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Forester Tells Trail Restrictions

Paul E. Neff, Supervisor of the Mt. Hood National Forest, has announced a plan to close certain forest trails to motor vehicle use by the public. Closure is scheduled for July 1. Some of the trails on the Columbia Gorge, Hood River, Zigzag, Summit, Lakes and Collawash Ranger Districts are included.

Trails in the following areas are affected: Columbia Gorge Scenic Highway to Larch Mt.; Larch Mt. to Sherrard Point; Trails in the Eagle Creek drainage; Skyline Trail from the Columbia Gorge Ranger Station to Barlow Pass on the Loop Highway; the trail around Lost Lake; Timberline Trail around Mt. Hood and the trails leading to it; From Big Spring to the powerline R-W north of Fish Lake; Skyline Trail south from Breitenbush Lake to the Mt. Jefferson Primitive Area; the trail into Bagby Hot Springs and trails in the vicinity of Bull of the Woods; Welcome Lake area.

This action is necessary for several reasons. Parts of these trails are in dedicated areas such as the Mt. Hood Wild Area where vehicle use is already restricted. Other trails lead into such areas and this



Election of John Stein to the Security Bank of Oregon Board of Directors was announced yesterday by George F. Brice Jr., president. Stein has lived at Welches in the Mt. Hood area since retiring several years ago. He was active in organizing the Pioneer Bank in Milwaukee which is now the Milwaukee - Pioneer office of Security Bank of Oregon.

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These six handsome young men who come to the United States from South of the Rio Grande will be heard in concert Monday, March 11, at 8:15 p.m. in the Gresham high school auditorium. The Sexteto Mexicano will appear here under the auspices of the Mt. Hood Community Concert Assn.

Community Concert Schedules 'Sexteto'

The Sexteto Mexicano, recognized as Mexico's leading a cappella group, will appear in concert Monday, Mar. 11, at 8:15 p.m. in the Gresham high school as the final offering of the season by the Mt. Hood Community Concert Assn. A reception will be held for the artists at the school following the performance.

Singing in four languages, the Sexteto Mexicano presents a program in two sets of authentic "Charro," the national dress of Mexico. When interpreting the music of old Mexico in the final round, St. Rita co. the singers do not confine themselves to the Marching is, or wandering minstrel songs but offer a variety of selections.

New members of the Mt. Hood Concert Assn. who joined during the recent membership campaign may attend the Monday evening concert as their "bonus." The drive closed with 525 members subscribing for the 1963-64 concert series.

The Mt. Hood Concert Assn.'s selections for the coming season have been announced. The attractions scheduled include: The Bel Canto Trio, Maria Di Gerlando, John Craig and Dominic Cossa of the New York City Opera Company; the Don Shirley Trio featuring piano, cello and bass; Anne Brun, pianist; and Anna Lisa, soprano.

The Association directors have announced that a misprint in the concert schedule for programs in the surrounding areas lists the Anna Moffo concert in Salem as Mar. 10. The correct date of the Moffo concert is May 10 in Salem.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:
 Senate Bill 179 is a bill to protect consumers by requiring that the true interest rate on retail installment sales be fully disclosed at the time of the sale.

Many consumers find it difficult to determine the true rate of interest they are paying to buy goods on the installment plan. Some get in serious financial trouble by using too much credit without being aware of its cost.

I introduced this bill because I believe that full disclosure of the interest charges will be of help to every Oregon consumer. When a consumer protection bill is introduced in the legislature, the question is always asked whether it is needed.

I hope that Oregon people who have purchased goods on the installment plan without knowing the true interest charge will write me and let me know whether they think a law of this kind is needed in our state.

Don S. Willner
 State Senator

To The Editor:
 My last weeks column ended with these lines: "O big-mouth we can get himself into more trouble than three quiet men."

It didn't make sense did it. But a part of my column was cut off by some one of the staff.

The part that was cut was my reply to my good friend Shell Ellwoods letter to the editor a few weeks back.

I wish he could read it. A realize there is only so much space in our newspaper, but after a columnist works hard on a column so it makes sense and mails it to the office for publication; then comes Thursday and the Sandy Post. What a jumble of words missing of entire paragraphs from

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE
 by John J. Inskeep

I was the lone "no" voter on Senate Bill 130, which came up for a vote in the Senate Feb. 15. It provides that in counties of certain populations... that the Judge or Judges of a Juvenile Court... shall appoint or designate one or more persons of good moral character as Counselors... to serve at the pleasure of, and at a salary designated by the appointing Judge."

