



A MYSTERY TREE, a sagebrush approximately 10 to 12 feet tall, is still somewhat of a "mystery." It appeared on Main street in front of Rex Voeller's Nyssa theatre on Saturday night, March 20, the climaxing day of the merchants' Mystery Day promotion. The sign reads: "Mystery Tree? You should see the size of the Jack Rabbits." If anyone knows who placed the tree—they are keeping it a secret. However, a Journal reporter heard from one source that R. A. NHS basketball coach, and at least one student, K. M., son of a local building contractor, were rabbit hunting in the Jordan Valley area, found the Mystery Tree and brought it back to Nyssa. Many local residents are amazed at the height of the sagebrush, just as many out-of-area Journal readers will be. "It's nearly as tall as R. A."—Staff Photo.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to Drs. Augustus Tanaka and L. A. Maulding and the staff at Malheur Memorial for their kindnesses and considerations during my recent surgery and stay in the hospital. I also want to thank my relatives and friends for flowers, gifts, cards and visitations.
—William O. Newell

EVENING DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Murl Lancaster were recent Thursday evening dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Castellaw at Fruitland.

VISIT IN COREY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ritter of Anacortes, Wash., arrived Saturday for a week's visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corey.

ATTEND SERVICES IN UTAH

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beck and family returned home early Monday morning from Nephi, Utah, where they attended funeral services for her father, George V. Ord. Accompanying the Becks to Nyssa was her sister, Mrs. Albert Haney, who plans a short visit here before going on to her home in Warden, Wash.

Coming Events . . .

- April 2, 2 p.m.—Rebekah Sunshine club meeting at home of Mrs. Ellis Walters.
- April 2, 7:30 p.m.—Baseball-for-Kids sign-up meeting at community hall.
- April 3, 7:30 p.m.—Knife and Fork club meeting at East Side cafe.
- April 4, 3 p.m.—Community Concert in Ontario high school auditorium.
- April 5, 7 p.m.—Adrian Legion and auxiliary potluck dinner meeting at Legion hall.
- April 5, 8 p.m.—Eastern Star meeting in Masonic hall.
- April 7, 2 to 5 p.m.—Cancer fund benefit tea at home of Mrs. Houston Wilson.
- April 7, 8 p.m.—Northwest Nazarene college Crusader choir to present concert at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene.

VISITS FROM CANYON CITY

Charles Leuck of Canyon City spent several days last week visiting his mother, Mrs. Minnie Leuck. During his stay here, the two visited their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vetsch and family in Boise. Leuck was also a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION

Upon Question of Increasing Tax Levy Over Amount Limited by Section 11.
Article XI, State Constitution

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in School District No. 61 of Malheur County, State of Oregon, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 19, 1965, at Adrian Grade School in said school district, for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said district the question of increasing the tax levy for the fiscal year 1965-1966 over the amount limited by section 11, article XI, of the Constitution of Oregon.

The reasons for increasing such levy are:

No tax base; money needed to operate school.

The amount of tax, in excess of the 6% limitation, proposed to be levied for said fiscal year is \$163,110.77.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1965.

Attest:

C. G. BROWN
District Clerk
DAVID S. BEEBE
Chairman
Board of Directors

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Malheur Legislators Heavy Load of Bills Considered at Capitol

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national conventions are among the highest caliber of those representing any state, because they are elected and thus are representative of Oregon's citizens.

The proponents argued that the selection of delegates to the national conventions and the national committeeman and woman by the party organization would strengthen the party and reduce Oregon's "bedsheet ballot."

Tax Bill Returned

In another action this week, the House passed a bill to give interim legislative committees the power to subpoena witnesses. The House also sent the controversial measure to repeal Oregon's tax on business inventories, farm machinery and cattle back to the House Taxation committee for technical changes.

The Senate this week approved a House bill increasing annual salaries of supreme court justices to \$20,000 and circuit court judges to \$19,000. The Senate passed version calls for district judge salaries to be fixed at \$13,500, while the House only voted an increase to \$13,000.

The Senate also passed and sent to the governor a bill requiring that balloon breed leaves be clearly labeled on both ends of the package.

Motorist Tax Increases Killed

In committee action this week, a Joint Ways and Means subcommittee voted to kill the one-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax and the \$5 a year boost in license plate fees. This boost in license fees and gas tax, coupled with an \$18 million bonding program, had been slated for use to improve secondary roads throughout the state.

