

# CHAMBER COMMENTS

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A statement not infrequently heard these days to the effect that 1960 was a sub par year for Klamath County immediately raises the question, "What do you mean by par?"

There is no denying, of course, that when all the figures have been analyzed, 1960 will rate as a somewhat less successful year

for business, generally, than 1959, although exceptions are not difficult to find in Klamath Falls and elsewhere in the Northwest. But everyone will agree that 1959 was an unusually good year, and so perhaps 1960, or an average of the last few years might provide a more accurate figure for "par."

Bank debts—a pretty accurate barometer of business conditions—totaled just under 374 million dollars for 1960 in Klamath Falls. While this is 29 million less than 1959, it is also 100 million more than 1953 and '54, 67 millions more than 1957, and seven millions more than 1958, and 48 millions more than the average of the last seven years! In other words, while our 1960 bank debts showed a seven per cent dip from 1959, they were our largest in history with the exception of 1959. And, despite the declines of 1954, '57 and '60, the general trend is upward at an average rate of 14 million dollars a year.

## Klamath Growers To Meet

Klamath Potato Growers Association holds its annual meeting at the Recreation Hall in Merrill at 1:30 Monday afternoon, Jan. 9.

The association will elect new directors for the Klamath Falls, Merrill and Bonanza districts and choose new officers from the new board.

Holdover directors are James Ottoman, Malin; Duane Blackman, Poe Valley; and Paul Faircloth, Henley. Troy Qualls and Louis Lyon are members of the Advertising Committee.

The meeting will hear reports covering activities of the Oregon Potato Commission and the National Potato Council.

Market News Service, Malin Labor Camp operation, Klamath Experiment Station potato projects, Potato Marketing Order, alskibe elver problems and potato processing are other matters of business.

## Picking Plant Lists Totals

A total of birds processed by the Mallard Duck and Goose Plant, Spring and Oak streets, was released late Friday by Margaret Knoll, operator.

She reported that she had picked 3,063 ducks, 1,313 geese of which 290 were honkers, 161 pheasants and some partridges and quail for a total of 4546 birds processed this hunting season.

She compares this with 6,112 birds processed last year, a drop for the current season of 1,566 birds.

However, she also pointed out that the first few weeks of the season were running higher than the previous year until the first big storm hit the area. After the storm, it virtually closed down, she said.

This compared identically with the way the season went, according to hunting enthusiasts.

## Youths Attend Church Party

SUMMER LAKE—High school youths from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lakeview, joined local teenagers in a party at the Church of Our Savior, Sunday, Jan. 1.

The young people pulled taffy, danced, played games and sang. A prayer service closed the evening activities.

The Rev. Hal Hargreaves, pastor of both churches, sponsored the affair. He was assisted by Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. James Foster.

## Shelton Rites Held Saturday

McCLOUD — Funeral services were held for Ira J. Shelton, 60, a native of Texas, at the Mount Shasta Chapel, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. Burial was in the Mount Shasta Memorial Cemetery.

He had been a resident of McCloud since 1948. He died Jan. 2, after a lengthy illness.

Surviving are the widow, Bertha, McCloud; a son, Willy, Los Angeles; father, Charlie Shelton, San Diego; sister, Mrs. Violet Ahlstrand, Mineral, Wash., and a brother Virgil, Tulsa.

## California Lawmakers Open Session Quickly

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The legislature set a hot pace in the first week of its 1961 session.

Controversial bills dealing with taxes, narcotics, crime, elections, labor, agriculture, the death penalty, motorists and old age pensioners flooded the desks of both Senate and Assembly in the opening days of the session.

Both houses started a three-day weekend Saturday after introducing a total of 218 bills, constitutional amendments and resolutions in the opening four days of the session.

Major measures already in the hopper included:

**Crime:** Francis: Tightens anti-pornography laws; Regan: Two constitutional amendments dealing with capital punishment, one an all-out abolition bill, the other abolishing the death penalty except for those convicted twice of murder or those who killed while in custody; Pattee: Setting up a state grand jury to investigate executive branches of government; McMillan: Another capital punishment measure, this one a four-year moratorium excepting kidnap-killers, persons who kill while in custody and twice-convicted murderers; Regan: Prohibits judges from commenting on guilt or innocence after cases go to juries; Kilpatrick: Health officers must make annual inspections of jails and report to supervisors or councilmen.

