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## Fort Rock Valley Tour

Extent of development which has been going on in the Fort Rock valley in fairly recent years is a subject with which the average resident of Bend has too little familiarity. It may be better understood after the tour which the Chamber of Commerce is organizing for next Monday.

Key to what has already taken place is, of course, the existence of a water table maintained by drainage from surrounding hills forming the sides of a natural basin. Easily tapped, the stored water becomes available for irrigation. Differing from the gravity flow diversions of stream waters to which central Oregonians are chiefly accustomed, reclamation in the Fort Rock valley depends on pumping.

Key to increase of such operations as are now being conducted as well as to addition of others is cost and, with it, the amount of underground water that can be assured from year to year. The first involves comparison of the expense of power provided by internal combustion motors and that of electric energy.

The explanation of these relative costs, we are guessing, will be a highlight of the talk which members of the tour will hear from George Larimer, manager of the Midstate Electric Cooperative, which is intended to serve the area.

As to the amount of water, that is something which, in the final analysis, must be determined by trial. Few subterranean water supplies, perhaps none, are inexhaustible. Well-irrigated areas in California have discovered this when attempt was made to push reclamation beyond the point of available natural resources.

It is well to keep acreage in balance with water supply and this, we are sure, the Fort Rock farmers will have in mind as they strive for a uniformly successful project.

## The Mess on Nashville

Bend takes pride in its downtown streets, and business and professional people cooperate with the city in attempting to keep them clean. This effort has been so successful that visitors have commented on Bend's tidy streets.

Why, then, should city street cleaning crews dump their litter at the west approach to the Drake Park footbridge, near the foot of Nashville?

For the past week there have been mounds of street garbage at the footbridge approach. Surely there are other places where litter from the motorized street sweeper can be dumped.

## Roll Out the Red Carpet

The Redmond airport's "red carpet," 7,000 feet in length and 150 feet wide, brings to mind a story that is making the rounds.

That story is that tourists, traveling over the new section of U. S. Highway 97 south of LaPine, have noticed the red surfacing, and at service stations along the route are expressing their opinions about the color scheme.

They agree that the yellow stripe down the center is fine, but they reportedly express belief that "the painting of the entire highway, from black apron to black apron, in red is a waste of state highway department money."

Of course, service station attendants can be expected to point out, nature, not man, gave the crushed cinders used on the highway their brilliant color.

That color was mixed in a blazing volcano, far under the earth, with heat, gases and minerals used by nature in obtaining the proper hue.

And, most motorists will agree, it is a pleasing, restful red—a color that intensifies the green of the pine and lodgepole forests that crowd to the highway.

Certainly there will be no criticism on the part of air tourists coming into Roberts field: Fliers say the color is striking from the sky.

And, we are sure, aerial visitors, slipping into the landing pattern, will feel that the friendly city of Redmond has rolled out the red carpet in their honor.

## A Tail End Lien

Notice of an internal revenue lien has been given Portland's tail-end Beavers who, we suppose, will now have to lean a little heavier on the ball to provide the payoff.

## Russian Food Crisis

Reports from Russia indicate that that country is facing its worst food crisis since the Communists came to power some 35 years ago. The official Soviet newspaper Pravda recently revealed that the shortage is so acute that state collecting points are accepting grains without the customary tests for dryness and worms. Hundreds of thousands of Russian industrial workers have been shifted to agricultural jobs in an effort to deal with the emergency.

Conditions in the satellite countries are no better, and this could have even more serious consequences to the Kremlin than the shortage at home. The people in these countries know that substantial portions of their production are drained off by the Russians and resentment against them and against Communism is inevitable.

The Red leaders are trying desperately to placate their people with the usual hocus pocus of promises and propaganda. Yet when the promises are not fulfilled they are worse off than before. Attempts have been made to divert people's attention from their troubles by spectacular diplomatic moves. But hungry people are not easy to divert.

Had Russian leaders made an intelligent effort to deal with their country's problems after the revolution much of this trouble could have been averted. Instead dogmatic insistence on obedience to stupid rules and regulations cut into agricultural production and set the stage for famine and economic disaster. It is this same kind of stupid leadership which makes such extravagant promises to improve the lot of the poor.

## Quotable Quotes

I believe that I am not going too far in saying that (U. S.) education at the high school level is mediocre. —French author-lecturer Pierre Emmanuel.

War must come sooner than later because we know the later it comes the more terrible it will be.—South Korea's President Syngman Rhee.

