

Guest Editorial

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER
SALEM, Jan. 25 (AP)—An institution that knows well the pulse of the legislature is the state library.

Legislators recognize they must have something more than biased or fragmentary information as a basis for forming sound judgments—so, the state library is the answer.

Before each session, State Librarian Eleanor Stephens sends a letter to each legislator inviting him to use the state library.

Maybe the request is to find out how to pronounce a word or trace a quotation, but the library staff will come through—sometimes on 10 or 15 minutes notice.

First In 1941
THE 1941 legislature was the first to have full advantage of the state library's government room, which is equipped with books on political and social science, as well as periodicals, digests and documents.

This week the library received the 10th edition of the tax systems of the world—a work prized highly by those officials deeply involved in the subjects of taxes and budgets.

Also valued is the compiled recent digests of state laws on subjects of current interest, covering state government, education, elections, finance, taxation, labor licenses, planning, social security and other subjects.

The requests are not only for interpretations from radio, newspaper and magazines, but from books and documents such as are most easily available in the library.

The service goes on between sessions, too. The library does much work for legislative interim committees.

"The request may come from a legislator,

ed, but total farm debt is the lowest in history. Robertson gave three needed objects for agricultural operation in the immediate future: adjustment of production, maintaining market outlets for a steady future, and maintaining soil fertility.

Jerry Fales of the high school sang two vocal numbers at the luncheon, "Song of the Open Road" and "Drums in My Heart."

Robertson, a Rotarian, is vice president of the Production Credit corporation, and is here for the annual meeting of the Klamath Production Credit association.

Other farm trends that Robertson mentioned were increasing sizes of farm units, shifting of crop production to more profitable crops under war economy, reduction in sheep flocks with increase in cattle, and inflation of farm real estate values.

The average farm unit in Klamath county was 980 acres in 1945, Robertson said, as compared to 498-acre size in 1940. Farm mortgages generally are so large now that the farm is in a vulnerable position, he reported.

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst
LORD WOOLTON, Britain's war-time food minister, says John Bull has no chance of repaying the \$3,750,000,000 American loan, and L. S. Amery, another former cabinet minister, declares John can't pay his way in a "world of open cut-throat competition," after the elimination of the imperial trade preference system—a condition of the loan.

Those are gloomy predictions—and it's only fair to note that both the prophets, being conservatives, are opposed to the present labor (socialist) government. They could, of course, be playing a spot of politics, but whatever way you look at it (and irrespective of whether the loan can be paid) the grim truth is that John Bull is in the midst of a grave politico-economic crisis.

We should have heard much more of this emergency but for the fact that it's a characteristic of the Englishman that the more he is hurt the less he talks. Of course there are political outbursts between the opposing parties, but thus far the country has been worrying much and saying little. However, Britain is hurt, not only as regards her own swag home islands but imperially, for great and rich sections of her empire are being broken off.

British Empire Changing
MOTHER ENGLAND and her empire are going through a vast metamorphosis. This change was hastened—though not precipitated—by the war. Fate decreed that the socialists should come to power just after the end of the European conflict and so assume the responsibility for handling this crisis.

England is largely dependent on imported raw materials. And she must export to live. Even though the British public is being deprived of home manufactures so that the goods may be exported, the exports are only a trickle as compared with the flood needed to put the country on its feet.

And as though that weren't enough, the British Empire is in trouble. India and Burma, two of Mother England's richest possessions, are becoming independent. Among other difficulties there is a Palestine imbroglio, and Egypt's demand that Britain cease to use that country as a military and naval base.

That's not a bright picture. Still, it is traditional with the Briton that, as he puts it, England always "muddles through." That is a favorite expression of his and a backhanded way of proclaiming that John Bull will see it through.

Police Quiz Car Prowler
Gene Ericks, 22, is booked at the city police station for larceny and has admitted at least seven of the recent car prowls which have taken place on Klamath Falls streets.

Police said that Ericks had confessed to breaking into seven cars around the armory last Thursday night, and that many of the stolen articles, such as flashlights, mirrors and the like, were recovered.

