



Fun at 81—Miss Florence Edwards, 81, rides the merry-go-round at an amusement park at Bloomington, Ill., saying she wanted to get some of the fun she missed as a child. Miss Edwards took her first ride on the merry-go-round recently and has been doing so almost daily since. She also rides the ferris wheel, a miniature train and enjoys ice cream during the visits. (AP Wirephoto.)

Italian Lauds World Sports

Fort Lewis, Wash., June 29 (AP)—An Italian army officer, who last week won the sabres class fencing championship of America in New York, said today that "international sports competition was a great means of bringing about understanding between nations."

Col. Umberto Demartino, military attache of the Italian government in Washington, D.C., here on an inspection tour, said "I was amazed when I was accepted for competition in the American championships."

He said he had to commute by airplane and Pullman between Washington and New York to participate. "I would rush into the office in Washington to prepare the diplomatic pouch, sign papers and make reports, and then fly to New York." He took 57 matches to win the title.

Col. Demartino participated in the 1932 Olympic games in Los Angeles. "I know many of your wonderful American athletes," he said. "And I admire most of all Harrison Dillard, the hurdler. His talent speaks an international language."

School at Ballston Closes With Picnic

Ballston—The Ballston school closing day picnic was held with sports, races, a ball game and a basket lunch enjoyed by a large group of parents and friends. Awards were given to pupils neither absent or tardy, among whom was Walter Moon, who has had a perfect attendance record for the past five years.

At the annual school meeting Dee Mellema resigned after serving 18 years as school director and Edwin Keltner was elected to succeed him.

Poison Weed Brings Warning

Salt Lake City, June 29 (AP)—Alarmed parents in a Salt Lake City suburban residential area Tuesday warned children to beware of an innocent, free-growing weed found in many vacant lots in the district. The weed is poison hemlock, technically known as "conium maculatum."

The alarm was sounded after 3-year-old Patricia Ann Dignan, bright-eyed, auburn-haired daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Dignan, died suddenly late Monday.

She and a pal, Timothy Nieman, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Nieman, had been playing in one of the vacant lots.

Timothy said Patricia had nibbled on the "little flowers" before she became ill, just three hours before she died. Timothy didn't think he's eaten any of the weed, but he was under a physician's observation.

An autopsy was being performed to establish definitely the cause of the little girl's death.

A University of Utah botanist, Dr. Seville Flowers, examined the weed growing profusely in the middle-class Ridgedale Lane residential district and identified it as poison hemlock.

"All parts of this weed are deadly poison," Flowers said. "Animals avoid the weed unless they are near starvation and cattle will die from eating it."

Mills to Close For Four Days

Lebanon, June 29—Vacation shut-down plans and announcement of a new work-week schedule is made by two Lebanon industries.

The Crown Zellerbach paper mill will be closed from July 2 to July 6 for the annual Fourth of July shut-down and upon resuming operations will be on a five-day week basis, according to George Gallaway, resident manager. Closure days will be Saturday and Sunday. The mill recently adopted a six-day schedule after operating on a full week schedule since 1941.

The Cascade Plywood corporation plant will be closed for more than two weeks starting July 1 to re-open July 18. During the period annual repairs will be made and equipment overhauled.

Embrees Dinner Hosts

Falls City—Mr. and Mrs. Owen Embree of Riverside, Calif. have been spending their vacation with his brother and family. A dinner was given in their honor with invited guests Mr. and Mrs. Gay Hiebenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Runkle, Willa Finn, Mr. and Mrs. Noval Embree, Ruthy, Letha and Penny and the honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Embree and the hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Embree and family.

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Grasshoppers Plague Harney

Portland, June 29 (AP)—A vast horde of migratory grasshoppers now covers 800,000 acres in desolate southern Harney county—but entomologists think they won't get into farming areas.

Dr. Don C. Mote, head of the Oregon State college entomology department, reported the "thick" infestation and added that it is a new species for Oregon. The hoppers came into the state from northern Nevada last year.

