

Editorials

The Heart Fund: A Unique Health Cause

The Heart Fund is more than just another health drive. Essentially, it is a combined appeal supporting the nationwide fight against a great complex of diseases and disorders—heart attack, stroke and other complications of hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure, rheumatic fever and inborn heart defects, to mention only a few.

Diseases of the heart and circulation, which your Heart Fund dollars help to fight, are responsible for more than 9,300 or 56 percent of all deaths in Oregon each year. That is more than the combined total due to cancer, accidents, pneumonia, influenza, tuberculosis, diabetes, and all other causes.

The heart problem is close to all of us. It exists as a painful and costly reality right here in

this city. All too often, the heart and blood vessel diseases claim the family breadwinner in the prime of life—men in the 45 to 65 year age bracket. In addition 2,000,000 days are lost each year in Oregon because of absence from work due to heart disease, which amounts to an economic loss of \$40,000,000.

There is only one way to fight the heart diseases, namely, by supporting your Oregon Heart Association's programs of research, education and community service. You can do this by contributing volunteer service and Heart Fund dollars during the month-long February campaign. Truly, the Heart Fund deserves a place at the very top of your "giving for health" list.

Regrooved and Retreaded Tires Are Different

There is confusion in the minds of many motorists as to the difference between regrooved and retreaded tires, according to the Traffic Safety and Education Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

Regrooved tires are potentially unsafe and have been declared illegal in at least one state, the department said. The only exception is extra-tread highway truck tires specially designed for regrooving.

The regrooving process normally involves a nearly bald tire. The regroover cuts a tread design into the remaining one-eighth inch, or less, of tread, sometimes cutting into the tire cord. The result is a dangerous-

ly thin tread surface, even though it may look safe to the unwary buyer.

Retreading is a rebuilding process which starts with a sound casing. Tires retreaded to meet industry standards are safe, durable and should give long service.

Close examination of a regrooved tire will show an uneven tread design. Sometimes the fabric of an inflated regrooved tire will show between the treads. Other identifying characteristics include the absence of small tufts of rubber found on new and retreaded tires and a soft yielding quality to the entire tread area.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Agriculture: Dynamic — Challenging!

"Agriculture — Dynamic — Challenging!" This is the theme for National FFA Week, Feb. 15 to 22. During this week nearly 400,000 boys in the 50 states and Puerto Rico will celebrate the 47th anniversary of vocational agriculture.

The month of February is most appropriate for it was during this month that George Washington was born. Many people know him as engineer, statesman and president, but few realize one of his greatest accomplishments was in the field of agriculture. It was President Washington that introduced many farming techniques looked upon today as basic including contour farming, crop rotations, fertilizations and soil conservation. For these gifts of wisdom as well as other, FFA pauses once each year to pay respects and appraise the program.

In these fast-moving times some things are not prone to change as fast as others. The name of the program, vocational agriculture, and its inner organization, Future Farmers of America, is in this category. Under the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 it had its beginning. It was at approximately this same time that Smith was also instrumental in getting legislation that established our county agricultural agent program. While the name has remained the same in both programs, the men within them have changed to meet the needs of the times.

Originally vocational agriculture was designed to assist high school boys in the technical study of agriculture with the eventual goal, establishment in farming. This is no longer entirely true. It is known that only approximately 14% of today's young men are needed in actual farming, tomorrow this figure may be too large. If we had

continued to train only farm replacements, we would have had to close shop long ago. Fortunately, many of the earlier students found that well-rounded training in vocational agriculture was invaluable in related fields as well as unrelated ones.

As this information began to trickle back it continued to broaden the program. Today the program is building whole men capable of meeting a challenge wherever they find it.

The emphasis is still on agriculture and "agri-business" as well it might be. For today 40% of the working population of the United States is connected either directly or indirectly with agriculture. Agriculture represents a total investment in excess of 207 billion dollars. This is more than two thirds the market value of all stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The farmer today is no longer the "hick" of yesteryear, he is in today's largest business. Farmers own their own refineries, processing plants, and transportation fleets. On the West coast for example, the huge Federal Land Bank, giant in the financial world, is farmer owned and operated.

Today's farmer is the most efficient in the world. Most people of the world spend half of their disposable income for food; Americans spend about one fifth.

