

City Briefs

Moose Xmas Tree—The Women of the Moose and Loyal Order of Moose will hold their annual Christmas party Friday evening, December 22, at 8 o'clock at the hall to which all members and their families are invited. A Santa will distribute treats and there will be a program of songs, skits and dances.

Card Party—The Women of the Moose will sponsor a public card party Friday afternoon, December 22, at 2 o'clock in the KC hall. Hostesses will be Mrs. Cope, Julia Helant, Mildred Wilkerson and Evelyn Stenerson.

Christmas Party—Members of the Hillside hospital nursing staff will observe Christmas with the annual holiday party and tree in the dining room during the luncheon hour Saturday.

Returns Home—Horace E. Getz of Pacific Terrace was able to return to his home Wednesday from Hillside hospital, where he has been a patient following a major operation.

Improving—Friends of Earl Templar will be interested to learn he is showing steady improvement at Hillside hospital following a serious illness.

Accepts Position—Alyce Olson arrived here Monday night from Mercy hospital, Chicago, to accept a position as assistant surgical nurse at Hillside hospital.

Returns Home—Iris Alexander, member of the Hillside hospital staff, has returned from Medford where she spent several days visiting at the home of her sister.

IOOP Party—The IOOP and Rebekah Christmas program and tree for members and their families is scheduled for the IOOP hall Saturday evening, December 23, at 8 o'clock.

Kiwans Have Party—Members of the Kiwans club held a Christmas party at the Willard hotel Thursday noon. Al House presided. A Santa Claus presented gifts to the various members. An auction of a turkey netted almost \$40, which was given to Rev. L. K. Johnson, pastor of the Klamath Lutheran church, for the use of the congregation in the construction of its new Crescent avenue building. Rev. Johnson gave a Christmas message at the luncheon.

To Portland—Annis Strathers, public health nurse with the Klamath county health unit, plans to leave Saturday for Portland to spend the holidays with her parents.

North for Holidays—Amy Erickson, senior nurse at the Klamath county health unit, will be among those motoring north for the holidays. Miss Erickson will visit in Portland.

Returns North—Elsie Brennan-stall, nursing consultant with the Oregon state board of health who paid an official visit to Klamath Falls Wednesday, left that night for her home in Portland.

CHANGES IN FARM LOAN PLANS EYED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Changes in farm lending policies were expected in many capital quarters today to follow Secretary Wallace's victory in obtaining greater control over the farm credit administration.

Agriculture department officials, it was learned, wanted to tie in the operations of the \$5,000,000,000 agency more directly with their general objectives, including those of soil conservation.

It is expected the FCA henceforth will provide a measure of supervision and give advice on farm operations to its borrowers. A conflict between agriculture department FCA heads reached a climax yesterday with the resignation of F. E. Hill as governor of the credit agency. President Roosevelt appointed Dr. A. G. Black, head of the agriculture department's marketing and regulatory work, to succeed Hill.

The change in administrators probably will have repercussions in congress, for farm organizations as well as legislators have been arguing over farm lending methods.

Hill said in a statement that the issue is whether the FCA should be continued "as an autonomous federal agency supervising cooperative credit facilities in the farm field or be absorbed and become an integral part of a large department of government responsible for the administration of a great many other farm programs."

14 CITED FOR TRAFFIC BREAKS

Fourteen traffic citations were paid by motorists who overlooked the city's parking rules this week. Five drunks, four charged with being drunk and disorderly and one with vagrancy appeared before Police Judge Carl K. Cook on Thursday.

MEXICAN GIVEN 2-YEAR TERM

Frank Medina Lemos, 44, a Mexican, was sentenced to two years in state's prison by Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst Thursday.

Lemos pleaded guilty to a charge of sodomy.

CLOSE OF YEAR IMPORTANT FOR AAA MEMBERS

December 31 is an important date to many Oregon farmers taking part in the AAA program, according to Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee, since it marks the following farm program transitions:

- (1) Final day to take out government loans on 1939 wheat.
- (2) Final day to apply for 1939 wheat "parity payments."
- (3) Final day of the 1939 range improvement program, with practices performed after December 31 applying to the 1940 program.

