

Water Level Rise Noted

FORT ROCK—Water levels in the Fort Rock Basin are still rising over most of the area, according to William Bartholomew, geologist from the office of Lewis A. Stanley, state engineer.

Bartholomew and Jack Seava took well measurements recently in the annual spring check and found the average gain to be approximately five tenths of a foot. "Some wells had slight gains while others indicated almost a foot over measurements taken last October."

The "Pacific Northwest Water Resources Summary," printed monthly by the U.S. Geological Survey, included month-end ground-water levels in 20 key wells. The May issue shows measurements at The Poplar well, 12 miles southeast of Fort Rock, continuing at an all time high. This is the principal observation well for the basin, with 24 years of record.

Geologist Bartholomew points out, "It appears that we are still in the so called 'wet cycle' with the regional water table still rising. How long into the future this condition will continue we do not know, perhaps for many years to come. Past records have shown that a water level decline took place in the Fort Rock Basin between 1924 and 1932. The total drop in water level was about four feet."

"Since 1947 the water level in the Fort Rock Basin has been rising to present high levels, six and one half feet above the 1947 measurement. It is expected that at some future time water levels will attain their highest point and then begin a gradual decline to lower levels."

For the present and immediate future we have an encouraging ground water situation in the Fort Rock Basin."

A complete tabulation of all ground water rights in the Fort Rock Basin is planned for the fall, according to Bartholomew.

Flower Show Set August 1

Educational displays will play an important part during the two-day Klamath District Garden Club Centennial Flower Show on August 1-2. Theme of the show will be Heritage of a Century and the show, to be held in the exhibit building at the fairgrounds, promises, according to those in charge, to be one of the most ambitious ever attempted.

A display of trees native to this area in Oregon is to be arranged through the cooperation of the National Park Service, the Cascade Chapter of the Society of American Foresters and Harry J. Marshall, Klamath Falls, unit forester for the Timber Management Division of the Oregon State Board of Forestry, and local logging outfits.

The pretentious display will be arranged by representatives of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, Puckett and Scherer and the U.S. Forest Service.

Fourteen species, Western white, western white pine, sugar pine, whitebark pine, ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce, western hemlock, mountain hemlock, Douglas fir, white fir, Shasta red fir, incense cedar, western juniper.

Cones and samples of commercial wood products sold on the market will complete the display. Attendants will be on duty during the two days to answer questions of the public.

Hours for the show will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, and 12:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 2.

Nine clubs, Alturas, Tulelake, Bonanza, Malin, Northside, Juniper, Evergreen, Mt. Laki and Klamath Falls will sponsor the accredited show.

Mrs. Crystal Cheyne is general chairman.

Swim Lesson Classes Set

Three hundred and three children from the Newell and Tulelake communities have enrolled for Red Cross swimming lessons at the Malin pool, according to announcement received from Mrs. Katherine Lillard, water safety chairman of the Tulelake Branch of the Red Cross.

Classes will begin Monday, June 15, and bus service will be provided for both Newell and Tulelake for all enrolled. Mrs. Lillard states that children not already enrolled can purchase swim tickets at the Malin pool Monday.

Mrs. Mildred Miller and Mrs. Mary Hedding will drive the school buses to provide transportation for children enrolled; both drivers hold Red Cross first aid certificates. Miss Pat Schwabland will be the chaperon on the bus.

The Tulelake Branch budgets \$600 annually to cover cost of gasoline, and driver and chaperon salaries as a community service to enable all children in the branch territory to avail themselves of the opportunity to learn to swim. Buses are furnished by the area's school system. All personnel at the Malin pool have been trained by the Red Cross and are authorized to issue certificates for successful completion of the training courses. Anyone having questions about entering the courses may contact Mrs. Lillard, Tulelake 2-1022.



Robert Glenn Chidester

Law Degree Due KF Lad

Robert Glenn Chidester of Klamath Falls was graduated June 7 from Willamette University's College of Law. He received an LL.B. degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Chidester of 2721 Altamont Drive. He was graduated third highest in the class of 38.

In addition, if Chidester passes his Oregon State Bar examination, he will qualify for a commission as first lieutenant in the Army and a post with the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Chidester received a bachelor of arts degree from Willamette University in 1957. He is a member of the Order of the Purple, law honorary, Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity. He will receive from the fraternity, a scholarship key and certificate. He is also a member of Klamath Falls Elks Lodge.