They have been seen on the wing in the past week, rising in clouds to 200 feet at times, he said.

He noted, however, that their migration last year moved them only 40 miles and a long trek into farming lands is not expected this year.

Field men have been at work to control them and while there has been a good kill, "the total decrease in grasshopper numbers is insignificant compared to the entire mass."

Two weeks ago an infestation of hoppers was reported in Baker county, with especial concern being felt in the Durkee area. Crews moved in with poisoned bait and a plane spread the area.

Baker county's hoppers are the Mexican species, while

those in southern Harney are Menaloplus occidentalis. The U.S. bureau of entomology has an expert in the field today to determine the extent and seriousness of the Baker county infestation. Last week the county agent estimated 100 hoppers per square yard at Durkee, covering an area a half mile wide and two miles long. Hay crops and orchards were threatened.

Elsewhere in Oregon, with hoppers especially prevalent in Grant, Wheeler and Morrow counties, the number is about normal, Mote said.

OSC Men Chosen To Head Groups

Pullman, June 29 (AP)—The western section of the American Society of Animal Production closed its annual meeting yesterday by electing A. W. Oliver, associate professor of animal husbandry at Oregon State college, as president.

G. W. Wilster also of Oregon State college automatically succeeded to the presidency of the western division of the American Dairy Science association.

The two groups voted to hold their 1950 meeting at Utah State Agricultural college.

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Eugene Bridge Bids Opened

Portland, June 29 (AP)—Two major-cost highway jobs—a bridge at Eugene and a grade separation project at Baker—drew bids totaling more than three quarters of a million dollars Tuesday.

The Ferry street bridge over the Willamette river in Eugene had a low offer of \$447,885, by Tom Lillebo of Reedsport, when the state highway commission opened 10 bids on the job today. The commission deferred immediate action while engineers went over the various offers. The bridge is to be a two-span steel structure 442 feet long with 354 feet of approaches.

Next largest was the Baker grade separation on Dewey avenue. Low bid was \$434,348 by Valley Construction Co., Portland.

Fourteen bidders sought an Ochoco highway grading and slide-removal job on 3.06 miles. Low was Leonard Slate, Portland, at \$262,851.

On other projects today the low bids were:

Lincoln county—Toledo pavement resurfacing on South Main

street, Parker Scramm Co., Portland, \$7,740.

Linn county—Lebanon grading and paving on Milton and Williams streets, Warren Northwest, Inc., Portland, \$33,580.

Marion county—Office building and supreme court building parking area, T. J. Patzer, Salem, \$3,924.

Mrs. Bowman Honored

Falls City—Mrs. Ida Bowman celebrated her 80th birthday at her home with 33 guests present. A no-host dinner was served and the birthday cake was made by Mrs. W. E. Bowman of McMinnville, a granddaughter.

Guests Powell Home

Silverton—Afternoon and evening visitors at the F. M. Powell home were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Andresen and Mrs. Blessing, mother of Mrs. Andresen, all of Salem, and the Marshall Powell family, enroute to their home in Independence from the Powell Memorial Society reunion at Albany.

ON SUPER-DUPER LINES

Competing for 'Better Mousetrap'

Pueblo, Colo. (AP)—If, reasoned Carl Fuller of Billings, Mont., curiosity will kill a cat, why shouldn't it be just as lethal for a mouse?

Proceeding on that theory, Fuller has constructed a super-duper mouse trap which he has on display at the Rocky Mountain Inventors' Congress now in progress here.

Here's how his mousetrap works:

Mickey is lured into a maze of corridors, hidden trap doors, slyly placed snap-loops and other unsuspected impediments through his sheer desire to find out just what in heck the gadget is. As Mr. Mouse investigates further—with all escape cut off—he finds himself suddenly dumped through one last trapdoor into a quart jar filled with water.

Voilà! Mr. Mouse is drowned. The trapdoor automatically resets itself and is ready for more business.

Carl Hanna of Del Norte is competing with Fuller in the mousetrap department. But Hanna's creation is less elaborate.

