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LESLIE M. SCOTT

In the resignation of Chairman Leslie M. Scott the state highway commission has lost one of the most conscientious and best informed members who ever sat in that body.

While certain of Mr. Scott's policies, notably the \$1.50 wage for emergency relief work, opposition to the issuance of bonds at this time to pay for such work, and unfriendliness towards the Fourth street extension project, provoked considerable controversy, his outstanding ability was such that Governor Meier, who differed from him radically on at least two of these issues, sought earnestly to have him retain his place.

Perhaps the secret of Mr. Scott's preeminence as a highway commissioner lay in the fact that he took the job seriously, and spared no pains to obtain first hand information on questions up for consideration. His personal investigation of the different proposed routes to the coast afford a conspicuous example, when he traversed on foot the Vernonia, Wolf creek and Wilson river routes as a background or future decisions. Any man who had accurate facts to offer regarding the territory through which the short cut might go was received with a ready welcome and an open mind.

Mr. Scott set a pace that will be hard to equal, but it is to be hoped that his successor will carry on the work in the same spirit.

COMMUNITY RELIEF

Confronted by lack of adequate funds for carrying on local relief as it has been conducted during the past year, the community is showing a resourceful and courageous spirit in the definite plans for caring for the needy now under way.

The Nehalem Trading Post, a conception based on the necessity of dealing with a situation at hand rather than on suggestion from without, affords a method by which the unemployed laboring man can obtain food without charity, and the farmer can obtain assistance for which he is unable to pay in money. The community kitchen, involving an endless amount of work on the part of the women who participate, assures a plentiful supply of canned fruits, vegetables and meats for those who have no prospect of being able to buy such this winter.

Both of these projects deserve the whole hearted support of the people of Vernonia.

The romance of "Ma" Kennedy, celebrated auspiciously by the moonlit Lake Sacajawea a year ago, comes to a prosaic end with What-a-man hitch-hiking to somewhere in Nevada, and his erstwhile bride filing a disillusioned and cynical application for divorce. It sometimes happens: Trumpets and banners first, the horse-laugh afterwards.

There is one big advantage from the adjournment of congress: Uncle Sam can't boost our taxes any more until the next session.

DIVORCE ACTIONS HIT SLUMP

That the depression has struck Oregon divorce markets is evident from a comparison of figures for the first six months of this year with those over a same period in 1930 and 1931 as shown on the books of the secretary of state who records the collection of a portion of each filing fee for divorce actions in the several counties of the state.

Contrary to an old adage, declaring "love departs when poverty arrives", matrimonial dissatisfaction, from the point of the number of divorce actions filed this year, is showing a marked decrease. A decline of 21 per cent for the first six months of this year from the first half totals of 1931 and a 30 per cent loss in comparison with 1930 are shown

in the state department. Back in 1930, there had been 1,833 divorce actions filed up to June 30 of that year, this being compared to 1,633 for the first half of 1931 and to 1,284 from January 1 to June 30 of this year.

Multnomah county with 585 divorce actions and Clackamas with 128 led the several counties in the number of suits filed this year, Klamath county with 70, Marion county with 50 and Jackson county with 44 are others with large totals. Gilliam county has reported none for 1932 and

Curry, Jefferson and Morrow show but two each. The county clerks of each of the counties of the state are required to report each month the number of divorce actions filed and five dollars of each filing fee is required by law to be diverted into the fund for payment of salaries of district attorneys. An account of these collections is kept by the state department under the direction of Hal E. Hoss, secretary.

What Other Editors . . . Think . . .

WE OPPOSE CONSOLIDATION

One of the dirtiest and most ill-advised fights which has ever taken place in this state will be precipitated by the action taken toward placing a measure on the ballot to bring about consolidation of the University of Oregon and the State college, we predict. The attitude of this publication is and will be a determined and positive opposition of the measure for consolidation. It would seem to be actuated not by a desire for economy, but because certain people have particular axes to grind. The talk about reduction is only a blind to cover up the less worthy motives that lie behind the movement.