This bill says nothing about the qualifications of such an appointee other than that he be of good moral character. But I especially objected to the method of setting the salary.

I know from past experience that County budget-making bodies are greatly disturbed by the increasing numbers of departments or others who present mandatory budgets. Actually, there are so many of these that the County budget committee is quite limited in the amount remaining for conducting necessary county affairs.

In the latter case, I discussed the matter with several other Senators. They have declared intention of calling the bill back to the floor for revision.

Veto Sustained
 I most often vote with majorities which are usually strong ones. There has been little discord here. The Senate is composed of a well-knit group of highly qualified individuals, who it is assumed vote their convictions regardless of party affiliations. But occasionally we kick up our heels like yearling colts frisking in a new May bluegrass pasture. Such an occasion occurred when the majority party held a Caucus recently, known only to the members thereof. They decided to try to override Governor Hatfield's veto of Senate Bill 96 passed during the last session.

This bill had to do with felonious acts perpetrated by possible mentally deficient. As I get it, the point revolves around the lack of responsibility for the act, because the person did not know right from wrong. As the matter now stands, many of these are incarcerated in the State prison. Bill 96 would have turned several hundred of them loose. The average citizen cares little about whether the person who sticks a gun in his ribs is mentally responsible. The Governor's veto was sustained, but by 3 votes only.

Postscript—On Monday morning, it was learned that Senate Bill 130 had been sent to the House. It was recalled and, upon vote of the Senate, returned to Committee for revision in line with my objections. I carried the debate on the floor, calling attention to the fact that I did not object to the intent of the bill but that I objected to the principle of mandatory budgets presented to the County budget committee. I cited

several examples. I was upheld by a large majority vote. It was my maiden speech.

The highway bonders are at it again. Little by little certain sections of the State have whittled at the bonded indebtedness stick. They propose another 37 million bond issue, as usual, mostly for U. S. Highway 101. If allowed, we will then have reached the limit of our highway bonding capacity. Each project, when financed with funds from bonding, costs about 50 percent more because of carrying charges and interest. Moreover annual costs for interest and retirement come from the top of the Highway Commission's budget. So bonding for one area is costly for the other four highway districts of Oregon.

This time, ostensibly to get the vote of the Clackamas County delegation, 2 million is included for a West Linn-Oregon City bridge. The joker here is that any except another, which would parallel the present one with its consequent increase in traffic congestion, would cost over 3 million. I think our taxes will be quite high enough when we take care of educational needs. I am not buying the idea of more indebtedness, and more taxes to pay interest on highway bonds, unless something unforeseen shows up. I am not in favor of further crippling our efficient Highway Commission by legislative prerogative either.

"When do you expect to start cutting taxes?", many ask and write. The answer is easy—when inflation stops and when the increasing number of young people to educate levels off. No legislative body can decrease taxes in face of the present student enrollment situation. The best we can do is to eliminate every possible cost and to effect efficiency of Government. Pork barrel legislation doesn't help the taxpayer's pocketbook a bit.

Recent visitors to the State Senate included Bill Brady, West Linn, his daughter Janice and Debbie Dunmire. The girls are 6th graders at Bolton School. The latter were made honorary pages of the day, met the Governor, and rapidly learned their way around. I wrote absentee excuses to their teachers, and suggested an A in Social Sciences for the day.

An air of gloom pervaded the legislative halls in Salem on Monday and Tuesday following Ed Latourette's passing. He was highly thought of down here by his many acquaintances of both parties. His helpful influence and diplomatic, friendly approach will be missed throughout the State.

Pioneer Photo Pins Available

Sandy high's junior class is having photo buttons made of the Pioneer basketball team. The buttons will be three-and-a-half inches in diameter, with a black and white photo of the whole team and Coach Jerry Ross.

The school colors, crimson and black, will frame the photo. The big buttons will sell for about 50 cents, according to Cliff O'Harrow, junior class advisor. He expects to have the pins available in time for the state tournament.

The buttons can be purchased from members of the junior class. Proceeds of the button sale will be used to finance the junior class prom.

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