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County dog control officer Ed Woolley stopped by last week to provide some additional information on the new rabies inoculation law now in effect.

All dogs are required to have rabies shots, Woolley said, and they are also required to be licensed. A license will not be issued without a rabies shot certification. Failure to comply with either requirement constitutes a separate violation . . . which means that if you figure you can sneak by without a license or the inoculation and your dog gets nabbed . . . you're gonna be charged with not one, but two, violations. And the fine for lack of a rabies shot can run up to \$1,000.

Port Orford was not scheduled for a rabies clinic, as most dog owners should know, but maybe if there are enough pet owners here, who haven't had time to comply with the law yet, get together and let the county clerk know, a clinic might be arranged. Just a thought.

Well, George, I finally snookered all the contest participants, didn't I. I know it was probably a little underhanded and sneaky and not fair and all that . . . but it sure made my day. After seeing winners week after week collecting their checks I just couldn't take it any longer. For 16 weeks somebody has named the Mystery Person, collected their money and had their picture taken. I was beginning to crumble. Anonymous Who's Who faces began haunting my dreams. Many's the night that sleep would only come after counting clues. People began looking at me as if they always knew who the Mystery Person was and I didn't. Now I feel better.

Many times I've had the urge to run a survey in the News in an effort to determine what readers wanted to see in the paper. I've even come seriously close a couple of times . . . only apprehensive uncertainty at the last minute kept me from it. And now I'm glad. Why, you ask? Let me tell you, I respond.

Answers to that question (What do you want to see more of in your local paper?) are many . . . as many as there are readers, in fact. Let me quote some as penned by an anonymous newspaper man, who dreamed them up with tongue-in-cheek vindictiveness (how far in cheek has not been ascertained):

1. My name.
2. A front page article showing how crooked the city government is most of the time.
3. My wife's name.
4. A feature article showing 25 ways on how to cheat on income tax forms.
5. My kid's name.
6. A local news item about the affair my neighbor is having.
7. A classified offering a new home for sale for \$4,000.
8. More news about lawbreakers.
9. Less news about lawbreakers. I was picked up last night and I should not have to pay a fine.
10. An editorial condemning high school teachers for being too liberal with "F's."
11. A wedding picture of the groom instead of the bride when he is more handsome than she is pretty.
12. A sports picture of me when I bowled 183.
13. More advertisement on things that merchants are giving away.
14. A front-page picture of my neighbor being hauled out of the bar by his wife.
15. A front-page spread about the deadbeat who lives across the street from me who just had his car repossessed.
16. Forget that last one. I just got word from the finance company that they're coming after my car.
17. More letters to the editor naming the crooks we have in town.
18. A full page of local news, a page of national news, several pages of sports and comics, one page on divorce and three pages on all the domestic troubles we are having in town.
19. Less stuff about how cute everybody else's kids are. My kids are better looking than those you rave about.
20. A complete biographical sketch about the "most important citizen in town," and be sure you spell my name right.

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The Community Center Building Fund will be

Oregon Farm Sales Set At \$1.07 Billion

Gross sales from Oregon's farms and ranches in 1975 were down slightly from 1974's \$1.1 billion record.

Preliminary estimates by the Oregon State University Extension Service indicate agricultural sales of \$1.07 billion for 1975, the second highest on record.

While the overall figure is about the same as last year's, there were some major differences in production for certain commodities.

"The gross farm sales for 1975 reflected an up and down year for Oregon agriculture," says Stan Miles, OSU Extension economist who worked with county Extension agents to consolidate the estimates. "For example, grass and legume seed sales were off 30.2 percent while specialty crops (greenhouse and nursery production) were up 20.7 percent and field crops were up 7.5 percent."

Nineteen of Oregon's 36 counties showed gains in total farm sales for 1975. Two counties, Umatilla and Marion, repeated as the only counties to go over \$100 million in sales.

Morrow County recorded the most dramatic change from 1975. Total sales moved from \$49 million to \$74 million; a 50 percent increase. Miles attributes this to the expansion of irrigation in the Boardman area.

Grains were once again the state's leading farm commodity with sales of \$252 million (up 2.1 percent) followed by cattle and calves at \$155 million (down 4.2 percent), and field crops at \$143 million (up 7.5 percent).

While cattle and calves were off in 1975, total livestock sales were up 2.1 percent, to \$333 million. This is due, Miles said, to 9.3 percent greater dairy sales, and a 2.5 percent rise in eggs and poultry. Better prices accounted for the increases.

Total crop sales were off 1.4 percent to \$740 million in 1975. Increases in specialty products, grains, field crops, and hay and silage were more than offset by declining sales of grass and legume seed, tree fruits and nuts, small fruits and berries, and truck crops.