We have not gone into the matter much, though we have received reams of printed and typed matter advocating one side or the other. But we will make a guess that the movement has been instigated and is being pushed by those who have a grudge against the University and against Eugene; by those who own real estate or other property at Corvallis, or have some sentimental reason for favoring the latter place; and by those who would like to see the state law school located at Salem for personal or property reasons.

The idea that such a consolidation would mean a saving in taxes is the bunk. It would cost millions more in taxes, especially in the next few years when taxes are going to be such a big issue. The Governor has taken his stand against consolidation on the ground, among other things, that it would cost much more.

The move if successful will result in a violation of the covenant and good faith agreement with the people of Eugene and would result in the eventual loss of tens of millions of dollars in property valuations in that community.

The consolidation is not only opposed by Governor Meier, but the state board of higher education, created just recently, is making a conscientious and thoroughgoing effort to handle higher education in the state in an economical and efficient manner. They should be given a chance at least to work out the policies they have originated. We have infinitely more confidence in the people on the board than we do in those backing the consolidation movement.

If the bill passes it will be the worst crime against justice and fairness ever committed under the Oregon initiative and referendum laws.

Let us add that we have no property interests in either Eugene or Corvallis; that we did not attend either school; and that we have about an equal number of friends and acquaintances who attended each.—John Day Valley Ranger.

SCOTT'S RETIREMENT

The retirement of Leslie Scott from the Oregon state highway commission will be keenly felt throughout the state. Mr. Scott accepted the duties of the commission seriously and has devoted a vast amount of time to their performance. He has made a per-

Among Our Neighbors . . .

About 100 acres of peas are being grown in the Scappoose district this year, according to County Agent Geo. A. Nelson, and production is very satisfactory. The crops are being marketed in Hillsboro, where they are processed by blanching and freezing.

The salmon catch in the Columbia near St. Helens is reported to be improving rapidly. The price paid for steelheads is two cents a pound, the lowest in years, and six cents for salmon.

St. Helens golfers lost to a 15 man team from Longview on the Longview course July 10, 28 1/2 to 16 1/2.

The St. Helens city council held a lively session July 11 listening to protests against dismissal of the paid firemen and discussing purchase of a siren. The council voted to file the petitions and postpone the matter of purchasing a siren.

No jury cases are on the circuit court docket for this week, as

sonal inspection of practically all projects under way or suggested, and a deep study of the financial condition of the highway work.

His retirement was predicted when Governor Julius Meier issued his statement recommending a \$3 per day wage on relief work, as opposed to Scott's contention that circumstances would not justify the payment of more than \$1.50 per day.

Already disturbed because the demands on his time were interfering with other activities, Scott was quick to retire. In accepting the appointment he had made a plan to work for economy in state road building and the placing of the commission on a sound financial basis. He could not accept dictation, inspired by political motives, which, in his opinion, tended to upset this plan. Like many others, his understanding of conditions apparently did not include the realization that, despite any claims to the contrary, political necessity makes its own rules as circumstances dictates, in any position where political appointment is concerned. It is regrettable that Mr. Scott could not have realized that some such interference was inevitable and kept his shoulder to the wheel despite some obstacles to his original plans.—Astorian-Budget.

A REAL PATRIOT

J. B. Wilkerson, principal of the Vernonia union high school, is a real patriot. Mr. Wilkerson has been elected clerk of the high school district and will serve without salary, this saving the district \$200 per year.

Mr. Wilkerson was principal of the Rainier high school for several years, before it was unionized. Later he served as county school superintendent.—Rainier Review.

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several jurors had asked to be excused until the October term.

The price for meals for Columbia county prisoners has been reduced from 35 cents to 30 cents.

312 Chinese and English pheasants seven weeks old have been placed in the holding pens recently erected in the Clatskanie city park.

Dr. Jacob P. Easter, 89, believed to be the last surviving Civil war veteran in this county died at his home in Clatskanie July 13 after an illness of about a year.

Columbia county was apportioned last week \$7,639.77 as its share of the motor vehicle operator and registration receipts.

In a golf match played at Briarcliff July 10 a 15 man team from the east, composed of players from Rainier, Prescott and Goble, defeated a team from the west, made up of players from Clatskanie, Westport and Mayger, 22 to 20.

