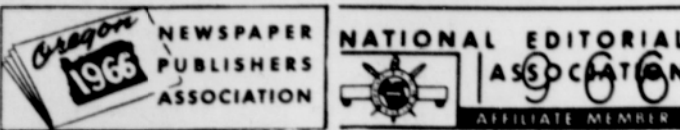


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of themselves, if you leave them alone.
Little animals grow rapidly and can become both a problem and dangerous.

Marine Board Releases Survey

Don't know about anybody else but when that last fireworks display died out I was ready to call it a day and head for the barn. I did, however, enjoy the display and must say that Ed Longton and his crew did another bang-up job... and no pun intended.

In fact, the entire day was a dandy... tho' a little windy. The sun, however, was plenty hot and I noticed several very red-type faces before the day was over. My face got burned clear to the back of my neck.

Chief Harold Hight said that traffic problems were at a minimum and no accidents were reported on the Fourth. He was also very pleased with the attitude of teens at the dance Monday night. He said their behavior was excellent and that he would not hesitate to favor future dancers for teenagers.

The first "soap box" races ever held here proved to be a very popular event. Sponsored by local Cub Scouts, there were eight cars entered. Only seven finished because Eddie Peterson lost a wheel about half way down the hill and wound up in the ditch. Cub dads are to be congratulated for their interest in building the racers... which averaged around \$35 each... plus labor. 'Course they got their reward in the big challenge race after the Cubs were finished.

It was good to learn that the local auction was second high money raiser in the county... next to Gold Beach. All donors to the cause, and the many bidders, are to be congratulated for their interest.

I finally received the price list from Aero Photographers, the firm who took aerial pictures published recently in the News... we've more coming. So, if you're interested, stop by and check the catalog.

Did you know that in 1940 Oregon had 11 county libraries serving 597,161 people... and last year had 20 libraries serving 1,158,138.

In last week's issue of the Brookings-Harbor Pilot, whatever that is, editor (?) Dick Keusink found time to "slam" my criticism of his stand on the county court concerning the Lone Ranch golf course issue. For the millions who never even heard of his paper... let me quote him, "The trouble with Peterson is that he's so far out he couldn't grab a club if he wanted. As a matter of fact, if he'd lie down he'd be an inch taller."

I assume he means I'm bigger around than I am tall. I don't see how anyone with an eagle head (BALD) thinks he can run down someone else like that. He could improve himself with a toupee... but a mask would suit him better. As for his attitude and writing... the only way he could improve it would be to have a full portion of grey matter, and he's certainly got room for it... with a head as big as his.

Local youngsters who own bicycles should be cautioned to ride with the traffic... not against it. I have witnessed several near accidents recently because young riders are coming at you instead of going with you. Parents would be wise to instruct their children to ride properly... it could save their life.

Wild pets may pose potential harm to many people; and many species of wildlife, especially so-called pet deer, often turn on their benefactors, the Oregon Game Commission reminded Oregon citizens.

Nature's yearly crop of young birds and animals found in the woods at this time of year are often cute and cuddly. Although some may appear lost, they are not fair game for adoption by well-intentioned, ill-informed "good Samaritans." The game commission urges citizens to look but not to touch.

Here are several good reasons for leaving young wildlife alone: It is illegal to possess any animal or bird except under permit issued by the game commission. The commission does not issue permits for keeping "pet" deer. Young animals and birds are not lost. The parents are always nearby waiting for you to go away. Young animals can take care

The State Marine Board this week released its findings of a state-wide survey of pleasure boating in Oregon. The 27-page comprehensive report covers certain boating habits of the boat owners and answers questions as to size of motors used, waters most frequently used and annual fuel consumption, etc.

The survey, which excluded commercial vessels and fleets of rental boats, shows a pleasure boat registration of 58,871 on January 1 of this year. The total registration, which was nearly 65,000, is expected to exceed 70,000 before the end of the year.

During 1965 Portland, which ranks 32nd in the nation for population, ranked 15th in the sale of outboard motors. The State of Oregon, which also ranks 32nd in the states' population, ranked 18th in the sale of outboard motors. Ninety-two per cent of all pleasure boats in Oregon are propelled by outboard motors. Seventy-seven per cent of those less than 21 feet in length are hauled to the launching site by trailer.

Fishing is the predominant recreational activity of Oregon small-boat owners, with cruising and sightseeing the main activity of the owners of larger boats. Twenty-one per cent of the smaller boats on the rivers and lakes spend over half their boating time water-skiing. The survey ranks the counties according to the use of their waters and makes special mention of Deschutes county which ranks first in the amount of small-boat use. Although Deschutes and several other counties are some distance from the population centers of the state the visiting boaters expect the counties to provide adequate facilities.

