

Civil Service Posts Open

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for Student Trainee (Forestry), \$3,175 and \$3,415 a year for duty in various bureaus of the Department of the Interior and in other federal agencies in the Western states and in Alaska, and for radar instructor, \$4,525, and radar instructor (trainee), \$3,670 a year, for duty at the Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.

To qualify for student trainee (forestry) positions, applicants must have completed (or expect to complete within six months) either two or three years of appropriate college study. A written test will be given. For radar instructor (trainee) positions, applicants must have had appropriate experience or education, or a combination of both. No written test is required.

For student trainee positions, applications must be filed with the Department of the Interior Northwest Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, 1041 Lloyd Boulevard, P.O. Box 3337, Portland, Oregon. For radar instructor positions, applications must be filed with the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi. Applications will be accepted until further notice.



BOB THOMPSON, BACKGROUND, and George Filcraft, two students in the industrial arts class at Fremont Junior high school, help turn out toys to be distributed to needy children through the United Fund organization.

Coding Clerk Jobs Open

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has announced that applications are again being accepted for the examination for communications coding clerk and for traffic clerk for filling positions in various federal agencies in the Washington, D.C. area.

To qualify for these positions which pay \$3,415 a year, applicants must pass a written test and in addition have had at least two years of appropriate experience including one year of specialized experience in the field of work for which application is made. Pertinent education may be substituted for the one year of general experience.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from many post offices throughout the country or from the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D.C. Although applications will be accepted by the Commission's Washington office until further notice, persons wishing early consideration should file their applications immediately.

Merrill Tax Gets Reduced

MERRILL—Redemption of \$9,000 in water bonds by the city of Merrill has reduced the bond tax by about \$2,000, according to Paul Lewis, member of the city council and water commissioner.

The water system was originally constructed by the Columbia Utilities Telephone Company in 1932 which included a well 330 feet deep with a six inch casing. Capacity then was 150 gallons per minute. Water for the city was stored in a 30,000 gallon wooden tank.

The city purchased the system in 1938. A new well was drilled to a depth of 1085 feet into a volcanic lava formation and cased to 1024 feet with a six inch casing. Gallons per hour capacity was increased to 350 gallons.

In 1946 a \$50,000 bond issue was voted to again finance system improvements. In the spring of 1947 the city began replacing the original wooden pipe, expanded service and built a steel storage tank at a cost of \$20,500. Nine thousand feet of iron pipe was laid and in recent months a 500 gallon per minute pump was installed, all on a pay as you go basis.

In 1947 income from the system was \$7,500. This year ending June 30 income had been boosted to \$11,200. There has been no increase in rates to water users since the system was first installed.

MERRILL HIGH NEWS

Spirits were high Thursday and Friday, December 1 and 2 when Merrill participated in the Jamboree as Henley, Thursday night Merrill beat Henley 55 to 42 and Friday night Merrill lost to Malin 62 to 35.

Those on the honor roll for the second six weeks were: Seniors, Finley Robinson, Eddy 35.076, George Johnson, and Dorothy Daniels; Juniors, Margaret Perik, Sue Fields, Donna Dragan, and Kathryn Barnes; Sophomores, Jeanette Bard, Freshman, Donna Carmon, Sharon Mahon, and Nancy O'Riley; Eighth grade, Alice Alboer, Seventh grade, Choline Moore and Joyce Noonan.

A very entertaining program was presented November 29 when a third member of the National School Assemblies was at Merrill. As a prize to the basketball team, Mr. Rader gave an interpretation of the basketball rules and the boys had a scrimmage for the parents and students present.

A joint annual staff meeting was held at Merrill December 6. Jackie Barry, John Hunsicker, George Hodges, and Rue Dean Marks attended.

Miss Molnar gave the Senior Home Ec. girls the Betty Crocker test on December 7.

Merrill played Bonanza on December 9 and lost by a close score.

GRANGE NEWS

MIDLAND GRANGE
By Kathryn Smith

Mrs. Mildred Largent of the Miller Island Road was hostess to the Midland Grange Home Economics Club for a turkey potluck dinner on December 6. A business meeting followed the dinner.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and secret pals were revealed. The grange Christmas party was discussed and members voted to have a silver dollar drill to buy candy and fruit to fill sacks to be given to children of the community. The Midland Community Club donated \$10 toward the treats.

Those present for the meeting were Mildred Largent, Mayne Cammock, Thelma Houck, Freeda Flowers, Laura Milani, Carolyn Huff, Laura Walker, Angeline Milani, Carolyn Huff, Laura Walker, Angeline Milani, Alice Hoover, Virginia Benoit, Gustav Frain, Vera Clemens, Inoa Benoit, Amy Crapp, Kathryn Smith, Jimmy Flowers, Sandra Takens, Becky Crapp and Minnie Andrieu.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Gerlie Huff in Midland on January 3.

Prosecution Ends Abbott Case Today

OAKLAND, UP—The prosecution prepared today to end its case against Burton W. Abbott.

The only thing delaying Dist. Atty. J. Frank Coakley was the necessity for getting some more exhibits accepted as evidence.

Over defense objections, many of the exhibits by which Coakley hopes to link Abbott to the murder of 14-year-old Stephanie Berry were formally admitted late yesterday by Superior Judge Charles Wade Shock.

The process was time consuming. It prevented the defense case from starting earlier. When it does get under way, Abbott's brother, Mark, was expected to be the first witness.

Whitney protested the map was a "fraud," but Judge Shock ruled that it gave a general idea of the terrain.

Earlier, the defense finished a long cross-examination of Dr. Paul L. Kirk, University of California criminologist.

Kirk conceded that the fibers he found in Abbott's automobile "could not definitely be stated as being from Stephanie's clothes." However, he insisted they matched closely.

EVIDENCE

On redirect examination, he testified further about the hairs he found in Abbott's auto. He previously said they matched Stephanie's.

Mathematically, he declared, there was something like one chance in 125,000 that such closely matched hairs from different persons would turn up in one place.

He also testified on redirect

examination that plastic can be wiped clean of bloodstains by using cold water.

Coakley explained this was to show a possible explanation for the absence of blood on the seat covers of Abbott's car. Kirk had said he detected possible bloodstains on the seats themselves.

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PICKPOCKET DIES

TOKYO — Ken Yoshida, 37, called the Japanese "King of the Highway Pickpockets," died on the job. Police spotted him at work on the Hiroshima Express and he was chased. He clambered to the roof of a car to escape a low overhead bridge and fell. His last wallet contained about \$30.

CONVICT FREED
TOKYO — Naoki Hoshino, convicted by an international military court as one of Japan's 25 major war criminals and sentenced to life imprisonment, was freed today from Sugamo Prison after serving 10 years. He was chief secretary of the wartime Tojo Cabinet and general affairs chief of the former Manchukuo (Manchuria) puppet government.

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