The 30.2 percent reduction in sales of grass and legume seeds was blamed mainly on lower prices, it was noted.

The field crop rise was due to increased potato production, Miles says.

Value of potatoes in Oregon has grown from \$14.7 million to \$67.2 million in the past five years. Total acreage in the state has gone from 52,600 acres in 1970 to 57,300 last year.

While some potato production areas have reduced acreage, the Boardman-Hermiston area expanded from 6,000 acres in 1970 to 28,300 in 1975. This area is now responsible for 60 percent of the state's production.

While total farm sales were down only slightly from 1974 highs, the cost of production was up 5.5 percent over last year's record highs.

Machinery prices led the list with an increase of nearly 20 percent from December 1974 to December 1975. Miles says an encouraging sign for livestockmen was a 13 percent decrease in the cost of feed for 1975.

The overall effect of farm sales on Oregon's economy can be determined by using a multiplier of two, Miles said. "Adding such things as the value of processing, farm pur-

boosted by proceeds from a community-wide Valentine Carnival set for Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Battle Rock gym. Larry Means, who is coordinating the effort for the Rotary Club, says the event will be the combined event of any local clubs, organizations, school or church groups who want to help further the much-needed building program.

A real fun night with concessions, clowns, food, entertainment and door prizes is the plan, says Larry and we need participation, cooperation, ideas, gifts, attendance and stuff like that to make it a really big success. Give Larry a call at Means of Insurance as quick as you've decided how you're gonna help the cause.

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Volunteer firemen will be holding another one of their tasty crab feeds the last day of this month. It starts at noon and proceeds will provide them with funds to hopefully complete the renovation and repair of their water tank truck.

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The Community Ambulance Association is in need of volunteers again. They'd like a chance to tell you about it at a special meeting set for Wed., (not Tues., George) Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m. at the city hall.

Oregon Road Deaths Down

Oregon's 1975 traffic toll stood at 565 as the year ended, the Motor Vehicles Division reported Thursday. It was the lowest traffic toll the state has recorded since 1963, when 563 were killed, and 16 percent below the toll in 1974.

Deaths may be revised upward later if persons now listed as injured die as a result of those injuries or if delayed death reports are received, a division spokesman said.

Tentative figures indicate that 439 people died as passengers or drivers of motor vehicles. Eighty pedestrians, nine bicyclists and 37 motorcyclists were listed as traffic victims for the year.

There was only a very slight reduction last year in pedestrian deaths and about a 13 percent drop in motor vehicle occupant deaths, but the bicycle deaths were cut in half and motorcycle fatalities dropped 43 percent from 1974.

Preliminary figures indicate that multiple death crashes decreased last year with only 47 crashes listed as killing two or more people. In 1974, there were 58 multiple death crashes.

Weekends accounted for nearly half of traffic fatalities with 47 percent occurring between 6 p.m. on Fridays and midnight on Sundays or during extended holiday periods.

Although total accident and injury figures will not be available until about March, the division spokesman said figures for the first 10 months indicate increases in both total accidents and injuries, despite the lowered death toll.

Through October 39,481 traffic accidents and 29,230 injuries had been reported to the division. Accidents were up 5 1/2 percent and injuries 7 1/2 percent in comparison with 1974.

Timber Sale Price Down

Over 158 million board feet of state timber were sold during 1975 in 108 sales, according to the Oregon State Department of Forestry.

The average sale price for state timber during the year was \$132.92 per thousand board feet. That price is down \$32.46 from 1974.

Assistant State Forester Carl Smith indicates that the bid-up on state sales was still rather substantial, though not as pronounced as in 1974. "For the most part, buyers were more restrained in bidding on 1975 sales because of an over supply of logs in mills, which resulted from a slow-down in the economy. Timber sale contracts and a slight change in the type of timber sold may have influenced sale prices, also," Smith said.

The sale timber was appraised at \$16.3 million. Actual sale total was \$24.7 million. Sale revenues, less management costs, go into the common school fund or back to the county from which the timber came, depending on the method by which the land was acquired.

and other softwoods, \$260.37. Export of softwood logs from the west coast totaled 2.3 billion board feet through the first 11 months of 1975, 3.5 percent more than for the same period of 1974.

Timber Harvest Reports Due . . .

FEB. 3, 1976

The 1975 legislature amended ORS 321.955 to require all reports of Timber (includes Christmas trees) cut in the previous year to be submitted by Feb. 3rd of each year.

Penalty: \$5 a calendar week
\$10 a calendar week after
May 10, 1976. \$100 maximum.

