

Families Visit Kin In Portland Saturday

RIVERVIEW—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brown and children and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Snook visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan in Portland Saturday.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Strong were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rash and his mother from Portland.

Mrs. Alice Mills returned home Monday after spending a week in Portland at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lankston visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Snook and Mrs. Artie Buckner Friday. He has been on a tour of service in Germany for three years.

State Veteran Loans Higher

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs granted farm and home loans to 3,734 veterans last year in the amount of \$41,723,000. H. C. Saalfeld, director, reported this week.

This was an eight percent increase over 1963 when 3,552 veterans borrowed \$38,496,000. Last year's volume makes a total of 48,644 loans in the amount of \$415,996,174 to Oregon's World War II and Korean War veterans since the program started in 1945.

In Columbia county last year, loans were granted to 47 veterans in the amount of \$42,700.00, compared to 63 loans in 1963 for \$564,000.00. Since the start of the program, loans have gone to 611 veterans here in the amount of \$4,555,150.00.

Saalfeld said that of the nearly \$416 million borrowed, veterans have repaid \$254 million in principal and interest. They are repaying at the rate of about \$3.5 million a month, with interest payments alone averaging about \$875,000. Of this more than 48,000 loans granted, 29,116 were outstanding on December 31 in the amount of \$268,175,232.



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THE PEOPLE SPEAK - - -

(The following letter which was brought to the Vernonia Eagle office by County Agent Don Coin Walrod is in reply to one he wrote seeking an explanation for the deformed tree top pictured in the Eagle December 31.)

Dear Don: The newspaper picture of the Douglas fir which you sent appears to be an example of fasciation. It is not common in forest conifers and is of no commercial significance in forest growth, hence very limited reference is found in forestry literature.

It is surmised to be generally caused by excessive local nutrition which temporarily upsets the growth in individual trees in the forest. Occasionally virus infection by bacteria has been noted and is a possible cause. According to the literature only a single tree in a particular area has the malformation which rarely persists beyond one growing season.

Those who theorize that the tree may have been damaged by deer or elk when the tree was smaller have ignored the way in which trees grow in height. The injury would have remained at the point where it was originally sustained. Subsequent height growth would take place above the injury or in a lateral upturning branch.

Sincerely,
Dan D. Robinson, Prof.
Forest Management
Department, Oregon
State University

(The following letter, brought to the Vernonia Eagle office by Lester Sheeley, is a reply to one written by him to the state highway department regarding roads in this area)

Dear Mr. Sheeley: On December 18, 1964 you were advised that we would communicate with you further after receiving a report from our division engineer. This report was delayed due to the recent storm and flood condition which prevailed throughout the state and caused such widespread damage to our highways.

It is presumed that you are interested in work to be done in 1965 on the Nehalem highway in the vicinity of Vernonia. In the past several years we have expended a considerable sum of money on this highway for both widening and resurfacing. Due to the emergency we face, it will be necessary to utilize these monies on highways suffering damage in the recent storms. We do not have any program for improvements for the Nehalem highway in 1965.

We still plan to install a portion of the guardrail you mentioned eastward from Vernonia. However, with the amount of damage to repair on other highways, this work may be deferred for a short time.

Very truly yours,
Forrest Cooper, State Highway
Engineer

Stanchion Aids Lamb Problem

At lambing time a few ewes, especially two-year old ewes lambing for the first time, may refuse to claim their lamb after it is born. Usually after a ewe has been restrained where she cannot move away from the lamb while it nurses for the first times, she will permit her lamb to nurse without being further restrained, according to County Agent Don Coin Walrod.

Plan No. 5912, for a stanchion that will hold the ewe, is available from the county extension office. Last year a number of sheep owners used this stanchion and reported that it worked quite successfully, says Walrod.

Park benches are filled with men who thought they knew it all.

Do it today! Tomorrow there may be a law against it.

Phil Laymans Add A Second Daughter

BIRKENFELD—Mr. and Mrs. Phil Layman are the parents of a girl born Monday, January 25. She weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces. She joins a sister. Mr. and Mrs. Vick Berg are the grandparents.

