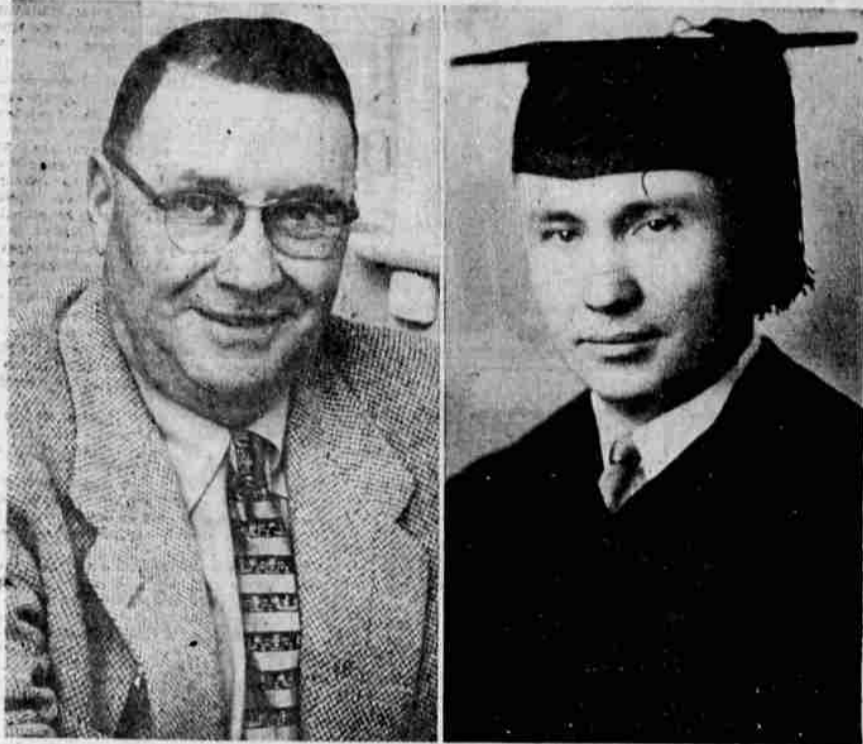




FAMILY ALBUM

BY LYLE DOWNING

ARTHUR R. DICKSON



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Some persons have adventure thrust upon them and go through life beset by hair-raising events which they would much rather have avoided.

Major Arthur R. Dickson, Klamath County assessor, definitely does not fall within this category. All his life, Major Dickson has had a yen for derring-do affairs. But danger, intrigue and all the other ingredients that go into exciting careers have never been experienced by the county assessor.

For instance, Dickson lived a year during the Roaring Twenties in Chicago and never saw a gangster. He spent many nocturnal hours prowling through Windy City streets which were known haunts of the lawless. He saw nothing more exciting than a policeman

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AN AVERAGE MAN

Looking back over the years, Major Dickson believes his career would qualify him for a typical average man. He has lived quietly, obeyed all federal, state and city laws and has always been prompt in paying his taxes.

Marriage in 1926 provided the most unusual happening in his career. He entered the holy bonds of matrimony on Discovery Point at Crater Lake. The Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Presbyterian pastor, at that time spent his summers, working as a ranger in Crater Lake National Park. While visiting the famous resort, Dickson and the former Viola Hill of Great Falls, Montana, suddenly decided to take the fatal step.

The Rev. Mr. Rice performed the nuptials on Discovery Point with William Steele, Commissioner of Crater Lake National Park, acting as best man.

BECAME TEACHER

Major Dickson was born in Clarion, Iowa, in June, 1903. After attending grammar and high school there, he enrolled for training as an educator at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois. He was graduated in 1926.

While at Monmouth, Dickson joined the national guard and won

the military title he has since carried. During his guard career, it appeared for a time that something unusual might happen. The guardsmen were sent to Herron, Illinois, which in 1923, was the scene of widespread violence due to a coal strike. The guard contingent to which Dickson was attached didn't see any action.

Major Dickson, after leaving Monmouth College, secured a teaching position in Klamath Falls through an employment agency. He taught commercial courses for one year at the Old Klamath County High School.

SMALL PAY

"Teachers in those days, got \$120 a month," he explained. "I couldn't raise a family on that, so I took a job as a timekeeper with the Ewauna Box Company."

Dickson worked for that firm for 20 years and when he resigned was personnel manager. He then bought a farm near Henley. In January, 1933 he took over the county assessor post.

Major and Mrs. Dickson now reside at 358 Hillside Avenue. They have three daughters—Mrs. June Orem, Merrill; Mrs. Barbara Mack, Henley and Mrs. Caroline Harnsberger, a student at Eastern Oregon College.

(Listen to Major Dickson at 10:15 Sunday, Radio Station KFLW.)



