Mr. Mowery is district manager of the P. G. E. Company in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson and sons, and Wes Greene, spent the New Year holidays visiting relatives in Spokane, Washington and St. Maries, Idaho. Wes said they had nice weather on the trip for the most part but ran into a real rugged blizzard on the pas coming home. He said it ever seen in North Dakota.

Sharon Gray, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. George Veteto invited guests to their home Saturday night for a slumber party. Those present were Hazel and Bunny Caudle, Penny Gould and Zita Crosier.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Agnes Allen are Mr. and Mrs. William Knight, Barbara Ann and Nancy Jean from Lincoln, Montana. Mr. Knight is the grandson of Mrs. Allen. He plans to locate in Oregon.

Karl A. M. Green of Kearney, Nebraska, was here recently visiting his mother, Mrs. Foster M. Green and sister, Mrs. John W. Anderson. He also visited other relatives in the area.

Meander Inn Tavern girls team defeated the Bridge Tavern girls team in an exhibition shuffle board game at Bridge Tavern Tuesday evening, to the tune of 153 to 88. A return game will be played January 19 at Meander Inn. The local team are ready to meet all girls' teams in the area.

Minister H. E. Jull of the local Christian church began a series of sermons based on Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians last Sunday morning. This epistle was the first one written by the Apostle Paul, and perhaps the first written book of the New Testament, and provides teachings of special interest to all Christians. The subject of Sunday's sermon will be, "The Three Cardinal Virtues," from Chapter 1, Verse 3.

Officers for the Sundayschool of the Presbyterian church elected Sunday, January 3, to be approved by the congregation at the annual meeting, January 20th were as follows: Alice Smith, superintendent; Mrs. Arlo Tuers, assistant superintendent; Mrs. W. W. Allen corresponding secretary; Mrs. Vern Clark Sunday school secretary; Mrs. Lee Ross, pianist. Superintendent of the primary department is Mrs. James Swan.

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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Senator Joe McCarthy may have inadvertently set theme song of forthcoming Congress.

Recently McCarthy took stand U. S. taxpayers should not pay foreign aid to nations trading with Communists.

Secretary of State Dulles waxed indignant. This nation, he proclaimed, will not attempt to dictate to or coerce friendly nations.



However, a few days later, C. W. Harder in a talk directed specifically to an assembly of the Atlantic Nations Pact in Paris, this same Dulles warned that unless six nation army of European Defense Community is activated soon the U. S. will revise European policies.

Therefore, coercion of allies appears to be largely a matter of who is doing the coercing.

Among many students of the Washington scene, this little round robin is considered as added support for the Bricker amendment to take treaty making powers from the White House and transfer them to Congress to prevent waste of American blood and money on foreign adventures of which the American public does not approve.

From the standpoint of the worldwide boondoggling set, the "off again, on again" switch on coercion of allies came at a bad time as Congressmen are home among their constituents, thoroughly confused by official confusion on international policies.

Constituents are asking "Why so much concern with Timbuctoo when there are problems on Main Street?"

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The facts appear that much of the problem besetting independent business is the lack of enforcement of anti trust laws.

The Federal Trade Commission, charged with investigation of anti trust law violations, is operating on a budget of \$4 million, 100 thousand dollars, or \$2 million, 400 thousand dollars less than the FTC considered necessary to do even a mediocre job. The majority of cuts are in the anti-monopoly branch.

Savings of about \$2 1/2 million could help the citizen's tax bill. But at the same time money is slashed from agency charged with protecting free enterprise in America, \$345 million is given France to help her maintain colonial rulership over Indo China.

FTC had a smaller staff in April 1953 than it had in 1918. Since that time further reductions lopped off 64 more people.

So far as can be determined, this constant whittling down of the FTC is not being protested by newly appointed Chairman Edward Howrey who formerly fought FTC rulings as a big rubber attorney.

There appears in the entire FTC situation too many coincidences to be believable.

For example, with complaints of anti trust violations at a high peak FTC strength is slashed.

Yet in a few short years State Department has grown from 900 employees to 42,000.

It is similar to a home owner economizing by cancelling his fire insurance while spending heavily for imported champagne.

In short, the new Congress might take stand their constituents are on Main Street, not in Timbuctoo.