The survey shows over \$400,000 unrefunded boat gas tax remaining in the State Highway Fund each year as well as approximately \$324,000 Federal gasoline tax being paid annually which goes into the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. Oregon recently received \$1,102,467 from this fund which will be used by the State Parks Department, counties and cities in developing parks and recreation areas, including some boating facilities. The last session of the Legislature, recognizing the need for additional boating facilities and improvements of existing facilities, and the fact that the recreational boater was substantially contributing to the State Highway Fund through the boat gas tax, appropriated \$300,000 for the development and construction of marine parks. This money is being made available to units of local government on a 100 per cent matching grant basis. The State Parks System is credited with spending a similar amount biennially for construction and maintenance of boating facilities in state parks.

The survey report is being distributed to Federal, State and County authorities to assist in future planning for water-oriented recreation.

Timber Sales Announced

Supervisor J. R. Philbrick, Siskiyou National Forest, announces two recent timber sales, totaling an estimated 18,100,000 board feet of timber on the Gold Beach Ranger District.

Evans Products Company, Gold Beach, Oregon, was high bidder for the Bradford Creek No. 2 timber sale of 3,200,000 board feet. Estimated volumes, advertised prices, and bid prices are as follows: Douglas-fir and other coniferous species 2,750,000 board feet, advertised price \$30.20, bid price \$70.35; Port Orford-cedar 450,000 board feet, advertised and bid price \$95.95. Total advertised value was \$126,227.50 and total bid price was \$236,640.00.

South Coast Lumber Co., Brookings, Oregon, was high bidder for the Saddle Mt. timber sale of 14,900,000 board feet of timber. Estimated volumes, advertised prices, and bid prices are as follows: Douglas-fir 11, -



FOURTH of July spectators gathered early to watch afternoon dedication ceremonies and see team members introduced at Rotary Club's Little League baseball field.

McCall Urges Free Press Legislation Protection

Secretary of State Tom McCall moved into the Annette Buchanan case last Tuesday with an offer to Oregon's Publishers and broadcasters to spearhead a drive for legislation to protect the identity of confidential news sources.

"There are 13 states in the nation and enforcing legislation supporting the media and their right to remain silent as to who and where their news sources are. Whether Oregon follows in their footsteps, will depend on newspaper, radio and television industries uniting together in a demand for such legislation," commented McCall.

In an offer to officials of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association and the Oregon Association of Broadcasters, he said he would push for an appropriate law.

"Proceedings at Eugene reveal a conflict between the law and the journalistic ethic," McCall said.

"Since the ethic is useful beyond doubt to a free press, then it seems to me the law should be changed to facilitate the functioning of the ethic."

The Secretary of State, who was associate editor of the University of Oregon Emerald 31 years ago, confessed sympathy with Miss Buchanan, commenting that "It is such a highly principled journalist that deserves accommodation, not abuse—but once a judge issues such an order in Oregon, the hands of the court are tied."

"Without the confidence of anonymous news sources," McCall explained, "much of the news as well as answers and truths concerning criminal action would be lost. It is not

PHS Rescinds Wood Use Ban

Rep. Robert B. Duncan said June 29 that the United States Public Health Service has withdrawn from consideration a proposed regulation to prohibit the use of wood in federally-assisted hospital construction.

The PHS said the matter was withdrawn because it needed a "further study," Duncan said. Duncan said he was pleased the proposal had been withdrawn. "I am, of course, critical of any such suggestion," Duncan said. "No justification has been indicated for such a proposal."

In fact, Duncan said, wood should be employed more, not less, in construction work. "I particularly note with astonishment and dismay the use of materials other than wood in many public buildings and in buildings having a public character such as commercial establishments in Oregon itself. Forest products are the life-blood of Oregon's economy and this recognition should carry over to the use of wood as decorative material as well as in actual construction itself," Duncan said.

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Ralph G. Helmken Services Held

Glenn Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bandon, conducted graveside services at the Denmark Cemetery Friday for Ralph G. Helmken, who died at his Sixes home June 28. Ralph, son of Harry and Elizabeth Jane (Miller) Helmken, was born May 29, 1890, in Turner, Ore. He attended schools in Woodburn and Salem where he distinguished himself as an all-round athlete in football, baseball and basketball. He played quarterback for the Salem town football team and during the summer saw action on most every baseball diamond of the various towns in the Willamette Valley.

In 1910 he came to Curry County and first moved to the Starr ranch on lower Floras Creek. In 1912 he married Phoebe (Addie) Fitzhugh, daughter of early pioneers, Geo. and Sarah Fitzhugh. He worked as a butter and cheesemaker for Swift & Co. in Coquille and also cheese factories at Two Mile and Pistol River. In the early 1920's he was field man for the Nestle's Food Co. in Bandon and later worked as a timber cruiser along with farming. In the late 1940's the Helmken purchased the Furman residence on Sixes river and several years ago built a cabin on the Piercy Sweet ranch on the Piercy Sweet ranch where they could enjoy the salmon and steelhead fishing during the fall and winter months.

