

# SCIO OIL BOOM INTEREST KEEN

### Forty Thousand Acres of Land may go Under Contract

SCIO, June 25—Forty thousand acres of land in the Scio region for oil exploitation is said to be the goal of field men seeking leases in the interest of eastern operators and capitalists.

Report has it that Jack Dick and others are working energetically and that a large acreage already has been contracted under leases which are represented to contemplate active field work as soon as all matters can be arranged.

"It is understood that the lessees desire to secure practically all of township 11, ranges 1 and 2 west, and leases also are being taken along the south side of township 10," said a Scio man Wednesday who has kept in touch with the situation here.

"Encouraging results at the well near Corvallis, as well as at Dallas and in the Sheridan region, are said to be spurring promoters on in the Scio, Providence and Crabtree localities," the Scio man continued. Geological structures at Providence are said to be similar to those in which promising conditions have been noted elsewhere in the valley.

Signs Encouraging Recent developments here again have started rumors of 'oil seepages' and 'gas leaks.' Gas bubbles coming to the surface of ponds or springs have been observed in many places over this country for many years. Tests show that this gas is highly inflammable, burning with a blue flame. Such showings are said to be found on the John Barr farm, the A. Randall place, the Perry farm, and also at a point west of Crabtree.

"It is said by some that this is marsh gas caused by the decomposition of certain vegetation, while others contend it is gas coming from petroleum pools below. The latter theory seems to be borne out by the report that chemical tests of these seepages show petroleum origin. It is known that some of these 'gas vents' at least are located in apparent faults in the earth's surface, that is, in bog-holes or broken ground." That on the Perry farm is said to be underlain with a light-colored clay several feet in thickness.

Coal was found Well drillers at Providence some years ago reported encountering a 4-foot bed of coal only 25 feet below the surface. E. R. Garner of Sweet Home is said to have been in charge of the operations at the time. Half a mile farther south Mr. Werner also is said to have cut a coal vein in digging a well and has used some of the coal for fuel.

It is now considered likely, from present developments in the leasing movement, that a sufficient acreage will be secured in the Scio region to give the territory a real tryout in its gas and oil possibilities.

SCIO MERCHANTS SPONSOR CONTESTS SCIO, June 25—A rope suspended from poles 50 feet high will afford opportunity in this city at 2 p. m. next Saturday for interested persons to exhibit their skill as mariners and sailors in going skyward by the hemp route. The string will be large enough to bear considerable weight and still not so large as a stovepipe, it is understood. First prize will be \$2.50, second \$1.50, and third \$1.00.

Following the rope-climbing contest horseshoe-pitching will be staged and plans now contemplate two or three games at the same time, according to announcement of the committee chairman, George Patry. Prizes in this contest are the same as in the rope ascension demonstration. Both exhibitions will take place on the public square at Main and Mill streets. The committee in charge consists of George Patry, Asa Eastburn and Frank Bartu.

At the close of the contests C. O. Conkle will conduct an auction sale of property to be delivered for the purpose.

SCIO VETS MAY PURCHASE HALL SCIO, June 25—At a meeting called for Friday night of next week in Scio, consideration of the purchase of the Masonic hall here is to be taken up by the new post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was announced here a few days ago. Lebanon is said to be temporary headquarters of the new organization, which includes a number of members at Scio and vicinity who formerly were affiliated with the Albany post.

## GETTING THE "HORSE LAUGH"



It's bad enough to be tossed from a horse in the awkward position in which C. Y. Tupper is shown above leaving his mount, but to have further insult added to injury in the form of a great, big "horse-laugh"—well, that's almost too much. If the horse Kinsale in this unusual action, shot at Port Chester, N. Y., is not enjoying the long drawn-out hee-haw we're missing our guess, although Tupper probably thinks it's quite a perverted sense of humor. The incident occurred at the Westchester Horse Show.

## P. T. A. TO MEET AT MONMOUTH

MONMOUTH, June 25—The Oregon Normal school is sponsoring a Parent-Teacher day Saturday, June 27, to which parents and teachers and all others interested in this endeavor are cordially invited. A luncheon will be served at noon to all guests in the domestic science department, through the courtesy of the Monmouth and Independence P. T. associations, collaborating.

