

Counties to Give License Plates

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry has announced that plans for local county seat distribution of license plates in 1949 are being ironed out so that approximately half of the state's motorists will next year save the 25-cent temporary license sticker charge.

Newberry explained that the legislature provided for the issuance of driver's licenses on a staggered basis. This made necessary the employment of secretary of state employees in most of the county seats not previously given local service by this branch of state government. "We have the employees in the county seats on essential jobs. It is our plan to have them also take on the duty of distributing license plates," Newberry said.

Local Women to Air Federation Activities

A review of the past two years' activities of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs will be the feature of a program to be broadcast at 7 p. m. Friday, June 4, over station KOAC Corvallis.

This is the final program of the 1947-48 series presented over the state station by women's clubs of the state and called "The Clubwomen's Half Hour." Mrs. William Chandler, Hillsboro, state president of the federation, and Mrs. J. B. P. Welford, Hillsboro, publicity chairman, will speak on the broadcast.

New Lights, Stacks Planned for Library

An \$80,000 appropriation last week was given tentative approval by the board of trustees for installation of new lights throughout the

Capital Parade

By Murray Wade
Employment Increasing
Although unseasonable weather and a continued heavy in-migration slowed up employment in Oregon this spring, a sharp increase for early summer is predicted by the state unemployment compensation commission. Approximately 40,000 workers are now without jobs, which is 10,000 less than at this time last year and a gain in the past 30 days of 3,000. Agricultural, lumber and construction work are making the most gains with Lebanon and Hood River cutting down unemployment by 50 per cent. Tillamook, Salem, Coos Bay and Eugene also made substantial gains. Astoria and Lakeview suffered from unfavorable aspects of the boom-men's tie-up, while Umatilla reported more unemployment because of many jobseekers coming in while dam work continued to dwindle.

Wet weather held up soil preparation and planting all over the state, but agriculture is providing jobs for many newcomers and others who left the city jobs.

Population Gains in Oregon
A close check made with census estimates of recent population gains here, showed 64,744 new workers from this country within the past two years. If 60 per cent of these remained in Oregon's civilian labor force (including workers, employers and self-employed) the state's population would be at least 100,000 higher. Already this year 12,259 in-migrants, including 3,149 veterans and 1,323 women have registered for jobs with the state department.

State Building Authorized
The state board of control this week awarded a contract for the new state office building on a low bid of \$1,592,592 which was raised to \$1,669,905 to make conformations with the capitol by using bronze instead of steel such.

The cost of the building will be repaid from rentals charged to departments occupying space in the structure. The immediate financing will be met by borrowing the money from the irreducible school fund. The building will be five stories high with the fifth story set back 20 feet. The main entrance will be on East Summer street.

library and for the construction of steel stacks for government publications.

Coming soon to the library are 110 additional social hygiene books from the E. C. Brown trust fund. Last year several hundred of these texts were received as a gift, and were given approval for student use.

Barbara Barney Queen Candidate

Miss Barbara Barney, daughter of Hillsboro's City Manager and Mrs. J. W. Barney, last week was named by the local Rotary club as their candidate for Goddess of Liberty to reign over the annual "Happy Days" celebration here July 1-4. The Goddess of Liberty will be selected at a dance Saturday evening, June 26, in the Shute Park auditorium. The dance is to be a costume ball in keeping with the Oregon Territorial Centennial.

The Hillsboro Business and Professional Women's club, sponsors of the queen contest, have invited all Washington county clubs, lodges and other civic organizations to sponsor a candidate. Application forms may be obtained from the Hillsboro Argus.

opposite the state library building. It is designed to accommodate from 800 to 900 employees with a number of departments, including public utilities commission now occupying extensive rented space in downtown Salem. A building for the state highway department is planned just north of the site of the new state office building. When the two buildings are completed it is believed that all state departments will be housed in buildings located in the capitol group and none will be scattered in various parts of the city.

Daylight Saving
An initiative measure for the establishment of daylight saving time in Oregon may appear on the November election ballot. A Salem Chamber of Commerce group and a Eugene Chamber of Commerce group are planning an initiative that would, if approved by the voters, require setting clocks ahead one hour at 2 a. m. on the last Sunday in April and returning them to standard time at 2 a. m. on the last Sunday in September. The preliminary petition must be signed by 10,000 registered voters before July 2nd in order to be placed on the November ballot. If passed it would be effective next year.

M. S. P. Bonds Issued
State Corporation Commissioner John H. Carlin has granted the Mountain States Power Company, a Delaware corporation, authority to issue and sell to John Hancock Insurance Company \$2,500,000, and to Massachusetts Life Insurance Company \$1,000,000, of first mortgage bonds, maturing in 1973 with a 3 3/8 per cent interest. Authority was also given to issue \$1,000,000 in cumulative preferred stock, earning 5 per cent interest.

Mayor's Day
The Oregon State Fair will honor the state's mayors with a special day for the first time in the history of the 83-year-old institution. Fair Manager Leo "Starts-Labor-Day" Spittbart has announced. Mayor's Day has been set for September 9. The fair will be held September 6-12. Mayor Robert Elstrom of Salem, president of the League of Oregon Cities, said he expects 200 mayors to attend.

The Oregon Congress May Act
The Oregon congressional delegation has sent word to state officials that approval seems assured of legislation that will put the Salem alumna plant to work producing much-needed nitrogenous fertilizer. About half the commercial fertilizer produced on the coast is being shipped to Russia.