Hanna's "better mousetrap" features a trigger attachment for setting the neck-breaking snapper. It's guaranteed to help the owner catch more mice than fingers.

4-H Judging Tour Begins Thursday

Albany, June 29—The annual Linn county 4-H club livestock judging tour will be held Thursday starting at 10:30 a. m., daylight saving time. H. Joe Myers, county club extension agent announced Tuesday. Starting place will be Jim Ruby's farm, Route 3, Seio.

It is on this tour that the two livestock judging teams to represent Linn county at Oregon state fair and Pacific International Livestock Exposition are selected. All regularly enrolled livestock members are eligible and encouraged to judge. The top three scoring members in each club will constitute the club's team. The first and second highest scoring teams will then be eligible to represent Linn county.

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Magazine Writer Guest at Lebanon

Lebanon—Mrs. Harold Teeter, magazine writer, who is composing a pictorial story for the National Geographic magazine on logging and lumbering in the Willamette valley, was guest of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

Mrs. Teeter's visit began in the morning in the chamber office, the party including local city officials, the Albany Jaycees and guests who visited the Santiam Lumber company near Sweet Home during the morning hours and returned to Lebanon for noon lunch. In the afternoon the party visited Crown Zellerbach paper mill and the Cascades Plywood plant.

The author was gathering material and pictures for her story. An extract for treating goiter is obtained from the thyroid glands of animals slaughtered for meat.

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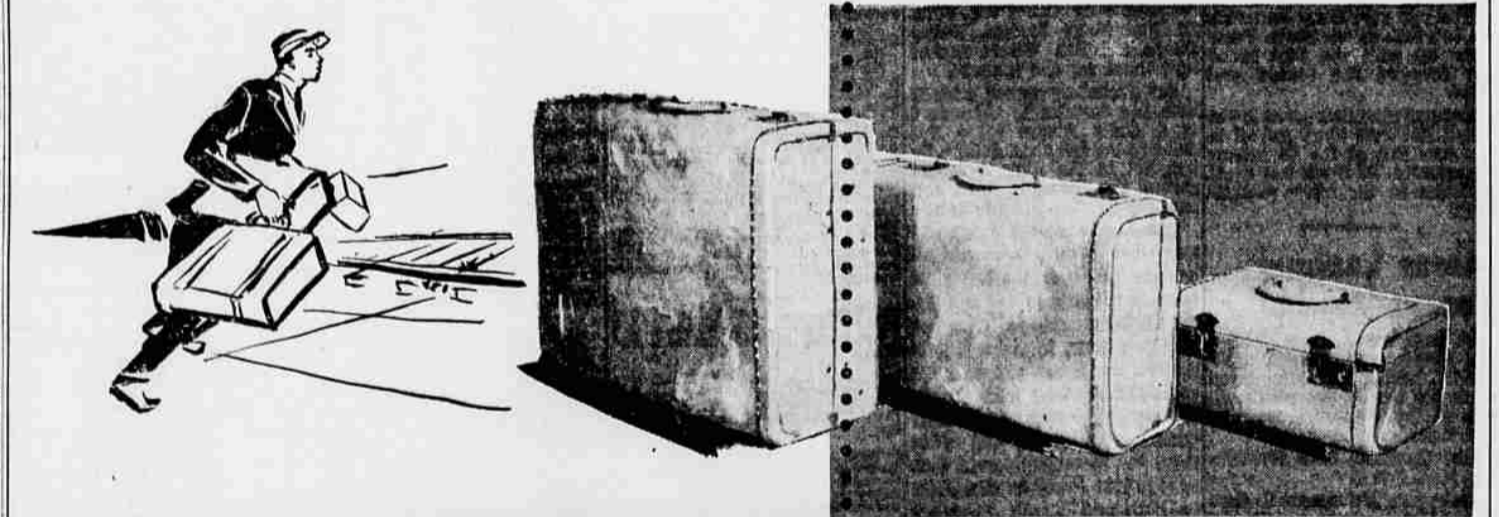
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