

SLIGHT ERROR —

The PILOT has been solicited, in an airmail letter from Spain, to buy some stories. In the prospectus, the writer, citing his background, states he was a Lieutenant, junior grade, in the Marine Corps, which is a rank with which no one seems familiar.

There is such a rank in the Navy.

MEASLES ARE RAMPANT —

Bobby Page came down with the measles Sunday, and joins several other youngsters similarly affected.

Mrs. Charlie (Pearl) Young left for Bakersfield, Wednesday, to help her daughter, Joyce, properly anticipate a new grandchild. Joyce will be remembered here as Mrs. Harold Dobbs.

GUILD ELECTS —

St. Timothy's Guild has elected the following officers for the year: Pres. Pauline Freeman; Vice-Pres. Marilyn Pate; Sec. Isabell Shannon; Treas. Harriet Baker. The next meeting of the Guild will be at the home of Mrs. Baker.

SWIMMING COWS

To the WESTERN WORLD we are indebted for a thrilling story of a North Bank, Coquille River, dairyman, and his neighbor, persuaded a herd of forty cows to swim to safety. The cows had been moved to what was thought a safe location, but at 4 in the morning, the dairymen and his wife found the river rising. He called to a neighbor for help, lit a lantern, grabbed a handful of hay, and together they waded through water to reach the herd. With nothing but the lighted lantern, the sound of human voices, and perhaps the smell of hay, the 40 cows swam through waist-high on the rescuers, and were safely coaxed out of harm's way.

PRESBYTERIAN ELDERLY ARE ORDAINED

Several weeks ago the congregation of the Brookings Presbyterian Church elected Mr. Joseph Kanick and Mr. Willis Ragland to serve as ruling elders in the church. This past Sunday, January 8th, the impressive service of ordination and installation to the eldership was held. Rev. Henry Ostermeier presided, reciting the charge to the elders elect and pronouncing the vows to which the elders gave affirmation. The ordination prayer was offered with the elders kneeling and receiving the office. Mr. Kanick and Mr. Ragland will serve for a term of three years, joining with the other members of the Session, which is the ruling body of the Presbyterian Church.

MUCK RAKING —

Criticism of Coos County officials for "squandering" county resources by the selling of forest lands to big operators, are reported by the NORTH BEND NEWS, to have been made at a recent meeting at North Bend. A group, said to have been organized at the instigation of the Coos Bay TIMES, was told, by J. F. McKee, that the county in years gone by, had then made sales which, since, have allowed these large operators, which he named "big profits." The NEWS note its checking of the sales were made at the "going price" of the time.

How would you like to meet the person you thought you'd grow up to be when you were a kid?

S.D.A. PROJECT —

The S. D. A. congregation had a White Elephant sale in the VFW Hall last Saturday evening. They realized \$120 toward a projector to be used in their activities.

SITE PROSPECTING —

The local Masonic Lodge is looking for a building site. They had previously been interested in the property of the late Eddie Kraus but complications have arisen and the members have decided it isn't to their liking. Murray Palmer is chairman of the committee set up to consider potential plots and will welcome any suggestions.

NOT RESPONSIBLE —

Mrs. Mabel Thompson showed up at the Pilot Office, early on Monday morning, with pictures of what happened to their garage, on the Harbor side, when a car hit it, early Sunday morning. She says she didn't bust off the front of the structure and blames it on Delbert Glass, and goes on to say the highway is mighty slick, right there, due to clay washing off from above. Says there was another accident, right handy, and someone smacked a telephone pole, and that several cars have had near accidents there.

SQUARE DANCING —

There'll be free square dance lessons at the Odd Fellows Hall, come Saturday evening, providing those that want to learn show up promptly at 8 p.m. After an hour or so of teaching, by none better than Buzz Williams, there will be more dancing according to Mike Page. The Odd Fellows plan to run these every other Saturday night for as long as the crowd stays with them.

ON THE MOVE —

After all these years, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Struebing are house hunting. How come? They have sold their place to Thelma and Kenneth Lee, and figure on building a new home on their property just over the line in California. They're looking for a place to hole up until their new place is ready. Mrs. Lee is a daughter of the Spingers.

Small Farms, Timber Owners May Hold Key

Farmers and owners of small tracts of forest lands may hold the key to half the problems of growing a new crop of trees. Charles H. Ladd, chief forester for the state forestry department said.

"The small woodland owners hold over 4,900,000 acres of our finest commercial timberlands," Ladd advised and said this area represented over fifty per cent of the privately owned forest lands of the state.

Ladd reported that an estimated four billion board feet of timber was harvested from these small "woodlands" in 1954. Whether or not a new forest crop can be harvested from these small holdings depends upon the owner and his forestry program.

"The timber from the farm woodlands must meet part of our future needs and offset losses resulting from fire, insects, and disease," the farm forester reported.

Through the efforts of the farm forestry program of the State Forestry Department and other public and private agencies, the small woodland owner is beginning to see the merits of forest management. The highly competitive market for forest products has also been a great help in selling good forestry. The trend is changing from "burning it off and seeding it with grass" to logging practices that will insure regeneration of commercial tree species.