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WINNERS — Among winners in Washington county's primary election Friday were Thurlof Weed (top), who defeated George Thyng for the Beaverfoot justice of the peace nomination; Sheriff Dick Busch (center), who won over Hallie Ireland and Kenneth A. Mills for county sheriff, and Representative J. O. Johnson, who placed first in a five-way race for two seats in the state house of representatives. All were candidates on the Republican ballot.

Amendments to GI Bill Repeal Overtime Ruling

Public law 512 amends the GI bill and its amendments to the extent of increasing ceiling limitations for all veterans studying or training under the GI bill from \$175 and \$300 to \$210 a month for a veteran who has no dependents; \$270 a month for a veteran who has one dependent; and \$290 a month for a veteran who has two or more dependents.

The amendatory law also repeals the existing provision that regularly scheduled overtime pay must be counted in computing total wages for the purposes of the ceiling, according to Dolph Stuart, county service officer. Effective April 1, 1948, only wages earned during the standard work week will be considered as income in computing subsistence. No overtime pay will henceforth be counted by a veteran in computing his earned income, Stuart states.

While the new law continues the ceiling on the total of wages from productive labor, plus subsistence allowance, it should be emphasized that it does not place a ceiling on the wages which a veteran may receive, he said. The ceiling limits the amount of subsistence which a veteran may receive in addition to any wages earned by employment, exclusive of all overtime.

However, the VA has stressed that the law never intended a veteran, while in training, should receive higher remuneration (total sum of pay from his employer-trainer and the government) than the pay he will receive when fully trained. As a result, if the occupation for which he is training has a lower pay scale than the ceiling, the amount of subsistence allowance will be controlled by the lower figure. While public law 16 trainees are not affected by ceilings, the other restriction is applicable.

When a veteran's wages (combined with his subsistence) exceed either amount (ceiling or pay when fully trained), his subsistence allowance will be reduced by a proportionate amount necessary to equal the applicable restriction.

A veteran engaged in full-time institutional training could earn in outside employment \$135, \$165 or \$170 and still receive the corresponding full subsistence allowance of \$75, \$105 or \$120 (whichever is applicable). If his wages exceed the applicable amounts of \$135, \$165 or \$170, the subsistence will be proportionately reduced.

The earned income which a part-time student may receive without forfeiture of subsistence will depend upon the extent of his part-time training and must be determined individually in any specific case.

If a veteran is engaged in training on-the-job or institutional on-farm training, his income from productive labor may not exceed the approximate amounts of \$145, \$180 or \$200 per month, in order that he may receive full subsistence of \$95 per month if he has no dependents or \$90 if he has one or more dependents to support. Since such a veteran may be entitled to a proportionate subsistence increase the actual amount of his earned income may be slightly less than the above amounts in order that he may receive the full basic subsistence plus the applicable increase.

Veterans affected by the \$290 ceiling because they have more than one dependent will be required to submit information about their additional dependents before adjustments in subsistence payments may be made under the new ceiling, Stuart explains. However, veterans who may be entitled to any increase should not write or contact the VA about how to qualify for such increase.

The VA will make automatic ad-

justments to veterans whose existing applications already contain the required information. In cases where additional information is needed, a veteran will receive a VA form requesting such information, which should then be completed and returned to the VA as soon as possible.

These forms may be procured at the county veterans' service officer, who will assist in processing them. Those veterans who must submit additional evidence concerning their dependents should do so prior to September in order that payments at the increased rate may be made retroactive to April.

A wife is automatically considered to be a dependent, even though she may personally have income from other sources. In the case of dependent children, photostats or certified copies of their birth certificates will be necessary. In the case of dependent parents, evidence of actual dependency must be submitted.

Age Certificates Suggested Before Employing Minors

Employers in Oregon who are covered by the Fair Labor Standards act—federal wage and hour law—and who are planning to hire minors during the summer school vacation period were advised today to obtain age certificates for minors claiming to be one or two years older than the minimum age requirements for the occupation in which they seek employment.

This warning was sounded by Madison R. Smith, who represents the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts division of the U. S. department of labor, in Oregon.

Employment and age certificates issued in accordance with the regulations of the U. S. department of labor are acceptable as proof of age under the law and also serve to protect the employer against unintentional violations of the child labor section. Smith pointed out at his Portland headquarters.

The general minimum age, he said, is 16 years with an 18-year minimum for particular occupations held hazardous for children. The child labor section applies to minors employed by producers, manufacturers and dealers who ship or deliver for shipment in interstate or foreign commerce, he said.

Employment and age certificates in Oregon are issued by the Bureau of Labor of the State Wage-Hour Commission, with offices in Portland and Salem, Smith said.

Operators of fresh fruit and vegetable packing sheds in Oregon were reminded that the federal wage and hour law limits the school vacation period employment of 14 and 15-year-old children in this industry to eight hours a day, between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m., with a weekly total of 40 hours. During school periods, the working time of such boys and girls, outside of school hours, is limited to three hours a day, or 18 hours a week.

Co-operation of people in various local activities and projects in turning news items in at the Argus office, either by letter, telephone or in person, will be greatly appreciated by staff members.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



BACK ROAD FOLKS - WHERE RELATIVES TRAVEL AS FAST AS SOUND -

Oregon State Motor association. Results of a survey of travel accommodations made this spring are published in the April issue of The Motorist.

Many motor courts have made improvements and many new units have been added, the survey shows. An innovation in several courts this year is the installation of a telephone switchboard so that telephone service is available in individual cabins.

Tourist Facilities Said Improving

Motorists traveling through Oregon will find travel accommodations more plentiful and in better condition than in recent years, with prices in line with other western states, according to the Oregon Motorist, official publication of the

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Olney is in direct charge of all Birds Eye-Snyder operation. The two officials plan to make a survey of crops and property of the local plant, Reiling stated.

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