

Closed—Belle's Beauty Shop, 721 Main St., will be closed through Jan. 3.

Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Worcester have returned to their Berkeley home after spending the holiday here with friends and relatives.

KASRU—The Klamath Air Search and Rescue unit won't meet as scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Airport Cafe, according to Pres. Vic Douglas.

Shasta View Grange—The Home Economics Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Edith Ward, 3705 Ward, Wednesday, Jan. 3. A pot-luck dinner is planned.

Graduate—Cpl. John Slagle, 1321 Pleasant Ave., has been graduated from the six-week noncommissioned officers school operated by the Berlin Military Post. Corporal Slagle has been in Berlin since November, 1950. He is an assistant squad leader in the 6th Infantry Regiment.

Training—Wilbur F. Hartley, 836 N. 10th St., is undergoing recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego.

VFW—Pelican Post 1283 is to hold its regular meeting, Thursday, 8 p.m., at the clubrooms. All interested in shuffleboard should attend.

Full House—Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Lewis, 1836 Ward St., had the following children and grandchildren here for the Christmas holidays: 8-Sgt. Oren C. Lewis, wife and two children; 8-Sgt. Doran C. Lewis and younger; Keith L. Lewis, wife and three children; Cpl. Earl C. Lewis missed the fun, he is serving in Korea.

Improved—Amanda Cowan, believed to be the oldest member of the Klamath Indian tribe, was reported much improved and ready to go home today by attendants at Hillside hospital. Mrs. Cowan, whose age has been given variously from 95 to 105, was hospitalized several days ago with a touch of pneumonia. She lives at Chiloquin.

Recovering—Mrs. Ralph Darmond is recovering from illness at her home, 924 Owens, and among her visitors was Mrs. D. J. Russell, San Francisco. Friends may call if they wish.

Stork Shower—will be held at the Langell Valley parish hall Jan. 4 at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Enos Bland. All residents of the community will be welcomed.

Yacht Club Members—Are reminded of the New Year's party tonight. Smorgasbord and dancing.

Portland Wedding—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Proebstel and Mrs. Madeline Keffeler have returned home from a trip to Portland where they attended the wedding of their daughter and granddaughter, respectively, the former Jeanette Keffeler.

Here—Joe Long, Klamath Falls, brother of OTT's Homecoming Queen Jessie Lee Long, was scheduled to return to duty with the U.S. Army yesterday after a short stay over the holidays with relatives here.

NEW PINE CREEK
Mrs. Freda Evans is convalescing from a major operation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mabel Hampton, in Lakeview. She was in the lakeview hospital nearly a week. Her presence was missed at the Church Christmas service and program Sunday where she usually takes an active part.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bernard and son, Bud, were dinner guests at the Art Lenkelt home last Friday evening. After dining, the rest of the evening was spent playing unicycle. Mrs. Grace Bernard was lucky to garner a 1000 award.

Mrs. Viola Thayer considers herself among the very lucky people of the United States. She was returning home from Alturas last Saturday afternoon, December 22nd, when all of a sudden her car got out of control on a slippery stretch of the highway down near the old XL ranch, in Pitt River Canyon. After making a couple or three dizzy wobbles on the highway, the new Pontiac she was driving, bucked, slid and hopped down over a six foot embankment landing parallel with the road, headed straight ahead. The only damage done to the car was that it knocked the gas tank pretty loose going down over the rocks. The car was removed by a wrecker, summoned from Alturas, and driven home later by her husband, Clifford Thayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chrystal Blurton and Mrs. Jimmy Blurton of Alturas were pre-Christmas dinner guests at the Sally Gallagher home on Dec. 24 as Mr. Burton had to work Christmas day. They exchanged gifts and had a pleasant time. Mrs. Marie Blurton who fell and broke her hip about three weeks ago expects to be out of the Alturas Hospital probably this week. A group of friends brought a little silver-sprayed conifer to the hospital, all decorated pretty and they brought gifts and helped make the holiday take on real significance.

THREAT
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)—Heat and drought are threatening a major portion of the Union of South Africa's food crop. Farmers hoped for rain within the next 10 days to save the harvest. Temperatures of more than 100 degrees have been registered in many places.

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New Chemical Discovery Changes Wornout Land Into Fertile Soil, Will Also Aid In Highway Building

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE, Associated Press Science Editor
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Wornout land is being changed into structurally virgin soil by a new chemical discovery announced by the American Association for the Advancement of Science Saturday.

It is a yellow, synthetic powder, which literally changes the soil itself. It is not a fertilizer, but crops grow from 20 to 100 percent higher yields.