Next important date on the farm program calendar will be February 22, final day for applying for federal crop insurance on spring-sown wheat, Mr. Steen said. He pointed out that crop insurance applications to date number about 1635, protecting about one-third of the state's AAA wheat allotment.

"We are now in the seventh AAA program year," Mr. Steen added. "December 1 was the beginning of the 1940 program. I think it's a good time right now to give some thought to what the farm program has meant, and whether it has justified its existence."

"This month I talked to a number of out-of-state farmers at the Eastern Oregon Wheat League convention at Condon. From them, I heard even more dramatic examples of the farm program's value than one can find here in Oregon. Particularly has it been valuable in 'dust bowl' states such as Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Harry Riden of Greeley county, Kansas, made a typical comment. He said that as a result of AAA farm program aid, Greeley county is repairing its damaged soil so rapidly that soon they'll have a county that can look after itself again.

"In his county it has been a case of holding down the soil or moving out with it, as he put it. They got Uncle Sam's aid through the farm program, and worked together in repairing their land until now they have practically all their land under control. They used to have thousands of acres of low land. Last year not over 5000 acres were subject to wind erosion.

"Fortunately, we don't have these spectacular examples here in the Pacific northwest, and perhaps we lose sight of the need for conservation. We have the opportunity of farming our land in a manner so that we never will have the soil waste which has occurred in many other states."

OBITUARY

JOHN HELFRICH

John Helfrich, a resident for the past six and one-half years, passed away at his late residence in this city on Thursday morning, December 21. The deceased was a native of Colusa county, Calif., and was aged 67 years 7 months and 1 day when called. He is survived by his wife, Minnie of this city; a son, Devero, also of this city; two brothers, James H. and B. B. of Rogue River, Ore.; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Miller of Terrebonne, Ore.; 2 grandchildren, Darle and Delores of this city. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral Home, 925 High street, where friends may call Friday. Notice of the funeral arrangements will appear in this paper later.

By adhering to the trade policy we now follow, we can throw our influence on the side of economic progress and of peace and order to our own immense benefit.—Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

EX-INDIAN HEAD TO STAND TRIAL ON FORGE CHARGE

SEATTLE, Dec. 21 (UP)—Federal Judge John C. Bowen yesterday approved an order authorizing removal of Victor H. Johnson, 53, former superintendent of Indian schools in Oregon, to Portland where he was indicted by a federal grand jury on forgery charges.

Johnson was accused of entering false pay vouchers and forging pay checks that were issued on the vouchers. He was arrested Monday at his home in Bellingham. His bond was set at \$5000.

GAINS REPORTED IN RETAIL TRADE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Pacific coast retail trade gains over last year narrowed in California and Washington, but expanded in Oregon during November.

The monthly census bureau report showed Oregon retailers 8.9 per cent ahead of last year in November sales. Washington was ahead 5.4 per cent, while California led by 9.8 per cent.

In October Washington had been out in front of 1938 sales 8.6 per cent, Oregon 7.7 and California 5.6.

Washington held the lead for the 11 months in the race with the 1938 pursuit of the dollar. The evergreen state bettered last year by 9.2 per cent, or \$9.20 on every \$100.

Oregon's 11 months gain was 8.8 per cent and California's 6. The survey covered all major lines of retail business and showed November's leader in the northwest was jewelry. Oregon's jewelry sales were up 42.4 per cent, and Washington's 39.7. In California jewelry stood second in percentage gain, up 17.5 per cent, with hardware and farm implement sales gaining 21.7.

In both Oregon and Washington, jewelry topped all gains for the first 11 months of the year, with motor vehicles next.

In the northwest, Seattle sales were up 2.5 per cent from November 1938, Spokane 1.2 and Portland 3.1. The census bureau listed leading communities only in each state for the 11 months comparison with last year. The leaders to beat were Inglewood, California, running 25.6 per cent ahead of last year; Eugene, Oregon, with a gain of 18.5 per cent and Longview, Washington, taking coast honors by a whisker on a 25.7 per cent gain.

FUNERAL

DR. JOHN WILLIAM WATERS
The funeral service for the late Dr. John William Waters, who passed away near this city on Tuesday, December 19, will take place from the Sacred Heart Catholic church on Friday, December 22, at 9:30 a. m., when a requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul. Rev. Father T. P. Casey officiating. Commitment service and vault entombment in the Mt. Calvary Memorial park. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Recitation of the Rosary will take place in Ward's Klamath Funeral Home, 925 High street, Thursday, December 21, at 8 p. m.

