

JEREMY CHRISTMAS

A Yuletide Story

BY WALT SCOTT



Eugene Firm Awarded Pact

CHILQUIN—The Chilquin City Council, at its Monday night meeting, awarded a contract to Jesse Brothers, 1870 Pacific Highway 99 North, Eugene, for construction of extensions to the sanitary sewer system for East Chilquin, according to William L. Wales Jr., Klamath Falls, civil and structural engineer for the project.

The Jesse firm's bid of \$28,251 was low among the 11 bids submitted. Work is to start at once. All but two of the construction firms taking out bids and specifications entered bids and there was a spread of less than \$5,000 in the amounts bid by six of the 11 bidders.

Other bidders were Don Herd's Construction Company, Lebanon; Inter City Sand and Gravel Company, Eugene; Tri State Construction Company, Portland; P. J. Bush, Klamath Falls; Phoenix-Matthews, Inc., Portland; Riverside Construction Company, Portland; Hattan and Bingham Construction Company, North Bend; P. S. Lord Construction Company, Portland; Johnson and Wilson Construction Company, Klamath Falls, and William P. Wampler, Chilquin.

The bids were opened last Friday evening at Chilquin. There were two sets of alternates included: concrete, vitrified clay of cement asbestos pipe, and cast-in-place and precast manholes. The city council decided to accept cement asbestos pipe and precast manholes and the bid accepted includes those alternates. Plans are being completed by Wales this week for extensions to the sanitary sewer system for West Chilquin.

Testimonial Dinner Honors Couple Married 80 Years

FAIRVIEW, Utah (AP)—All the days of their married life have started with a prayer, and today their 80th wedding anniversary was no exception for Peter and Celestia Peterson.

He is 90 and she is 97. This Central Utah town honored the couple with a testimonial dinner Wednesday night. A tape recording was made and will be played to them today because they couldn't make it to the dinner. Both are hard of hearing.

Mayor Otis Nielsen and Apostle LeGrand Richards of the Latter-day Saints (Mormon) Church

called their lives and marriage a shining example of love and devotion.

They were married Dec. 11, 1878, in St. George, Utah, 250 miles southwest of here.

"My wedding dress had ribbons on it, but Peter took them off," recalls the silver-haired Mrs. Peterson. "He said, 'You're pretty enough without those.'"

Peterson, then a strapping 18-year-old farmer, had driven a wagon load of grain eight days to get to St. George from here.

The grain was sold to pay for their wedding journey, another eight-day trip by a horse-drawn wagon through rugged mountainous country only recently cleared of hostile Indians.

Peterson credits their longevity to plain living and the fact that neither he nor his wife ever smoked or drank.

"We have always lived congenially," he said.

They have 253 blood descendants. Adding those related by marriage, the family tree numbers 326.

"I gave birth to 10 sons and daughters and only had a doctor for one of them," says Mrs. Peterson. Seven of the 10 survive and are among those honoring their parents today.

HOOVER HONORED

NEW YORK (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover was honored Wednesday "for outstanding service in advancing the American way of life." The award, a small bronze statuette of a Minute Man, was given to Hoover, 84, by the Conference of Patriotic and Historical Societies.

White House Opens Season

WASHINGTON (AP)—President and Mrs. Eisenhower open the White House winter social season tonight with a formal state dinner honoring the Supreme Court.

The guest list may be a little larger than usual, but the social season itself—with five state dinners—is the shortest ever.

The Eisenhowers have reduced the traditional presidential entertaining to a minimum. They dropped a military-science dinner added last season.

But an Eisenhower innovation—the after-dinner musicale for about 150 additional guests—was retained for tonight.

Two diplomatic dinners have been set for next Wednesday and Thursday. The brief social season will wind up next month with state dinners Jan. 26 for Vice President Richard M. Nixon and the Cabinet, and Jan. 27 for the speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.).

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES

LONDON (UPI)—The number of unemployed in Britain rose to 336,000 in November, an increase of 22,000. It was the highest total in 11 years.

Two Hectic Days Capped; Bridges Reveals Wedding

RENO, Nev. (AP)—"We got married," said Harry Bridges. And that seemed to cap the hectic two days in which he went to court and successfully challenged Nevada's 94-year-old statute banning weddings between Orientals and Caucasians.

The 58-year-old west Coast Longshore leader and 35-year-old Noriko Sawada, a Nisei, were honeymooning today after convincing a Nevada district judge that the statute is unconstitutional. It was patterned after a California law dating back to the gold rush days. The California law was declared unconstitutional in 1948.

Said Judge Taylor Wines, "Marriage isn't a privilege. It is a right of a free and equal individual." And he ordered the county clerk to issue a license.

Their romantic trip came to an abrupt and embarrassing interlude Tuesday when they learned—by their surprise and obvious discomfort—of the old Nevada statute.

Three times Bridges and Miss Sawada were denied a marriage license. After the second turnaround the Australian born labor leader announced he would fight the law. Then he went to the hotel where he had registered himself and Miss Sawada as "Mr. and Mrs. H. Bridges" and reregistered his fiancée under her maiden name. They took separate rooms.

Newsman and photographers, who had kept close tabs on the

couple for two days, were barred from Justice Beemer's chambers. Bridges, harried on this elopement to his third marriage, told the cameramen: "No this is private. It's my marriage and my last one. I might add, because I'd never live through another like that."

He emerged smiling, lipstick-smudged and congenial and poured champagne while photographers took pictures.

That contrasted with his wringing over Tuesday's legal merry-go-round.

Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, said:

"My wife and I believe all citizens of Nevada should be proud of Judge Wines for his display of courage and legal integrity—so should all forward-looking Americans in every state."

Their honeymoon plans were a secret. But Bridges let it be known they'll go abroad, especially to the Orient.

Plans for that trip figured in Atty. Samuel Francovich's argument against the law. "Striking down the Nevada law will do more than all of our Sputniks and missiles to bring about world friendship and cooperation," he said.

Trial Scheduled For Barkeeper

HIGBEE, Mo. (AP)—Barkeeper Hugo Torri spread the word: free rabbit feed during the holidays for his customers.

Dave Wilder, a state conservation agent, got the message. He arrested Torri for failure to have a hunting license, which is required for possession of any game. Wilder also confiscated 23 rabbits, 15 more than the legal limit.

Torri faces trial Dec. 20.

CLAIM GLOBE PHOTO

LONDON (UPI)—Soviet scientists say a camera aboard a Soviet meteorological rocket has taken the first genuine photograph of the globe. Radio Moscow said the photograph was reproduced in the new Soviet film, "extraordinary travels."

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