Opponents of these increases argued that the highway commission expected to get about \$29 million more from present revenue sources than was expected when the budget was originally prepared.

The Fish and Game committee tabled a bill that would have raised annual licenses for female dogs from \$3 to \$28.

Plan Elimination of Holidays

The House State and Federal Affairs committee approved a bill that would eliminate two February holidays for state of Oregon employees. Committee action would remove Washington and Lincoln's birthdays and election days as legal holidays. They also proposed that when legal holidays fall on Saturday or Sunday, they

NYSSAN ATTENDS RITES FOR HUSBAND OF SISTER

Lynn Snodgrass left Saturday evening, March 20, for Sunnyvale, Calif., where he attended funeral services for a brother-in-law, Gail Gard, husband of his sister, Irene.

Mr. Gard, a Thirty-Second Degree Mason, succumbed early that morning after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. Masonic rites were conducted and donations were given to the Shriners' Crippled Children's fund.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by two daughters and their husbands.

Lynn returned home Friday. His brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snodgrass of Denver also attended the services, journeyed to Nyssa and remained overnight Friday before returning to their home in Colorado.

would be observed on the following Monday by state employees.

The House Taxation committee held evening hearings on a proposal which would provide a phase-in of property taxation on fraternal and religious organizations over a three-year period. The bill provides that in the first year the property of such groups shall be placed on the tax rolls at one-ninth of their full assessed value. This figure would be increased to two-ninths the second year and one-third the third year.

Aimed at Property Tax Relief

Proponents argue that one-third is the average amount of tax revenues used to support highway, policing and similar functions. Opponents of the bill point out that this would not only be a departure from the practice in virtually every other state, but that many charitable functions now carried on by organizations with tax-exempt properties would have to be curtailed in order that these organizations might have funds to pay their property taxes. It is but another proposal of the many considered by this legislative session for property tax relief.

We are pleased to report that Senate Joint Memorial 4, relating to the Vale project, has passed the House unanimously and will forthwith be transmitted to Congress.

Argues for Vale Project

Representative Smith carried the arguments on the floor of the House on Thursday and stated that continuation of the Vale project to final completion is now most imperative, since the job has been only half completed. Originally Congress voted to institute a seven-year program to appropriate \$1.5 million per year until its conclusion. Failure to appropriate \$1.5 million this year could endanger completion of the Vale project.

This pilot program, including 4,500,000 acres in Malheur and Harney counties, will be a blueprint for further range rehabilitation in the 11 western states. It is important and necessary that the Oregon Legislature urge Congress to continue the program, including annual appropriations, to its conclusion.

Smith further said that in recent years the management program of the Bureau of Land Management has consisted of range cuts and reduction of cattle numbers on federal range for adjustment of carrying capacity to forage yield. The Vale project is one of the first efforts to increase carrying capacities by range rehabilitation. I would hope by this method, carrying capacity could be increased upon these lands, thereby relieving the squeeze put on graziers by strict BLM regulations.

Thunderegg Named State Rock

Oregon now has an official state rock—the thunderegg. The House passed on Thursday a Senate Resolution naming the thunderegg as the state rock. Found largely in Eastern Oregon it looks like any ordinary round rock from the exterior, but when cracked open it contains beautiful multi-colored agate formations.

Senator Yturri had as his guest last week Dennis Judd from Vale, a senior at Oregon College of Education. He served as an intern at the State Legislature during spring vacation. Dennis lived all his life in Vale and was graduated from Vale Union high school in 1961. Senator Yturri commended Dennis for his political acumen and noted the fine future ahead for Dennis Judd.

Ontario Newspaper Awarded Plaque At OEA Meet for Educational News

Three Oregon newspapers, including the Argus-Observer and one television station were honored with awards last Thursday evening in Portland at the annual banquet of the Oregon Education association.

The Ontario Argus-Observer was presented a plaque for "outstanding, comprehensive coverage on education" for less-than-daily newspapers in the state. Larry Robinson, editor, accepted the award in behalf of the Argus.

Similar awards went to the Oregonian, accepted by John Guernsey, in the metropolitan division; and to the Bend Bulletin in the daily division. Robert Chandler, editor, accepted for the Bulletin.

KCBY-TV at Coos Bay was cited for "outstanding service to education" with Manager Harry Kirk accepting.