VERNON D. BAIRD, U.S. airman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne P. Baird of 3907 Bissbee Street, is receiving his basic training at Parks Air Force Base, California. Before entering the service last November, Baird attended KUHS.

IFYE Member Slated Here

Donna Lingle of Boring, near Gresham, one of the three Oregon delegates in the International Farm Exchange program last year, will tour Klamath County February 10-16, Francis Skinner, Klamath County 4-H adviser, said today.

He said that Miss Lingle would be available for speaking engagements during that time, and that organizations desiring to hear her should get in touch with the 4-H Agent's Office, telephone 8151.

Miss Lingle spent six months visiting rural families in Greece. She returned to this country last November.

A Klamath Falls boy, Tom Zinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Zinn of the Weyerhaeuser area, will go to the Middle East this year under the auspices of the program. Harry Taverner, the son of H. K. Taverner, participated in the program in 1952-53 when he toured Brazil.

Students participating in the IFYE program spend about six months with farm families in some foreign country. At the same time, foreign farm students visit in various parts of this country. Delegates on both sides see how things are done in the countries they are visiting, and it is hoped, return to their homes with a better understanding of the countries they visit.

In the United States, the program is jointly sponsored by the National 4-H Club Foundation and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Two Dunsmuir Councilmen Refuse Second Term Bids

DUNSMUIR — Two of Dunsmuir's city council members announced they will not run for reelection this year and another said he was undecided Wednesday night at the city council meeting.

The two council members who will not run are James Haley and Marjorie Young. Haley, a logging contractor, said he can't do justice to both his job and the city. Miss Young indicated one term is sufficient. Undecided was Richard Renaud, who has served a total of 14 years but still has several issues he feels a vital concern about.

Chester Porter, city treasurer and Errol Beaughan, city clerk, both announced they will seek reelection.

In two other items of business, the council asked for federal aid in repairing two flood damaged roads and decided to ignore the state-authorized county retail sales tax issue unless the Sixtyfour County board of supervisors takes an interest in the matter.

Councilmen discussed federal flood relief funds with E. Rex Riley of Redding, civil defense coordinator of Region 2. Riley said the government will only spend

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SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Murlin L. Pear, 22, Yaocott, Wash. laborer, faced a possible six months jail sentence and \$500 fine today because he didn't feel like paying 25-cents to cross the Golden Gate Bridge.

Toll collector F. J. Mendoza said Pear ignored his outstretched hand and sped through the toll gate yesterday, ignoring Mendoza's blast on a police whistle.

State Highway Patrolman Arthur Olson apprehended Pear at the north end of the bridge and brought him back to San Francisco, where he was jailed.

Bridge officials said it had been "years" since any similar incident had occurred.

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Alumni Plans Church Night

MT. SHASTA — Alumni of St. Mary's College residing in the Mt. Shasta area will participate in the annual celebration of Universal St. Mary's Night set for Wednesday, February 1.

Local alumni under the direction of Rodney J. Baumbach Jr., president of the Mt. Shasta Chapter, St. Mary's Alumni Association, will convene at the Empire Room in Yreka for a reunion banquet starting at 7:30 p.m.

"All former students of the college, present students at home during the semester recess, wives, and friends are invited," President Baumbach announced.

The Mt. Shasta banquet will be one of 30 to be held February 1 throughout the nation. Unifying link will be a transcribed 15-minute radio program to be released from Hollywood.

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Artifactors Tour Klamath County Museum; Hear Talks

One of the highlights of the January 16 meeting of the Artifactors was a conducted tour of Klamath County Museum, with explanations of various sections by Dr. Claude Schaeffer, curator. The group met at 8 p.m. in the lecture room of the county library with Lane Smith, president, conducting a short business meeting.

Carroll Howe, Klamath County superintendent of schools, spoke on the founding of the museum, the theme of which is "The Klamath Basin Story."

A display of artifacts brought by members included arrowheads, pipes, pestles, a metate and a piece of the rib of some animal on which Indian writing and figures had been incised.

The rib bone was found in the Lower Klamath Lake area by the Joe Meeker family who live on Midland Road and have long been interested in Indian artifacts. It was picked up about five years ago after it had been uncovered during excavation for road construction in an area where volcanic ash had covered ancient Indian burials.

Dr. Schaeffer expressed the opinion that the bone had been used as a "bull-roarer," a device common among Western and Southwestern Indians and even bushes in Australia in some of their ceremonies. The bone had been polished and ornamented with zodiacal patterns and geometric figures. It was thought it had been discarded as useless when the hole at one end had broken out as "bull-roarers" were used as whistles, by attaching a thong to a hole in one end. When whirled rapidly above the head by means of a length of a thong or cord, a sharp buzzing sound resulted. This sound was thought by early Indians to encourage their gods to bring rain to the area.

It is the only such specimen local Artifactors have found.

Mrs. Amine Smith and Mrs. Joe Meeker were hostesses for refreshments.

