



MARK N. STEPHEN (on right) HAS BEEN awarded a certificate of achievement and promoted to rank of PFC for attaining high scholastic standing in his class upon completion of the Food Inspection Procedures (Basic) Course at the U. S. Army Medical Department Veterinary School in Chicago.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Stephen of route 2, Nyssa and is a 1965 graduate of Nyssa high school. PFC Stephen, who is presently assigned to Veterinary Det. at Fort Lewis, Wash., spent the holidays with his parents and other relatives.

EVENTS AROUND ADRIAN

BY PAULINE MACKEY PHONE 372-2724

ADRIAN - Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown attended Dec. 29 installation rites when their granddaughter, Lynette Brown was installed as honored queen of Job's Daughters in Boise. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright of Adrian and Mrs. Glenn Marcum of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright visited Jan. 5 with her mother, Mrs. Alma Hibbard at Notus.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers and family of Missoula, Mont., visited during the holidays with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackey and Gene spent New Year's eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Freel and family. The evening was spent playing pinocle.

New Year's day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackey were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mackey, their children, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mackey and Ronda of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lovitt and sons, Laura Mackey and Jim King of Ontario.

New Year's day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney included their son, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Looney and sons of Ontario; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodges of Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long and Mrs. Marjorie Looney.

Mrs. Marie Moore and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jacobson and family of Chester, Calif., were Dec. 31 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson. Mr. and Mrs. Mervil Hutchinson and family of Payette were New Year's day dinner guests of her parents, the Petersons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Piercy, Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson were Jan. 5 dinner guests of Mrs. Ethel Lane at Ontario.

Mrs. Bill Willis Jr. of Boise spent the New Year's holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Willis Sr.

Becky Matthews spent Jan. 3-5 at Lake Owyhee resort with Tamara Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hopper of Ontario spent Jan. 4-5 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Matthews and family. Juanita Matthews was a Jan. 4 overnight guest of Jean Matthews. Gary Kressly of Ontario was a Jan. 3 overnight guest of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Matthews and family.

Happy Dozen card group met Jan. 3 in the home of Mrs. Don Fox. Guest players were Mmes. Carl Begeman and Bill Willis. Attending from the Adrian

were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Bingham at Fruitland.

Jim Martin, arrived from the Bahama Islands recently to visit his father, Florie Martin and Mrs. Cal Martin of Owyhee Junction. His father recently underwent surgery, but is home recuperating nicely.

Christmas Eve guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapin were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crow of Madras, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Chapin.

Christmas Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Chapin were, Chapin's mother, Mrs. Harriet Turner of Owyhee Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crow of Madras, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hall and son of Ontario were Dec. 29 visitors in the Charles Chapin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wilson and family were dinner guests at the Darrell Wilson home in Wilder on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clowers of Madras were Dec. 28 overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Folkman.

Mrs. Myrtle Hillis, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Mitchell of Payette, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Knowles were Dec. 25 evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mitchell.

area were Mmes. W. E. Ashcraft, George DeHaven, W. E. Piercy and Bill Willis. Prize winners were Mmes. W. E. Ashcraft, Carl Begeman, Dyre Roberts and Luit Stam.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker were New Year's day dinner guests of her sister, Mrs. Mary Hatt.

Recent visitors in the Wally Steiner home were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne George and family of the Seattle area, Mrs. Nancy Adamson and family of Caldwell.

Mrs. Lee Lovitt and Judy of Parma visited Jan. 5 in the G. E. Mackey home.

Apple Valley NEWS

APPLE VALLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dibble and children of Boise were Jan. 1 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dibble. They also helped Lloyd celebrate a birthday anniversary that day.

Sue Dibble was among those attending a Jan. 2 Sunday school class dinner at East Side cafe in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson and family of Payette were Jan. 5 evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barr of Nampa were Jan. 5 guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Nichols and sons were Jan. 4 overnight and Jan. 5 guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simmons in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pitman and sons of Boise were Jan. 4 guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitman.

Steve Schultz was a Jan. 5 guest in the Ed Sells home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rookstool were Jan. 5 guests in the Ronald Rookstool home to help Kimberly celebrate a birthday anniversary. The Roy Rookstools were New Year's afternoon visitors in the Robert Rookstool home at Caldwell.

Mrs. Jessie Frasier of Ontario was a Jan. 5 evening visitor in the Roy Rookstool home.