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DOCTOR SPEAKS ON WORK DONE BY SEAL SALES

Dr. W. R. Gevurtz and Elsie Brennanstall were guests at a luncheon at the Elk hotel on Monday when Dr. Gevurtz spoke on the work to be accomplished through the seal sale—that of vocational rehabilitation or training of released tuberculosis patients in order that they may make a living.

Dr. Gevurtz, of the Oregon state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles, pointed out that the state takes care of a patient after he is admitted to the hospital, but that the county must provide means for entrance to the hospital and care after he is released. Klamath county now has 12 patients in state sanitariums, with one released a few days ago.

"What is to become of a box factory worker who has a wife and family and has been a victim of tuberculosis?" asked the doctor. "He is released from the hospital cured, if proper measures are taken. Proper measures do not include the return to loading cars or piling lumber. It means work at which his body will not be overtaxed and the healed scars reopened on his lungs. And how, without training, can a man who quit school to go to work in a mill, secure a position as accountant, light mechanic, forest inspector, or some similar occupation, without training? And where would the average layman receive financial aid for this training?"

"That is one of the purposes of the seal sale, to aid ex-tuberculosis patients help themselves as wage earners. Women, too, are trained as technicians, stenographers, typists and medical assistants."

A number of committee chairmen and members of the Klamath County Public Health Association attended the luncheon. Miss Brennanstall is nursing consultant with the Oregon state board of health.

LIBERALS MAY CALL NATIONAL CONCLAVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Secretary Ickes said today liberals among the democrats and republicans might call a national convention some time before the 1940 presidential campaign to organize support for which ever party named a liberal to head its ticket.

At his press conference Ickes said that he had discussed such a possibility with Senators Norris (Ind.-Neb.) and LaFollette (Prog.-Wis.).

The decision to call the conference might or might not depend upon whether President Roosevelt decided to try for a third term, Ickes said.

"It (the liberal conference)," he explained, "might be called before or after the president had announced a decision or it might be held after both parties had chosen their candidates."

The convention, he said, would not be aimed at setting up a third political party.

Its primary purpose, he continued, would be to direct support to which ever party went to the county under a liberal banner.

In event both named "reactionary candidates," however, he said the liberals might be called upon for a "sacrifice hit."

Asked to amplify this remark, he said the liberals might decide, if they had nowhere else to turn, to launch a third party ticket, perhaps in New York state, with almost certain knowledge of defeat.

A new cream-colored cucumber has been developed and is being offered to housewives. Probably to match the dining room curtains.

DENTISTS TO INVESTIGATE CLINIC PLAN

A committee of dentists has been appointed to investigate the purchase of dental equipment for the proposed dental unit for the health department, it was reported by Dr. P. H. Rosendal, county health officer, at a meeting of the board of the Klamath County Public Health association Tuesday evening.

According to plans outlined, Dr. Rosendal stated that the dentists will donate their services, probably holding two clinics each week, and no fee will be charged for the present. A donation of \$50 has been received for the clinic from the now disbanded Pelican club, as this amount had been left in the treasury.

The health association has voted an appropriation of \$100 to be used for the dental clinic, and it is expected there may be further donations to assist with the work.

Amy Erickson, nursing supervisor, stated that 12 Christmas gifts were sent by the association to Klamath patients in the sanitariums at The Dalles and Salem, filling a variety of requests ranging from an electric train to a head kerchief, and including stationery, shaving needs and hand work.

Marguerite Wesley, county seal sale chairman, reported that seal sale returns had reached a total of \$915.70. The seal sale will close on Christmas day and Mrs. Wesley urged those who have not purchased the seals to do so as soon as possible.

'FRATERNITY MAN' GIVEN TWO YEARS

EUGENE, Dec. 21 (UP)—Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth today sentenced Eddie Baker, self-styled fraternity brother—accused of robbing his "brothers" on a barnstorming trip up the coast—to a term in the Oregon state penitentiary not to exceed two years.

Baker's first visit to his adopted Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was at the University of Oregon chapter who sought his arrest after he left "unexpectedly." He was finally arrested on the Washington campus and returned here for trial.

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