The Artifactors, whose membership exceeds 40 persons interested in Indian artifacts, will observe their first birthday anniversary in February. A social meeting and potluck dinner is planned. Place and date will be decided upon in the near future.

Weed Parent-Teacher Unit Votes To Hold Food Sale

WEED — The Weed Parent-Teacher Association voted to sponsor a food sale, to aid the local March of Dimes drive, at the January 17 meeting of the unit held at the Weed Elementary School auditorium. The date of the sale and the chairman will be named this week.

Mrs. Bruce Ewer, vice president, presided at the meeting and the Rev. E. A. Mellon gave the opening inspirational message.

"Family Teamwork" was the subject of the film presentation that preceded the panel discussion, Arthur Fish, eighth grade teacher, was chairman of the program and led the discussion. Three questions discussed were: (1) How necessary are chores at home, for children; (2) How do chores help create unity in home life; (3) Is outside activity good and how does it help children. Teachers forming the panel were: Mrs. O. O. Zwanziger, Mrs. Roger Ellis, William Hall and Edward Smith.

Income Tax Filing Told

Income derived solely from salary, or savings or rentals, or from dividends or interest on investments, capital gains, annuities or pensions, are not considered self-employment income and no self-employment tax need be paid. Generally, persons who carry on a business as a sole proprietor, or who render contract services, or who are members of a partnership or similar organization will have self-employment income and must file a return.

Withholding statement (Form W-2) should be firmly attached to all income tax returns. A space is provided on the left side of the Form 1040 where the W-2 may be either stapled or pinned. Taxpayers who worked for more than one employer during 1955 should attach all of their W-2 withholding tax statements.

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GUEST SPEAKER TOLD

DUNSMUIR — Arthur St. Clair of the California Department of Employment is scheduled to be the guest speaker at ladies night dinner of the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce on January 25, at the Travelers Hotel, President H. A. Meredith says that the public is invited. He requested that reservations be made at the hotel. He stated that Arthur St. Clair is an expert in solving community problems of employment and advancement.

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A RARE SPECIMAN of an Indian "bull-roarer" was displayed by Joe Meeker, pictured here, at the January meeting of the Artifactors. According to Dr. Claude Schaeffer, curator of Klamath County Museum, these devices were made from the rib bone of an animal and whirled above the head at the end of a cord. The resulting buzzing sound was believed to produce rain. "Somebody must have been using it around here," was the comment which followed the explanation.

Green Fireball Traced By Oregon Sky Watchers

BEND — A large green fireball with a flaring tail that blazed out of Pacific skies at about 5:25 p.m. on Sunday, January 8 had the southwestern Oregon coast as its target, but possibly never reached land.

This was the report made here Saturday by Phil F. Brogan, Bend, Northwest director of the American Meteor Society who charted the course of the big meteor after receiving reports from observers in widely scattered areas, from Cheshire in Lane County to Lakeview east of the Cascades.

The blazing meteor, so brilliant in some areas that it virtually floodlighted the landscape in the deep dusk of the January evening, was apparently not observed along the southern Oregon coast or in northwestern California because of a heavy cloud cover.

The tailed fireball, boring through the atmosphere at a terrific speed, was even sighted on central Oregon's high desert, about halfway between Bend and Burns.

Brogan said the meteor apparently became visible about 70 miles above the earth as it blazed in from the Pacific Ocean. It was still some 300 miles to the west when sighted by Allen Dickinson near Cheshire and by Les Small, who saw the object from Jefferson.

The green-headed meteor was seen in the west by Mrs. John B. Lynch of Medford, and was trailing southeast past Mt. Nebo as observed by Mrs. N. P. Simpson of Roseburg.

Mrs. Marshall Hooper of Portland saw the object flash south of Mt. McLoughlin. She was on

the Shasta Daylight train, a short distance north of Klamath Falls. Residents of Klamath Falls and Lakeview also saw the fireball.

Loyde Blakley and Bert Hagen, Bend, obtained a fine view of the green meteor from their car as they drove west over the Central Oregon highway about half way between Bend and Burns.

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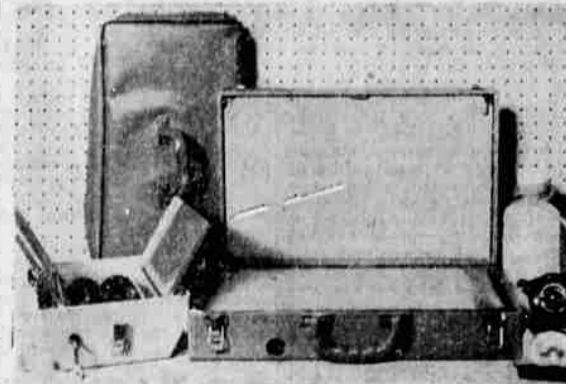
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