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## IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

The southwestern part of Oregon is again honored by establishing of another state park to add to its attractions. People of the northern and eastern sections seem to be more proud of these state parks than we home people. Why? That question has put me to wondering.

Artists will tell you that distance lends enchantment to the view. Perhaps that may be the case with us. We see Azalea park daily. We see Harris Park every time we go along the highway, to the north, and they have become commonplace to all of us. That state of mind should not exist.

For a number of years I lived at Whitefish, Montana, just 20 miles from the west entrance of Glacier National Park. Let me tell you, right here and now, no true Montanan ever let a visitor forget the fact that Glacier and Yellowstone were near and were worth any price you might have to pay to arrive there.

We take azaleas for granted in this area. I can picture people in most any section of Montana giving any big sum of money to be able to get an azalea started in their yards. In the far eastern part of Montana people would give a small fortune just for a tree—just any tree.

People born in western Oregon may laugh at me for this assertion, but it is the gospel. Ask any person who has lived in that desolate country, and see if I have exaggerated any. About the only trees that seem to grow are the scrubbiest of willows, and along some creek or river.

People of this area take pretty much for granted the blessings that are theirs. We don't look at a myrtle tree without some idea of wondering what it would be worth at some shop using that kind of wood. We scarcely give

the azaleas any thought. Our other native trees mean little to us, except commercially.

People must have not read the time in Oregonian the past two Sundays regarding the inadequacy of Oregon's high schools to meet the demands of college entrance. Several of the Pilot readers have taken me to task for mentioning this through this column. They said it wasn't exactly part of the Pilot's business.

Anything that affects the future of Oregon, regardless if it makes too much difference to this community, affects the Pilot. There was once a day when this fact might not have meant what it means today. Communities as late as the turn of the century were much more self-sufficient than today.

In this day of specialization and interdependence, things have been altered. What was considered a fair education a generation ago, is far from being ample today. Unless a boy or girl today expects to following anything but the most common of labor, some higher education is imperative. A glance at the want-ads of any big daily will prove to one that a trade or a college degree is absolutely necessary.

Once there was a day when a person could "read law" in any law office, and listen to court, to get his license to practice law. Later that was changed to make the aspirant lawyer attend law school, without regard to a high school education. Now, it takes a college degree before one can enter law school.

The medical profession is just as particular about the educational qualifications of one wishing to practice medicine. The insurance companies now wish to hire only college graduates for their agents. All professions require college degrees, and later no doubt, these requirements are likely to be raised.

College have advanced, but the high schools, it seems, have been stationary or have slipped backward in many states, including Oregon. These articles appearing in the Oregonian have awakened people that something must be done, and that soon. Perhaps it is along this pattern that state board of education is demanding more and more from each district in the state.

### Fire-Weather News Broadcast Daily

Logging operators in this county will receive twice daily radio broadcasts of fire weather information from two state-wide ra-

dio networks during fire season, according to Albert Diesendanger, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green Association.

Wiesendanger said last-minute fire weather data would be broadcast daily, except Sunday, over radio station KOAC, Corvallis. 550 kilocycles, at 8:45 p. m., Pacific daylight saving time.

The daily broadcast over state station KOAC is a co-operative project sponsored by the U. S. weather bureau, Keep Oregon Green association and Radio Station KOAC, Wiesendanger said.

Fire weather news will also be broadcast to the logging operators twice daily at 8:25 a. m. and 8:00 (PST) over radio station KBDY, 3397.5 kilocycles. Each Broadcast will be repeated ten minutes later, both morning and evening, over state board of forestry station KOA 413 at a frequency of 2236 kilocycles.

The fire prevention leader urged loggers to maintain their outstanding fire record of the past ten years by taking every precaution. He suggested that fire tools and equipment should be kept in tip-top shape at all times, that watchmen be provided where needed at logging landings, and other areas where hazard and risk is high. He pointed out that a shortage of rainfall had created an added hazard this year which would require the full co-operation of every man in the woods.

### Blankets Stolen At Chetco Inn, Tues.

Thirteen pink wool blankets, valued about \$150, and 14 pillows were taken from the Chetco Inn last Tuesday night, according to Sheriff R. G. Sabin, who investigated the robbery here Thursday, shortly after the loss was discovered.

Entrance was gained through a broken glass in the door, and then the latch was lifted. One blanket was left under a chair by the culprits.

Earlier last week George Rush, local manager for Coos-Curry Electric Co-operative, reported a quantity of tools had been stolen from the company truck, setting on the co-operative's property, at the old generating plant.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stoken, of Modesto, Calif., former residents of this area, are visiting here at the home of their son, Orville, on Easy Street. They remained for the parade, Monday.

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### District Engineer Explains Concrete Falling Off Bridge

Following the report that a slab of concrete had fallen from the Chetco river bridge, Mr. Sage, district highway engineer, came to investigate.

In an interview with the Pilot, he drew pictures to explain how, when the forms were built for the re-enforced "road slab," the tops of the five lateral "T" beams had been covered. A triangular slab, not re-enforced, on the down-river side, fell, after vibration had loosened it.

"While the person witnessing this falling naturally would be scared within an inch of his life, it really did not harm the strength of the bridge at all.

"There is a big amount of real heavy traffic over this bridge, but it is capable of taking almost any amount of traffic it will be subjected to. I want it known that the highway department appreciates people reporting anything like this to the department. The department is glad to report that there has been no damage to the bridge," Mr. Sage concluded.

### Local Lads Break Into Lookout, Fri.

Jimmy Robinson and Beverly (Monk) Wilson admitted their guilt of breaking into the Long Ridge lookout station Friday, after being apprehended by forest service men and a member of the sheriff's force.

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Their case was heard by the county authorities Tuesday.

### Local News Items

A. P. Hendricks returned from Portland late Wednesday, accompanied by his son, Gerald, who had been visiting there for a few days. Mr. Hendricks drove home a new Buick super-8 car.

John Porisch, district forest ranger, of Gold Beach, was in this area, Friday, investigating the breaking into of the Long Ridge Lookout.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Lemer of Klamath Falls were guests at the home of their uncle and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Massot, near the state line last week. Other guests at the same home include Mr. and Mrs. John Tworck and son, Renny of Klamath Falls.

C. E. Seger, county service officer, of Gold Beach, and Mr. Sibley, formerly connected with the Curry County Reporter, were visitors in Brookings, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carter and son of Healdsburg, Calif., were Festival visitors here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biddle, to see the Third Annual Lily Blossom Time parade. Sunday they enjoyed, with a group of friends, picnic up the Winchuck at the Westmoreland camp site.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Low, and niece, Beverly Bynum, of Salem, were hosts to a small group of young people at the Low home, at a waffle party, following the fireworks display Monday evening.