

RETIREMENT DATE SET

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"Exceptions to the above are as follows:

"A teacher or instructor *not* subject to the teachers' tenure law and serving under a contract or appointment for a definite term may continue in service until the end of the *school or academic year* immediately following December 31, 1947. A person subject to the teachers' tenure law and serving under a contract or appointment for a definite term may continue in service until the end of the *school term* immediately following December 31, 1947.

"A member of the retirement system, 65 years of age or older who is an elected official or person appointed to an office for a definite term may remain in service until the end of the term of his office if such term of office has not been completed on or before December 31, 1947."

TWINS AND IRISH FURZE

(Cover Picture)

By E. A. Rostell

When spring comes to the southern Oregon coast near Bandon, the bright yellow flowers of Irish Furze are not far behind, adding their gay color to the zest of the sea. Up from the beach nearby came these two winsome twins of Bandon along furze bordered paths just as Ralph Gifford, State Highway Department photographer, paused to admire this scene before him while on one of his photographic explorations.

No sooner had he paused than the twins and furze became a part of the Oregon pictorial record which he has been making for the Travel Information Department for the past 11 years. Through the publication of these pictures Oregon is brought to the attention of magazine and newspaper readers far beyond the borders of the beaver state.

The southern Oregon coast has been no exception to the wide publicity Oregon has enjoyed through pictures taken

by Mr. Gifford; its scenic coast, roaring rivers and wondrous beaches are known across the land through photographs and colored moving pictures distributed by the travel department.

Ironically, many things of beauty have elements of danger. The hardy yellow flowers and the even hardier bushes on which the bloom may be pleasing to the eye and they may paint the landscape with thrilling color, but to natives of the region these flowers are significant only of increasingly difficult problems.

Many years ago when Oregon was young, Lord George Bennett, an Irish peer, settled along the coast. When a town was born, he named it Bandon, honoring his own native village on the Emerald Isle. Then he remembered the pretty yellow flowers of his childhood. So back in the 1870's he sent for some plants for his spacious yard and they thrived.

In fact, they thrived so well they grew beyond the bounds of Lord Bennett's yard. Through the years, the Irish furze, also known as gorse, slowly spread, enveloping acre after acre. Today there are thousands of acres along the coast, north, south and east of Bandon which have succumbed to the unrelenting advance of gorse.

In the spring the countryside is alive with its flowers, but blooms have been replaced in the past by searing red and yellow flames as fire scourged its way through stands of treacherous gorse.

Efforts have been underway for some time to eradicate the pestiferous shrub. Even after it is burned, its oily branches blazing with blast furnace intensity, its roots send forth even more bushes than before.

Chemicals have been tried and so has grubbing, but the gorse persists. One day its tenacious reign over coast acres may be broken, however, when man-made measures will best Nature in her misunderstood lavishing of favors on beauty which nourishes never sleeping danger.