Fairgrounds Has Fountain

MONTAGUE—The Montague Rodeo Grounds now has a drinking fountain, constructed recently by members of the Willow Creek All Club as a community project.

The group met at the Montague Rodeo grounds on Wednesday evening, June 10, and with the direction of several adults, completed the project. The fountain was first cemented and the youngsters then built up around it with rocks, arranging it so that tykes as well as adults can drink from it comfortably.

The Willow Creek Club is going to hold a food sale Saturday, June 13 at 10 a.m. in Schock's old grocery store building, to raise funds to pay for the materials used in the project.

Those participating in the project included Carolyn Havens, Carol Peterson, John Peterson, Judy Silva and Ardyce Joslin, all from the Willow Creek area. Members present from Hornbrook were Penny Barham, Jerry Elmore and Lula Belle Whitten. Miss Whitten is a contestant for Junior Rodeo Queen of the eighth annual Junior Rodeo and Barbecue to be held at Montague Sunday, June 21.

Adults present to oversee and assist the young people were Age Peterson, Mrs. Vera Clement, Jack Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Silva and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Severson.

Science Tutor Named Judge

Russell Pengelly, a general science teacher at Fremont Junior High School for the past seven years, is among 100 science teachers throughout the nation selected to review efforts by the American Institute of Biological Sciences to reorganize biology courses for secondary schools.

As a reviewer, Pengelly will criticize sample material prepared this summer and next fall by the AIBS staff.

The courses will be aimed at approximately the 10th grade level. The AIBS is filming a series of movies to be integrated with lectures to emphasize contemporary biology and to present it in a more advanced manner than has been customary.

The courses will consist of 120 basic lecture-demonstration films lasting 30 minutes each. The films will deal with cell biology, microbiology, and the biology of multicellular plants, multicellular animals, reproduction, growth and development, genetics, diversity of plants, diversity of animals, ecology and machinery of change.

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LIFE INSURANCE WEEK, statewide, from June 15 to 21, was made official in Klamath Falls last week by a proclamation signed by Mayor Lawrence Slater. The other men are, from left, Merlin Bleak, president of the Klamath Basin Life Underwriters' Association, and Fred Starkey, chairman of the local Life Insurance Week Committee. A state convention is set for Medford June 19 and 20.

Stock Report Decline; Widest Drop Since May 7

By ELMER C. WALZER

NEW YORK (UPI)—Stocks lost 22 cents a share during the past week after suffering their widest decline since May 7 on Monday and registering their best gain since Nov. 27, 1957 on Wednesday.

Trading steadily declined until Friday the volume had fallen to a new low since Sept. 3. The week's total of 15,968,114 shares, a daily average of 3,992,029 shares, was above last week's 14,785,757 shares for a daily average of 2,957,151 shares.

The net result of the week's gyrations as measured by the averages amounted to a 2.56 point loss in the industrials which finished the week at 827.4 and 0.96 to 163.02 in the rails Utilities closed at 86.54 off 0.97 and 65 stocks 211.04 off 1.21.

At Friday's close the industrial average was down 16.37 points or 2.5 per cent from its high set on May 29. Rails were off 6.65 points or 3.9 per cent from their high which was made on May 22. Utilities showed a loss of 8.16 points or 8.6 per cent from their top set on March 18. The 65-stock loss of 5.96 or 2.8 per cent was made from a high set May 29.

The decline on Monday amounting to 2.86 points in the industrials reflected last week's weakness and left the market vulnerable for another setback of 4 points in the average on Tuesday. The market had begun to rally Tuesday with the industrial average at 613.11 intraday.

That rally generated a rise on Tuesday that sent the average up 0.55 points and lifted rails 2.32 points. Analysts said it started exactly where the chartists had anticipated.

By Thursday about half of the market's loss on the movement had been restored. Then new selling developed and in line with expectations and true to form this dip was accompanied by dull turnover, a favorable factor in the eyes of the bulls.

