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### Tractor Cuts Infiltration, Report Says

TULELAKE—A tractor moving over a soil only once shortly after irrigation can reduce the water infiltration by a third, according to University of California irrigation technologists, reports Ken Baghott, Tulelake farm adviser.

Lloyd D. Doneen, professor of irrigation on the Davis campus, in studying moisture penetration on soils at various lengths of time after irrigation, found that sandy soils are damaged by tractors even when dry.

One pass of a tractor a few days after irrigation can cut down water penetration from one and one-half inch per minute to half an inch, he said. Once a soil is compacted, said Doneen, it is difficult to correct the condition. The best method is to wait until the soil is very dry and chisel or subsoil the compacted area.

### Valuation Total Told

DUNSMUIR — Dunsmuir High School has the lowest assessed valuation per pupil of the 16 high schools in the state with enrollments of 200 to 299 pupils, the Dunsmuir High School board of trustees learned at its April meeting.

School board members reviewed a report issued by the California Department of Education indicating comparative wealth of districts. Dunsmuir High School's district is assessed at \$5,323,360 or a per pupil average of \$20,241. This compares with Imperial Valley High School with a comparative enrollment and a district assessed at \$11,139,271 or a per pupil average of \$42,513. Members are currently studying proposed legislation which if passed would place schools on a more equitable financial basis throughout the state.

In other business, the board members learned all of the current high school faculty have signed contracts for the coming year except Madeline Mitchell who plans to be married and Robert Sanderson who plans to return to college. Mrs. Marion LaChance has signed a contract to replace Miss Mitchell as an English teacher but Del Poe, superintendent, said a commercial teacher is needed to complete the teaching staff.

A study of extracurricular activity is being made in order to make faculty assignments. The board has received approval of the course of study by the State Department of Education.

PRINCESS STUDIES FRENCH  
LONDON (UPI) — Eight-year-old Princess Anne has mastered the fundamentals of the French language and is ready to move on to conversational French, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said today.

### Tobacco Tax Considered In Move To Balance Budget

SALEM (AP)—The House Taxation Committee Friday came up with a tentative tax program including a tobacco tax and a business tax.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), chairman of the committee, said the program would balance a budget between 310 and 312 million dollars.

The committee turned to the tobacco tax for about 10 million dollars for the next biennium.

It would place a three-cent a

### Law Officers Hear Ex-POW

WEED—Experiences as a prisoner of war for five years in a Russian concentration camp and law enforcement in Germany during the Hitler regime and after World War II were related by Dr. Walter Steinert at the Thursday, April 9, meeting of the Siskiyou County Peace Officers' Association held at the Dunsmuir Hotel in Dunsmuir.

Of 5,000 prisoners, Dr. Steinert was one of 400 returned from the concentration camp in Siberia following World War II. Others, he said, died of starvation, disease or mistreatment.

Dr. Steinert, who is teaching at Shasta Junior College at Redding under the Fulbright Fellowship Program, vowed that Germany today is one of the United States' strongest and friendliest allies and praised the U.S. operations in West Berlin. Communist population in Germany is now almost nothing, he said and the American strength in Europe today has prevented Russian domination.

The association nominating committee submitted a new slate of officers for the ensuing year including Harold Barnum, Mount Shasta chief of police, president; William Auman, Weed game warden, first vice president; Mel Cozzallo, chief criminal deputy of the Siskiyou County sheriff's office, second vice president; E. B. Barnes, California Highway Patrol officer, Yreka, third vice president; Mrs. Lucile L. Gaynor, Weed Justice Court clerk, treasurer; and Dick Newton, deputy sheriff, Fort Jones, sergeant-at-arms.

Nominations made from the floor were for T. B. Gilzean, third vice president; and Laurence Taylor, deputy sheriff, Mount Shasta, treasurer. Election will be by mailed ballots and the results will be announced at the May 14 meeting scheduled at the ski bowl lodge on the mountain. Installation of new officers will be held at the June 11 meeting.

C. W. Champlin, Dunsmuir, chief special agent for Southern Pacific, presided at the April meeting and announced plans were near completion for the May 20 "field day" for all junior patrol boys and girls of Siskiyou County to be held at Yreka. An FBI team of crack marksmen from San Francisco will be here for this event.