Dec. 31 overnight and New Year's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders were Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Kellogg, Ralph and Ruth of Nampa; Gladys Johnson of Emmett, Arlen Cook of Wakeney, Kans., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Calvin and daughter of Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson and daughter left Jan. 1 for their home at Myrtle Creek, Ore., after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jackson at Emmett.

Jerry Wilson was a Jan. 5 dinner guest in the Dwight Seward home.

New Year's day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Honey were Mrs. Darlene Honey and daughters of Caldwell, Mrs. Leeland Dewey, Mrs. George Griffin and Lori.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fritts were Jan. 1 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuning. The C. L. Fritts' visited on the evening of Jan. 3 with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crosswhite in Caldwell. They were both convalescing at home from a seige of illness and a stay in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kellogg were Jan. 5 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fitzsimons.

DRIVER EXAMS SLATED

A drivers' license examiner will be on duty at the Nyssa public library, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. on Friday, Jan. 10, 1969, according to an announcement received from the Department of Motor Vehicles of Oregon.

Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

HELLO WORLD!

MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 1969

Jan. 5 - To Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Nyssa a girl. Jan. 8 - To Mr. and Mrs. George Gentry of Parma a boy.

HOLY ROSARY

Jan. 5 - To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Joyce of Nyssa a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frel Blair recently received word that their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Blair are parents of a seven-pound, three-ounce son. He was born December 31 in Kansas City, Mo., and was named Ryan McKay. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hale of Idaho Falls.

COMING EVENTS

TODAY - 2 p.m. WSCS meet in parlor at the Methodist church.

TODAY - 8 p.m. Nyssa PTA meeting in school caretarium.

TODAY - 8 p.m. Futura Chapter of NSA meet at Malheur County library in Ontario.

Jan. 10 - 2 p.m. Nyssa Friendship circle meeting at home of Mrs. C. A. Wernick.

Jan. 10 - 8 p.m. Steve Jordan's Idaho Adventure Films, with Steve and Dud, the pet cougar in person. At multi-purpose room of Nyssa primary building. Sponsored by 4-H Comancheros.

Jan. 13 - 3:40 p.m. Educational film presented by Gaston Smith in the multi-purpose room of the primary building.

Jan. 13 - 7 p.m. AAUW meets at the home of Mrs. Donald Oakes at Ontario.

Jan. 14 - 10:30 A. M. - Senior Citizens' meet, weather permitting, at Nyssa United Methodist church.

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Salem Scene
By Everett E. Cutter

GOVERNOR'S OTHER HALF OF BUDGET-REVENUE ANSWER

In an informal poll recently, legislators who will serve next session voted property tax relief as their first order of business.

They will be convening here in three short weeks to tackle that and other issues. For their first order of business, they have some realistic guidelines from Gov. Tom McCall, who now has proposed a broad tax reform package as the revenue half of his total revenue-budget answer for the 1969-71 biennium.

His comprehensive plan to relieve property taxes would establish a 3 per cent retail sales tax -- "adding a third leg to our tax stool" -- and make other adjustments in the state tax structure to raise an estimated \$100 million annually for schools. This increased amount, the governor estimates, would bring state aid to local school districts up to the long-sought 50 per cent figure, reducing schools' heavy dependence on local property taxes.

To ensure property tax reductions, the plan would replace the present 6 per cent growth limitation on school budgets with a 2 per cent lid. Local property taxes could increase only by that amount annually without a vote, and only two votes to exceed the 2 per cent would be allowed.

In addition to bringing basic school support up to the magic half-way mark, Gov. McCall estimates there would be enough revenue left to provide direct payments to cities and counties for further relief. He suggests completely phasing out the "discriminatory and unfair" inventory tax at a rate of five per cent each year, using those direct payments to "more than offset any decline resulting from phasing out the inventory tax."

The governor's plan also recognizes the desirability of equal tax relief for all types of property, an equality which has made Oregon a model state in property tax fairness. Business, to balance part of its share of the relief, would be asked to increase its corporate tax rate by 16 2/3 per cent, in addition to its substantial sales tax liability.

Some other proposed adjustments in the total tax picture may encounter legislative resistance, but the sales tax is

expected to pass. It failed last session by only one Senate vote, and the complexion of the upper house was changed by November's election. Many members of both houses now feel that the governor's plan incorporates all the best features of the nearly-successful draft of two years ago.

Adjustments which probably will be debated are the proposed elimination of the federal deduction from state income tax returns and some of the "some thing-for-everyone" features which tend to complicate the package. These may include special relief provisions for the poor, the elderly and for renters, and exemptions from the sales tax.