The sessions will open in the auditorium of the administration building at 9:15, with an address of welcome by J. S. Landers, president of the school. At ten o'clock Miss Doris Shoemaker of Columbia university, New York, will speak on the emotional development of the child. Miss Shoemaker is a member of the normal school's special summer school faculty, and her contribution to the day's offerings will be more than ordinarily worthwhile. At 11 o'clock Mrs. Grimes, a member of the Portland board of education will speak on parent and administrative viewpoints.

The opening address of the afternoon will be given by Mrs. W. T. Brice of Portland, state president of Oregon P. T. A. Mrs. Marietta Johnson, of Fairhope, Alabama, another expert on child education who is serving as an instructor during the special two weeks' summer session of the normal, will bring a message of value to all parent teacher workers.

Authorities of the normal school are especially anxious to make the opportunities of this occasion available to as many interested persons as possible.

## 'LEARN TO SWIM' DALLAS SLOGAN

DALLAS, June 25—Announcement has been made by the American Red Cross that Jean Eberhart, of the University of Oregon, will be instructor for the "learn to swim" week to be held in Dallas from July 27 to August. Mr. Eberhart is majoring in physical education at the university and has conducted life saving campaigns for three years. He is a member of the life saving corps and water polo team of the university.

A registration fee of 25 cents will be charged this year and headquarters will be in the chamber of commerce room as last year.

## NORMAL REGISTER REACHES 717 TOTAL

MONMOUTH, June 25—Miss Bertha Brainerd, registrar at the Oregon Normal school, reported an enrollment of 717 Wednesday afternoon for the summer session. This number will probably be slightly augmented by late arrivals this week and next. Some of the students now enrolled are here only for the special two weeks' session. The number compares very favorably with the enrollment of last year, which reached a total of 714 during the entire summer session, and is gratifying to authorities of the institution relevant to the present situation of higher schools of learning.

The special two weeks' course featuring offerings by Miss Doris Shoemaker of Columbia university, New York; Mrs. Marietta Johnson of Fairhope, Ala., and Dr. Arne S. Jensen of the normal school's regular faculty, has apparently attracted statewide attention, as many experienced teachers are here to obtain this expert instruction.

## LABISH HOMES ENTERTAIN GUESTS

LABISH CENTER, June 25—Mrs. Joe McHugh and her daughter Josephine, who have been visiting with Mrs. McHugh's mother, Mrs. Ellen Bibby, left Sunday for Portland. They assisted Mrs. Bibby in the sheds during the harvest of her strawberry crop. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hornschuch and family spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. Hornschuch's brother, Theodore, who lives near Delake. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Springer and son Harold of Hubbard were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. Springer's sister, Mrs. W. F. Klampe.

Because of the picnic arranged for the street points of the Labish mission, Middle Grove, Clear Lake and Labish Center, on Friday, June 2, at Hager's grove, the monthly business and social meeting of the Endeavor society has been postponed until Monday evening of next week.

## AURORA PLANS AN ELABORATE PROGRAM

AURORA, June 25—Trees which grew over night borders Main street, leading to the grove where all arrangements have been completed for feeding and entertaining the 2000 visitors who are expected to attend the good-will free barbecue Saturday, June 27, sponsored by the community club.

Several thousand sandwiches with pickles will be given away and barbecued meat will be given to those who wish to bring their own picnic lunches. Tables will be available in the grove. Stands will be conveniently placed where hot coffee, ice cream and other supplies can be had. Music will be the feature of the day. The Hubbard and Silverton bands and the Trail Blazers, a stringed quartet, will play. A demonstration for farmers will be given in the morning at 10:30. At noon a free barbecue.

In the afternoon athletic contests and baseball. In the evening an elaborate display of fireworks for which a small charge will be made followed by a big dance.

Joe Womry, slugging outfielder and captain of the University of Iowa's 1931 baseball team, has signed with Minneapolis.

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