

# Sense And Some NONSENSE



By Dewey

"The Oregon Coast Magazine," published by the Oregon Coast Association, which boosts for the tourist travel over Highway 101, came to the desk of the Pilot Monday. In the center of the 8-page paper were portions of a number of letters from people, as far away as New York, wanting to know about vacationing on the Oregon coast.

Tourist travel, already a big business, has not started, according to estimates made by hotel men, by tourist camp owners and others who deal with the traveling public. Were new cars and tires more plentiful, these people claim they would never go so far as to estimate what the number of tourists coming over Highway 101 would be.

In preparation for this anticipated travel, all along the coast new tourist courts are rising as rapidly as people can build, and as material sources permit. From Ocean Lake southward, no less than 50 such new courts are under construction, if such can be counted from the window of a bus speeding along the highway.

"Looking Ahead," a column in this magazine, lists many attractions which are likely to interest travelers to travel over the Oregon coast highway. First on the list, beginning the first of this month and running until the tenth of August is the Striped Bass Derby at Coos Bay. Starting the past Sunday and running for two days was the Oyster Festival at Bay City, with picnics.

July 14 to 20—Blossom Week in the Brookings-Harbor Area, when acres and acres of lilies will be in bloom.

Aug. 2 to 4—Redhead Roundup at Taft, with plenty of pretty girls, beach races, water sports and entertainment.

Aug. 10 and 11—Pirates Regatta on Coos Bay. Aug. 28 to Sept. 2—Regatta Salmon Derby at Astoria. Sept. 2 to Nov. 3—Waldport Salmon Derby. Oct. 20 to 22—Annual convention of Oregon Coast Association at Gearhart.

People, busy in the fields and about their businesses, do not make much news, as well be attested by the dirth of featured articles this week. Except for the school election Monday, which did not arouse much attention, happenings of note were few.

Boy, is everyone glad to learn that Chetco Rod & Gun Club has planned another shoot. People, especially in this area, like that sport, and many have right to boast of their prowess. Recollections of the shoot in April will bear out this assertion.

It is just as American to love to shoot as it is to eat apple pie or ham and eggs. Were it not

for the gun, many of the pioneer families would have had few substantial meals. No great number of generations could ever wipe out the love of firearms in the American people.

People of this area haven't come to appreciate the work being done, and that being planned, by this rod and gun club. Made up of sportsmen who love the outdoors and such sports as are furnished by the outdoors, these men are working for betterment of game and hunting rules and practices for perpetuation of the sport all America loves—hunting and fishing.

## Few Veterans Able To Find A Home

Homeless Oregon ex-servicemen are sharing their house-hunting troubles with a large proportion of the nation's World War II veterans, according to a report on a nation-wide survey received this week by the state Department of Veterans' Affairs.

"About three-fifths of the married war veterans who were discharged last December were still seeking more suitable living accommodations in early April," according to the survey, now being conducted by the research service office of coordination and planning in the Veterans Administration.

Main points disclosed by preliminary reports from the survey, which was conducted among 3000 enlisted men discharged from five army and three navy separation centers in the last two weeks of December 1, 1945, were these:

1. Only a small proportion of those veterans seeking apartments or houses were able to find them in the first three months after discharge. Two-fifths of the mar-

ried veterans were forced to live doubled up with relatives or friends, and at least another one-fifth were in cramped, unsuitable quarters.

2. Predominantly, the married veterans were seeking three- to five- room apartments or four- to six room houses that would rent or sell for from \$30 to \$50 per month.

3. The married men seeking apartments or houses were almost evenly divided between those who wish to rent and those who wish to buy. The demand of married veterans for family units is actually greater than the 37 percent living doubled up. Fully half of those already renting said they plan to find a better place to live within the next year.

## Local News Items

Elder and Mrs. Roy F. Cottrell of Glendale, Calif., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gallagher early this week.

Lyle Redfield, of Redfield's Square Deal Grocery, was a Eureka business visitor, Monday, in search for fresh fruits and vegetables for his store.

Dewey Akers returned on the early Monday morning bus from Dayton where he spent the week-end with his family.

Mark C. Cotton left Tuesday for a business trip of a few days in the San Francisco area.

Roy Sunderland, owner of the Chetco Home and Auto Supply Co., returned home Sunday from a week's business trip at Portland. "Things are more difficult to buy now than at any time during the war," he reported.

Mrs. C. I. Patrick left Monday for Ashland to spend a few days visiting her mother, who has been seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Simpson had as week-end guest, his brother,

Earl, and amily of San Anselmo. They were looking over the area with idea of locating here to establish a lily business. He is manager of Stuart Oxygen Co., in San Francisco.

Mrs. Madge Moore, proprietor of Moore's Variety Store, told the Pilot Monday morning that many tourists had called at her store, and most of their purchases were myrtlewood novelties.

Norris Kemp left Saturday on a fishing trip on the McKenzie river. He expects to visit friends while away from his duties at

the Pine Cone Theatre. Mrs. Ethel Whight and Mrs. E. S. Mattice of Zanita, Ore., are visiting O. M. Bigham home this week. The ladies are sisters of Bigham.

John Bowdish and Ward left Monday for Brookings where they will spend a few days looking after business interests.

Norma Hoeger, a niece of Audrey and Joyce Ranney, and Mrs. Ben Ranney, of Coos Bay are visiting the Cleveland home this week.



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