

AUTO LICENSES COMBINED FOR COUNTY OFFICE

Combination of auto license issuance and drivers' examination functions in one office in the basement of the courthouse has been arranged through cooperation of Sheriff Lloyd Low, the secretary of state's office and the county court.

Beginning on December 26, temporary auto licenses will be issued from the new office instead of the tax offices on the main floor of the courthouse.

On January 2, the two functions will be permanently combined. From that time on there will be a full time examiner for driver's licenses in Klamath Falls, bringing a new service to the motorists of this community. It was announced.

Heretofore the drivers' examinations have been given by examiners coming here from outside for a few days a month. Temporary auto licenses have been issued from the tax offices, where this function has caused considerable congestion.

Ward McReynolds, examiner of operators and chauffeurs for the secretary of state's office, will continue in supervision of drivers' examinations, and Sheriff Low will continue to supervise temporary license issuance.

The actual office work will be done by a Mr. Bucknell, who is now at Salem receiving instructions for his work here.

CHRISTMAS DRAMA SLATED AT CHURCH

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock, in the First Presbyterian church, a play centering in the Christmas spirit will be presented by a group of civic players under the direction of Chester Shuler of Klamath Union high school. Shuler has had wide experience in similar productions elsewhere. Assisting him in the production will be Raymond Migliaccio, Miss Marie Collier and Robert Napier.

The play is entitled "Lux Flat." It is a one act presentation that occupies thirty-five minutes to complete. It has a real Christmas message that is in danger of being forgotten in the commercializing of the holiday season. The light of the Christmas candle shining out into the dark world symbolizes the Christmas spirit that changes a hard and embittered soul into one of magnanimity and joy.

KLAMATH STUDENTS AT WILLAMETTE TO HAVE VACATION

Robert Kluth, Henry Fosom and Laurence Guderian, all Willamette university students from Klamath Falls, arrived home this week from Salem to spend the Christmas holidays, which began at Willamette with the finish of Thursday's classes.

While in Klamath Falls for the vacation, Robert will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kluth; Henry, his mother, Mrs. Grace Fosom; and Laurence, his father, Millon L. Guderian.

Kluth is a member of the sophomore class, Fosom, a junior, and Guderian, a post graduate student. While at Willamette university Guderian has run the campus print shop.

Willamette university, with an enrollment exceeding 550, is the oldest university west of the Mississippi and is located in the Willamette valley at Salem. In 1942 the institution will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

By Bill Ganong

Programs for the first annual Boy's alliance formal were going last Thursday. It is thought that about 130 couples will attend the affair which is scheduled for this Thursday night. Decorations were being put up by members of the social committee Wednesday and Thursday. The theme will center around a big Christmas tree in the center of the floor.



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The designs for the proposed senior class jewelry will be put on display in the main hall in the near future. There is a move on foot to have jewelry of the same design each year instead of having each senior class choose an entirely different design for its class pin and ring. The student body will probably vote on the matter some time in the future.

Letters were awarded to athletes playing the necessary quota of quarters this football season at an assembly Wednesday. Since the Pelican team didn't lose a game this season tradition was followed and every senior on the squad was awarded a letter. An exceedingly large number of boys playing football on the Pelican, Wildcat and frosh squads won letters. This is an indication of the increasing importance football is taking among extra curricular activities. Each year more boys are receiving an opportunity to play on a squad.

With the contest closing Thursday night, Miss Pinkston's junior home room was still holding its lead yesterday in the Hi-Y Christmas drive. However, they are being pressed by senior home room #11 which stands an excellent chance of winning.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—The forces of "primitive savagery have been loosened upon the world," former President Herbert Hoover said last night at a "Help for Finland" mass meeting under sponsorship of the Finnish Relief Fund, Inc., of which he is director.

Hoover, whose organization already has cabled \$100,000 to Finland, said the fund was "cooperating with the American Red Cross and urged support for its 'beneficent service.'"

The Red Cross informed him, he told a crowd at Madison Square Garden, "they would be glad to supply medicine and hospital supplies, they could collect garments through their chapters, but the burden of general relief measures were beyond their field."

"At the moment," Hoover said, "there is no actual shortage of food in Finland. But the thousands of destitute need funds to buy it. They need shelter. They need bedding. The sea-blockade and the destruction of their commerce will bring famine later on."

The president has said we have a rendezvous with destiny. We seem to be on our way toward a rendezvous with despair.—Thomas E. Dewey, launching his campaign in Minneapolis for GOP presidential nomination.

TROOP NO. 9 GIVEN AWARD IN SCOUTING

Troop No. 9 was winner of the court of honor skin, a white elk hide which will be awarded permanently in June, Wednesday night at a court of honor held at the Fremont school. The award is given for the troop which has the largest attendance of scouts and parents.

The following awards were made:

Second class: Louis Vogler, troop 3; Harry Tindall, troop 11. Star: Leonard Harvey, troop 4. Life: Tom Baldwin, troop 6. Apprentice Sea Scout: Earl Emery, John Redmond, SSS Elk. Ordinary Sea Scout: Kingsley Ginsbaugh, SSS Elk.

Merit badges: Bill King, camping; Alvin Anderson, handcraft; Roy Dunn, weather; Herbert Cox, carpentry; James Pex, personal health and public health; Jack Long, pathfinding.

Dr. E. D. Lamb was chairman of the court, assisted by Roy Premo. The principal speaker was R. C. Groesbeck, president of Modoc area council.