**Taxes:** Rufford: Exempts prescription drugs from sales taxes as a residential subdivision.

at a savings of \$6 million a year; McCarthy: Same bill but broadened to include medicines and medical-dental devices, saving taxpayers \$17 million; Teale: Exempts church social meals from sales taxes; Luckel: Permits deducting cigarette taxes from state income tax; Marks: Sets up a single-agency collector of taxes.

**Lunardi-Hegland:** Permits exemptions from taxes or fast writoffs on fallout or bomb shelters; Francis: Establishes procedure for tax assessor to disqualify from exemption disloyal persons; Hegland: Requires public utilities districts selling gas or electricity to pay in lieu taxes to school districts; Belotti: Orders state to pay in lieu taxes to counties for property acquired for beaches or parks.

**Welfare:** Hawkins: Repeals prohibition against aged aid if recipient owns property valued at more than \$5,000; Burton: Increases maximum supplemental old age grant to \$165 a month but does not change basic ceiling of \$115; Burton: Liberalizes relatives' responsibility in aged aid; Labor: Collier: Grants unemployment insurance to persons engaged in occupational retraining; C. Wilson: Permits hospital or employees of institutions to bargain collectively.

**Agriculture:** Lunardi: Orders county assessors to assess farm property on the basis of use instead of on what it would bring as a residential subdivision.

**COAST DEFENSE**

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POYATO COMMITTEE MANAGER'S JOINT DISPOSITION REPORT, 1960 CROP SEASON WITH 1959 CROP SEASON COMPARISONS

DATE: 1/6/61

CUMULATIVE FIGURES THROUGH December 30, 1960 COMPILED BY OREGON-CALIFORNIA POTATO COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 798, MEDFORD, OREGON

Crops	Ore.-Calif.		Washington		Idaho		Utah		Nev.		N.M.		Total 6 Areas	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
<b>Fresh Market</b>														
1. By Varieties:														
Russet	1928	2175	7598	9124	13925	21055	2161	1545	210	304	8670	8643	14492	12564
Red	240	2010	7215	7200	2227	2624	4109	2844	4452	2028	5452	5216	21072	22252
Total	2168	4185	14813	16324	16152	23779	5570	3999	6552	5372	14122	13859	35564	34816
2. Grades:														
U. S. 1	3705	3611	8617	10980	11388	17240	5614	3460	2898	3455	4055	4875	40595	48275
U. S. 2	1105	1112	2077	1959	2120	3239	624	539	1771	1937	1847	1229	9924	10045
U. S. Com'l.			59	86			292				4810	3229	5561	3315
Mixed					248	327							248	327
Total	4810	5093	11553	13025	13712	20773	6530	3999	4669	5392	13232	13537	58564	62929
3. By Varieties:														
Russet	87	75	416	545	211	610	454	2855	1835	3084	10431	9263	17654	16230
White	174	310	1415	1805	558	1808	289	201	1580	1415	4444	4125	8450	9805
Nasuta	4147	4670	9462	10515	15220	20909	1647	943	1254	893	355	258	32309	38779
Mixed					171	285							171	285
Total	4810	5093	11553	13025	13712	20773	6530	3999	4669	5392	13232	13537	58564	62929
Other Outlets														
1. Stock	471	259	190	161		36					1376	1574	2017	2160
2. Export	1	2	11	24					6	6			38	33
3. Food Processors	252	292	2951	1111	18100	12283			11	15			21324	13705
4. Non-food	177	55	1478	359	1058	1158					1535	854	4258	5789
Starch											1162	1214	11054	11652
Livestock Feed	1535	1820	2915	1602	1861	2117	2183	850	1470	2049	1162	1214	11054	11652
Total	3217	2078	7251	3227	21259	18395	2183	1193	1489	2091	2080	3763	38711	33327
(334)	(328)	(374)	(292)	(557)	(446)	(251)	(214)	(24)	(214)	(214)	(214)	(214)	(208)	(344)
<b>TOTAL DISPOSITION</b>	9027	7271	22804	29292	37221	42168	8713	5192	6155	7463	19312	17400	77273	98234

Figures are in bushels. Fresh market includes all grades. Stock includes all grades. Export includes all grades. Food processors includes all grades. Non-food includes all grades. Starch includes all grades. Livestock feed includes all grades. Total includes all grades.