Thirty-five tons of daffodils were dug at Shamrock Acres farm on the Gales creek road last week by a new digger perfected by Robert Warrens. Six ride on the machine to pick the bulbs from the dirt which the machine spreads on the tables on the sides.

Thieves left an unopened office safe by the railroad track at Coehran after breaking into the Southern Pacific depot the night of July 7.

SCOFIELD CAR GOES ON WILD RAMPAGE WRECKING A HOUSE

BANKS—William Mizner, who lives at Scofield reports a very unusual accident at his home Friday morning. While the family was sound asleep at 4 a. m. their car which was parked on the hill above the house was started, presumably by sheep rubbing against it. The car rolled down the hill gaining speed crashing over the porch and through the walls into the kitchen. Dishes and the furniture were broken, completely wrecking that part of the house.

Wilark (CAMP EIGHT) Alice Baker

Mrs. Wickstrom and family of Mist were visitors at Mrs. George Baker's Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Mackie and children were visiting friends this week in Clatskanie.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee and family of Kerry were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Lee for the last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins and family were in Portland on Saturday.

Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Ryves and daughters, and Mrs. McDonald were over visiting friends on Tuesday.

June Atkins visited Violet and Clara Wold Monday.

Mr. Wold and family were at Blue Lake Sunday.

Mrs. Caldren from Eugene is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Mitchell.

Mrs. Chas. Mitchell and son Charles, brother Otto, and her sister, Mrs. Caldren, went to Portland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins spent Monday evening at his uncle's, Frank Tompkins, Monday at Clatskanie.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Taylor went to Portland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Lee spent Sunday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Butts spent last weekend at Salem and Independence.

Mrs. Frank Baker, and Mrs. George Plumb played golf at the Vernonia golf course Tuesday.

Dorothy Givin has returned home from visiting friends at Seaside and St. Helens.

Mrs. Ray Beeler and children are visiting relatives in St. Helens.

Robert Junior Kent is doing fine after having his tonsils out. Mrs. Ted Lewis has her sister visiting her for awhile this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent and children during the Fourth of July shutdown made a trip to Canada by way of Port Angeles and ferry

Had the car struck the bed rooms the occupants might have been killed. As it was they were uninjured but badly frightened by the sudden crash.—Forest Grove News-Times.

to Vancouver Island, where they visited Victoria and also Nanaimo. They came back by way of Vancouver, B. C., and Blaine, Washington, and took in the Rainier National park and then home.

Mr. and Mrs. Plume were in Portland for a few days and while there Mr. Plume had his tonsils removed, and is now back at work.

Mrs. Pringle has taken her son Junior down to her sister at Gervais.

Mr. and Mrs. Pringle from Wilark and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Layer of Camp Ten went to the dance Saturday night.

Irene Julian from Astoria is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lionel Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Barber of Forest Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich of Clatskanie were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey the past weekend. Sunday was spent picking blackberries.

Mrs. Chas. Mackie had as her birthday dinner guest Mr. and Mrs. John Hatfield and daughter Johnny Bell on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryson and family have moved into from old Wilark.

Ernest Given is back from Portland after having a throat operation.

COAST ROAD SURFACING NEARLY DONE

Only two units of the Oregon Coast highway remain to be surfaced, according to information received by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce from State Highway Engineer Baldock today. The information was requested by the chamber to give complete and accurate information to tourists.

The two units yet to be surfaced are a stretch between Gardiner and Florence, and a stretch between Sutton lake and the Lincoln county line south of Yachats. The Florence-Gardiner section is being surfaced now and the job well to completion, according to Baldock.

The other unsurfaced stretch is expected to be undertaken in August. Both projects are in the hands of the U. S. bureau of public roads and are being undertaken as forest road projects. The contract has not been let for the section from Sutton lake on because of the delay in congress on passing the forest roads appropriation bill.—Astorian-Budget.

Professional and Business Directory

For your convenience the following business and professional people are listed on this page alphabetically. These men and women are known in Vernonia as reliable business and professional people.

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