

### Oregon Cities Preparing For Tourist Flood

Oregon towns and cities in every one of the 27 counties are just now receiving a spring renovation. There is no section of the state that is not making preparations for a record stream of visitors during the tourist months. So prominent are clean-up and paint-up activities in many sections of the country that spring agricultural developments have secondary attention. Farmers are doing their work quietly, while road work activities, city park and summer resort preparations, chamber of commerce, commercial club and community club programs for clean-up movements are well under way.

In a score of cities and numerous towns, women have taken over the direction of "city beautiful" work. Some of the cities in the state have had successful tag days and others are impending. One beautiful innovation—in memory of hero dead—is winning a fervent response throughout this territory. Beds of roses are being planted in city parks in many of the cities of Oregon, and it seems that hundreds of homes will be graced by a plot of these memory flowers. Some cities are preparing floral designs, made of poppies, to form service stars; each star-group to represent one youth, man or woman, who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Business and civic leaders who are reports of their local activities, unconsciously co-operated in stressing the fact that city and county officials realize that concerted action must be taken to regulate automobile traffic, particularly on Sundays. A movement is said to be under way to call a series of traffic meetings. Traffic officers of Multnomah county will probably hold the first meeting.

Uniform rules and regulations are desired, but it is also understood that officers desire to discuss matters of tourist convenience.

A number of cities have taken to the community service idea. Several of these smaller municipalities are making arrangements to hire community leaders. Bands are being organized in cities and towns which heretofore have had to import their music for public occasions. In the little school district at Elkina, Polk county, one of the finest young bands in the west is said to have been made very progressive during the past few weeks. It has been noticed also that modern motion picture theatres are being built in towns of less than 1000 inhabitants. Mt. Angel, for instance, is said to have provided a motion picture house in connection with the new St. Mary's school which is second to none in the state. Additional summer resorts are to be opened in the mountain sections and coast districts.

So far as agriculture is concerned, there has been reported a marked increase in purchases of blooded cattle and hogs. Oregon's pure bred stock resources are attracting national attention, and the Jersey cattle in Marion and Polk counties and other districts of the Willamette valley have been breaking record after record. Land clearing activities are spreading throughout the valley and coast districts, and business associations are co-operating with county officials to promote such projects on a broad scale.

The motor vehicle is playing a great part in the development of all resources in the west.

Be careful with fire in the forests.

### Stock Cycle Exceeds 120 Miles Per Hour

For the first time in the history of motorcycling a stock machine has accomplished better than 100 miles per hour in competition. This remarkable performance was made by Albert "Shrimp" Burns, the diminutive Oakland, Cal., pilot, who won the 15-mile event against a field of eight valve racing machines at Beverly Hills Speedway. Burns covered the distance in 8 minutes, 46 3-5 seconds. He also won the mile-and-out race, distance 1 3/4 miles, time 7 minutes 51 4-5 seconds, average 104.91 m.p.h. In this event Burns established the fastest time ever made on the Beverly Hills Speedway in competition.

In a 25-mile event, Burns spilled in the eleventh lap while leading the field. His average in this race up to the time of his accident was 106 miles per hour. His accident necessitated his going to the hospital but he was returned to the track after having splinters removed, entered the 15-mile event and established a record for a stock motor in competition.

Official reports credit Burns and his Indian with the most spectacular display of speed and riding ability ever displayed in California.

To Warm Motorcyclists' Hands. Hands and feet of motorcyclists riders can be kept warm with new attachments for their machines that convey warm exhaust gases from the engines to metal cowls.

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Whistles When Lubricant Needed. Blown by suction from the intake manifold, a whistle has been invented to warn a motorist that the circulation of lubricating oil in his car has stopped.

Be careful with fire. Save your forests from fire.

### Buick Breaks All Records for Driveaways

Detroit, May 14.—Today is Buick Day for over 300 Detroiters who came here this morning and drove back to Michigan's metropolis 73 Buick machines. Each car was driven by its owner and each owner brought his car from C. C. Starkweather, one of the four different dealers in Detroit. The driveway was the largest in which owners took their cars home, in the history of the automobile business and the largest drive to a single dealer in the history of the Buick Motor company.

