

LABOR SAVING APPARATUS



Recently installed circular power facing table for use in the work room of the Salem post office. Pictured with the machine is Clayton Dickinson, superintendent of mails.

Speed Given Letter Sorting

Faster service in connection with the sorting of letters and cards in the local post office is in effect with the installation of what is known as a circular facing table operated by electric power.

The device, installed by Dan Skoog, traveling mechanic for the postal service, consists of a round table with a metal top, approximately seven feet in diameter. Beneath the outer portion of the table is a revolving channel separated into two departments—one for regulation sized letters and the other for longer enclosures.

The letters are dumped onto the table top and as many as nine men can work around the edge. They sort the material and drop it into the proper channels from whence it is picked up and segregated into two piles. From here it is sent through the cancelling machine.

Heretofore a rectangular sorting table was used with the workers segregating the letters and then walking to the end where they were deposited.

Postmaster Albert C. Gragg said the new device will eliminate congestion and speed up the process of getting the letters to the primary cases.

Dam Bursting Delays Crops

Grants Pass (AP)—The high water that washed out the cofferdam at Savage Rapids Dam Tuesday will leave this section of the Rogue River Valley without irrigation for three or four weeks.

If heavy rains should resume, the delay could be even longer, for the river flow must drop before the cofferdam can be rebuilt.

Harry Clark, county agricultural agent, said crops could get by for two weeks after rains stop. He said dairies might suffer the most, since they may be forced to buy hay from Eastern Oregon. Some hop and bulb growers also may suffer, he said.

The loss of the cofferdam will be borne by the construction company, Young & Smith, Salt Lake City, which was rehabilitating the dam when the high water struck. The loss was estimated at \$30,000 by Charles Miller, manager of the Grants Pass Irrigation District.

St. Paul Knights Will Elect June 3

St. Paul—The next regular meeting of the Archbishop Blanchette Council No. 2221, St. Paul Oregon Knights of Columbus will be held Wednesday, June 3, in the St. Paul City Hall for the purpose of electing a new staff of officers.

A nominating committee has selected a slate of officers that will be presented to the members before the meeting by mail and additional nominations may be made from the floor on the evening of June 3.

There are 110 members of the local council. Benson Mitchell is in charge of the program and refreshments for this last regular meeting of the 1953 fiscal year. Outgoing officers include Bill Bowers, grand knight; Ray Smith, deputy grand knight; Peter Kirk, warden; Jack Ryan, chancellor; Ben Mitchell, advocate; Steve Hiller, Joe Zorn and Hub Drecher, trustees; S. J. Smith, financial secretary; Al Smith, treasurer; Peter McDonald, secretary; William Frith and Mike Hopfer, guards.

It has also been used to establish new speed limits. Fixing that most drivers drive at a prudent speed, police set up their radar on dangerous sections of road in Massachusetts to see what speed the motorists were driving. Picking the speed at or below which 85 per cent of the drivers drove, engineers used that as a basis for setting new speed limits on many of their roads.

Insurance companies have also used the meter to check the speed of trucks that they have insured. They have found out that 94 per cent of the drivers drive carefully and within reasonable limits. The others are warned.

Tele-fun by Warren Goodrich



"Now keep your eyes on the dial and bring each number all the way around to the stop step!... When you dial, pull finger all the way to the stop... release the dial... let it return at its own speed... Pacific Telephone."

New Device Should Curb Speeders, Says Warren

By VIC FRYER

A slowdown of speeders is expected when the new police department radar traffic speed meter goes into use in the near future. Chief of Police Clyde A. Warren said this week. "In this way, we hope to cut accidents and save lives."

Although the one unit can cover only a small area at one time, the constant possibility of it being trained on his car will tend to keep the speeder within the legal speed limits, he pointed out.

While it will not be used for a month or more in issuing tickets, it will be on the streets being tested out and for training of officers in its use.

"Motorists are welcome to stop and see it in operation," Warren said. "In fact, we would like them to. The officers will be glad to answer any questions."

The principle of the Electro-Matic Speed Meter, the trade name of the radar system purchased by the local police department, is quite simple to anyone with any knowledge of radio waves.

A cone-shaped stream of radio waves is sent out from a transmitter in the meter in whichever direction it is pointed, much like a wide angle spotlight focuses its beams. When the beams strike an object, some of them are reflected back to the meter antenna at a different frequency than that which they started with.

The difference in this frequency varies directly with the speed of the object that reflects them. The meter transposes this frequency difference into a miles-per-hour reading.

A recording device may be used that will record the reading on a permanent graph for court records or other uses. Space is left to allow an officer to record the car license, time of day, weather and road conditions, the amount of traffic or other information.

Ike Grets Two Top Jet Aces

Washington (AP)—The nation's two top jet aces yesterday received President Eisenhower's congratulations, and assurances that they will not be sent back to Korea soon.

Capt. Emanuel J. Fernandez, Jr., Miami, and Joseph McConnell, Jr., Apple Valley, Calif., said their White House visit was a "terrific privilege."

McConnell said Mr. Eisenhower referred jokingly to a recent news story quoting the ace as saying in jest that he would ask the President for permission to return to combat. McConnell was accompanied by his blonde wife, Pearl; Fernandez by his father, Air Force Col. Emanuel J. Fernandez, Sr.

Alcoa Liquidates Mining Company

Pittsburgh (AP)—Plans to liquidate Alcoa Mining Company, a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America, were revealed in an Alcoa announcement Wednesday.

Alcoa said the liquidation is designed to "simplify the parent company's corporate structure." In the new setup, the subsidiary's operations will be transferred to a new mining division without changing functions or responsibilities of mining company personnel.

The mining company has been mining bauxite, a primary source of aluminum. It has mineral holdings in Oregon, Colorado and Alaska.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND PRODUCE LIST
Butterfat—Tennessee, subject to...
Wheat—No. 1 soft red winter...
Corn—No. 2 yellow...
Soybeans—No. 1 yellow...
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Lard—No. 1...
Tallow—No. 1...
Hides—No. 1...
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Eggs—No. 1...
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Wreckage Shown by Freight-Truck Crash

Albany, Ore. (AP)—Railroad tracks six miles north of here were clogged by wreckage several hours Wednesday after an SP&S freight locomotive struck a truck and trailer at a crossing.

The driver, Donald J. Wood, Brownsville, emerged without harm, although the truck was dragged 50 feet and both the truck and trailer were demolished. The locomotive also suffered damage as it was derailed.

The truck was hauling a bulldozer on the trailer.

HUBBARD PICNIC

Hubbard—The annual picnic and final meeting of the season for the Hubbard Woman's club will be held at Champeo park, Wednesday, June 3, with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. A. C. Douglas, of Woodburn will be speaker for the afternoon and Mrs. Lester Keller will give a history of the Pioneer Mothers cabin at Champeo. New officers will be installed by Mrs. A. C. Douglas.

OIL IN YUGOSLAVIA

London (AP)—Oil was reported discovered in Yugoslavia today. A broadcast by the official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, said 30 tons of crude oil daily are flowing from a well brought in near the village of Jermenovics, in Vojvodina province.

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