Obituaries

DIRSCHL

Mabel Dirschl, 52, died here June 13. She was a native of Enderlin, North Dakota, and a resident of this community for the past 30 years. She is survived by two sons, Bob and Raymond, both of this city; two daughters, Evelyn Carlson and Vivian Floethe, both of this city; three brothers, Ray Severson of Los Angeles, Norman Severson of Everett, Washington, Melvin Severson of Enderlin; three sisters, Mrs. Clara Hanson of Bendigo, Minnesota, Mrs. D. B. Clabaugh of Swanville, Minnesota, Mrs. C. S. Everest of Inkster, Michigan. Mrs. Dirschl was a member of The Klamath Lutheran Church and Guardian Neighbor of The Neighbors of The Woodcraft. Funeral services will take place from The Klamath Lutheran Church on Tuesday June 16, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. LeRoy Redal officiating. Concluding services will follow in Klamath Memorial Park, Ward's Klamath Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

SQUARE DANCE

MOUNT SHASTA—Chick Harrison of Yreka will conduct square dancing at the Mount Shasta City Park on Thursday evenings, June 18 and 25. These are under auspices of the Mount Shasta Recreation District. All experienced square or folk dancers are invited. A new style in calling and dancing is being taught.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS

Jolly Neighbors will meet on Tuesday, June 16, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Morris Jorde, 633 Upham Street. Cohostess will be Mrs. Harriet Newman.

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Old Letter By Pioneer Reveals 1846 Hardships

By RUTH KING

During this Centennial year, many of those whose ancestry is linked with the intrepid men and women who marked the overland trail from East to West, have searched old trunks and family Bibles for bits of interesting, poignant historical data that rarely gets into print.

Mrs. Frances Kiger, member of a pioneer family, has a letter written by the great-great-grandmother of her sons, Kenneth and Estin, both of Klamath County, in 1846 to relatives left in Ohio.

The writer, Anna Maria King was the wife of Stephen King at the time this letter was written. After his death she married Sol King who made his home for many years near Corvallis where he served several terms as sheriff of Benton County.

The letter follows: Luckiamute Valley, Oregon April 1, 1846

Dear Mother, Brothers and Sisters:

After traveling six months we arrived at Lynnlin on the Willamette November the 1st. We had beautiful weather all the way, no rain of any account. We got along finely until we came to Fort Boisen within three or four miles of Lynnlin when along came a man by the name of Meeks, who said he could take us a new route across the Cascade Mountains to the Willamette River in 20 days, so a large company of one hundred and fifty or two hundred wagons left the old road to follow the new road and traveled for two months over sand, rocks, hills and anything else but good roads. Two-thirds of the immigrants ran out of provisions and had to live on beef but as it happened we had plenty of flour and bacon to last us through. But worse than all this, sickness and death attended us the rest of the way.

I wrote to you at Fort Larimie that the whooping cough and measles went through our camp, and after we took the new route a slow lingering fever prevailed. Out of Chambers, Nortons, Johns and our family, none escaped except Solomon and myself. But listen to the deaths: Sally Chambers, John King and his wife, their little daughter Electa, and their babe a son 9 months old, and Dulancy C. Nortons sister are gone. Mr. A. Fuller lost his wife and daughter Tobitha. Eight of our two families have gone to their long homes. Stephen was taken with the fever at Fort Boisen; he had not been well since we left Ohio, but was now taken worse. He was sick for 3 months, we did not expect him to live for a long time, was afraid he had consumption, but he is now well and hearty, getting fat every day, and he weighs as much as when he came over the Mts. as for myself I was never heartier in my life since I left Missouri. I have not had even one sick day. The rest of our party are getting well and hearty now, I believe.

Those that went the old road got through six weeks before us, with no sickness at all. Upwards of fifty died on the new route. The Indians did not disturb us any, except to steal horses. The Luckiamute, a western branch of

the Willamette, nor a days ride from the ocean and 100 miles south of the Columbia River. It is a beautiful country as far as I have seen. Every person eight-ent years old holds a section by making improvements and living on it five years. They sow wheat here from October to June, and the best wheat I ever saw, and plenty of it at 75 cents and \$1.00 per bushel, corn 50 cents, beef 5 and 8 cents, pork 10 cents, sugar 12 1/2 cents, molasses 50 cents, tea 75 cents, sheeting from 16 cents to 25 cents, calico from 10 to 50 cents and salt is 1 cent a pound, and other things accordingly. Mills are plenty, no trouble about getting grinding. The water is all soft as it is in Massachusetts. Soda springs are common and fresh water springs are without number. It is now the first of April and not a particle of snow has fallen in the valley, neither have I seen a bit of ice a half-inch thick this winter, but it rains nearly all winter but this does not hinder them from plowing and sowing wheat. There are thousands of strawberries, gooseberries, blackberries, whortle berries, currants and other wild fruits, but no nuts except hazel and a few chestnuts. The timber is principally fir and oak.