U of O President Speaks

Approximately 1,000 persons attended the banquet in the Hilton hotel ballroom. Featured speaker of the evening was Dr. Arthur Flemming, president of the University of Oregon, who talked on the needs of education and asserted that federal aid to education is necessary to reach higher standards. This can be accomplished, he said, without "losing control of education on the local level."

Senator Wayne Morse was honored for his "contribution to education" in congress. Oregon Representative Edith Green was likewise honored but was unable to attend in person.

In his response, Senator Morse appealed for support for federal aid to education and also contended that local control could and should be retained. He said Oregon, because of its standing on the

educational scale, might not receive as much as less fortunate states but that "it is necessary to bring education up to a level necessary" in this nation.

Citizen of Year Named

Eugene Fisher of Oakland, Ore., was named "1965 Education Citizen of the Year." Fisher is currently chairman of the state board of education and has served 20 years as a member of the Elkton school board and is a past president of the Oregon School Boards association.

Mrs. Ina Doan, Ontario school teacher, was chairman of the committee which submitted a scrapbook entry of Argus-Observer news coverage clippings. A large delegation of Malheur county educators attended the banquet and convention.

—Argus-Observer.

VISITORS FROM ALBION

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Flowers of Albion, Idaho, visited Saturday afternoon and were overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hanby. Saturday evening dinner guests in the Hanby home were Mrs. True Mace and Mrs. Martha Sherod. The Hanbys drove to Emmett Sunday afternoon to see their new granddaughters. Parents of the infants are Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hanby, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hanby.

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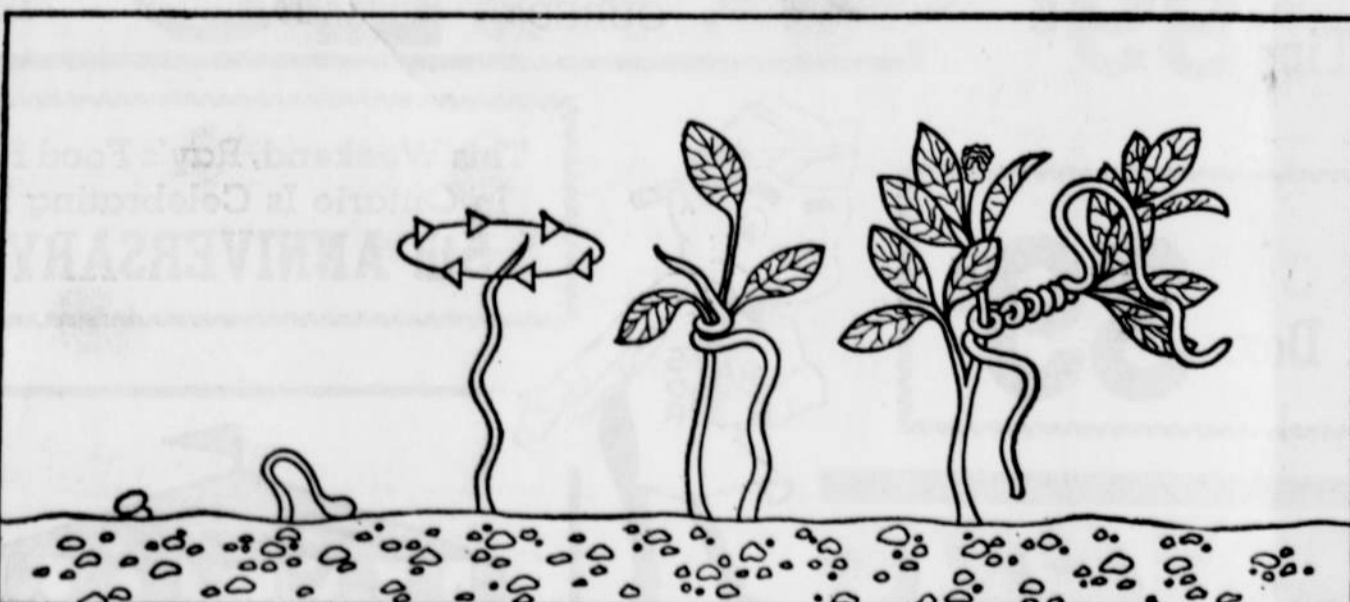
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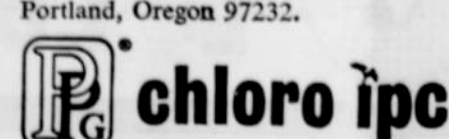


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