Ericks was arrested this morning at his home, 907 Alameda. Police said that he has been in trouble with the law before.

Car owners who lost items in the recent wave of car prowls should come to the police station and try to identify the articles found at Ericks' house.

Sheriff Searches Former Bend Man
Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Charles Crocker, formerly of Bend, Ore., who is believed to be working for some lumber camp or mill in Klamath county, is asked to contact the sheriff's office.

Crocker is needed badly by his family in Bend.

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Stock Market Slow Today

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP)—The steel wage truce aroused scant enthusiasm in today's stock market with leading issues shifting over a slightly uneven route of one of the small turnovers of the past three months.

Minor fractional advances predominated at a quiet opening but these were erased in assorted cases later. The ticker tape frequently was at a standstill and trends a shade irregular near the close.

Steels, motors, rails, utilities, copper, oils, mail orders and most other groups did little or nothing throughout.

Bonds were steady and commodities mixed. Closing quotations: Am Tel & Tel 172 1/2, Anaconda 39 1/2, California 39 1/2, Comm'wlth & Sou 31 1/2, Curtis-Wright 3 1/2, General Motors 26 1/2, Gt Nor Ry Pfd 45 1/2, Kennecott 46 1/2, Montgomery Ward 19 1/2, N Y Central 19 1/2, Northern Pacific 21 1/2, Pac Gas & El 41 1/2, J C Penney 45 1/2, Sears Roebuck 27 1/2, Southern Pacific 42 1/2, Union Oil 25 1/2, U S Steel 72 1/2, Warner Pictures 16 1/2.

LIVESTOCK
CHICAGO, Jan. 25 (AP)—Salable hogs 300 estimated; total not given; compared week ago all weights barrows and gilts 30 higher; sows steady; top at 24.25.

Salable cattle 300 estimated; total not given; compared week ago all weights steers and yearlings 100-150 lower; strictly good and choice 100-150 lower; medium to average good steers and all heifers 100-200 lower; average good steers 100-150 lower; strictly good steers 100-150 lower; strictly good steers 100-150 lower; strictly good steers 100-150 lower.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25 (AP)—Cattle: salable for five days 1200; compared Friday week ago steers, heifers and good range cows 25-30 cents lower; canner-common cows 100-150 lower. Week's bulk medium-good fed steers 22.00-23.75. Latter extreme top medium-good heifers 21.00-30. Good range cows 15.00-16.00. Big gap down to 12.00 on weighty dairy bred slaughter cows late springing. Most common 11.00-12.00. Cuts 10.00-11.00. Canners 9.00-30. "shells" down to 8.00. Common-medium sausage hogs 13.00-14.50, no test on good at 15.00 and above.

Calves: salable for five days 85. Steady, few choice vealers 21.00-23.00, medium-good vealers 15.00-18.00, culls 11.50-13.50. Hogs: salable for five days 1400; compared Friday week ago good choice lower, closing top and bulk good to choice 200-250 lb. barrows and gilts 24.00. Good sows 21.00, mostly 30 cents lower.

Sheep: salable for five days 1800; compared Friday week ago good-choice lambs scarce, quoted around 24.00. Few decks medium-good 90 lb. 23.00-25. Ewes dull, weak to 30 cents lower, few decks mixed medium to good 8.00-18, common 4.00-7.5.

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Jan. to Date 793 774
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KPCA Meeting Held Today

More than 600 Klamath county farmers, ranchers, business men and their wives gathered in the armory at 12 o'clock noon today to attend the annual meeting of the Klamath Production Credit association.

A. B. Robertson, vice president of the Production Credit association, Spokane, Wash., was the speaker at the meeting following luncheon and William Kittredge, KPCA president, presided. William A. Schoenfeld, dean of the school of agriculture, Oregon State college, showed colored films on farming in the British Isles.

Chairman of today's meeting was Lee S. McMullen, secretary-treasurer of KPCA, who explained charts and figures of the company's progress during the past year. Mrs. McMullen was in charge of decorations of the many tables arranged in the armory.