Yes, today more than ever, "Agriculture is Dynamic—Challenging!" There is no doubt today's farmer is not getting fair returns for his labor and his investment. As the ranks dwindle (for productive farmers) and the demand for food increases, farm surpluses may soon be history. The new day is about to dawn in agri-business. The challenges and opportunities for young men of vision are unlimited. I am proud to be associated with Pacific Chapter of Future Farmers of America in our part of the big picture.

—Charles A. Hines, Voc-Ag instructor, Pacific High School



STAY THE EVIL HAND!

Legion Chief Says 'Freeze' Crater Lake Is Veterans' Fund Until 1975

"A freeze on the use of profits from the state veterans' home-farm loan fund until 1975 is essential to preserve the solvency of the program," William R. Stevens, Commander of The American Legion in Oregon said today.

"I do not want to call the shots of the special committee I have appointed to evaluate this matter but a preliminary look at the needs of this program—\$31,061,730 for 1964, for example—clearly indicate to me that any additional drains before 1975 would have an adverse effect. Any withdrawals prior to 1970 would be disastrous," Stevens contended.

Commander Stevens announced the appointment of Dr. Penn C. Crum, Portland optometrist and department commander of the Legion in 1945, to chairman "The Legion Committee To Protect Oregon Veterans' Farm-Home Rights."

Others on the committee are: Emory Ingham, Portland; Stanley Partridge, Garibaldi; Richard Younts, Portland; Ken Holmes, Salem; and Samuel Bowe, ex-officio member, Grants Pass. Bowe is the Legion representative to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee. He

was department of Oregon commander in 1950 for the Legion.

Stevens said further that "the approach to the veterans' funds for a student loan extraction assumes that this is the only alternative. I should like to point out it is simply the demand of the moment. While educational needs are at least closer to Legion interests than the wholly unrelated Boardman project, I cannot envision any further tapping of this fund being in the interest of the veteran or the State of Oregon. It is not only premature for a program which is legally bound to continue to 1968, but would be fiscally unsound prior to 1975."

Stevens, a Beaverton resident, is an executive of the Portland Oil Company.

Fishery Biologist Moves to Rogue

William Haight, game commission fishery biologist now stationed at Coos Bay, will take over fishery duties in the upstream area of the Rogue valley by the transfer of Cole Rivers to the Portland headquarters. Haight will make his headquarters in Grants Pass.

William "Bill" Haight worked several summers for the game commission in lake investigations in the Bend district before graduating from Oregon State University in fishery management in 1959. He first began work on a permanent basis in the Basin Investigations section as an aquatic biologist, then transferred to the Coos Bay district in 1962.

Haight's duties in the Rogue Basin will cover management of the many fisheries in the area including trout, salmon, steelhead, and will include lakes as well as streams of the district.

No replacement has been selected as yet for the Coos Bay district.

"Wives have been managing the news for years—they never tell you about dented fenders until after you have eaten."

Crater Lake Is First In Study

Crater Lake has been selected as the first lake site to be included in a national network of hydrologic study sites maintained by the Department of Interior Geological Survey.

Congressman Robert B. Duncan (D-Ore) announced today.

The Lake is the 17th site chosen by the survey to be used as a "natural control area" to compare hydrologic trends in areas affected by man as opposed to those considered "un-

defined" areas.

"Man affects the hydrologic characteristics of an area in many ways," Duncan noted.

"The Department of Interior feels it is equally important to learn as much as possible about the variations resulting from natural causes," he said.

Crater Lake National Park meets the principal criterion for the selection as a hydrologic preserve because its drainage basin will remain permanently protected in its virgin state, essentially unaffected by man," the Congressman added.

Data will be collected at Crater Lake concerning the variation in lake surface, lake temperatures, chemical quality of water, and the amount of precipitation.

The Department of Interior told the congressman they hope eventually to incorporate their study into an international hydrologic survey.

You can avoid criticism by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing.

Public Land Use Policies On Farm Bureau Agenda

Coordination of Farm Bureau policies with programs of federal and state land-managing agencies will be the theme of a conference of the Natural Resources committee of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation at Salem February 21, it was announced by the Farm Bureau.

The conference will be largely devoted to discussion of the functions of those agencies in implementing the Nationwide Recreation Plan.

