

Vehicles increase in state

The Oregon Motor Vehicles Division licensed more than 1,710,000 vehicles last year, an increase of 3 1/2 per cent over 1971.

Chester W. Ott, Administrator, says increases were recorded in the number of

passenger cars, motorcycles, motor homes, campers and travel trailers, but there were decreases in trucks, buses and trailers.

The year-end summary shows that the state now has 1,379,598 passenger vehicles registered. The figure is a 5.3 per cent increase over 1971.

Motorcycle registrations increased 5 1/2 per cent with 73,320 now licensed in the state.

Substantial increases also were recorded for recreational vehicles in the state—motor homes increased nearly 59 per cent, campers 10 per cent and travel trailers 13 per cent.

The report also shows that Oregon has 4,679 snowmobiles. Last year was the first year these off-highway units were required to be registered.

Ott said revenue received from registrations of all types of vehicles totaled \$22,966,058.

Here is the list of vehicles licensed: passenger cars, 1,379,598; buses, 812; trucks, 50,608; farm vehicles, 27,686; light trailers, 26,740; heavy trailers, 17,213; for rent trailers, 3,596; fixed loads, 4,584; motorcycles, 73,320; motor homes, 6,667; campers, 38,193; travel trailers, 69,079; mobile homes (new or transfer of ownership only) 3,537; snowmobiles, 4,679; new publicly owned vehicles, 3,907.

MENU

SANDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY, Feb. 5
Italian Spaghetti
Crackers
Milk

TUESDAY, Feb. 6
Fish Sticks
French Fries
Vegetable Salad
Bread, Butter
Upside Down Cake
Milk

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7
Pork Fritters
Buttered Corn
Batter Bread
Applesauce
Milk

THURSDAY, Feb. 8
Hamburger Patty
Mashed Potatoes
Beet Pickles
Bread, Butter
Jello w-fruit
Milk

FRIDAY, Feb. 9
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Cinnamon Twists
Milk

Top to lead meet

Ferris Top, Mt. Hood Community College television instructor, will speak on local implications of cable television Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 NE Knott, Portland.

The public meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Top was named recently to a 15-member cable television study committee looking into Portland's proposed CATV franchise. He was appointed by City Commissioner Connie McCready and County Commissioner Ben Padrow.

Top will speak on, "CATV: The Community Umbilical Cord." He will present an overview of cable television and its local potential. Community uses of video and neighborhood identification through neighborhood uses of CATV will also be highlighted.

The public meeting is expected to draw interested citizens from throughout

Chinquapin
Castanopsis Chrysophylla

Walden sponsors tax reform bills

While the pro and con arguments over the Governor's tax reform package continue before the House Revenue Committee, there is also an influx of new ideas on tax reform.

Representative Paul Walden, R-Hood River, and Senator Victor Atiyeh, R-Washington County, are the chief sponsors of five bills which have been introduced in the House to provide a "choice not an echo" to the McCall program. The bills (House Bill 2134 through House Bill 2138) are the work of the Legislative Tax Interim Committee upon which Walden served. He is now a member of the House Revenue Committee.

A Revenue Impact Statement for the plan indicates the option would provide \$41.2 million in business tax revenue, and \$89.8 million in personal tax revenue for a total tax revenue of \$131 million. Walden explains that the five-bill approach also gives homeowners a \$5,000 homestead exemption which would shift \$45 million ad valorem property tax from the individual to business, thereby equalizing the tax impact between the classes.

According to the Hood River broadcaster and lawmaker, "this revenue package could provide revenue, on an ability-to-pay basis for approximately 50 per cent funding of school operating costs."

I feel it is important for the Revenue Committee to have additional revenue plans available for discussion so that from all the plans presented, our committee and this legislature can send to the people of Oregon a fair, acceptable revenue and distribution plan that will meet the test of the Serrano prin-

ciple, and at the same time provide extensive property tax relief."

The five bills are: HB2134 would impose additional corporate excise and income taxes of one per cent on net income, and provides that revenues received from such a tax are continuously appropriated for purpose of elementary and secondary education.

