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Truckers' Tax Toll Reaches 30-Year High
Oregon truckers paid the state \$1,461,620 for the use of roads during August, a figure \$46,063 below the same period in 1960, according to statistics released last week by the public utility commissioner.
Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said the cumulative total for the first eight months of 1961 was \$10,080,034, the highest reported since collection of the present system of weight-mile taxation began in 1933.
Eighteen animals, lost, strayed or stolen, were reported to the State Department of Agriculture in August. A total of 68 were reported missing the previous month.

Hatfield Pushes Red Hat Observance Especially During Deer, Elk Seasons

Governor Mark Hatfield Wednesday urged all Oregonians to observe the Red Hat Day pledge as they enjoy the state's forests and fields, especially the 300,000 hunters, who are expected to be licensed.

Oregon's annual Red Hat Days observance commenced Sept. 15. As part of a year-long "Good Outdoor Manners" program, emphasis is on hunting safety, and reducing the incidence of man-caused fires and property damage, Hatfield said.

The Red Hat Days observance is sponsored by farm groups, timberland operators, conservationists, livestock interests, labor organizations, and state and federal agencies.

"The hunting license is not authority to trespass upon private lands, nor does it relieve the individual of responsibility for the safety of himself and other hunters. Last year's 53 hunting accidents and 13 fatalities, plus the 1961 record to date of 14 such accidents and 3 deaths should be sufficient evidence of the need for care and judgment on the part of all concerned," Hatfield concluded.

County chairmen are Rex T. Childs for the west end, and Harold L. Smith for the east end.

More than 100 elk hunters were at the public drawing for elk permits Sept. 7 in Portland. Permit elk hunt season opens Nov. 11 in most Oregon counties.

At the close of the drawing, some 9,200 applicants were successful, while nearly 17,000 individuals were forced to wait until next year to try again.

Elk hunters are reminded that those unsuccessful in the drawings for the Douglas, Siuslaw, Trask and Wilson hunts are eligible for a refund on their elk tag if they so desire. The refund only applies if you do not intend to hunt in some other area. Sept. 27 is the refund deadline.

Bear Hearing Bells
Woods mongers who claim to have heard bells and seen green-eared deer, need not question

Lake county is the center of the study where the game commission has trapped, marked, and released wintering animals, to determine the extent of summer range of deer using the wintering area.

Observe Deer Closely
Colored plastic or aluminum ear tags and a colored bell and collar are placed on each deer. Some deer are also equipped with colored plastic ear streamers. The observer is urged to try and determine the color of the bell and if possible the symbol painted on the deer. It is especially important that the exact location of the deer when seen or heard be reported.

Last winter, 250 deer were tagged, and considerably more returns are expected. Bells and tags sent in to the game commission will be returned to the finder if requested. Marked deer may be found anywhere on the Fremont, Deschutes or Winema national forests.

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- 1 Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. This is the first rule of gun safety.
- 2 Guns carried into camp or home, or when otherwise not in use, must always be unloaded, and taken down or have actions open, guns always should be carried in cases to the shooting area.
- 3 Always be sure barrel and action are clear of obstructions, and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are carrying. Remove oil and grease from chamber before firing.
- 4 Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble; keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
- 5 Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger; know the identifying features of the game you intend to hunt.
- 6 Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot; avoid all horseplay while handling a gun.
- 7 Unattended guns should be unloaded; guns and ammunition should be stored separately beyond reach of children and careless adults.
- 8 Never climb a tree or fence or jump a ditch with a loaded gun; never pull a gun toward you by the muzzle.
- 9 Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water; when at target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.
- 10 Avoid alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.



Worthington Fills Forest Position

R. E. (Dick) Worthington has been promoted to Deputy Supervisor of the Mt. Hood National Forest, Supervisor Paul E. Neff announced today.

This is a new position and has been established because of increased resource management work and responsibilities on the Mt. Hood Forest. Mr. Worthington will share responsibility with the Forest Supervisor permitting more leadership and direction in the protection, development and management of forest resources.

Mr. Worthington shifts to the new assignment from the staff position in charge of Recreation and Lands work on Mt. Hood, a position he held since

September, 1959. His previous assignments were on Mt. Hood as Ranger of the Lakes District and as Forester on the Rogue River and Umpqua National Forests.

EMPLOYMENT JUMPS

Oregon employment jumped by 38,500 additional filled jobs from mid-July to mid-August, David H. Cameron, Commissioner of the State Department of Employment, announced this week. The increase was from 702,300 to 740,800. At the same time, unemployment dropped from 37,800 to 33,700.

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