## JCs Slate Chiloquin Honor Event

CHILOQUIN — The fifth annual Distinguished Service Award Dinner, sponsored by the Reservation Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. at Chiloquin Masonic Hall.

Tickets are on sale at Ron's Drugs and Kircher's Hardware and from Jaycees for the crab feed, which again will be prepared by members of the Order of the Eastern Star, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Bob Woods. This year no tickets will be sold at the door.

Dr. Cliff Robinson, county school superintendent, will be guest speaker and John Plouffe will be master of ceremonies. In addition to the distinguished service award to a young man under 35, awards will be made to the outstanding young farmer and to individual Jaycees for service to the organization.

The Parent Teacher Association award to a citizen, either man or woman, over 35 years of age, will also be made.

Ron Harrison, Jaycee president, reports that preparations are being handled by a large number of members.

John Heilbroner was the first winner of the DSA for his efforts at getting the Jaycees organized in this area, his Boy Scout and church work, as well as other activities. Second winner was Hiroto Zakoji, head of the Indian education office here for his numerous efforts in improving community service.

Chester Jack, who was particularly active in sports for young people and in the volunteer fire department here, was named the third winner. Last year's winner was Luther Sherier, a city council member who headed the volunteer firemen and has been active with the Chiloquin Bowmen.

The young farmer award went first to Bob Doak, then, in succeeding years, to Gordon Givandale Williams and to Irwin Crum. The PTA award has been given one year less than the other two. Joseph Jackson was the first winner, Wayne Collins the second, and Mrs. Gerald Wolf, last year's winner.

## Desalination Called Answer To Water Issue

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The ultimate solution to water disputes between California and Utah lies in the desalination of seawater, according to Sen. Frank E. Moss (D-Utah).

Moss said Thursday he was co-sponsoring a bill intended to hurry up a program for making seawater usable for cooking and industrial use by providing loans to communities to build developmental desalting plants.

The bill was passed by the Senate last year, but died in the House.

The Senator said his state would benefit indirectly from the desalination of water in California because both states depend on the Colorado River for much of their water.

"Utah has long differed with California over the division of the Colorado waters between the lower and upper basin states," he said. "The real solution to the problem, however, is to work together on alternative means of providing California with the water she needs."

Moss, a member of the National Water Resources Committee, said the office of saline water has done a good job with funds allotted to it, but that the program is "too slow."

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## NEAR MEDFORD . . .

# Recluse Family Flees Troubled World To Out-Of-The-Way Farm

MEDFORD (AP) — A bearded man, wrapped in a heavy flowing robe and with sandals on his feet, is clearing out old caves on his mountain-side farm north-east of here.

He contemplates life and its meaning and prepares a place of safety for his family.

Dallas Purcell, 42, native of Denver, onetime San Diego State College student, and later a consulting psychologist, came to the Rogue River Valley six months ago. A weird, compelling vision sent him in quest of just such a place as he found, he says, sheltered by mountains on three sides, remote from people and things, a haven in a troubled world.

There is no telephone link with neighbors. Kerosene lamps provide light. Heat comes from a wood range. An outside hand pump and a spring that bubbles up near the house provide water.

The road to the farmhouse winds upward, rutted and steep, for three miles from the nearest highway.

There is solitude for quiet thought and meditation on religion.

The modern world does encroach, however. His wife drives to town to shop in a supermarket. Their teenage daughter, a junior in high school at Central Point, goes to parties and dances.

And Purcell sometimes breaks out in the vernacular. "I thought I was nuts," he said in telling of hearing a strange voice in 1953 that advised him to "go to a hidden place of safety and prepare a safe place for my family."

Once, several years before, he broke with tradition. He had been a consulting psychologist in Los Angeles for 10 years, he says, when suddenly "I got tired of listening to other people's problems and I quit."

He started doing the housework and his wife got a job. "I loved it," he says.

Then came the voice. Purcell says he got in touch with government officials and discussed how his own program for isolation and safety might have general benefit. He will not say just who he talked with nor to what degree he found them interested.

But on his mountain farm, so steep it has slight if any crop potential, he is experimenting with storage of various grains and equipment. He declines to go beyond that but neighboring farmers say he has bought quantities of corn, wheat and oats. He believes this is the way to assure food for survivors of whatever disaster is to come.