## "The Pen Could Be Mightier Than the Sword at That"



### Ila S. Grant's Sage Brushings

I love the good old summertime. Especially the band concerts in the park. Besides, I'm just a sucker for uniforms.

So is Marcia Dreher, three-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Dreher of Prineville, who attended the concert last night with Band Director Norman Whitney's family. Marcia was pop-eyed all through the first several numbers. She was not only quiet, she was speechless.

Finally her father patted her on the head and inquired, "Well, Marcia, are you enjoying the music?"

"Oh, yes!" she whispered. "But Daddy, where did all those policemen come from?"

The Chief and I arrived at the concert late, unfortunately. We had to chambermaid the cow and the new-born calf, and then the Man in My Life had to toss his work clothes in the washer and throw the switch. This is a simple enough chore, but it takes a good deal of time to empty the pockets beforehand.

When we got to Juniper park, of course all the parking places in hearing distance of the band were taken, and we left the Black Maria somewhere east of Fifth street, and walked back. We stood near the bath house, and many of the young folks were seated on the grass, most romantically. There are no ducks in Juniper park.

We heard many favorable remarks about the performance of Miss Shirley Stearns of Prineville, who appeared with the band last night as guest vocalist. Although we didn't hear her sing, we met her later, and found her most charming.

Music lovers who arrived at the concert nearly an hour early told us that even then, all the good parking places were taken, and the cars were empty. The folks drive their cars down in the afternoon and walk home. Then about a quarter till 8 they arrive on foot, climb in their cars and enjoy the music. Pretty smart!

One of the novelty numbers last night called for sound effects—

### To The Editor

To the Editor: Through The Bulletin, may I address this letter to all members of Local 6-7, IWA:

The reason some of the members of the Sub-Local are proposing to invite members of all units of Local 6-7 to our woods unit meeting is that, scattered as we are, it is very difficult to reach all those who might sign a petition for a special meeting.

We know that some want to go back to work under the old contract, some want to stay out on strike, but we do not know what the majority wants to do. Neither do Tim Sullivan, Al Glasgow, or Bill Niskanen know. So let's have a secret ballot. If we want to return to work under the old contract, then let us do so honorably, keeping our Union intact.

If we vote to stay out, then the company will know that we intend to hold out for a raise. With that information, they can set their policy accordingly. So far, they have acted on the assumption that we were led to strike against our will.

Some feel that this action will do us harm, but my opinion is that a secret ballot will simply do away with this doubt and uncertainty on how we stand.

Very truly yours,  
George W. Marshall  
Bend, Oregon,  
Aug. 12, 1954.

### CINDER FIRE CHECKED

The Bend fire department checked on a cinder fire Thursday at 3:57 p.m., at Adams place and Colorado avenue. There was no damage.

## Money-Raising Plan Successful For Madras JCs

Special to The Bulletin  
MADRAS—Service organizations are constantly on the lookout for ways in which to raise money to devote to their pet projects, and the Jefferson County Junior Chamber of Commerce is no exception.

When the group recently learned of a popcorn machine for sale at Parkdale, Ore., it aroused club interest as a money-raising project. A committee was sent to investigate and they returned with the rig, which consists of a sheet aluminum-covered structure, mounted on a 1937 Willys car body.

After a thorough cleanup job, and after a painting detail, headed by Bob Drain, had done its work, the machine was put in operation. Jaycees and their wives who recently banded together into the Jayceettes, work the rig in pairs, with one person doing the popping, while the other handles sales.

The machine has been taken to several Madras softball games, and sales of popcorn and cold drinks have convinced the Jaycees that they have a going project on their hands. The apparatus is covered with sheet metal inside and contains a gas operated popper.

Jaycees have obtained permission from the fair board to sell popcorn during performances of the Jefferson county rodeo, both from a location near the stands and in the grandstand, the popper will be going full tilt during the show. The group also plans to use their machine during the fair parade, Saturday morning.

They hope to be able to turn profits from sales into community improvement work. "We have been limited by a lack of funds for operations so far," Darrell Maxwell, club treasurer, commented. "We hope that the machine will help us to make more money so that we can complete more community improvement projects."

The Bend Bulletin Classified's Bring Results.



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Special to The Bulletin  
MADRAS—Registration for the 1954-55 school year will be held at Madras Grade school on August 31, and classes will start on September 1. Gerald Newton, superintendent, announces. School buses will pick up children for registration, and they will be returned to their homes around noon. The hot lunch program will begin on September 1, the first full day of classes. The superintendent also said that the grade school will be closed on Labor Day.

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