It makes better baseball diamonds, stops erosion and promises cheaper road-building.

This magic powder is made of the same stuff—acrilonitrile—suits and dresses, the kind that won't wrinkle when wet.

The powder has an electrical attraction for clay in the soil. This attracts and produces crystals of little particles, which roll up like tiny sponges and hold their form regardless of rain. Muck, hard-baked soil, sandy soil all take on the structure of rich loam.

This powder does the same thing as peat moss and compost. Unlike them, bacteria don't eat it and it lasts many times longer. It is cheaper. Two pounds of powder does the soil work of 200 pounds of peat moss or 500 pounds of commercial compost.

The synthetic was made by a team of Monsanto Chemical Company scientists. The Monsanto men tried this soil magic on a baseball infield. They said it changed the ground so that balls took no bad hops, sliding to a base was easier and in rain and mud did not clog the players' spikes.

On highway banks, levees, and newly made lawns the powder speeded the growth of grasses to form a permanent sod.

They said it would lower irrigation costs, and probably reclaim alkali lands. The synthetic will not be offered for sale until 1953.

The powder is named krillium, rhyming with the wildflower, trillium.

Boned Turkey Is Much Cheaper, Less Shrinkage But You Figure Out How

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—The wife who looks down her nose at hubby's cooking should be overjoyed at what a mere man found in some recent cookery tests.

It's this, says H. D. Colgin, Clark Junior College commercial cookery instructor at the Christmas holiday feasting. After lots of study, Ernest Aebi, president of the Associated Restaurants of Oregon said he found that boning the bird before cooking produces about 40 per cent more salable meat.

And E. Eugene Allen, association secretary, chimed in: "It seems fabulous and too good to be true."

"It's this sort of thing that make the alert restaurateur a prosperous man, and the un-alert operator an ex-restaurateur."

Invading Colgin's cookery haunts the junior college's faculty dining room, the Chef de Cuisine Association tried out the startling discovery. After a snack or two and much serious thinking, testing and deliberating, the experts accepted Colgin's findings, which he said disclosed:

Roasting a boned turkey took a third the time that of a "regular" bird. Shrinkage was less, and a 20-pounder which cost \$11.85 yielded 10 pounds of meat, at \$1.20 a pound.

But the other bird, a 20-pounder, roasted with the bone left in. After a year of study, Italian Premier Alcide de Gasperi indicated Saturday.

Following a morning session of foreign ministers and finance ministers of France, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux nations, de Gasperi told reporters a compromise was discussed.

The proposal would set up an assembly of delegates from the six nations, which would have six months to draw up an agreement on the army. The nation's parliaments then would have three months to ratify this.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman confirmed that the army plan would be passed to some sort of an assembly, whenever the ministers agree on general details.

Korean Asks Fight To End

PUSAN, Korea (AP)—Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai said Monday the Republic of Korea wants the United Nations to "stand firm and fight on" rather than make a truce with the Reds.

Pyun described this as "our hope for 1952."

In an interview, the foreign minister said the armistice negotiations at Panmunjon were "a mystery" to him.

He added that the Communists apparently wanted more U.N. concessions in addition to the "fundamental concessions the U.N. has already made regarding aerial observation of a truce and a buildup of facilities."

Pyun said he was convinced the small nations might decide then it was better to surrender to the Communists than to resist.

Wilson Rites On Wednesday

PORTLAND (AP)—Funeral services for Manley J. Wilson, 46, state senator who died here Friday, will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the J. P. Finley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Bruce Bishop, Frank Smith, Claude Thair, J. E. Fading, Claude Ballard and State Senators Phil Brady and Eugene E. Marsh.

Honorary pallbearers will include Stanley Earl, Monroe Sweetland, Paul Gurske, state representatives F. H. Dammasch and Orval Eaton and State Senators Paul Peterson, Warren Gill and Angus Gibson.

Scouts Okay After Outing

PORTLAND (AP)—Six boy scouts, just returned from a three-day outing on the snowy slopes of Mt. Hood, already are planning next year's trip.

Two scout executives and a mountaineering expert accompanied the youths, all of whom were members of the Order of the Arrow, honorary scout camping society.

Camp was set up Thursday night about a mile south of Timberline Lodge. Blizzards on both Friday and Saturday failed to halt a snow survival training program.

Search On For Hero's Widow

PORT LEWIS, Wash.—Have you seen Mrs. Maide S. Watkins, widow of a Medal of Honor winner killed in Korea?