1954 FARM PRICES MAY STRENGTHEN, SAY OSC EXPERTS

Some strengthening of farm prices may come in 1954. The general business situation holds the key, says Dr. G. B. Wood, head of the department of agriculture economics of Oregon State college.

Wood, a member of President Eisenhower's national advisory agricultural commission, explains that farm and business prosperity tend to parallel each other. When business or consumer incomes are high, people buy more food and are willing to pay higher prices for it.

Farm income is expected to continue below levels of recent years, although Wood believes the price-cost squeeze, active since 1951, may cease a little during the coming months.

Farmers are producing more than can be sold at "high" prices, explains the economist. Possibilities of expanding markets are hopeful but not too promising in the short run. If the farm plant is to produce to capacity, says Wood, farmers will face lower prices than in recent years and lower net incomes. Higher marketing costs and shrinking exports will be important influences.

Both price cuts as well as curtailed production are likely in the year ahead. Government prices and marketing assistance may take on new "appeal," the economist indicates.

Production costs should be down a little and with reasonable weather conditions, Wood expects Oregon farmers to have about as much money to spend in 1954 as during 1953.

M. D. Thomas, OSC extension agriculturist, explains Oregon farm income hinge on prices and production. Prices for most products depend on national and world—not Oregon—supply and demand. Oregon production depends mostly on weather and growers' response to marketing conditions, but planting restrictions will be of new importance in 1954.

Knowledge of domestic and foreign demand, governed by buying, marketing and production costs, and confidence will help maintain farm income and keep financing sound, says Thomas.

Hen Feeding Ideas Published by O.S.C.

Latest finding on what to feed laying and breeding hens reported in a new bulletin issued by the Oregon State college extension service.

The bulletin gives new ideas on cutting feed costs through more efficient and less expensive rations. It notes that feed represents the largest item of costs in egg production.

"Feeding Laying and Breeding Hens," extension bulletin 744, is available from county extension agents or Oregon State college. It was written by N. L. Bennion, extension poultry specialist, and G. H. Arzoff and J. E. Parker of the OSC poultry department.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duffy motored to Salem Sunday and from there were accompanied to Beaverton by Mrs. Tom Courtney, Sr. where they visited at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Tom Courtney. They attended church while in Beaverton. Rev. Courtney sends greetings to his friends here.

William Josslin Considering Democratic Gubernatorial Nomination in Primaries

William L. Josslin, Portland attorney and ex-Democrat state chairman, said Wednesday that he is considering filing for the Democratic nomination for governor in the May primary election.

Josslin, 48, a Portland native, was secretary and legal advisor of the late Governor Charles H. Martin.

He was Democratic state chairman 33 months ahead of the administration of Howard Margan, Monmouth, present state chairman.

This is Josslin's second time to show interest in the gubernatorial race, but he dropped the idea in 1950.

Wiley Smith, Multnomah county assessor has said he intends to file for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

The Christian Woman's Fellowship will meet this evening (Thursday) at the home of Mrs. Edward Cruson in Lyons. The meeting will start at 7:30 p. m., with Mrs. E. K. Fish, the president, in charge of the business session. Mrs. Ada Plymale is program leader. The study theme for this six months is, "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World." Mrs. Jull will have charge of the devotions at tonight's meeting.

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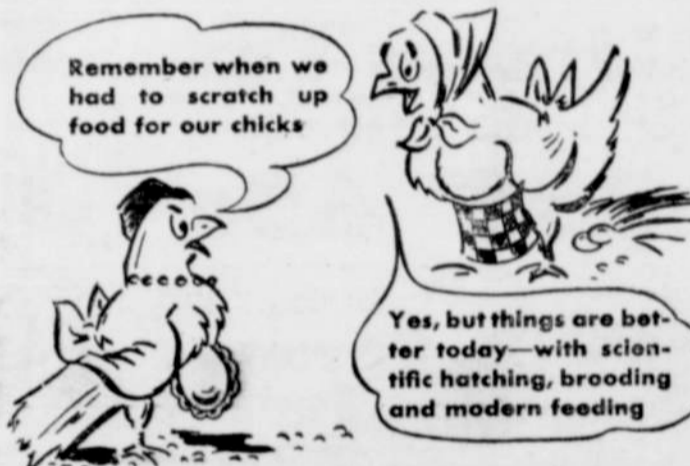
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