

Historians Name Boss

Mrs. Lawrence Gifford has been elected boss of the Klamath County Historical Society. Serving with her will be Albert Angel, vice president; Mrs. Nevada Smith, secretary-treasurer and Annabell Newton, program chairman.

Election of the new slate was concluded at the December 2 meeting in Fremont School. Beginning the new year of meetings January 13, 1960, sessions will be the second Wednesday of each month held in the lecture room of the Klamath County Library. For those not wishing to use the stairs, elevator service will be available.

The January program will be on "Progress and Promotion of Real Estate in the Klamath Basin," E. M. Chilcote, Klamath Falls pioneer realtor as speaker.

Dues are due in January.

4-H NEWS

BUSY KNITTERS

The Busy Knitters had their meeting at Mrs. Gray Brannon's home. Election for this year's officers was held. They are: Patricia Soran, president; Judy Jackson, vice president; Kathy Herringshaw, secretary; Carol Uchwat, news reporter.

This year we have four new members besides the four from last year who decided to continue in knitting.

Then our leader thought we should take a vote on whether each member should bring 10 cents each or to have someone bring refreshments.

Refreshments were served by our leader and her daughter at the end of the meeting.

The third meeting of the Busy Knitters was held at our leader's home on November 18. Patricia Soran called the meeting to order. The secretary didn't have her minutes so Patricia asked if there was any new business. Everyone said they would rather bring refreshments than a dime each meeting.

Everyone continued in their knitting while Mrs. Brannon helped correct their mistakes. Refreshments were then served by Mrs. Brannon.

Carol Uchwat,
News Reporter

Fire Call Answered

YREKA—Klamath National Forest Service firemen answered a fire call Tuesday on the Klamath River road about 22 miles northwest of Yreka. The blaze had spread out of control on property owned by Chris Abram.

According to the fire dispatcher here, Abram was burning brush without a burning permit when the flames spread to his house and over about a quarter acre of ground.

Firemen arrived on the scene in time to prevent serious damage to the house. It was pointed out by Lee Morford, of the forest dispatcher's office, that fire regulations relative to burning permits have been extended beyond the usual date of December 1. Forest regulation T-1 concerning campfires and burning permits in national forests is also still in effect.

POLL FAVORS ROONE

NEW YORK (UPI) — A teenage poll on favorite singers, conducted by the United Church of Christ's Youth magazine, today showed Pat Boone as the top choice of the young set.

State Taxes Not Too Bad, Says Ex-County Judge

Oregon's taxes aren't as bad as people think they are. But even so, they've improved over the past two years.

So said State Tax Commissioner Charles Mack at a luncheon meeting of the eastern Oregon assessors' convention yesterday in the Willard Hotel.

Mack, Klamath County judge until last February, backed his statements before a roomful of tax-conscious assessors with new figures to be formally released today. These figures show that between 1957 and 1959:

—Oregon was the only state in the union to reduce personal income taxes.

—Of the 11 western states, Oregon dropped from first place to seventh in the amount of taxes per \$1,000 income.

—Nationally, the state dropped from sixth place to sixteenth.

—The state's tax load, per capita, moved down from sixth place to twelfth among the 50 states. (California is first—or highest—and Washington is now sixth.)

—As might be expected, state tax collections dropped 8.2 per cent in those two years. Collections increased in every other state.

Mack said the State Tax Commission was concerned about publicity given a Census Bureau report for 1957 which placed Oregon taxes highest in the west and

Judge Mulls Beating Case

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg took under advisement Thursday a demurrer filed on behalf of two men indicted for beating a companion with a stove poker.

The demurrer was filed on behalf of Charles Junior Hood, 29, and Louis Gibbons, 27, both of Chilcoquin, who are accused of beating Cyril Bierle after a drinking bout early November 11.

The defendants' attorney, Glenn D. Ramirez, maintained that the state's indictment was unclear because it alleged Bierle was struck with both a stove poker and a glass bottle. The indictment was inconsistent, he said, because the charge specified a poker.

District Attorney Arthur Beddoe argued that the "poker" was specifically alleged to be the dangerous weapon and that "there was no allegation at all that the glass bottle was the dangerous weapon."

"I'll look this over," said the judge, and Hood and Gibbons were returned to the county jail.

Another defendant indicted by the grand jury at a one-day session Tuesday was Richard W. Wayburn, 20, 547 Eldorado Boulevard, accused of taking and using a vehicle without the owner's consent.

Wayburn pleaded not guilty to the charge, and his trial was scheduled for January 28 at 10 a.m.

He added that "low taxes are desirable," and that "claims of fiscal harm (resulting from low taxes) are usually exaggerated."

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GRANGE NEWS

KLAMATH LAKE

Douglas Tennant became master and Owen Bailey overseer of Upper Klamath Lake Grange during an election meeting Tuesday, November 24.

Other officers for the coming year are Nancy Fox, lecturer; Bill Gildewell, steward; Ben Rannels, assistant steward; Leitha Hardcastle, lady assistant steward; Olive Johnson, chaplain; Bud Miller, treasurer; Art Eggleston, secretary; Rocky Hardcastle, gatekeeper.

Barbara Gildewell, cress; Peg Sloan, pomona; Gladys Rannels, flora; Bob Sloan, Wayne Keefer and Dr. Carl Lambert, Executive Committee; Dr. Lambert, Bob Sloan, Bud Miller, George Williams, Lee Judd and Owen Bailey, Building Committee; Barbara Poulshock, home economics chairman, and Gladys Tennant, musician.

The grange conducted a Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, November 22. Members and guests present numbered 104.

The annual Christmas dinner will be served December 10 at 6:30 p.m.

All officers are asked to be on time for the dinner.

SHASTA VIEW

Ray Brackman was elected master of Shasta View Grange during a recent meeting in the grange hall.

Myron Murray was elected overseer, Mary Lou Lindsay, lecturer; Ben Oden, steward; L. W. Barleen, assistant steward; Ada Barleen, lady assistant steward; Henry Davies, gatekeeper; Christine Murray, treasurer; Mary Lou Caldwell, secretary; Virginia Foster, cress; Dorothy Caldwell, flora; Mattie Green, pomona.

Clyde Caldwell, Albert Pride and Carl Yancey, Executive Committee; Deola Wryn, musician, and Myneiah Cline, home economics chairman.

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Educators, Pupils Meet

CHILCOQUIN—A team of representatives of the Oregon System of Higher Education have been invited by C. A. Samples, principal of Chilcoquin High School, to conduct a guidance session for college candidates or students planning other types of advanced training.

The session will be conducted December 7 at 12:30 p.m. at Chilcoquin High School, Samples said.

If they accept the invitation, visiting state representatives are expected to explain academic offerings in state colleges and universities and to outline each institution's entrance and academic requirements.

Students will be allowed to ask questions. Representatives also are expected to stress importance of education beyond high school and of adequate preparation early in high school years.

These informative sessions are conducted annually as a portion of the regular guidance service. They are a combined effort by the state system and the high school to better prepare students for careers, school officials say.

Governor's Reign Brief, Happy

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The reign of Thelma Stovall as governor Thursday was brief but happy for at least five persons.

Two men received pardons and the prison sentences of the three others were commuted.

Mrs. Stovall is secretary of state. When Gov. A. B. Chandler and Lt. Gov. Harry Lee Waterfield took a trip to Cincinnati she was next in line as acting governor. Her reign lasted four hours.

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