The Army is looking for her. She is to be a guest of honor at Fort Lewis' 35th anniversary observance Jan. 5, 1952. A post street is to be named after her late husband, M. Sgt. Francis E. Watkins, killed in action with the 2d Infantry Division.

Mrs. Watkins' last known address is 4625 East F St., Tacoma. A widespread search for her has been underway since November but not even the FBI has been able to find her.

You Insulted Me

By Geo. N. Taylor

"You told me that in God's sight I was an unclean thing and that to God, all my good works were but filthy rags. So you insulted me. 'Good-works—filthy rags—lost.' Isaiah 64:6. Next she settled the sin question God's way. Later husband, sons and daughters also took Christ as dying for them. All are now saved and the young folks raising families to the glory of God."

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FAIR
SALEM (AP)—The condition of Walter M. Pierce, 80, former governor and ex-congressman, was described as fair Monday. He was taken to the hospital 12 days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Aitchison of Cedarville were Xmas day guests at the Earl Sanford home.

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Five Southwest Counties Of Oregon Last Frontier Of Northwest Timber Unit

EUGENE (AP)—The last forest frontier of the Pacific Northwest is in the five southwest counties of Oregon, "Forest Statistics for Southwest Oregon Unit," a report recently released says.

The report shows that about 10 per cent of the nation's merchantable saw timber is in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties.

Based on an area forest inventory made by the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Portland, the report was released by the Forest Service.

The sawmill industry jumped from 128 mills with a combined production of 625 million board feet of lumber in 1940 to 461 mills producing 2,123,000,000 board feet in 1948, the report says.

Extensive development of forest industries in four of the named counties did not start until early in World War II, according to the report. The exception, Coos County, had been extensively logged for three decades.

Growth in the plywood and veneer industry was even more spectacular. In 1940 there was only one active plywood plant, compared with 13, plus three under construction, in 1950. All 16 produced about 733 million square feet of 3/4 inch, three-ply plywood in 1950.

Saw timber stands still occupy about 3/4 of the five-county area, with cutting operations to date covering about one-sixth of the commercial forest land there.

About 153 billion board feet of merchantable timber, are contained in the saw-timber stands according to the report. About 72 percent of this is Douglas fir.

Auto Makers Fight Cutback

WASHINGTON (AP)—Automobile industry leaders fighting any further production cutback Saturday called for the appointment of a new civilian committee to reexamine the defense effort and to survey the critical raw materials needed for it.

C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors Corp., and Ernest R. Breech, executive vice president of the Ford Motor Co., proposed the committee at a special meeting with government mobilization chiefs here.

The session is discussing contemplated reduced allotments of copper, steel and aluminum for automobile production in the April-June quarter of 1952.

Wilson proposed that a committee of "responsible citizens" be appointed by the President to "ascertain the essential material requirement of the established military output."

He said the committee should have access to "all pertinent information" and should report to the Joint Congressional Committee on Defense Production.

Reds Release U.S. Soldiers

BERLIN (AP)—Two American soldiers who blundered into the Russian zone and were taken into custody by Soviet sentries early Saturday were released several hours later.

Western officials said the men were turned back by the Russians in response to a request submitted by the U. S. Army as soon as their disappearance was reported.

The soldiers, accompanied by two German girls, failed to see a Russian zone border barricade and crashed their automobile through it. West Berlin police reported.

College Rodeo Officers Named

DENVER (AP)—National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association President Bill Guest of Hardin-Simmons University closed the national convention Friday night by announcing election results for the '52-'53 school year.

He will be succeeded by Dick Barret of Oklahoma A&M. The new publicity director will be Pat Lewis, Washington State co-ed.

State Workers Ask Pay Up

SALEM (AP)—State Civil Service workers asked for a 7 percent pay boost Friday.

The request came from the Oregon State Employees Association, asking the Civil Service Commission to make the increase for workers in two salary grades. There are 13,000 state employees under Civil Service, another 2,000 who are not.

The request said 7,189 state employees have quit work in the past 11 months, and predicted still more would leave unless salaries are adjusted.

State officials already have said there is no money available for pay increases. They pointed out the 1951 Legislature granted a 10 percent increase to state workers. They said it would be 1953, when the next Legislature meets, before more money can be raised.

Racing Dates To Be Assigned

PORTLAND (AP)—Racing dates for 1952 will be assigned Jan. 11 when the State Racing Commission holds its first meeting of the year here.

The meeting probably will be held in the office of Robert T. Mautz, commission member. Dr. Frank R. Menne, commission chairman, said.

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