House Bill 2135 would increase the rate of corporate excise tax for banks and financial institutions from 8 to 10 and 3/4 per cent and on other taxable corporations from 6 to 8 and 3/4 per cent. It would also increase corporate income tax from 6 to 8 and 3/4 per cent and disallow offsetting the excise tax with personal property taxes assessed beginning the first of this year.

House Bill 2136 would limit the amount of federal tax deductible on the Oregon return to \$2,000, retroactive to Dec. 31, 1972.

House Bill 2137 would provide for the \$5,000 homestead tax exemption.

House Bill 2138 imposes an additional personal income tax of one per cent on adjusted gross income of individuals, and provides that revenue received from such tax be continuously appropriated for the purpose of elementary and secondary education. This portion of the tax plan would apply to tax years beginning after Dec. 31, 1972.

House Bill 2006, introduced during the first week of the legislative session would provide for two tier distribution of the tax revenue.

The Interim Tax Committee plan could be accomplished without a personal income tax hike.

UNDER the GREENWOOD TREE

by SYLVAN HORTUS

BROAD LEAVED EVERGREENS OF THE BEECH FAMILY

Oregon's native Silva is graced with two evergreen trees of the Beech family. Each year, after the new leaves of that year are produced, the three year old leaves are dropped. Each of these two trees is distinctive in that each is the sole representative of its genus in the Western hemisphere.

In the Southern half of Oregon's coast range, grows the Tan Oak, Lithocarpus densiflora. Its long bluntly oval leaves have the texture of cardboard after they harden up in their first summer. They bear a casual resemblance to Chestnut leaves in form, being toothed on the margin.

Some Botanists regard the Lithocarpus as the link between the Oaks and the Chestnuts. The clustered acorns of the Lithocarpus are held in cups that are clothed in short bristles, somewhat like the bristles of a Chestnut burr. Others still consider it an oak and do not place it in the genus

Lithocarpus. All the other known species of Lithocarpus are asiatics.

The bark of this tree is very rich in tannin, and for that reason, it used to share the

same fate as the Chestnut Oak in the East. The trees were cut for their bark and the lumber left to rot. Forests where this practice existed still give mute evidence. The peeled trunks are still cluttering the forest floor, as they rot so slowly. Modern sources of tannin are much less expensive than the Oak or Tanoak bark, so these two trees were probably saved from extinction by that economic advance. The Tanoak now seems to have a future as a timber tree as it has been found that its lumber rivals that of good oak. Oregon has large stands of this tree. Some are pure stands and some are mixed stands of Tanoak and Douglas Fir. It is estimated there are several millions of board feet of Tanoak saw timber in the Southern Coast Range.

Our other evergreen specimen is the Golden Chinquapin of the Cascades. The shiny narrow leaf is clothed with gold down on the reverse from whence it derives the Golden part of its name. Its

nuts are born in threes, enclosed in a spiny burr. The genus Castanopsis has many species in Asia, but only this one isolated species otherwise. C. chrysophylla in this hemisphere. This isolation has been enough for some Botanists to want to create a separate genus for it and take it out of the Castanopsis genus. I think they may be hardpressed to find enough morphological differences between it and the Asiatic Castanopsis to warrant the separation. But then, Botanists are an odd sort. They have no middle ground. They are either splitters or lumpers.

However, regardless of what they decide, the Golden Chinquapin of the Cascades is in a class by itself here. Not a large tree, its leaves are unlike those of any other tree. Its rather aimless growth pattern is distinctive also. They always look to me as if they belonged in a Japanese Garden. They do add to anyone's landscape plans if you can get one to grow. They do not like to be disturbed. It has no value as a timber tree.



Lithocarpus (Tanoak)



Chinquapin
Castanopsis Chrysophylla

What's Cooking?

BY SARA SEWELL

FROSTED LIME SALAD

1 (3 oz.) pkg. lime jello dissolved in 1 cup hot water. Let cool. Then add 1 slight cup of 7-Up. When partially set stir in 1 (8 1/2 oz.) can drained crushed pineapple and 1 sliced banana. TOPPING: 1 Tablespoon flour, 1/4 cup sugar. Add pineapple juice and cook until thick. Cool. Add 1/2 cup whipped cream. Spread on top of congealed salad. Sprinkle with a little grated cheddar cheese. Serves 8.—From the files of Mrs. David Johnson, Brightwood. Very tasty and very pretty.

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