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THE SPIRIT OF THE WEST

The unusual spirit of the West was illustrated again last week when fishermen on the Lower Rogue River offered to help relieve the hunger resulting from unemployment in Josephine county. The fishermen operate in Curry county.

Seining is prohibited in Josephine county where the county agent had hoped to secure a large amount of fish for canning so that a quantity would be on hand for relief work. When the Curry county fishermen learned that the Josephine county agent had been unsuccessful in securing a special permit for such fishing they offered to donate their services and the fish they caught. They even mentioned that arrangements might be made with the Wedderburn cannery to can the fish if the relief organization could furnish the cans.

The fishermen state that there has been an unusually large run of salmon so far this year and they feel that they can afford to give their services in catching some of these in the present emergency.

They also suggest that an exchange might be arranged so that surplus fruit from the Grants Pass district could be canned in the Gold Beach district.

Josephine county has already made a fine record with its community canning project in which a portable cannery has been traveling from one community to another enabling many people to can fruit and vegetables in quantities for the coming winter. If this supply of food could be augmented by canned fish, a well balanced supply would be on hand for the winter.

There is an almost unlimited supply of food stuffs in this part of Oregon, and everyone knows that each year much goes to waste, because of poor markets, or because of surplus, but nevertheless, there are always many families who suffer with hunger because they have no money with which to buy the food which is so plentiful.

If this remarkable plan for an exchange of fish seined by these public-spirited fishermen, for fruit of the upper river district, can be worked out, it will set an example by which other sections of the state and nation can well profit.

Jackson and Douglas counties also have their unemployed problems, and if they would cooperate in the same way with the Lower River fishermen, they would undoubtedly provide a supply of needed food for our unemployed this winter.

Traffic Deaths in State Take Big Slump Says Hoss

A new record for reduction in automobile fatalities, believed to be national in scope, has been established in Oregon in the last year, proving conclusively that the motor public has become safety-minded and that the campaign against the drunken, reckless and speed-mad drivers has been a great success.

According to figures compiled by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, there were 210 persons killed by automobiles in Oregon from July 1, 1931, to the end of June this year.

This total is 97 less than the number of lives claimed by machines in the previous year, or a reduction of 31.6 per cent.

Previous Year High

From July 1, 1930, to June 30, 1931, the death toll reached the

ghastly total of 307 and was the principal reason for stern action, legislatively and judicially, to be taken against those turning the highways into race tracks of death and disaster.

While figures from other states are not as yet available, it is the opinion of Mr. Hoss that Oregon's marvelous record in the past 12 months is unequalled in any other part of the country, most of the other states have increasing death rates.

Corresponding reductions in the number of persons injured and the number of traffic accidents were also made in the crusading period.

Crashes on Decline

There were 5301 less crashes in the last year, or a decrease of 18 per cent from the total of the preceding 12 months. The total of injured persons was 291, or 5.4 per cent less, than in the deadly days of 1930-31.

Stock On Highway Are Menace to Motorists

Stock running loose on the highways of southern Oregon, outside of herd law districts, are becoming a problem to the authorities and a menace to the traffic, according to the Medford Mail Tribune.

The Crater Lake highway, north of the Eagle Point district, is one of the favorite ranges of cattle and horses, and within the past ten days the state police have been called upon to go out and kill a maimed horse or cow that came out second best with an auto or truck. It is claimed that motorists are kept so busy watching out for a steer they have no time to gaze upon the scenic beauties.

It is further charged that the horses, of which there are quite a few, lie down upon the pavement to doze, and blend in so well with the pavement that the driver does not see them in time, resulting in quite a mess. A truck ran over a colt last Thursday night, and any number of fenders have been crumpled by smashing into the back end of a cow.

Just what to do about travel arteries being made a range is the puzzle. In herd law districts the authorities can hold the owners responsible, but in open country the stock can roam where it will.

Work Is Begun on Dead Indian Market Road

The county court has started work on the Dead Indian market road, from the Dead Indian summit east; \$20,000 of market road funds are available to be used in grading for a distance of three miles, through a rocky and hard dirt formation. The work will last until snow flies and 15 men will be employed with machinery on the project, according to the Medford Mail Tribune.

Survey of the Butte Falls market road will be made as soon as the state highway engineers complete the surveys of Portland-to-the-Sea routes. Difficulty is being encountered in determining which of three proposed routes should be surveyed. When, and if, the survey is made, clearing will start on the Butte Falls road to prepare for road work next spring.

The Dead Indian and Butte Falls market roads tap the lake and recreational areas of eastern Jackson county.

Work on the Sams Valley secondary highway from Gold Hill to the Crater Lake highway is underway and when completed will afford a shortcut to Crater Lake to tourists from the north.