Barry Named Savings Head

LAKEVIEW, Jan. 25—M. M. Barry of Lakeview was elected president of the Lakeview Federal Savings and Loan association at the annual meeting of the directors, J. H. Ousley was elected first vice president and B. C. Robinson was elected second vice president. E. G. Favell as secretary-treasurer and M. K. Starling as assistant secretary, were re-elected.

The directors of the association for the ensuing year as elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders, held prior to the directors' meeting, are B. C. Robinson, Lloyd E. Ogle, Ray E. Harlan, A. M. Denio, M. M. Barry, E. G. Favell, Marguerite K. Starling, James H. Ousley and D. E. O'Connor.

The regular business of the association was discussed. The association is anticipating a large increase in loans for the coming year. For a small local organization the association is proud of its enviable record of progress since its organization in 1934. In spite of the scarcity of building materials, which practically eliminated loans for construction, many loans were made for the purchase of homes during 1946.

Sheriff Low To Quiz Silas Barkley

Sheriff Lloyd L. Low will go to Grays Harbor, Wash, tomorrow to quiz Silas Barkley, 41-year-old Klamath Indian convict who is being held there for burglary. Barkley is from Chilquin and is suspected of being implicated in various crimes here.

Barkley has served two prison terms at McNeil's Island and two at the Oregon state prison, having been sent up from Klamath Falls.

Black Dahlia Clue Followed

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25 (AP)—Homicide detectives, until now without tangible clues in the mutilation murder of actress Elizabeth Short, today found themselves provided with "so many leads we don't know which to choose first," apparently furnished by the mad killer himself.

In a letter addressed to "the Los Angeles Examiner and other Los Angeles newspapers," were contained M. S. Short's birth certificate, social security card and an address book which was seized upon eagerly by police who immediately began to seek out the persons listed for questioning.

The envelope was addressed with portions of headlines relating to the case, clipped from Los Angeles papers and crudely pasted together.

"This book opens up dozens of new leads," Homicide Capt. Jack Donahoe declared. "The articles are definitely Miss Short's."

He would not commit himself, however, on whether they were mailed by the killer, or someone else who had come into their possession. Whichever it was, the clues remain, he added.

Exceptionally clear fingerprints were obtained from the envelope and papers it contained, and are being forwarded to the FBI in Washington.

Palembang, Sumatra, grew up as a floating city years ago when Chinese merchants, refused permission by the sultan to live on shore, set up homes and shops in their boats.

Courthouse Records

RISSELL-SEXTON, Harold Deane, 25, student, Native of Ohio, Resident of Twainburg, O. Katherine Patricia Sexton, 24, secretary, Native of Washington, Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.

VITAL STATISTICS

ROGERS—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., January 25, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rogers, Dairy Ore., a boy. Weight 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces.



Sunrise And Sunset Times Baffling To Astronomers

By J. HUGH PRUETT
Astronomer, Extension Division, Oregon Higher Education System
Inquiries have been received from Daisy Block and Col. Harold C. Moore of Eugene, and Dr. Charles A. Rutherford of Oregon City regarding sunrise and sunset "inconsistencies" around the time of the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. It is generally known that the days begin to lengthen immediately after the solstice, although by only a matter of seconds at first. Yet keen observers and almanac perusers find that old Sol shows his face constantly later and later each morning for fully two weeks after December 22, and that it is three weeks before he appears as early as on this shortest day.

Miss Block presents this additional puzzler: "I distinctly noticed that three weeks after the winter solstice (Jan. 12) it was very much lighter as I was going home from the office than three weeks before the solstice (Dec. 1.) Please explain."

Using the data for 44 degrees north latitude on a standard time meridian, we find that Dec. 22 had the sun above the horizon 8 hr., 54 min., and both Dec. 1 and Jan. 12 were of the same length, 9 hr., 10 min. But on Jan. 12 both sunrise and sunset occurred exactly 20 minutes later than on Dec. 1. Jan. 12 thus had a darker 7 a.m. and a lighter 5 p.m. than Dec. 1.