Assistance may be obtained at the Assessors Office.

THANK YOU,

CHARLES L. FITZHUGH
CURRY COUNTY ASSESSOR

Seattle Firm Low Bidder On Lighthouse

Hickey-Field Construction Company, Seattle, was low bidder at \$26,953 last Thursday when the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, opened bids for rehabilitation of the historic Coquille River lighthouse at Bandon.

The lighthouse repairs will be done under a cooperative effort by the Corps and the Oregon State Department of Transportation, with each paying half of the costs. The work will include rehabilitation of the roof and stairways, repairs to windows, concrete work, minor landscaping, and painting.

Government cost estimate for the work was \$33,700.

The repairs are scheduled for completion in four months.

Other bidders were: D. F. Andal Construction, Salem, \$34,194; Joe Brown Construction, North Bend, \$35,500; RDM Constructors, Salem, \$35,640; Donald W. Thompson, Inc., North Bend, \$39,837; and Ed. R. Burroughs, General Contractor, Coos Bay, \$44,435.

Also bidding were: Baughman & Son, Inc., Coos Bay, \$45,000; Park Construction Corp., Vancouver, Wash., \$49,300; West Coast Waterproofing, Portland, \$49,875; REMCOA, General Contractors, Lynnwood, Wash., \$50,000; F. G. Scott Construction Company, Salem, \$50,713; and Associated Building Contractors, Inc., Beaverton, \$51,618.

The Coquille River lighthouse, built in 1896, operated until 1939 when an automated light was placed on the Coquille River south jetty.

The lighthouse is owned by the Federal government, but is leased to the State of Oregon as part of Bullard's Beach State Park.

Savings Firm Exceeds Mark

Benj. Franklin Federal Savings & Loan Association became the first Oregon-based thrift institution to surpass \$800 million in assets, reporting \$809,397,116 at year-end 1975, a 13 percent rise from the 1974 year-end total of \$719,113,348.

Deposits reached an all-time high of \$604,116,469, up 16 percent from last year's total of \$520,664,161.

Total loans increased to \$628,907,356, up 8 percent from the 1974 total of \$583,505,291. During the 12-month period ending Dec. 31 the association processed 5,272 new loans totaling \$154,035,477.

Earnings climbed \$3,778,965, a 10 percent rise, to \$41,012,709.

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No Mystery Winner Prize Now \$40.20



CARMEN THOMAS displays \$8.00 check she won for correctly identifying Langlois businessman Art Aldropp as our sixteenth Mystery Person. Carmen used part of the money to purchase a one year gift subscription to the News for her parents in California.

"Ya know, so many hidden clues are making our Who's Who contests too easy," said the Kindly Old Editor last week—and with those words he retired to a quiet corner, only to emerge with three whing-dinger clues that stumped all of our hopeful entrants. Departing from his usual selection of someone living as our Mystery Person, he reached back in time a ways to produce a real puzzler of a contest. The result was that even our contest regulars missed the boat completely.

A third of the entries named local car builder Dave Loring as Mystery Person; others

named included Glen Robertson, Ray Reinke, Tracy Hassett, Philura Hassett, Harry Strahan, Art Sypher, and Buster Fenner. Cagey Tom Petok detected something amiss and craftily named a corporate person—First National Bank. Nice try, Tom, but that wasn't it either.

Port Orford's very first mayor, Gilbert E. Gable, was the Mystery Person for last week's Who's Who Contest. Two of the clues, "construction design" which appeared in Western Builders ad, and "triangular feature" which appeared in Gallery West's ad, were plays upon the Gable name. The ad for Bartlett's Cafe contained the final clue, "the first one", which referred to Gable's position in Port Orford history as our city's first mayor.

The upshot of not having a winner in last week's head-scratcher is that this week's contest winner can take home \$16.00 for guessing the right name, plus \$24.20 if the right number of clues are entered. Those are pretty fair wages for a few minutes fun tracking down this week's Mystery Person and the hidden clues pointing to him (or her). The Who's Who box will be at Orford's Cafe until 5 p.m. Saturday, so stop by and drop in your entry for our eighteenth contest.

Tree Seedlings Now Available

Medium elevation Douglas fir, Shelton Douglas fir and noble fir seedlings are available from the D. L. Phipps State Forestry Nursery in Elkton, Oregon.

The two species of Douglas fir sell for \$45.00 per thousand. Noble fir is being sold for \$64.00 per thousand. An additional \$7.00 is added to the price per thousand if seedlings are shipped. A minimum order of 100 is required.

Contact local Oregon State Department of Forestry offices for ordering information.



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on the department's water tanker