

Beauties to Gather Here

Marking another first for Salem, this city will play host to 14 of the state's loveliest girls who will gather here Friday, June 24 for the statewide finals in the judging to select a Miss Universe of Oregon to represent the state at the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant to be held in Long Beach, California from July 14 to 24.

Sponsored by radio station KGAE, the finals will feature beautiful representatives from such cities as Portland, Springfield, Dayton, Oregon City, Eugene and Salem.

"In bringing this contest to Salem," said Earl Headrick, manager of KGAE, "we were prompted by a conviction that when it comes to beauty, Oregon doesn't have to take a back seat to any state or country. Judging from the good looks of our contestants, we feel almost sure that the winner chosen to represent Oregon right here in Salem, will bring credit to the state and to this city in the international finals where she will be competing against some 70 girls from all over the world."

Special awards including a complete wardrobe will be given the local winner who will then fly to Long Beach where she will be royally entertained by that city, Catalina Knitting Mills and Universal-International Pictures, co-sponsors of the international finals.

In the worldwide finals, the girls will be competing for the honor of being named Miss Universe of 1956, a title that will bring with it a motion picture contract and other awards totaling thousands of dollars.

Law Against Fake Mining Claims Making Progress

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON — Legislation to end the use of fake mining claims for putting such things as hot dog stands and summer homes on National Forest lands is making headway in Congress.

Senate and House Interior Committees have approved bills designed to stop widespread abuse of mining claim laws in western forests. Lack of opposition in the committees leads proponents to believe one of the bills will be passed by Congress this session.

The legislation has the approval of federal agencies, the American Mining Congress, the American Forestry Assn. and many groups representing conservationists, sportsmen and others interested in proper use of federal lands.

Officials have known for years that pseudo miners have found loopholes in mining laws to get possession of federal tracts for non-mining use. And abuses have multiplied in recent years as a result of public interest in prospecting for uranium and other atomic source material.

Federal authorities know that many of the 186,000 mining claims on national forests of the West are fakes. The claims cover about 3,755,000 acres in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

In the last three years the number of claims has doubled in the 12 states. In Arizona the number on file last Jan. 1 was 34,300—seven times as many as in 1952. The totals in New Mexico and Utah quadrupled in three years.

The House Interior Committee, after hearing testimony of federal officials, had this to say about the need for cracking down on pseudo miners:

"The ingenuity of American citizens... has operated to develop new and better ways of abusing public land resources through obtaining color of title under the mining law."

"The mining laws are sometimes used to obtain claim or title to valuable timber actually located within the claim boundaries. Frequently... such claims have the effect of blocking access—road development to adjacent tracts of merchantable federal timber or to generally increase costs of administration and management of adjacent lands."

"The fraudulent locator in national forests, in addition to obstructing orderly management and the competitive sale of timber, obtains for himself high-value, publicly owned surface resources bearing no relationship to legitimate mining activity."

"Mining locations... frequently block access to water needed in grazing use of the national forests or other public lands; to valuable recreational areas; to agents of the federal government desiring to reach adjacent lands for purposes of managing wild game habitat or improving fishing streams so as to thwart the public harvest and proper management of fish and game resources."

"Some locators in reality desire their mining claims for commercial enterprises such as filling stations, curio shops, safes, or for residence or summer camp purposes."



Cpl. John M. Peeler (left) of Salem, receives congratulations and a certificate from Colonel William C. Jesse, commanding officer of Aggressor Headquarters at Fort Riley, Kan., after being selected Aggressor of the Month for the 9466th Technical Service Unit. Corporal Peeler was selected for his soldierly appearance, knowledge of duties and military courtesy. Peeler, son of Mrs. Frances Falk, 2020 Hazel Ave., entered the Army in 1933 and is a veteran of service in the Far East. A former student at Willamette University, he is a team chief in the unit's Aggressor Cadre. (U.S. Army Photo)

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"So, too, with hunter-prospectors, except that their blocked-out 'mining claims' embrace wildlife habitats; posted, they constitute excellent hunting camps."

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Cherry Spray Time Arrives

The official spray or dust notice for cherry fruit fly control dated June 11, 1955, has been released by S. C. Jones, associate entomologist at Oregon State College. Willamette valley sweet and sour cherry growers should start their spray or dust program immediately and maintain a protective spray or dust cover on their trees until harvest.

Either lead arsenate, methoxychlor, or rotenone sprays or dusts are recommended for cherry fruit fly control, according to Jones. Lead arsenate or methoxychlor is recommended for processing cherries. A rotenone, methoxychlor-rottenone or lead arsenate-rottenone program is recommended on cherries for fresh market use.

Control area order No. 13 (revised) of the Oregon department of agriculture will again be in effect in Marion county, according to County Extension Agent D. L. Rasmussen. This order protects the cherry industry in Marion county with a compulsory spray or dust program. The cherry fruit fly is widespread in the mid-Willamette valley, says Rasmussen, and a thorough spray or dust program is necessary to prevent wormy cherries and the resulting loss of markets for the local cherry crop.

Jack Turnbull is deputy horticulture inspector for cherry fruit fly control in Marion county. Turnbull may be contacted at the county agent's office in Salem.

One of seven formulas recommended by the Oregon experiment station and approved by the state department of agriculture shall be used in complying with the provisions of the cherryfruit fly control area order. Details may be obtained by contacting the county agent's office. Most growers have already received a circular letter that lists recommended formulas.

1,100 Students Get Diplomas at U. of O.

EUGENE — Dr. O. Meredith Wilson awarded degrees to some 1,100 University of Oregon students at graduation exercises here Sunday.

In a morning ceremony more than 100 Army and Air Force ROTC graduating cadets received commissions as second lieutenants.

Dr. Stuart Leroy Anderson, president of the Pacific School of Berkeley, Calif., was commencement speaker.

K. F. Plant Partially Destroyed by Fire

KLAMATH FALLS — The Crystalite Co. plant, which produced pumice brick, was partially destroyed by fire Saturday.

Origin of the blaze and extent of damage was not determined.

Firemen from Oregon Technical Institute and the Klamath County Fire Dept. controlled the blaze after it had spread to a railroad car loaded with creosoted railroad ties and to grass along the tracks.

GIRL FOR SHORACKS

SALT CREEK — Mrs. Martha Buhler received a cable from her son-in-law, Lt. Ted Shorack, Jr., in Japan to say that a daughter had been born to them on June 1, and that mother and daughter were doing well. Mrs. Shorack will be remembered as Elva Buhler and this is their second daughter.

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