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FROM OUR FILES 26 Years Ago

(From the Gold Hill News of July 27, 1906)

Miss Hattie Childers is sojourning at the Yellow Jacket mine with her father.

Miss Daisy Dungey has been spending the past week with relatives on Galls Creek.

Vol Stiekel has been at Central Point this week, building the vault for the new bank at that place.

Mrs. J. R. McKay accompanied by her sister, Miss Edna Hayes, returned from an extended northern visit Tuesday.

Bill Mee came up from Drain Tuesday. Billy reports things on the boom in Drain and says that he is working into a fine business.

Albert, the three-year old son of John Graham, one of the employees of the Champlin dredge, had his hand badly crushed by a large iron pin falling on it. A party of ladies were going over the boat, and the little fellow had been left in a place where it was thought no harm would befall him, but during the absence of the ladies the little fellow pulled an iron pin onto his hand crushing and bruising his thumb. Dr. Kelsey was called and dressed the wounded member and it is thought that amputation will not be necessary.

On Tuesday of this week a number of the young lady friends of Miss Mollie Thorneburn met at her home and assisted her in celebrating her sixth birthday. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in games and childish pastimes. Those present were: Pearl Nowels, Pauline Olsen, Mable Jones, Alice Switzer, Edith Lesley, Ray Van Slyke, Lorna Brown, Bessie Sharp, Lucile Sharp and Katie Pankey.

Madras—Dam at Cove power plant operated by Pacific Power & Light Co. repaired.

Reedsport — Work on Umpqua river highway progressing rapidly in several localities.

Oregon City—Final plans for proposed post office building sent to Washington, D. C. for approval.

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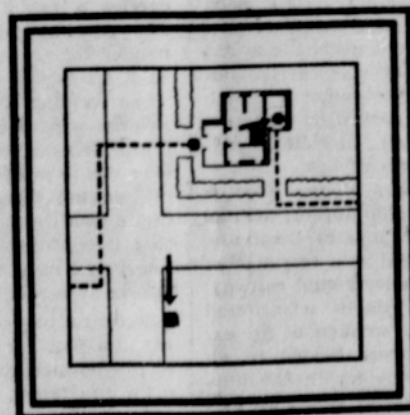
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At 6:15 Mr. Green arrived from the office. At 6:25 Mrs. Green served a dinner consisting of a roast, baked potatoes, freshly baked apple pie and a number of other things that required from one to two hours to cook.

Mrs. Green has no maid. What could her secret be?

Operatives studying the case report that immediately prior to her departure, Mrs. Green placed these foods in the oven of her range. They declare it to be an Electric Range, for she set a time device and left with a satisfied look on her face. They further declare that the range automatically turned itself on at the hour Mrs. Green set it for and the food was properly cooked without any assistance whatever from Mrs. Green.

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Seek Funds for Siskiyou Highway Reconstruction

An important move toward obtaining funds from the \$2,122,000,000 appropriation of the Federal Reconstruction Finance bill, to be used in reconstructing the Siskiyou section of the Pacific highway, was taken in Medford Monday, when representatives of Eugene, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland met at the Hotel Jackson at the call of Ed Bailey, president of the Pacific Highway association.

The possibility of securing funds for this project which, it was pointed out, is necessary both from the standpoint of highway construction and as a relief measure, was brought to the attention of Mr. Bailey a short time ago in a communication prepared by the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting Monday was presided over by County Judge C. B. Larkin and a committee was appointed to interview Commissioner Carl Washburn, prior to the meeting of the highway commission Saturday, and to present the figures, showing the necessity for the project at the meeting of the commission in Portland. On the committee are: C. E. Gates, Medford, chairman; C. H. Demaray of Grants Pass and Mayor J. E. Thornton of Ashland.

Representative from both Roseburg and Eugene expressed willingness to forego whatever funds might be coming their way to make possible this very necessary reconstruction work, which would benefit all cities located on the Pacific highway, as well as furnish labor to a large number of unemployed.

Committee members will leave for the north Friday to present the proposition to Mr. Washburn and the commission.

To Install Fixtures In New Jackson Court Room

Work will start at once on the arrangement of the courtroom in the new Jackson county courthouse. The present courtroom fixtures will be used as well as new. The old will be repainted to harmonize with the color tone of the new. This includes the courtroom benches that have seen service since 1880. The new courtroom is one of the few in the state equipped with acoustical plaster. It enables a spectator on a back bench to hear a pin drop or a lawyer shout.

Plans for the formal dedication of the new structure, scheduled to take place on September 1, are going ahead in good shape. An elaborate program is being arranged by the Medford American Legion post.

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