



JACK MINKLER

Man Displays Old Sword

Jack Minkler, employe of Car-Ad-Co. will send photographs of an old sword to various museums and California authorities in the hope of establishing identity of the unusual blade he owns. The instrument once belonged to his father, Frank Minkler, onetime resident of Nebraska, who bought the sword from a brother-in-law, the finder, for half a dollar.

The sword, complete with its original brass knuckle guard, is believed to be of Spanish origin. The curved blade, deeply pitted from lying covered for many years in the earth, is 30 inches long by one and one-eighth inches in width, was plowed up from a field in Nebraska in 1901. Rust had eaten into the edge but the rapier-like point was unharmed.

The metal of the rusty blade was extremely hard and could not be touched by the old time grindstone. Later it was cleaned with chemicals. It bears no identification nor marks of any kind.

The sword was found in what was once the Otoe Indian Reservation. Some historians suggest it could have been left as early as 1542 by an exploring party, possibly one of Coronado's which penetrated into country that is now Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri in search of the riches in gold which they never found. Pieces of armor, and other items supporting this theory, have been found near Prairie Rock in Kansas which bear Spanish inscriptions.

The only other of identical design was owned by a veteran of the Revolutionary War, a Col. Benjamin Moore.

Unions Merge In Michigan

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The marriage of the AFL and CIO in Michigan was an accomplished fact today.

But reluctant kinsmen of the weaker AFL were still holding on to a dowry of some \$171,000. Aides of AFL-CIO President George Meany, who ordered the merger, officiated here at the blending of the AFL Michigan Federation of Labor and the state CIO into the Michigan State AFL-CIO.

No one showed up to say no and it was done in comparative harmony.

Meany's aide Peter M. McGavin will try to do something tomorrow about collecting the AFL dowry from the MFL which balked at a merger but was unsuccessful in an attempt to block it. A court fight on the issue is expected.

The State CIO Council, with a membership of about 600,000 complied with Meany's order to turn over its charter and assets of 1 1/4 million dollars.

The MFL, which claims a membership of some 200,000, has refused to yield its charter and funds. It ordered a boycott of the merger convention but delegates representing some 125,000 MFL members turned out and joined in an overwhelming vote for merger.

The Michigan merger — 40th among the states — sets a pattern with other states, such as Rhode Island and New Jersey, which have been slow to merge on the state level. After merger on the national level Dec. 3, 1955, state and local groups were allowed two years to merge voluntarily.

INITIATION
MOUNT SHASTA — Mrs. Ethel Chitwood, noble grand of Castle Lake Rebekah Lodge No. 6, has announced that four candidates will be initiated into the order Friday evening, February 23. A musician and a right support for the noble grand will also be installed. Refreshments and entertainment will follow the installation.

Basin Briefs

Chiloquin W.S.C.S. — will meet Tuesday evening, February 25, at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Walter Zimmerman. Slides on Japan will be shown. Any woman in the area is invited.

From Longview — Mr. and Mrs. Hal Page, Longview, Washington, are visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Page, Gilchrist.

Delegates — From Crescent to the tenth annual meeting of the Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon in Klamath Falls were the Rev. Henry Cash, Mrs. Elther Gudatt and Mrs. Lattimore Freeman.

Malin — Garden Club will resume their regular meetings on Wednesday, February 26, at 2 p.m. in the community hall. Anyone interested is invited to attend. A colored film on African insects will be shown by Lee McFarland, Mrs. Walter Stastny and Mrs. Ralph Stearns are hostesses.

Choir — Jan Elmore, Malin, will appear with the 60 member a cappella choir of Lewis and Clark College on Saturday, March 8, at the Klamath Falls First Presbyterian Church. The group will make a 13 day tour and travel as far east as Salt Lake City.

Safety Drive Under Way

DUNSMUIR — "Operation Safety" which has been proclaimed in Dunsmuir as an industry-community effort to prevent accidents was launched Monday at a public meeting at the Dunsmuir Elementary School.

This safety rally featuring musical entertainment and a movie entitled "Knowing's Not Enough" will be attended by Southern Pacific officials, members of the city council and the townspeople. It will mark the presentation of a safety award to the employes of Shasta Division, Southern Pacific Company, for the highest safety record of the system's 10 divisions.

J. W. Corbett, SP vice president, and M. A. Nugent, safety superintendent, both of San Francisco, will present the safety plaque to A. W. Kilborn, division superintendent. Refreshments will be served following the program.

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GRANGE NEWS

LOST RIVER

Lost River Grange, No. 846, held the second in its winter series of card games Friday, February 21, and the high score for the women's prize was taken by Ora Grenger. Next high in women's play was won by Cora Woodward.

The men's high was won by Harvey Kinney and the next high score was by M. Taylor.

The high scores at the conclusion of the series of games on both men and women's play will receive the season prize and second high will go to the man or woman finishing next in each division. There is also a prize for double pinochle each evening of cards.

The next party will be held Friday evening, March 7, in the Grange Hall in Olene. The public is invited.

PROVES POINT

STERLING, Colo. — Sheriff Vernon Hastings Jr. was voted the best dog-caller in the Sterling Lions Club and wasted no time proving to the other members he deserved the honor. One by one, the members demonstrated their ability at calling dogs. When Hastings whistled, his dog appeared out of nowhere.

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