Conferees from the federal agencies will include D. F. Burroughs, chief of the Columbia River Recreation Survey Branch, National Parks Service, who will discuss the expansion of the Service's traditional custodial functions to include management of general recreation activities.

Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone, USFS, has been asked to discuss the modification of the Forest Service Operation Outdoors to conform with the recommendations of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review commission.

There will also be discussion of access and development of winter sports facilities in Wild Areas such as the proposed Mt. Jefferson Wild Area.

Howard Delano, chief of Range Management, and Irving Anderson, chief of Lands and Minerals,

of the Bureau of Land Management, will report on the progress in range rehabilitation under current cooperative programs. They will also discuss problems of management of public lands intermingled with private lands.

Don Lane, executive secretary of the State Water Resources board, will report on the progress of the Willamette Basin Comprehensive Review. Also, he will bring the committee up to date on proposed water legislation and the situation relating to the export of water from the Northwest to the Colorado Basin.

Dan Allen, executive secretary of the State Natural Resources committee, will discuss the state's responsibility in cooperating with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in implementing the Nationwide Recreation Plan.

Representatives of wildlife, recreation and conservation groups have been invited to sit with the Farm Bureau committee and discuss their programs in the conservation and recreation fields.

The meeting will be held at the Farm Bureau building, 1730 Commercial St., S. E., beginning at 10 a.m. February 21. The meeting is open to the public.

Timber Harvest Reaches All-time High

Timber harvest in the National Forests of Oregon and Washington in 1963 reached an all-time high of 4,704,000,000 board feet valued at \$84,334,316, according to J. Herbert Stone, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service.

A total of 5,639 sales were involved. This does not include sales of miscellaneous forest products such as Christmas trees, boughs, ferns, and cones.

The total volume removed from the forests is 300 million board feet greater than in 1962, which also was a record year, and value was \$4½ million above the previous year's total. One-fourth of the receipts from timber, as well as receipts from other resources and uses, are returned to the counties in which the National Forests lie, for use

for roads and schools.

2 Billion Feet Felled
More than 2 billion board feet of timber was felled by the Columbus Day storm, and nearly 90 percent of this has been sold. Of the 2,099,000,000 board

feet of accessible blowdown, 1,831,000,000 feet was sold in 1,424 sales by January, 1964. Approximately 978,600,000 board feet had actually been logged. The National Forest supervisors and rangers are making concentrated effort to remove the wind-topped timber as fast as possible, Stone said. Quick salvage is necessary to prevent deterioration, to head off serious insect infestations, and to reduce fire danger in those forests swept by the windstorm.

The Pacific Northwest Region's annual sustained-yield allowable cut is 4,267,000,000 board feet, compared to actual cut in 1963 of 4,704,000,000. Since harvest volumes are averaged out over a period of years, the higher harvest figure for 1963 does not violate the principle of sustained yield, Stone explained.

NEWS NOTES FROM OTHER PAPERS

COQUILLE — Len Murray, prominent Coquille businessman, died in Mast Hospital Jan. 31, a victim of leukemia.

Mr. Murray 53, along with his wife, owned and operated Murray's for Men for the past three years and previous to that managed Herman's in Coos Bay for five years.

—Coquille Valley Sentinel

BROOKINGS — Plans are being made for the 25th silver anniversary Azalea Festival here.

Competition begins for 12 Brookings girls with their eyes on the queen's crown.

The 25th annual Azalea Festival will be May 30 and 31.

—Brookings-Harbor Pilot

NEWPORT (Feb. 6) — The infamous slide area, Yaquina Bay, near Newport is still sliding a little bit each day.

The city water department has had to fix water pipes as many as six times in one day due to the earth slippage.

—The Newport News

LAKEVIEW — Lake county cheered their own Jean Saubert, woman skier who tied for second place and won a silver medal in the Olympic skiing events at Innsbruck, Austria, last week.

She lost the gold medal in this run by only 87 one-hundredths of a second.

Jean also won a bronze medal (third place) in the slalom event.

—Lake County Examiner

MYRTLE POINT — Boundary, Myrtle Grove and Daphne Grove Campgrounds have been modernized with new water systems. The road and parking systems have also been extended at Daphne Grove and Myrtle Grove.

—Myrtle Point Herald

EXTEND GROWING SEASON
You can get a jump on the growing season by putting seeds in an electrically heated plant bed.

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—from The Ruralite

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