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Cumberland Gap
The first American colonist to file written claim to discovery of Cumberland Gap was Dr. Thomas Walker, a Virginia physician and trained woodsman who, in the spring of 1750, led a pioneer land venture into the Appalachian wilderness.

The United States purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark in 1917 for \$25,000,000. Approximately 80 per cent of the population is of negro descent.

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Oregon Wages For June Climb to All-Time High

Hourly and weekly earnings of Oregon's production workers climbed to another all-time high for June, according to reports from nearly a thousand employers as compiled by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission in co-operation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The weekly average wage reached \$70.79 as compared with \$69.47 in May and \$61.82 in January. Although June figures for the other 33 reporting states are not yet available, May's tabulation showed this state continuing in first place with Michigan reporting \$68.04 and Wyoming \$67.98 as weekly averages. In hourly earnings Oregon's lead was even greater with \$1.78 in May and \$1.80 for June against \$1.70 for Washington and Wyoming. The latter's work week averaged 39.9 hours as compared to 41.1 in Michigan and 39.1 here.

Lumber, logging and metals manufacturing led the May-June advance. Those working in woods and sawmills received an average of \$1.98 an hour and \$78.62 a week for a new high, while metals workers gained \$3.25 to \$71.72. A higher wage scale, more overtime and a greater proportion of loggers were responsible for increasing lumbering an average of over \$5.00 a week from April and \$15.00 since January.

Printing and publishing production workers maintained their lead but dropped slightly from the previous month to \$2.24 an hour and \$81.52 a week. With thousands of students and housewives going into the canneries, the food processing averages dropped nearly 15 per cent to \$49.58 a week. Fewer hours also were put in by furniture and fixture plant employees, but their scale was unchanged.

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All applications should be made to Commandant, 13th Naval District, attn: Procurement Officer, 1611 W. Wheeler St., Seattle, Washington. Further information may be obtained at the U.S. Navy Recruiting Office, located in the New Post Office Bldg., Eugene, Oregon.

Civil Service Tests To Be Given Soon

Announcement has been made by the Oregon State Civil Service Commission that open-competitive examinations in three classes are to be given throughout Oregon soon.

The classes listed for examination are Retail Store Clerk, starting salary \$195; Engineering Aide, starting salary \$200; and Field Auditor, starting salary \$270. From the Retail Store Clerk test, open only to men, will be established a register from which positions in state-owned retail liquor stores will be filled. These positions, as with Engineering Aide and Field Auditor jobs, are located throughout the state.

Applications may be obtained from any local office of the Oregon State Employment Service or by writing to State Civil Service Commission, 102 Public Service Building, Salem.

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Deep Soaking of Lawns Needed in Late, Dry Summer

To maintain a beautiful lawn, don't dilly-dally with the sprinkler. Soak the soil. Lawn irrigations of a few minutes duration can do more harm than good, asserts Mel A. Hagood, Oregon State college extension service irrigation specialist. Scanty and infrequent waterings cause root development in the upper few inches of the soil, and consequently, this type of lawn has little or no drought resistance.

Critical period for many lawns is the normally dry, warm weather period before fall rains commence. If they are abundantly supplied with plant food, well watered lawns will go through the season with a deep green color; others may turn brown indicating lack of water and care.

Lawn root zones—8 to 12 inches below the soil surface—need to be kept supplied with water, and the type of soaking required to obtain uniform, deep rooting cannot be accomplished in a 10 minute watering, Hagood states. Most difficult lawns to keep green are those with terraces and steep slopes. They do not retain a moisture supply and rapid runoff prevents much surface water from reaching the grass roots. The only answer is more frequent applications.

Some grass varieties, the bent grasses, for example, require more frequent waterings than do fescues.

If nitrogen fertilizer is to be applied at this time of year, light applications are suggested. Hagood recommends that no more ammonium sulphite be applied than 2 pounds per 1,000 square feet. To avoid burning, apply it when the

grass is entirely dry, and follow the application with a heavy irrigation.

On soils where lawns will be planted this fall, water now to germinate weeds, Hagood suggests. It will also settle the soil. Plant fall lawns about the time fall rains are normally expected in a seedbed which has been fertilized and watered several days ahead of actual planting.

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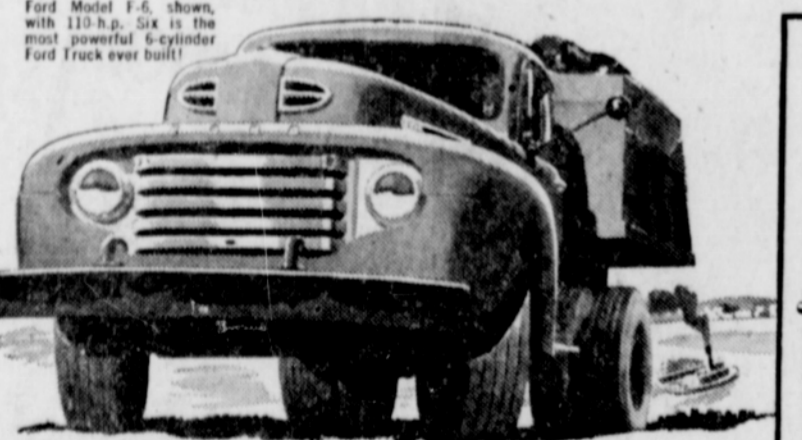
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