Members of the family and a host of friends will long remember his great degree of good humor and pleasant, generous hospitality and his genuine interest for young people.

In addition to his widow, Addie, Mr. Helmken is survived by one son, Harry, of Sixes; two sisters, Opal Challacombe of Coos Bay and Christine Mouch of San Francisco; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

SIXES MAN ENLISTS

Seaman Recruit Guy Arthur Lawrence son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Lawrence of Box 254 Sixes, enlisted in the Navy Cache Program on March 22, 1966, and reported for active duty on July 1, 1966. Guy is a 1966 graduate of Pacific high school. He will take his recruit training at San Diego, California. Upon completion of recruit training he will be granted fourteen days leave prior to reporting to his new duty station.

realistic to ask a news contact to jeopardize himself in order to expose a criminal or unjust action."

"As an active newsman for 25 years, I would estimate that 50% of my effectiveness was due for protecting news sources. I can testify to the importance of such legislation."

Boaters Asked Waters Care

A litterbug can be just as big a pest in a boat as in a car, a litter-prevention and beautification expert reminded Pacific Northwesterners this week.

"With pleasure boating increasing in Washington and Oregon on a significant scale, the problem on water could soon rival that on the highways and roads," Eugene B. Kasper, executive director of CLEAN and Beautiful said in Auburn, Wn. "The vacation-like atmosphere under which almost all boating takes place is conducive to the careless habit of littering... and it may lead to serious trouble."

Kasper cautioned Northwest boaters by explaining litter's potential danger to boats, swimmers, water-skiers and fish. He also pointed to its contribution to water pollution and to its general marring of natural beauty.

He repeated some rules of the road which his business and industry-sponsored coordinating group for litter-prevention and beautification has offered in the past to Washington and Oregon boaters:

1. Hold back on the urge to throw trash "over the side." Instead, carry a litterbag and use it. Bring the bag back to port for proper shore-side disposal.
2. When picnicking or camping ashore, keep your trash cleaned up so it can't be blown or washed away.
3. If shores already are littered, pick up a few pieces and leave the spot a bit cleaner than you found it.
4. Provide dockside trash receptacles and "keep-up" your own waterfront structures.
5. Avoid spilling gas or oil when refueling. For safety's sake as well as for cleaner waters, make sure all fuel lines are tight.

dates TO REMEMBER

Birthday wishes go out this week to Fred Reis, Chris Wagner, Katherine Sells, Pat Campbell, E.A. Maloy and Neil Swem. Anniversary wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Orris Smith.

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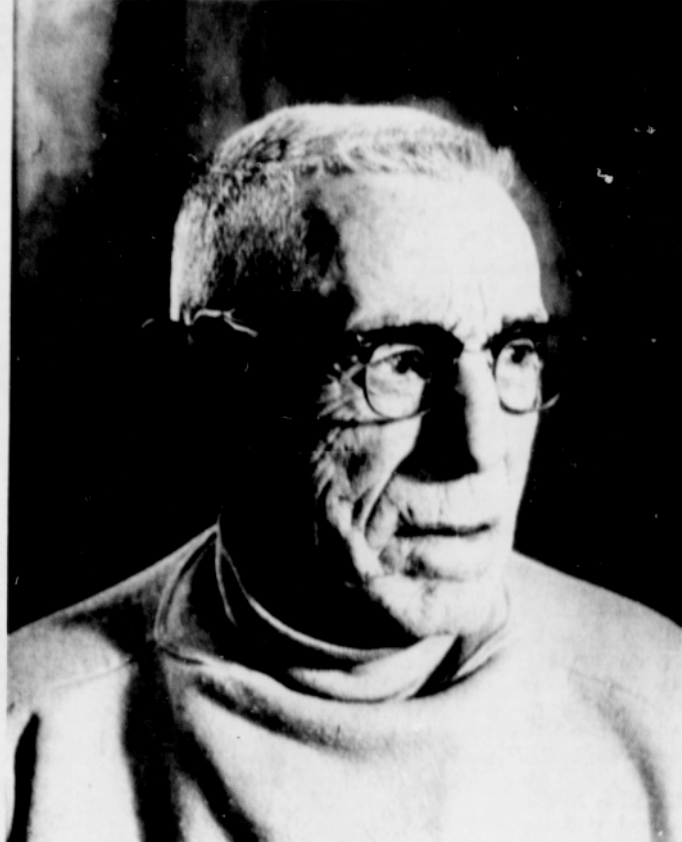
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