



TOP THREE—The big money winners in Roseburg's Jaycee-sponsored Applebox Derby. (from left) Bobby Lockman, age 11, who took third place; Leonard Read, 13, first place, and Ralph Young, who is not quite seven and the youngest to enter the derby, second place. (Picture by Sid Fredrickson).

Driver's License Fees To Build Up Accident Fund

The economic consequences of a comparatively few Oregon traffic accidents caught up with all Oregon drivers this year, when the legislature upped the driver's license fee from \$1.25 to \$1.50, according to the secretary of state's traffic safety division.

Beginning August 2, fifty cents of each fee will be earmarked to build up the depleted motor vehicle accident fund, which is used to reimburse doctors, nurses, ambulance operators and hospitals when accident victims are indigent and unable to pay medical and hospital costs.

Until this year, only 25 cents of each fee was used for this purpose but, according to the state industrial accident commission, which administers the motor vehicle accident fund, increased accident cases necessitated the additional fee. Commission administrators further pointed out that the average indigent claim drained the fund last year at the average case cost of \$616.41. Total expenditures for medical and hospital care for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, reached \$119,491.41, an all-time high.

These figures, the secretary of state's office said, are just one more indication that a traffic accident cannot be treated as a single, isolated incident. An accident resulting in an injury or death takes money out of everyone's pocket, and is one good reason for drivers to "take it easy" on the highways.

Quoting national figures, the division said that motor vehicle accident costs for 1950—including wage loss, medical expenses, overhead costs of insurance and property damage—amounted to \$3,300,000,000.

"Traffic accidents and the resulting economic and social losses can be eliminated," Captain Walter Lansing, safety division coordinator remarked, "only if drivers exercise unfailing common sense when behind the wheel."

Western Douglas Fair Dates Are Announced

Dates of August 18 and 19 have been set for the Western Douglas county fair.

While these dates conflict with the county fair to be held at Roseburg, the committee in charge said the conflict could not be avoided.

The Western Douglas fair features water sports at Winchester Bay and dates are required furnishing mid-afternoon high tides, available only at the time selected for the annual show.



APPLEBOX TROPHY is handed to 13-year-old Leonard Read, winner of Roseburg's Applebox Derby Saturday. Leonard ran the course in 29 1/2 seconds. (Sid Fredrickson photo).

Backsliders Reclaimed By Sunday School Class For 'God's Fishermen'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (AP) — Folks at Nashville's Edgefield Baptist church think the fishermen's class is a bright example of how God can work through men.

Picture a Sunday school class made up largely of former drunks, a one-time numbers racketeer, men under indictment on criminal charges, one on probation after conviction, a man who boasted he hadn't been to church in 22 years, men whose homes were wrecked by divorce, and just plain backsliders.

That's the fishermen's class, Edgefield's newest and largest.

Since a pastor and a lawyer created it last fall, its fervor has spread to the rest of the church and into the community. It sponsors a Boy Scout troop, twice has served suppers to church members, and is getting up a softball team to play in a church league. The members pray when class meets. Although his knees are like castanets, one stood up in regular church service recently over the morning prayer.

Lawyer James W. Rutherford, in 21 years before the bar, has handled hundreds of divorce cases. In not one, he said, had both the wife and husband attended church with any regularity.

When Edgefield's pastor, the Rev. William C. Kirk, observed that Sunday school wasn't reaching the men most in need of it, Rutherford knew what to do.

The fishermen's class was born by Rutherford getting a small group together and going fishing.

Kirk assigned the class a basement room in rambling old Edgefield. The fishermen pitched in for a month of hard work. They paneled the walls in wood, topped it with bright wallpaper of fishing and boating scenes, and installed swank fixtures. The Scout troop meets in their pleasant room.

The example caused other Edgefield groups to spruce up their quarters too.

Companionship is the hallmark of fishermen's class. For an hour before their Thursday night and Sunday morning classes (which Rutherford teaches) they meet in a restaurant near the church for coffee and fishing tales.

Idle Time Causes Failure

The class owns two boats, an outboard motor and other fishing gear, and has a fishing trip once a month. One jaunt by part of the class was to Biloxi, Miss., for deep sea angling. Another group is planning the Biloxi trip this fall.

"Most men fail because they have too much idle time," Rutherford says. "If you can keep a man busy in wholesome endeavors, you don't have to worry about him falling from grace."

The fishermen's class has 85 members, plus five in the armed forces.

"I really believe God has blessed this group of men," said Rutherford, who feels the fishermen's class is living up to its motto: "It is no secret what God can do."

Boy Trails Forest Fire Threatening Timber

PORTLAND — (AP) — A 13-year-old boy was credited with trailing single-handed, a forest fire that threatened a huge timber stand and a mountain community.