Gary Johnston spent week end before last at his home here. A friend accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bellingham were in Salem last Tuesday on business.

Lloyd Johnston, Terry Larson and three boys from Vernonia went to OSU Saturday for open house.

Mrs. Robert Mathews and Mrs. Maud Rogers visited one day last week with Mrs. Lloyd Beach.

Shirley Berg spent the week end at Horton and Eugene. Saturday night she was with Mrs. Winifred Hult at Horton. She was accompanied by three girls, Donna Sanders, Joyce Chandler and Sharon Brunsmann, who went to the U of O for open house.

Death Claims Area Pioneer

On Friday, January 22, 1965, a pioneer teacher, Mildred Watts, was buried in the Fairview cemetery at Scappoose by the side of her husband, Wm. T. Watts and son, Lawrence. The story of her life is one of pioneering in early Oregon, and is so recorded by the Columbia County Historical Society in Vol. III of local history.

Mrs. Watts attended meetings of the society as long as she was able, but for several years, she had lived with her son's family in Eugene until her advanced age, 95 years, made it necessary for her to be in a nursing home. She wrote her story several years ago for the records of the Historical society.

Mildred Boyle was born in 1870 in Ohio, and at an early age decided she would like to become a teacher. After passing her teacher's examination, she taught near her home in Ohio, but in 1891, she and her sister came west to Portland, Oregon.

She lived with an aunt for awhile, then went to the Marshland area where she lived with other relatives, the Elliot family and taught her first school in Oregon. Next, she taught in Clatskanie, then at Mist and on "the burn" in the Nehalem valley. She then taught one term in Scappoose where she met and married Wm. T. Watts February 23, 1898.

She taught in District No. 9 at the Columbia-Multnomah county line later when a teacher was needed there to finish a term.

When the Pomona Grange met in Scappoose May 7, 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watts took the fifth degree with 45 other candidates, preparatory to taking the seventh degree when the National Grange met in Portland later that year. Mrs. Watts was active in the Grange for several years.

Wm. Watts was county surveyor at that time for several years and was re-elected, but he contracted tuberculosis and passed away May 20, 1907.

Mildred Watts told many stories of her early teaching experiences and of riding horseback from Clatskanie to the Nehalem valley in those early days before there was a good road over the mountain. She always felt an interest in this county and was sorry when she could no longer visit here and relive the times of long ago.

Final Date for Wool Pay Near

February 1 is the final date to apply for incentive payments on 1964 wool marketings, reminds County Extension Agent Don Coin Walrod.

To become eligible, wool growers need to file copies of wool and lamb marketing receipts with the county ASCS office, Plaza Square, St. Helens. To provide an incentive for increasing wool supplies, a national average of 62 cents per pound has been established. Growers receive the difference between the average national price and the 62 cents.

Funds to make wool incentive payments come from duties charged on imported wool, states Walrod.

Returns Need Tax Numbers

Taxpayers were reminded this past week by A. G. Erickson, director of internal revenue for Oregon, that under present law they are required to enter their identifying "tax account" numbers on 1964 income tax returns filed in 1965.

For the individual, this is his social security number, or similar number which is issued for tax reporting purposes if he has never had employment under social security coverage.

Use of identifying numbers is essential to electronic data processing of returns, now being used nationwide by internal revenue, Erickson said. He added that failure to enter the account number will delay any refund due.

Taxpayers without an account number should apply at once to the district director's office or to the district office of the Social Security Administration, or by writing to Internal Revenue Service, Post Office Box 211, Baltimore, Maryland.

Director Erickson also pointed out that payers of dividends and interest are required to obtain the account numbers of their shareholders and depositors and to report them on information documents submitted to internal revenue.

He said receivers of income from these sources should comply promptly when they receive requests for their account numbers from the paying organization. This also is required by law, he added.

Aliens Told Of Deadline

District Director Alfred J. Urbano of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reminded aliens in Oregon today that Saturday, January 30, is the deadline for filing address report forms as required under provisions of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act.

The immigration official urged aliens who have not yet filed their address reports to do so no later than January 30 to avoid possible penalties.