Purcell said he chose his 160-acre farm because mountains shelter it on the north, south and west, the presumed directions from which winds might carry radioactive fallout. And it is more than 20 miles from any defense installation which might be a target.

The caves are his storehouses. Purcell estimates there are about 36 of them, some running back into the mountain wall about 75 feet. Their origin is obscure but they are choked with debris now except for two that Purcell has cleared out.

The caves were so filled with earth and rock, he says, it took

him three months to get those two cleaned out for use.

Purcell's religion dominates his life. He says it is a simple one: "Merely following the Ten Commandments." But he has led him into unorthodox ways. He is a vegetarian and once lived for an extended period on nothing but milk. His robe and sandals are symbols of a life of simplicity.

He says he is not seeking a religious following and he doesn't volunteer his thoughts about his own beliefs.

He is content in the isolation of his mountain farm.

Penalties will be assessed for the first time this year against county property owners who fail to return their personal property blanks on time, Ray Brackman, personal property supervisor for the assessor's office, said Friday.

The blanks, to be filled out by property owners in commercial operations, must be returned to the assessor's office on or before March 3, Brackman said. They were mailed out Wednesday.

"In the past, we have been extremely lenient," Brackman said, "but this year a five per cent penalty will be added to late returns." In the event no return is filed within a reasonable period, Brackman said an arbitrary assessment will be made "using the best information available."

People with questions about the property owners' blanks are invited to contact Brackman at the assessor's office.

## Current Rules On Chemicals Said Adequate

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—A legislative committee has warned that misunderstanding could seriously hamper the effective use of agricultural chemicals in California.

The Assembly Interim Committee on Public Health reported to the legislature Thursday that current laws are adequate to protect the public from chemical residues on its food.

But it said "stringent legal restrictions and public resistance to the proper utilization of agricultural chemicals may seriously hamper adequate research and development of pesticides by industry."

The committee, headed by Assemblyman W. Byron Rumford, D-Berkeley, said the use of agricultural chemicals is worth "hundreds of millions of dollars per year" in agriculture and insect control.

It recommended that the legislature conduct a continuing study to keep up with changes in pesticides and the possible need for law revision, and further research by the University of California or an independent agency to keep up with the need for safety precautions.

The report said that California uses about one-fifth of all agricultural chemicals in the nation.

## County's Tax Collection Hits \$4 Million

Klamath County taxes are 83 per cent collected, Sheriff Murray Britton, county tax collector, said Friday.

Of \$5,288,658.96 certified for collection by Assessor Clyde R. (Hap) Caldwell, \$4,396,498.38 had been collected by Jan. 1. Tax payments were discounted to people who paid before the Nov. 15 deadline, so Treasurer Eva Cook actually received \$4,271,013.52 from the sheriff.

The sheriff said interest will be computed on one-fourth of the unpaid balance on delinquent taxes. Mrs. Esther Newell, chief deputy tax collector, is in charge of the sheriff's tax office. She said collections have been "about normal."

## Reappraisal Job Nearly Finished, Says Caldwell

The Klamath County Assessor's Office is almost finished with a giant reappraisal program which will equalize the county tax burden, Assessor Clyde R. (Hap) Caldwell said Friday.

The program was authorized by the 1951 legislature but progress has been erratic throughout the state. The complete reappraisal in Klamath County was begun in July, 1959, and is scheduled to be completed by July, 1961.

"This does not mean a raise in taxes," Caldwell said. "It is merely a plan to keep property appraised at current market value." He said the purpose of the program is to provide for an equitable distribution of the tax load.

After the reappraisal is completed, the assessor's office will re-evaluate property once each six years. Caldwell said this will insure that appraisals will be kept up to date.

## Duncan Backs Hatfield Plan

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Mark O. Hatfield's proposal to remove state institutions from the Board of Control drew support today from House Speaker Robert E. Duncan, D-Medford.

Duncan arrived here today to prepare for his second term as speaker and said: "Basically, the governor is on the right track in this government reorganization plan."

Duncan said he voted in the past two sessions to abolish the Board of Control, and still felt the same way.

## May Burn Trees

MALIN—Mayor Leonard Petrik announced that anyone wishing to burn their Christmas trees may take them to Lot 2, Block 29, or contact A. L. Schmidt, fire chief.

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