Foresters said the boy Jimmy Black of Oakland, Calif., discovered the blaze near Mowich, Ore., halfway between Bend and Klamath Falls. He dug a 200-foot fire trail around the blaze, halting its spread until lumbermen saw the smoke and arrived to extinguish it.

Jimmy spends the summers in the mountain as a treatment for asthma. He lives with an aunt, Mrs. Berth Brown.

The Green Guard, youth organization of the Keep Oregon Green association, presented Jimmy with the "service under fire" award.

The population of Russia is a third more than that of the U. S., according to the National Geographic Society.



CPL. RICHARD S. FISMEN, above, has been awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received in Korean combat. Fisman is the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Miller of Sutherlin. He has also been awarded the Combat Infantry badge for performance of duty under enemy ground fire near Tapkol, South Korea. Cpl. Fisman is a machine gunner. On Aug. 20, 1950, he completed basic training at Camp Carson, Colo., and left for Korean duty March 6, 1951.

Melrose

By MRS. NETTIE WOODRUFF

Mrs. Nettie Lundeen moved Wednesday to the Ruth Karsner home in Roseburg to reside until her home in Portland is completed. She has been staying with Mrs. Vera McGowan for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown and children, Dick and Sally, had a picnic at Landers lookout Sunday. They also visited V. S. Woodruff who is stationed there.

Ed Reece and son, Roger, fished in Coos river Saturday. They reported that fishing was good.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wood of Callahan Trail are installing a new gas range, water heater and refrigerator in their home. Last winter their home was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. C. R. Holmquist, Mrs. Nettie Lundeen and Mrs. E. Edman visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wesley and daughter, Jo Anne, of Garden Valley Sunday evening.

Mrs. Nettie Lundeen recently leased her farm at Melrose to Mr. and Mrs. Cook, who have been residing on the Willows Creek farm at Elgarose.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wood and son, David, visited Mrs. Wood's parents in eastern Oregon over the Fourth of July.

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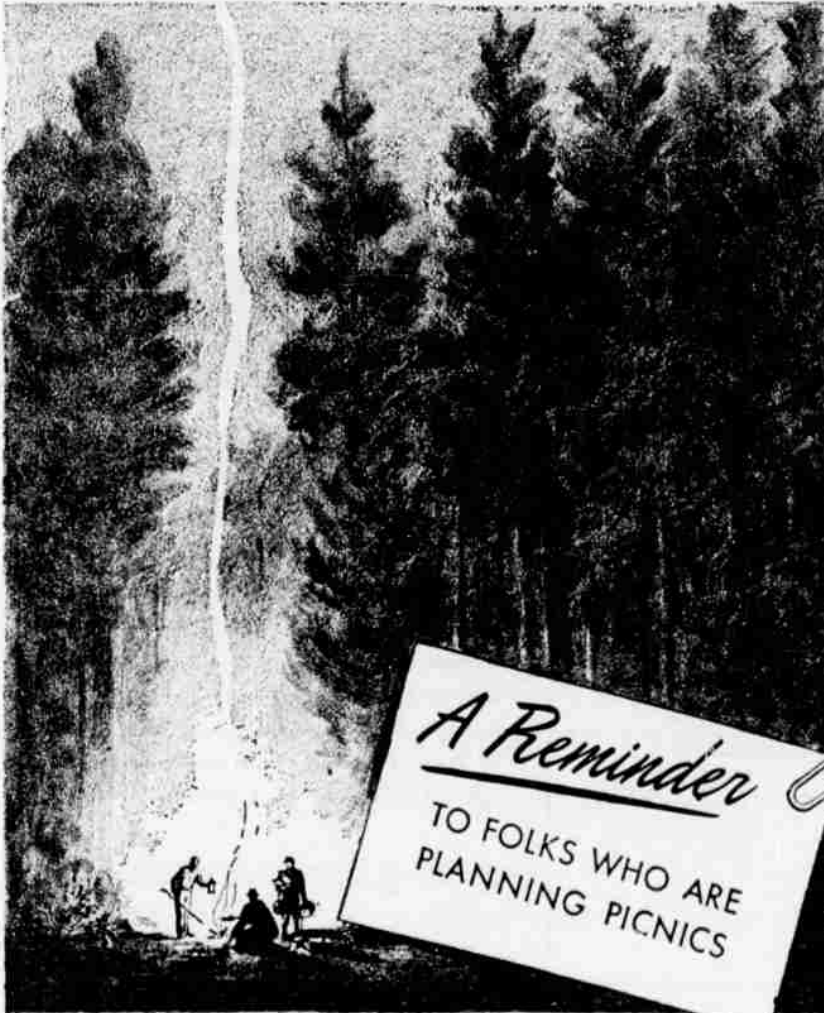
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