Arrive in Special Cars. The party of Detroiters arrived in Flint shortly after 10 o'clock this morning on three special interurbans and soon the 788 cars were parked around the Hotel Durant with streamers on each bearing the words "From Buick Motor Co. Detroit."

Fair weather, one of the finest days this spring, brought the entire party outside the hotel and a Paramount cameraman proceeded to "shoot" a few scenes for the news weekly produced by that company. As the Detroiters left for home, the cameraman, in a new Buick car, took pictures of the long line of cars as they left Flint. He was to take some more along the route.

At noon Mr. and Mrs. Starkweather entertained at dinner for the entire party at the hotel Durant, at which addresses were heard from Mayor E. W. Atwood, E. T. Strong, general sales manager of the Buick, Horatio S. Earle, one of the members of the party and national president of the Exchange club, and "father of the Michigan roads club movement."

Following the luncheon Mr. Strong presented Mrs. Starkweather with a new Buick coupe in front of the Durant.

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National forests are not fire-proof.

### Famous Defender Of Cameron Dam Gets Full Pardon

Madison, Wis., May 14.—Complete pardon was granted John F. Dietz today by Governor Blaine, restoring freedom to the widely known "defender of Cameron dam" on the tenth anniversary of his conviction of the killing of Oscar Harp, a deputy sheriff, October 8, 1911.

Governor Blaine in granting the pardon stated that he had reconsidered that the trial was legal in respect to the judicial proceedings and declared that "from consideration of public policy and in making allowance for the exceptional circumstances," he had concluded that Dietz should be free.

"I am conscious," the governor said, "that from the evidence before me there is a doubt as to the guilt of John Dietz of the crime charged, and that he should be granted a complete pardon."

Dietz held off a sheriff's posse for months, attracting nationwide attention. It is not expected that other charges pending against him will be pressed by the officials.

The controversy which led to the conviction and sentence of the Wisconsin pioneer to life imprisonment for first degree murder, started in 1904, shortly after he had moved into Sawyer county in the wooded northern section of the state. His attitude in opposing the Chippewa Lumber & Boom company resulted in trouble culminated in a fight with the sheriff, April 25, 1905.

Dispute had arisen over the property rights of Dietz in his homestead which bordered on a logging stream.

The feud, in which two men, one a deputy sheriff were wounded in fights with Dietz, brought the trouble to a climax when a sheriff's posse besieged the Dietz home and Harp was killed in the fighting. The family then surrendered.

Dietz was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, but former Governor McGovern commuted the sentence to twenty years.

### Huns Increase Force Opposing Silesian Revolt

Oppeln, Silesia, May 13.—German forces on the left bank of the Oder river are being augmented by former German soldiers from Breslau and a number are coming from Germany. Several hundred security police have reached Brieg, 20 miles northwest of here.

There are rumors that the Germans will take the offensive probably within a week. The Poles are strengthening their positions with artillery although they are not advancing.

French sources declare that Adalbert Korfany, leader of the Polish insurrection, has "heeded General Lerond's instructions for the first time and suspended his offensive."

Berlin, May 13.—The general strike begun by the German workmen at Oppeln, Upper Silesia, in protest against the attitude of the inter-allied commission toward the Polish insurrection has been called off, according to advices today.

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**Paymaster Uses Motorcycle To Cover His Route**

The Metropolitan district commission of Massachusetts has evolved a time-saving method of paying its help. Instead of employees leaving their work and going to headquarters, the commission sends their wages out to them. A motorcycle and sidecar is used for this work with a police lieutenant acting as paymaster and a patrolman doing the driving. Each week the outfit makes the rounds of the Metropolitan Park district. Not only does this save time for the commission but it also saves carefrees for the workers. The workers can always be easily found and it takes only a few seconds to pay each man.

**Janitors Union Head Indicted For Conspiracy**

Chicago, May 13.—Indictments charging conspiracy against Wm. F. Quesse, president of the Chicago Flat Janitors union, and nine other union officials, were voted by the grand jury today.

A motorcycle which, police say, was stolen from a Portland motorcycle company, was recovered here this morning when a man who gave his name as Percy McClain of Vancouver, Wash., endeavored to sell it to a local second-hand goods store. McClain, according to the police, disappeared when the Salem merchant called an officer.

Good citizenship demands cars with fire.

Watch that match—forest fires are destructive.

Protect the forest—be careful with fire.