Fred Heilbrunner of Heilbrunner and Rea Fuel company, presented each scout with a 1940 Boy Scout calendar. Howard Hoskins from J. C. Penney company presented each troop with an advancement wall chart on behalf of the Penney company.

The next court will be held the third Wednesday in January.

It seems that Massachusetts has some kind of old claim to Maine having bought the state some 300 years ago. The Tea Party state tried to hush it up, however, after the 1936 elections.

German Captain Acted in Accordance With Old Code

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Captain Hans Langsdorff acted in accordance with the old Prussian code of honor for the fighting man when he killed himself so that he might pass out with his ship, the Admiral Graf Spee, which under orders he scuttled in the green waters of the south Atlantic off Montevideo Sunday.

There is a Spartan hardness and courage in this code, which rules that the individual sustain honor with death when misfortune has overtaken him. There are few instances in which this still persists, one other notable example being Japan where men commit hari-kari for the honor of their Mikado.

The badge of initiation into this Prussian code is the sabre scar across the face—a livid mark which you see most officers wearing even today when dueling is not so prevalent as it used to be. That scar is an advertisement to the world that the wearer can "take it" when it comes to enduring physical hurt.

I saw much of the working of this code at the front during the World war. I believe I may have mentioned in this column the epic of the Third Prussian Guard at one of the battles of Lens, in France.

The Germans had been driven from their trenches in this sector by the British and repeated counter attacks failed to disclose the enemy. An example was felt necessary to raise the morale of the German troops.

The German command called on a contingent of guardsmen, the Kaiser's troops. With shoulders back and eyes front they marched four abreast straight into the British machine-guns, to be mowed down in rows. Then their comrades attacked, and recaptured the trenches.

Perhaps it was this characteristic which led the small boy, Adolf Hitler, to dream of the day when he should see a great German con-

federation, dominated by the Prussians.

Probably the fuhrer understands, too, what passed through his captain's mind when, after saying good-bye to his crew, he shot himself. The skipper had lost his beloved ship, and there was only one way out.

Bravery and devotion to duty, even unto death, have neither nationally nor creed. So, salute to a brave man who stood by his code and followed his ship into the deep.

MANY EXAMINED AT T. B. CLINICS HERE

This week Dr. Guvertz from the Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles has been conducting T. B. clinics in Klamath Falls and at the Klamath Agency hospital under the supervision of the Klamath county health department.

At Monday's clinic held at the Klamath Valley hospital there were 94 chest examinations, of this number 79 were fluoroscopic examinations and 15 x-rays were taken. Six persons were given complete physical examinations.

On Tuesday Dr. Guvertz and members of the nursing staff conducted a clinic at the Klamath Agency hospital where 107 fluoroscopic examinations were made and 29 x-rays were taken.

Oregon averaged one death each day from tuberculosis last year. Tuberculosis if detected in time can be cured or arrested so that the patient can return to normal life and occupation. The purchase of Christmas seals helps the Klamath County Health association fight tuberculosis in this county.

OFFICIALS WILL GREET AT PARTY

Members of the Elks lodge and their ladies who attend the New Year's eve frolic and dance will be greeted at the door by a long line of city and county officials who will form the reception committee.

It was announced by John Houston, chairman of the event, that Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ambrose, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Van Vactor, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Low and Mr. and Mrs. L. Orth Stenmore have been selected to act as official greeters for the affair.

An elaborate floor show and special entertainment will precede the dancing which will start at midnight. A tasty breakfast will be served the guests at an early morning hour.

Chet Smith, who is in charge of ticket promotion advises that it will not be necessary to reserve table space but merely to purchase a ticket for the event. From observation, it appears that great interest is being taken as many members have purchased their tickets.

LUMBERMAN CUTS FOOT WITH AX

H. W. Swindler of Ewauna camp, was admitted to Klamath Valley hospital late Wednesday afternoon suffering from a badly cut foot.

It is thought Swindler injured his foot with an ax.

WILLAMETTE WINS

SALEM, Dec. 21 (AP)—Willamette university's basketball team came from behind and defeated Signal Oil of Portland, 51 to 41, last night. White of Willamette led the scoring with 11 points.

Weather

NORTHERN CALIF.: Fair tonight and Friday, light frost in the valleys tonight; moderate northerly wind off coast.
OREGON: Fair tonight and Friday, but fogs and increasing cloudiness west portion Friday; little change in temperature; light northerly wind off coast.

TREAT PLANNED FOR DANCE STUDIO FETE

A special treat has been planned by the students of the McCowan's dance studio for the annual Santa Claus clan dinner to be given Sunday afternoon in the Klamath Falls armory.

Appearing for the first time in a military tap dance and baton twirling, the girls will carry metal batons with glittering ball handles, presented by their parents for the occasion.

The smaller girls will open the show with a song and dance, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," with Katherine Blauas as soloist. The following will be present with Ninon Nyback as piano accompanist: Mary Lou Fowler, Maryann Lion, Billie Jean Jackson, Donna Wilkes, Carmen Jones, June Marie Murphy, Shirley Hutchinson, Shirley Francis, Herbert Kirby, Darlene Price, Shirley Ann Thompson, Marilyn Moore, Eloise Woyak, Norma Rae O'Bannon, Mary Leever, Katharine Blauas, Camille Kulan, and Mary Alice Jenkinson.

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