So far the state, with only five farm foresters, has been able to assist about 900 owners each year. Many owners have been quick to grasp the potential in the Christmas tree market. Planting their cutover tract and marginal farm acres with Christmas trees as a first crop has been a good stepping stone in selling forestry to farmers. The demand for planting stock from the Oregon Forest Nursery at Corvallis has exceeded the supply.

Today a large share of Oregon's output of lumber, pulpwood, cordwoods, posts and piling is

STATE DEATHS HAVE DECLINE

Oregon's 1955 traffic deaths were set tentatively at 400 Friday, a decline of 21 from the 1954 total.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said the decrease places Oregon among the comparatively few states managing to turn their traffic deaths downward in 1955. The nation as a whole suffered about a six percent increase, according to information received from the National Safety Council. Through October, 38 states had reported fatality increases ranging from two to 38 percent.

Most of Oregon's bettered record came in December, Newberry said, with 35 deaths now recorded during that month as compared with 53 in December of 1954. Receipt of delayed reports of the deaths of persons now listed as injured may force an upward revision of the December count, but Newberry said he was confident the state would at least hold most of the gain.

The year's worst traffic-killing months were July with 45 dead, August with 42, and October, 48.

The "S-D Day" campaign covering the 1 days from November 21 through December 11 saw 20 Oregon traffic fatalities as compared with 34 during the same period in 1954.

FRST 1956 BABY

David Marshall Strain was the first baby born in the Mast Hospital, Myrtle Point, in 1956. He was born on New Year's Day to Mrs. Hal Edward Strain, of Langlois, and is the grandson of the Everett Strains and the Boices.

harvested from these small farm woodlands. Such products contribute substantially to the farm income and to the support and payrolls of local communities. However, much of the timber is harvested prematurely and most woodlands are being "over cut." It is much like withdrawing savings or investments at the time they are earning the highest possible interest. "Wise use and more forest education will do much to stabilize production on our farm woodlands," Ladd said.

MEMORY GARDEN —

Some years ago, L. E. Ireland, who had a host of friends in the whole west, had a "Memory Garden" at Gold Beach. Probably some of it remains, though Mr. Ireland has passed his earthly cares.

The kindly old gentleman was a recipient, over the years, of all sorts of shrubs, slips, seeds, bulbs, corms and what not, all of which he carefully tucked into his garden plot and all cuddled to its predestined beauty. He had them all marked—at least in his mind—and could tell his visitors all about them.

Instead of sending Mr. Ireland some perishable, mediocre, or quite impersonal thing in remembrance of an anniversary or just for friendship's sake, "L.E." would have a packet, the contents of which he would add to his Memory Garden, and each and every one of them would get its share of loving care. No one could stop at "Ireland's" without a personally conducted tour of his garden and a recitation of those who had remembered him, and quite possibly, the end re-



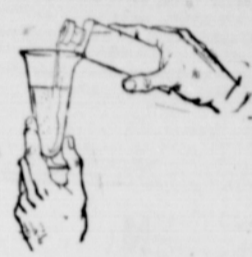
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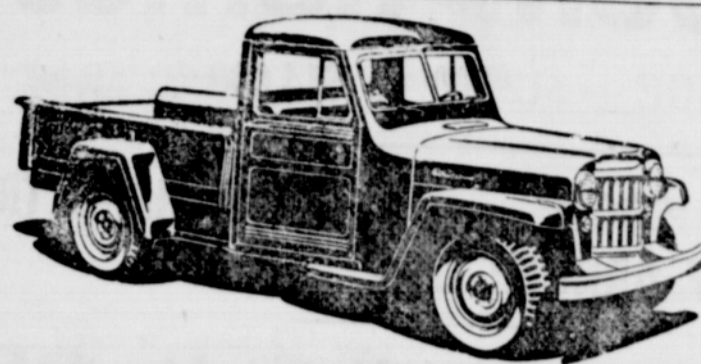
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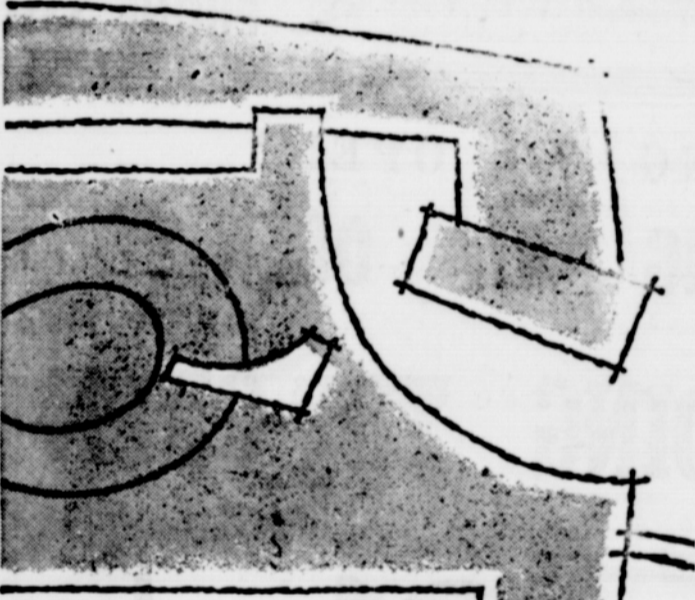
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