

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY COVERS THIS AREA

U. S. Geological Survey groups have been active this summer in southwestern Oregon in surveying the area for topographic maps.

A large part of the state has no map coverage, although the northwest part is rather well covered. The southwest part has gaps and several of the existing maps such as Port Orford, Kerby, Grants Pass, Riddle, and Roseburg are of the 30-minute series. These were made many years ago by methods now considered obsolete, and are inadequate for present needs, according to C. A. Ecklund, Pacific Region Engineer.

He says in part:

This year we have more field parties in Oregon than usual. A total of 33 are operating in the area shown by green cross-hatching on the index map. These parties are determining positions and elevations of numerous ground points. This ground control, carefully identified on aerial photographs, enables our office force to "compile" the map by means of stereoscopic instruments. The compilation of maps in this area will be done in Sacramento next winter. Following this, the map material will go back to the field next summer for completion of all those map features which photographs do not show, such as boundary lines, place names, section lines, etc. The material is then returned to Sacramento for checking, drafting and editing. The map reproduction is carried on at our plant in Washington, D.C. About three years is normally required for completion of all phases, including publication.

LOCAL PARTICIPATION

Working out of Brookings, and Smith River are two groups led by field men J. J. Hoganson with Ken McDonald as assistant and Wm. Farrell with three helpers, Bill Dam, Ronald Akers and Pat Van Pelt as assistant fieldmen.

Beautiful, but rough and hot is the country covered by these men. Locations such as Vulcan Peak, Coin Creek, Rough and Ready Lakes, Mud Springs, Buckskin Peak, Oregon, and Indian Springs, California, have become familiar places to them. For the most part they work out of Brookings but have on different occasions spent one night to a week on a territory that would necessitate time lost on the road.

Camping is becoming commonplace as backs grow corns and callouses. Hair grows about the neck and ears and extends downward, some of it red, unmolested. Dust and dirt, some also red, covers the clothing and bodies of weary path crawlers with sidearms completing the picture of one hillbilly, so the tourist says to himself as he makes space for him on the sidewalk. Little does the tourist know about the handiness of that gun when a rattler was seen on the rocks nor does he contemplate upon the importance of the work done by the mountaineer.

Woodriff Repaid For Hybridization

In the planting beds at Fairyland Gardens, south of Harbor, are a number of very unusual hybrid lilies, blooming, from seed specially polenized by hand and cared for in greenhouses until they are ready for outdoor planting.

Leslie Woodriff has crossed his finest lilies in years past to bring out the best qualities of color, size and formation of each parent plant in the resultant hybrid.

Deep rose, yellow and gold shades that one expects to find only in white are Mr. Woodriff's reward for years of experiment. He now publishes a catalogue of begonias, lilies and greenhouse items and will soon be able to offer some of his special bulbs to the buying public. He has a storehouse of botanical knowledge gained from his work with several types of flora and has some very rare plants for his efforts. His wife Ruth is his very able assistant and business manager.

The Gardens will soon begin harvesting Croft and Estate Easter lily bulbs, as well as Rubrum Gold Band and other named lilies.

A large acreage and crew of field workers, sorters and packers will help get the shipments off to greenhouses in distant cities where they will be forced for potted lilies for Easter sale.

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You cannot avoid profiting by the veterans benefits if you live in the State of Oregon! They are saving EVERY TAXPAYER REAL MONEY.

To prove this contention, supposing you have a house and lot upon which you are paying \$75 a year in taxes. There is a vacant lot next to you. The tax authorities require \$100 per year from both your place and the vacant lot, so the lot is assessed for a return of \$25.

Along comes a veteran eligible for a state home construction loan and buys the vacant lot, gets his loan, and puts up a home thereby, at the outset, sure money is spent for materials and labor and a decent structure is added to your neighborhood.

Now, the property has been greatly increased in value, to the point where it will yield as much taxes as yours so, with the \$100 demand still in effect, down comes your taxes, possibly so it's a \$50-\$50 proposition, which is quite agreeable!

The properties, of course, need not be adjoining. You cannot help but be pleasantly affected as long as you're in the same tax area, which includes the whole state of Oregon but, in many instances, most noticeable in your school and municipal taxes.

Gents having to do with this business estimate in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars loaned by the State Veterans Bureau in the Brookings and Harbor areas, with a few thousands more in process. In making his payments, the borrower sends in his taxes as well, to the state and the state remits to the subdivision tax collector.

In all areas, there is strife to increase the "tax base"—source of more revenue bearing assets—to yield more taxes or lessen those of the individual tax payers. A sum, as mentioned above, added to the rolls of even a moderate sized city, is something command-

ing respect. Very, very few, if any loaning agencies are putting out that kind of money, especially at 4 per cent interest and for such long periods.

And reports from the Oregon Veterans Loan agency show that it is not only earning its own way and showing a profit but that a sizable portion of the money now being loaned on new accounts is that accumulated from payments being made by veteran borrowers.

Veterans, male or female, qualified to apply for the loan must have a discharge other than dishonorable for not less than 90 days in the armed forces since Sept. 1, 1940, and during periods of hostility, must have either entered the service from Oregon or be able to prove residence in the state continuously for two years prior to December 31, 1950. Loans are considered for the purchase or construction of a home, additions or improvements to a home, refinancing, or for ranch purchase by an experienced rancher.

H. B. Woody, Box 1020, Roseburg, represents this department of the state in this area and is here, usually the second Wednesday or Thursday of each month.

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