Failure to comply with the requirements can mean a fine, jail sentence and deportation for a willful violation.

Urbano said the law requires that every alien except those having diplomatic status, representatives of certain international organizations, and persons admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers must file the address report during January of each year at the nearest post office or Immigration and Naturalization Service office.

He stated that an estimated 14,000 aliens in this state have filed address reports so far this January.

A total of 21,032 aliens filed address reports in Oregon last year. Reports for 1965 are expected to total over 22,000.

Sheriff Checks Sunday Affair

Columbia County Sheriff Roy Wilburn said his office is investigating a shooting that took place early Sunday morning at a rural home between Scappoose and Warren.

Larry Ridley, 27, Portland, was hit in the shoulder by a slug from a .38 caliber pistol. The sheriff said Mrs. Kathryn Stum admitted shooting the man. The incident took place at the George H. Stum home.

According to Wilburn, no arrest has been made following the incident. The injured man was first taken to Columbia District hospital, and later transferred to a Portland hospital. The sheriff said the injury was not considered serious.

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WHAT IS A TORT?

A "tort" is a legal wrong or injury committed upon the person or property of another. Examples are assault, battery, false imprisonment, libel, slander, malicious prosecution, alienation of affections, and negligence causing personal injuries or property damage.

The remedy provided by law to persons against whom a tort is committed is an action for money damages. Liability arises from a breach of duty primarily fixed by the law. In some cases, the person wronged may have the additional remedy of injunction or of specific restitution of property. The injured party must act in a timely manner, since the statutes impose limitations on the time within which he may begin suit.

A breach of contract is not a tort. Neither is a tort necessarily a crime, although in some instances the same act may be both a tort and a crime. For example, if one man slashes another with a knife, he may be prosecuted criminally. He may also be sued in a civil action for the injuries caused by the assault and battery.

The law of torts is not static. It grows with the growth of society. In some instances it takes an act of the legislature to keep pace with the changing attitudes of society. In other situations, new torts are developed by the courts. For example, the invasion of a person's right of privacy has come in many states to be recognized as a remedial wrong—that is, a wrong for which the law provides a remedy by way of money damages. Texas has not yet adopted this view.

Torts are sometimes classed as follows:

1. Intentional wrongs, such as trespass to land, assault and battery, false imprisonment and conversion of personal property. In all of these cases the act must be intentionally done.

2. Negligence, such as careless operation of a motor vehicle causing injury to another.

3. Strict liability, such as the keeping of dangerous animals, or the doing of a potentially dangerous thing, which is not a matter of common usage, such as blasting.

The law of torts, built up over a period of many years by the process of court decisions and legislative enactment, forms a silent but strong protection necessary in an orderly society.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: KEEP RECORDS

Back in pioneer times our forefathers found they could keep track of the family history pretty well with a few notations on the flyleaf of the family Bible. But life's not quite that simple any more.

Great-grandpa wasn't covered by social security or workmen's compensation. He didn't have a bank account or safe deposit box, a car and a dozen home appliances being bought on time payment, or a half dozen insurance policies.

We have taxes great-grandpa never heard of and wouldn't have believed if he had. And had you asked him for a certificate to prove his birth, he'd have thought you'd taken leave of your senses.

The point of this is that the average American today has a good many important papers to keep track of. There are birth certificates, receipts,

copies of tax returns, sales contracts, and a host of other papers. With a little tidy record-keeping, you can make life easier for yourself and your family when you are gone.

So why not make a Resolution to follow these suggestions:

1. Get a heavily bound notebook folder or file folder as a central collecting point for all the records of your affairs.

2. Put your especially important papers in your safe deposit box, but make a list of those papers and a brief summary of their contents to put in your home file.

3. Get for your files, copies of birth certificates for all members of the family, and add them to the file. Add your marriage license or at least a statement as to when and where you were married and by whom.

4. Insert your will or a copy of it. If your will is kept elsewhere, include a note telling where it may be found.

5. Put into the file your income tax withholding statements and receipts which may be deductible, and keep a copy of each year's tax return in the file.

This will take time initially, but will save you both time and worry in the long run.

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