On the latter point, Gov. McCall said he would support a tax refund program in lieu of the exemption of food and prescription drugs if the legislature preferred. Such a plan no doubt would be less expensive to administer, both for the state and for retailers, but it is more complicated to explain than exemptions.

The refund plan included in last session's bill allowed a \$12 refund per citizen to offset the sales tax estimated to be spent on food and drugs. The \$12 figure was considered liberal -- at a sales tax of 3 per cent it would represent expenditures of \$400 per person for those necessary food and drug items.

Hopefully, a simple method of explaining this concept will be developed by the legislature. The whole issue of tax reform ultimately must go before the voters, and taxation matters often are confusing enough.

As they prepare to convene, some lawmakers talk of submitting a proposal to Oregon voters at a special election in the spring. Many consider a sales tax, tied to property tax relief and limitations, likely to pass the statewide test.

So, after seeing his tax reform proposals virtually ignored by the 1967 legislature, Gov. McCall now is likely to be heard and to receive wide support. Coupled with his budget message, his bold plan for tax reform goes a long way toward relieving many inequities and deficiencies in a government finance structure which has been criticized for many years.

BUENA VISTA NEWS

BY HELEN HOFFMAN - PHONE NO. 372-2806

BUENA VISTA - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sisson left in mid-December for the Fort Worth area where they spent some time up to and including Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shoemaker and Kevin. The Sissons returned home early on New Year's day. They visited on the evening of Jan. 2 with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sisson and family, and on the following evening they visited another son, the Stanley Sisson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Topliff and family of the Adrian area and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tooly and daughter of Willow Creek were Jan. 5 dinner guests in the Leslie Topliff home. The occasion honored the birthday anniversaries of Leslie and Theresa Topliff and Mrs. Tooley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cleaver and family were Christmas day and overnight guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver at Burns.

Mrs. Lester Cleaver and son,

Truman returned home on New Year's eve from an elk hunting trip near Troy. Truman left Jan. 5 to resume his studies in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver and new daughter of Burns arrived Jan. 3 to spend some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Drew and family at Wilder and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cleaver and family of rural Nyssa. The Cleaver infant was born Dec. 27 at Burns and was named Tina Brynn. The John Cleavers left Jan. 6 for their home.

Lester Cleaver slipped on the ice Friday evening on the Joe Seburn place and fractured his ankle. He is recuperating at home.

Dave Burgess of Sutherlin, Ore., Dan Fugate of Oakland, Ore., Stanley Hogan and his son-in-law and Harold Hatcher, also of Sutherlin and Roger Hutchens of Umpqua, Ore., were all recent duck hunting guests of the Lester Cleavers.

Kim Cleaver, son of the LaVerne Cleavers of Burns has been visiting for a week with relatives in this area.

Miss Mary Anne Little visited on the evening of Dec. 31 through New Year's day with Mrs. Edith Whipple and Kenneth.

Guests in the Eugene Stephen home on the evening of Jan. 4 to honor Mrs. Stephen's birthday anniversary were the Joe Stephen family and Mrs. Esther Stephen.

Martin Tanner was a recent weekend visitor in the home of his parents. He is employed in Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. Mancel Bishop visited Jan. 5 with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hunsucker and family at Gay Way junction.

New Year's day dinner guests

in the Thurman Piercy home were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Piercy of Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Piercy of Parma, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piercy of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mecham and family of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Day of the Owyhee dam area were Jan. 4 afternoon and evening guests of the Thurman Piercys.

Miss Harriet Cleaver, accompanied by Sam Cleaver, left Jan. 5 for Ashland where Harriet will get her belongings as she has completed her course of study at Southern Oregon college. Enroute home they visited the LaVerne Cleavers at Burns.

Wes Story and Glenda Hoffman visited in Nyssa Jan. 5 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Story of Nampa.

Sunset Valley ACTIVITIES

BY FRED A STORECA

SUNSET VALLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hall and son, Lorrin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapin and son, Danny returned home Jan. 2 from a successful elk hunting trip in the Troy area.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lorenson were guests at a Dec. 21 Christmas dinner and party sponsored by the Argus Observer at the La Paloma. On the same evening Harriet and Gloria Lorenson were guests of Sandra Atagi at her home.

Roberta, Frank, Christine, Louis and Tony Assumendi were Christmas Eve and Christmas Day guests at the home of their father, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Assumendi, Curtis and Lillena. Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Orm were Dec. 25 evening callers in the Assumendi home.

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Phaff of Ontario, were New Year's guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapin.

Mr. and Mrs. Elver Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nielsen

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