The causes of this seeming irregularity cannot be fully explained here; only general principles stated. The inclination of the earth's axis to the plane of its orbit makes the sun appear very low in the south in winter. After Dec. 22, it rises and sets slightly farther north along the horizon each succeeding day. This tends to result in earlier sunrises and later sunsets; a day longer at both ends.

But since the earth moves most rapidly on its orbit when nearest the sun—which is at about New Year's, unreasonable as this may seem—it is charging through space throughout December and January with greater than its average speed. We detect this motion in the sun's apparent shifting in the sky toward the east. At clock-noon it is farther east by a greater amount over the previous noon-position than at any other time of the year. This tends to delay both sunrise and sunset. It shortens the day at one end; lengthens it at the other.

The tendency toward the sun's earlier appearance due to its rising farther north each day, is for two weeks after the solstice more than neutralized by its eastward shifting due to the earth's excessive orbital speed, so sunrise continues a little later each day. But these two effects add together favorably at the other end, causing abnormally delayed sunsets. There is even enough to spare to make the sum total of daylight hours increase immediately after the solstice.

Drunk Driving Brings Charge

Ralph D. Chaney, 4040 Altamont, was fined \$100 and given a 30-day suspended sentence in municipal court this morning for drunk driving. He was arrested at S. 6th and Shasta way at 3:20 a. m.

Dennis Lloyd Cobb, 3500 Summers lane, arrested in the car with Chaney, was fined \$10 on a drunk charge.

Jesse Franklin Allen, Klamath Falls, posted \$5 bail for running a stop sign, and Mary Elizabeth Pomeroy, 919 High, was cited to appear in court for a like traffic offense.

Eastern Stars Name Officers

LAKEVIEW, Jan. 25—At installation ceremonies, held January 15 in the IOOF hall, Marie Lerwick assumed the office of worthy matron of Oriental chapter, Order of Eastern Star, for 1947.

Other officers installed by Past Matron Jennie Carroll, installing officer, include: Jerome Lerwick, worthy patron; Virginia Gilmsky, associate matron; Harry Utley, associate patron; Ethel Deter, conductress; Ruth Mercer, associate conductress; Lera Snider, secretary; Bernice Moffitt, treasurer; Ida Umbach, chaplain; Lora Conn, marshal; Norma Sanderson, organist; Esther Cogar, Orah; Mary Millsap, Ruth; Audrey Mocabee, Esther; Marion Franklin, Martha; Margaret Kucera, Electa; Hattie Murphy, wardens. The sentinel is to be installed.

Veterans Needed For Phone Work

The Oregon state employment service is looking for veterans to train for telephone central office installers, it was reported today.

The service said it was looking for young veterans, 18 to 25 years old who would be willing to travel. Credit will be given for service experience as radio, radar, electrical or mechanical technician ratings. Applicants are asked to contact the service in Klamath Falls and bring all their discharge papers with them.

Thieves Nab Deposit Boxes

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP)—One hundred and fifty steel deposit boxes containing an estimated \$25,000 to \$50,000 in cash and valuables were stolen from one of Coney Island's largest Turkish bath houses early today while 200 guests slept in other parts of the building.

Seven bandits entered Silver's bath with drawn guns at 4 a. m., tied the manager, Bernie Hellman, 50, and then spent half an hour carrying the strong-boxes to two cars with waiting drivers.

PORTLAND, Jan. 25 (AP)—The Portland school board voted today last night a proposal to increase the pay of the average Portland teacher \$600.

Teachers had estimated the increases would total \$1,368,500. The rejection was by a 5-1 vote.

CHIROPODIST - FOOT SPECIALIST Dr. Kenneth S. Garvin Foot Surgery - and - Orthopedics MCATEE CLINIC 128 S. 7th St. Phone 8771

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for Saturday Eve., Jan. 25 and Sunday P. M., Jan. 26. Lists radio programs for KFLW-1450 kc. and KFJL-1240 kc.

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