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### Farm Census May Begin In October

TULELAKE—The 17th farm census will start this fall. Tulelake Farm Adviser Ken Baghott of the University of California reports that the Bureau of Census expects to begin this tally as early as October in some areas.

The census questions will call for three kinds of information. The first kind deals with farm resources—farms, area of farms, acres of cropland, etc.

The second kind of information requested by the census will be a record of farm products produced and sold in 1959. Questions such as "How much barley was sold?", "How many acres of potatoes were harvested?", etc. will be asked.

The third kind of information sought will relate to selected farming activities this year. How many days did the farmer work off his farm? How much fertilizer was used this year? A few simple records kept by farmers will help in the census taking.

### Storekeeper Burns Bills

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP)—Jack Tinkle has cleared the books of more than \$60,000 in unpaid accounts at his hardware and furniture store.

Tossing the bills into an incinerator, Tinkle said: "I'm forgiving these people their debts to me, and I hope I'll be forgiven too. I figure a lot of people who have been staying away from my stores because of being delinquent in their accounts will come in when they know they've been forgiven."

Some of the bills were 30 years old.

THE ANSWER IS NO  
DALLAS, Tex. (UPI) — County Treasurer Warren G. Harding said he'd had a pleasant chat in the courthouse corridor with a stranger who told him he had just been indicted on three counts of passing bad checks.

Harding said the conversation ended when the man asked: "By the way, I wonder if you would cash a small check for me?"

### News Editors Criticize Military News Blackout

WASHINGTON (AP) — A committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors charges that suppression of military information is preventing the American people from making intelligent decisions on national defense.

The report of the society's Freedom of Information Committee was stated to be made by its chairman, Herbert Brucker, editor of the Hartford (Conn) Courant.

The ASNE closed its annual convention here Saturday with a banquet at which Vice President Richard M. Nixon spoke.

In the freedom of information report prepared for delivery to the convention, Brucker criticized congressional committees for closing a high percentage of their hearings to the press. He also deplored what he described as a similar tendency in the executive branch.

Not only is the public judgment obscured on such questions as the status of America's missile program, Brucker said, but also on the crucial issue of whether defense spending has been cut to balance the budget or whether it is truly adequate to protect the country. The citizens are obliged to depend on the interpretations—often conflicting—of political rivals, he said.

Brucker also challenged the broadened interpretation of the equal time principle adopted by the Federal Communications Commission. The ruling obliges radio and television stations, which give time to a political candidate, to match this with equal time for his opponent.

"The technicians seem to be making more and more wave lengths available for broadcasting, so that less and less control should be needed," Brucker said. "But the FCC instead is reaching out for more control."

The editor said it was a hopeful sign that the American Bar Assn. now is reviewing its "Canon 35"—the rule against the taking of photographs in court rooms.

The ABA last summer created a committee to check the experience of judges and lawyers in courts where cameras were permitted.

"The ABA is properly sensitive to the right of fair trial be prejudiced," Brucker commented. "In our experience, however, the only thing which has been denied a

fair trial is the camera in the court room. It is a hopeful sign that the bar association now is looking for the facts in the case."



"The practice can be justified to a degree in the executive agencies, especially in defense matters," Brucker said, "but it is carried so far that it must constantly be resisted."

At this moment, he said, the American people have insufficient information to make intelligent decisions bearing on national security.

### Awards Given For Safety

DUNSMUIR — Sixty-one youngsters received certificates on Monday evening attesting successful completion of the Hunter Safety Course of the California State Fish and Game Department.

Al Cottar, Siskiyou County sheriff, was the guest speaker for the final meeting of the course at the Dunsmuir Elementary School. Cottar emphasized the safety factor of hunting. He pointed out that the record of boys and girls who have taken the course is better than that of hunters as a whole as far as hunter accidents are concerned. Cottar praised Dunsmuir for having the most active hunter safety program in the county.

Instructors who volunteered their time for the course were John Boggs, Bob Kenoyer, Jack Samuelson, Jack Leslie, Jim Hartman, Jack LaBarre, Herman Kostiz, Bill Eoff and Noble Day. Dr. H. A. Meredith assisted with eye examinations.

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