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Willed House

Robert J. Moore stands in front of house bequeathed to him by grocer Adam Reitz of St. Louis, who died last December and distributed most of his \$223,456 estate to friends and steady customers. Moore had rented the house from Reitz for \$65 a month for the past eight years. Moore had done odd jobs for the elderly grocer.

Rail Merger Plan Opposed by State

PORTLAND (UP)—The state of Oregon asserted Wednesday a proposed four-railroad merger will cost Oregon about \$2.8 million in payrolls.

The remarks came as opponents of the merger took the stand in the third day of Interstate Commerce Commission hearings here.

Earlier, Oregon businessmen spoke in favor of the merger.

The lines that want to merge are the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Spokane, Portland and Seattle, and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy.

The Oregon Public Utilities Commission said in addition to wiping out jobs, the merger would cut competition, hurt service, and decrease control over boxcar supply. Washington

and Minnesota also oppose the merger.

Grain and lumber shippers and other Oregon businessmen had contended the merger would improve service, increase car supply, and reduce rates.

They said under cross-examination their support for the merger was based on business judgment, not on promises from the four lines.

Several businessmen said if the merger reduced rates, they would transfer some shipping from trucks back to railroads.

The question of why two small Oregon lines were excluded from the merger plans was raised during the hearing.

The lines—Oregon Trunk and Oregon Electric—are owned by subsidiaries of two of the lines that want to merge.

Opponents of the merger suggested that the two lines were left out of the merger plans so that they could retain revenue and tax advantages.

Hit-and-Run Suspect Held

PORTLAND (UP)—Police arrested Marvin Foster, 23, Tuesday and charged him with being the driver of a hit-run car that killed George Louis Burrows, 48, earlier in the day.

Police said Foster admitted being the driver. Burrows was struck at a southeast Portland intersection.

Foster, arrested at the Greyhound bus depot, was charged with hit-and-run driving involving a fatality. His bail was set at \$2,000.

Police located Foster's vehicle after the accident at 2021 S.E. 89th Ave. The accident occurred at S.E. 70th and Holgate.

After questioning some of his friends, police apprehended Foster at the bus depot. He told police he was going to Southern Oregon.

Marvin Skidmore, Portland, said he witnessed the accident and chased the hit-run car. He had to give up the chase after following it several blocks at high speeds.

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Hatfield Sees Greater Use of State's Resources

By DOUGLAS GRIPP
Of the United Press International

SALEM — Oregon will have more than one million hunters and sports fishermen by 1973 and 20 million persons will pour into the state's parks.

These were two of the predictions advanced Tuesday in Gov. Mark Hatfield's "Decade of Development" report on natural resources.

At present, there are 661,000 licensed hunters and anglers in Oregon. Oregon parks accommodated 11 million people last season.

The natural resources document, covering 1963-73, was the last of four. Earlier reports were on human resources, the economy, and transportation and public safety.

Hatfield said Oregon needs a "complete and comprehensive inventory" of all its resources. The federal government, he reiterated, has not to invest more money in outdoor recreation in Oregon, half of which is federally owned.

At the governor's news conference releasing the report, Fish Director Robert W. Schoning and Game Director Phil W. Schneider declined to predict whether their agencies will be merged by 1973.

The natural resources report included comments from 13 state agencies. Highlights, by agency:

- Natural Resources Committee—Coordination of research programs by various agencies is needed.
- Water Resources Board—A faster ground water investigation program is "badly needed"; also more programs for water use to stave off loss of further state sovereignty over water to the federal government.
- Sanitary Authority — By 1973, sewer systems for all communities of 1,000 or more persons; sewage treatment facilities for the 20 cities now dumping raw sewage into streams; Curtis M. Everts, chief engineer, said the exception may be Astoria, since it is near the ocean.
- State Engineer — More stream gaging stations so that water policies can be made on accurate data.
- Fish Commission — Major improvements in fish passage facilities at Willamette Falls, with development of fall chinook and silver salmon runs above; "Complete stream improvement" throughout the Willamette Valley system, and

Eastern Oregon drainages; increased hatchery capacities.

- Game Commission — A need for 160 fish and game officers by 1973. Nearly double the present force; intensify the study of Columbia River fish resources; more attention to Snake River reservoirs for "excellent" warm water fishing.
- Parks — Possibility of a hiking trail along the entire Oregon coast; more parks, waysides.
- Marine Board—Total boat registration by 1973 to exceed 150,000 compared to 51,000 now.
- Forestry — Extension of fire protection to 12 million

acres of land in Southeast Oregon; public to pay more of a share for fire protection; completion of the Tillamook burn reforestation.

- Geology and Mineral Industries — Mapping of surface geology from Oregon City to Salem to be completed by 1963, Salem to Corvallis by 1965, Corvallis to Eugene by 1967, The Dalles to Umatilla by 1970, St. Helens to Astoria by 1972.
- Soil Conservation—Amend federal and state laws to let counties use federal timber sales money for stream bank erosion control.
- Agriculture—Better markets for Oregon products; tariff adjustments.

• State Fair — A 1973 attendance of more than 400,000 versus the 188,291 in 1961.

Forester Favors Shift of Costs

SALEM (UP)—State Forester Dwight Phipps said Wednesday the Forestry Department is advocating a shift of fire fighting costs from private forest owners to the public.

He said a study made for the department showed that public use of the forests was causing more fires so the cost of fire protection should reflect this.

He said presently private owners pay about 60 per cent and the state and federal governments pay the rest.

Phipps said the study indicated the percentage should be only 16 per cent for private owners, 50 per cent for the federal government and 34 per cent for the state.

Phipps said the maximum fire protection cost for a single year in the past has been \$4 million.

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