You perhaps wish to know how I like the country, I like it well. It is an easy place to make a living. You can raise as many cattle as you please and not cost you a cent, for the grass is green the whole winter and cattle are as fat as if they had been stall fed the whole year round. Wheat is raised without trouble and will fetch anything, the same as cash. A wagon from \$100 to \$150; \$100 for a yoke of oxen, \$50 for a cow and work will fetch anything you want from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a day. A dollar a hundred for making rails and so on. And although I was opposed as anyone could be to coming—if I were back there and knew what I know now I would be perfectly willing to come.

The land you get is sufficient to pay you for your trouble, and if you were here, and John and Warren, each of them and yourself had a claim I should like to live here. We have all got claims joining. What winter state will do for us I cannot tell. You know more about that than I do.

The Indians appear to be very friendly, like to have "the Boston's" come, as they call them. You think it is a long road, and so it is, but the worse is over when you get started. Be sure and have plenty of flour, that is the main object. Start with at least 175 or 200 pounds, and 75 pounds of bacon to the person, fetch no more beds than you want to use, start with clothing aplenty to last you one year after you get here, if you have nothing to buy with, plenty to buy with. Start with at least four or five yoke of cattle to the wagon, young cattle, four or five years old are the best, fetch what coffee, sugar and such things as you like, if you should be sick you need them. I write to you as though I expected you to come. I can't help but believe you would be suited—children well fixed to get a living. That is if Congress ever does anything for Oregon. It is not like any other new country—a farm to pay for—it is already paid for when you get here. You don't know how I want to see you, and if I am never to see you, let me hear from you as often as possible. I want to know you are all getting along and what you are doing.

Give my love and respects to all.

We have had two weddings in our family, Rolland Chambers to Lovica King, and Amos King to Welinda Fuller. Young men have to pay five-dollars a year if they don't live on their claim. The people all look hale and hearty here. We are all looking for Moses Moot and Heman Halleck this fall.

Write first opportunity, and everyone. It has been so long since I have heard from you.

From your affectionate children, Stephen and Marie King.

The old organ pictured was obtained by Anna Maria King, (Mrs. Solomon King) on a \$100 butter bill—owed by a lady who could not pay—so gave the organ as payment. Anna Maria King gave the organ to her daughter, Lucy Ann King Kiger. Then it was given to Fred Kiger who handed it down to Mrs. Frances Kiger, who has made her home for many years with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kiger. They ranch just off the Merrill Highway. Mrs. Frances Kiger in turn donated it to the Horner Museum, Gill Coliseum, Corvallis, Oregon.

TO TRANSFER

McCLOUD—Robert Tomlinson, McCLOUD High School teacher and basketball coach, completed his sixth year at McCLOUD. He is to transfer to Corning High School, next term, where he will teach physical education, biology, driver training and be assistant football coach. He will also coach varsity basketball and tennis.

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MRS. FRANCES KIGER, mother of Estin and Kenneth Kiger, Klamath Falls, loaned a letter to be published during Oregon's Centennial year, written by the great-great-grandmother of her sons, Maria King. Mrs. Kiger is also an Oregon pioneer. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Sult who went to the Willamette Valley in 1869 and to Summer Lake in 1872. She has lived in Klamath County since 1919, makes her home between Klamath Falls and Merrill with her son Kenneth.



THE OLD ORGAN once owned by Maria King, writer of the interesting letter on life in early Oregon, was donated to the Horner Museum, Gill Coliseum, Corvallis. It is still in perfect condition, more than 100 years after it was owned by Anna Maria King.

FIESTA SET

McCLOUD—Gary Caswell, president of the McCLOUD Community Recreation Council, today announced that the Lumberjack Fiesta will be held August 28, 29 and 30. A showing of an aquacade will be held each evening. Other tentative feature attractions will be a rock 'n' roll dance; operation of the miniature railroad; concessions; gem and mineral show, flower show and hobby exhibits.

CHURCH PARTY
A party will be held for young people from all Klamath Basin churches at the Yacht Club June 20 from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Parents are especially invited.

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