

Rodent Control Prime Activity During Season

One of the activities of the county agent's office during the past year has been in connection with rodent control, states L. E. Francis, assistant county agent.

Large and small pocket gophers, moles, and ground squirrels constitute the principal rodent pests which have to be contended with in this county. Community demonstrations have been held over the county during the season, as well as numerous demonstrations in co-operation with the agricultural committees of subordinate Granges.

At these demonstrations the extension service, assisted by the United States Department of Agriculture, Division of Biological Survey, pointed out the most satisfactory methods of trapping and poisoning the rodents.

In addition to the above mentioned demonstrations, the county agent's office has prepared a ton of poison barley to be used as bait for the control of ground squirrels. This poison barley has been distributed to the community stores, and feed dealers, where it has been made available to the farmers at 25c per three-pound bag.

During the remainder of September, additional demonstrations will be held in conjunction with the agricultural committees of the Scholls, Hillsboro, Washington and Kinton Granges.

Couple Celebrate 31st Anniversary

FIRDALE-IOWA HILL—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerig were surprised on their 31st wedding anniversary Sunday evening. The evening was spent in playing "500." Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Tennis Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waibel, Mr. and Mrs. John Haase, William Rufener, Morris Waibel, Mrs. Sophie Duncan, Fred Dober and Hilda Dober went huckleberry picking at Mt. Hood.

Birthday Celebrated
Mrs. Sam Gerig gave a little birthday party for her granddaughter, Margie, last Friday afternoon on her first birthday anniversary. Present were Mildred and Lucille Haase and Mrs. Herman Goetze.

Mrs. Pearson Entertains
Mrs. Don Pearson entertained with a birthday party Thursday afternoon at her home. Guests were Mesdames T. Pyle, F. Waibel, Henry Peters, Elmer Boge, John Haase, Robert Wilson and William Borgelt, Louise Peters, Celestine Waibel, Gladys Ede, Mildred and Lucille Haase, Evelyn Boge, Billy Borgelt and the honor guest and family.

School Opens Tuesday
Firdale school will re-open its doors Tuesday. Mrs. Clara Whitford of Beaverton is teacher.

Club Meets Wednesday
Hill and Dale club will meet with Mrs. Walter Austin Wednesday afternoon.

Lawrence Kriebel of Kalama, Wash., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Goetze.

Mrs. Sophie Duncan is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tennis Pyle.

School Opens Tuesday
Iowa Hill school will re-open its doors Tuesday with Joe Gnos as teacher.

Mrs. Peters and Louise, Kathryn Patterson, Bernice Lorence and Mrs. Emma Schoen are spending a few days at Newport.

Mike McCann is wiring for electricity the house where Henry Peters and family live.

Threshing in this community has been delayed for several days on account of rain. The people in Iowa Hill are all through with threshing.

Passing Cars on the Road

When you pass a car that is going 40 miles an hour it is just the same as passing at least 18 cars parked bumper to bumper in the road, reminds the Oregon State Motor association. Always wait until you can see the car you have just passed in the rear-view mirror before turning over to the right in front of it.

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4-H Club Exhibits Big



More than 1200 4-H boys and girls will exhibit or otherwise participate in the 76th Oregon State Fair at Salem, September 6 to 12. Above, left, Melba Andrews, Eugene, who won the I. L. Patterson cup for outstanding club achievement and leadership last year; right, the 1936 four outstanding 4-H clubbers, from left: Rosa Reichle, Portland, Clarence Primus, Independence, Margaret Moulton, Canby, and Clayton Nyberg, Tualatin.

Secretary of State Urges Motorists to Reduce in Speed

SALEM—Earl Snell, secretary of state, experimenting with a governor which restricts speed within a maximum of 50 miles an hour, has called upon all motorists of the state to try a speed limit experiment in the interest of safer highways.

"It is an easy matter for each individual motorist to adopt a self-imposed maximum speed without going to the expense of installing a governor," said the secretary of state. "Try driving at not to exceed 50 miles an hour on some scheduled trip and experience the pleasure and convenience as compared with high speed driving."

The gasoline saving and the absence of mental and physical strain at the end of a trip more than compensate for the few minutes lost by traveling at lower speeds, declared Mr. Snell. He requested motorists not only to try the experiment but also to convey their reactions in letters to his office where studies are being conducted on various phases of motor car operation, including traffic conditions, definite speed limits and controlled speed.

The whole program was launched in an effort to curb the growing number of highway accidents which annually take a heavy toll of lives. The latest statistics show that Oregon is one of the 20 states in the nation contributing to the increase in fatalities for the first six months of 1937 over the first half of 1936. This state had a 19 per cent gain in traffic deaths during the period as compared with a national increase of 13 per cent.

While authorities differ over the solution of the problem of excessive speed, all agree that something should be done to stop killing on the highways. Some maintain that a return to fixed speed limits is the best solution. Charles P. Pray, superintendent of state police, as-

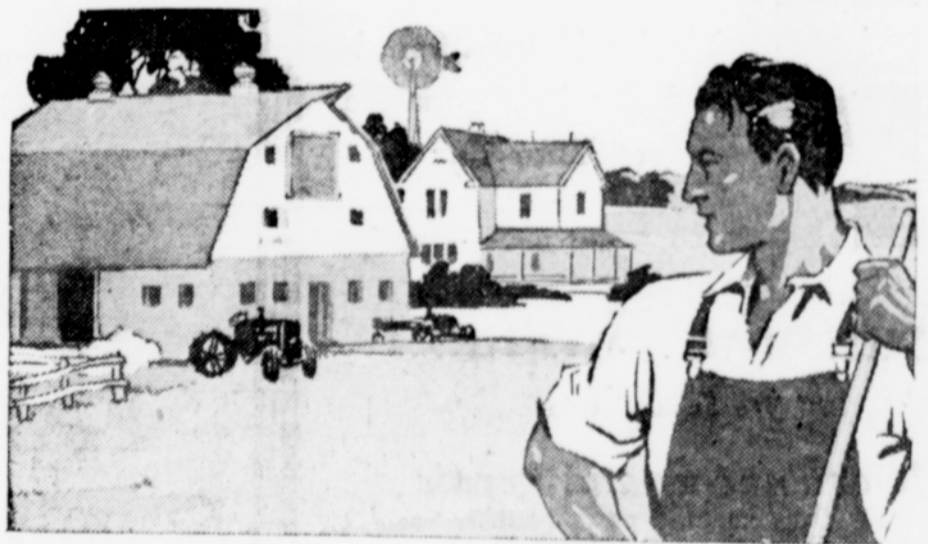
serts that enforcement is difficult under the present motor vehicle law because the act sets no definite limit on speed.

Mr. Snell said that although enforcement is a vital factor, education and engineering should not be overlooked in any broad program

to curb highway accidents. He is anxious to secure expressions on the subject from motorists of the state in the belief that no law is wholly effective without popular support.

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