

**Sec. of State Farrell's Report
On Gas Used, Traffic Fatalities**

Gasoline consumption in Oregon during the first six months of 1945 totaled 114,928,046 gallons, compared to 108,950,877 gallons in 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell said today.

The gasoline use for the first half of this year was an increase of about five percent over the consumption for the same period of 1944. Taxes paid on gasoline bought in Oregon so far this year amount to \$5,746,402.39.

During the month of June, Oregon used 23,081,257 gallons of gasoline which was 14 per cent over the June consumption a year ago and was the heaviest June since 1943 when gas use totaled 23,129,600 gallons.

Oregon's traffic accidents in 1944 claimed a total of \$11,025,000, according to accident facts contained in the 1945 edition of Oregon Traffic Accident Facts, a graphical bulletin on traffic accidents, issued each year by the safety division of the secretary of state's office.

"The fact that traffic deaths in Oregon last year were about five per cent higher than the toll of 1943 indicates a need for the exercise of greater care on the part of the driving public," Robert S. Farrell, secretary of state, said in announcing distribution of the new booklet.

Farrell said the study of 1944 traffic accidents shows that motor vehicle-pedestrian collisions accounted for the greatest proportion of the traffic deaths reported in Oregon last year. This type of accident accounted for 34 per cent of all fatal accidents in the state. Next to the pedestrian accidents were the non-collision type accidents, accounting for 28 per cent of all deaths.

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**Bare Facts From
Bear Creek**

"The Column That's Different"
(By Lins Laneve)

Forest fires have taken their toll of timber and property already this season. As usual, the most destructive fires may be laid to carelessness. However, had the same area been burned over where the fires started, when there was no fire hazard, the big fires would have been avoided. Oregon can never be kept green just so long as logging operators do not burn behind their operations and the yearly accumulation of brush and debris are allowed to collect throughout the woods.

The public is warned against burning dry fern and old cut-over land, owing to the fact that it will destroy seedling trees. Burned over land can always be seeded and it is far better to destroy seedling trees than to create fire hazards that will eventually destroy large stands of timber. There is a mess southeast of Bandon today that is a menace to Bandon itself. It is the land that the big fire, which destroyed that town, ran through on that hectic day not so many years past and that same land is today as great a menace as it was at that time. Low humidity, a strong east wind, the flipping away by a careless hand of a cigarette or match, and that heap of dry brush, ferns, etc., will roar into action again and it will be a case of mere luck if Bandon does not again go up in smoke.

In addition to this, there are hundreds of spots in the state that are as dangerous as that one in the vicinity of Bandon, but they are being preserved as scattered seedling trees are in evidence in such spots. Eventually they will also go up in smoke and at dry seasons when there is no stopping them until they have destroyed saw mills, homes and thousands of dollars in standing timber. But if they were burned over early in the spring, or late in the fall, the hazard would be removed.

It is all right to keep Oregon green but proper judgment should be shown along such lines. The deliberate creating of fire hazards by refraining from burning dry fern and brushy cutover land will never keep the state green. The conflagration that raged in several counties north of here and which started on cutover land is a shining example of preserving fire hazards.

Miss Lois Jean Bothwell is enjoying a visit from a Portland friend, the charming Miss Katherine Swenson. The Bothwell family has moved to the old Cary place on Lampa creek, which they have purchased. The house has been moved to a new location and many new improvements are noted. Recently Lois initiated Katherine by a trip to the Bandon beach. Result—two beautiful sunburns. Excuse, we mean "beach tans."

Miss Gladys Domenighini, who is attending college in southern California, is home for summer vacation. College or nothing else will ever spoil that gal, for she is one whose head is never turned by "inflation" and is always the same wherever she happens to be. Those sort of kids are tops in our book.

Miss Katherine (Sunshine) Devoreux is back home again after submitting to a major operation performed by Dr. Lucas at the Leep Memorial Hospital at Bandon. We missed "Sunshine" a lot during her absence and are glad to welcome her back again.

Prime Minister Churchill's defeat at the polls in Great Britain demonstrated plainly the fickleness of the masses. The man who piloted them to victory was turned down flatly. We can see only one cause for his defeat—too many secret peace conferences, too much secrecy concerning governmental action, with a small measure of New Deal methods thrown in on the side. Remember, he was the one who stuck his nose clear across the ocean to tell the American public how they should vote at the last presidential election.

The Quaker American girl who married a Japanese at Seattle a year ago has given birth to twins. The father is in a concentration camp, he having refused to bear arms against our enemies but not in the least averse, so it appears, to bearing children for the purpose of propagating such a race in America that will eventually overrun this country. A shining example of such propagation is Honolulu prior to the present war. But the Japs are going to have to produce a lot of "doubles" to take up the slack in population after our boys get through with them in the South Pacific and the Japs' homeland.

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**Coquille Scouts
Win Honors At
Camp Lucky Boy**

A report from Camp Lucky Boy on Blue river, a fork of the MacKenzie, is that eight Coquille Boy Scouts had been at camp there—Charles and Ed Stevenson, Donald Ireland, Bruce Martin, Donald McLarrin, Richard and Leslie George and Bill Anderson. They were a part of the party which on Monday morning left the camp for a climb on Tuesday of the 10,053-foot, snow-capped mountain of Middle Sister. Leaving their over-night camp at Sunshine Shelter at 7:30 a. m., they climbed the north side of the Middle Sister.

After an eventful grind through beautiful alpine meadows, across long snowfields and glaciers interspersed with stretches of barren lava, the summit of the mountain was approached. It was necessary for the guides to cut ice steps up the final snow-covered cliff to reach the top.

The summit was reached by twelve noon, giving a climbing time of four hours, thirty minutes. The scouts enjoyed their trail lunches immensely, the rarer atmosphere seeming to add zest to boyish appetites. The descent was made very rapidly by sliding down the long snow fields. On reaching the lower ramparts of the mountain, the boys found a glacier-fed lake and many took advantage of the opportunity for a coop dip.

A new all-time high in scout advancement was made by Boy Scout troops attending this summer camp, as 70 per cent of the scouts received awards at the camp court of honor.

Awards to Coquille scouts at the court of honor, held at Stafford court, were to Richard George and Leslie George for the rank of first class; Donald McLarrin and Edward Stevenson for the rank of life, and merit badges to Edward Stevenson, hiking, camping, athletics, and Donald McLarrin, athletics, safety, hiking, camping, reading, all of Troop 63. Chuck Stevenson, member of the camp staff and also a member of troop 63, received life-saving, swimming and hiking merit badges.

**Third Annual T.B. Institute
Aug. 13-17 At Forest Grove**

The third annual institute conducted by the Oregon Tuberculosis Association for volunteer public health workers and executive secretaries of county health associations will be held August 13 to 17 at Pacific University at Forest Grove, Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the State Association announces. Registration will be at Herrick Hall of the university, August 12.

Some of the objectives of the institute, according to Mrs. Dunbar, are: to give volunteer workers a more comprehensive knowledge of the problems of public health education programs, public relations and organization, and to acquaint workers with current problems in the control of tuberculosis including case-finding methods and techniques. Methods of fund raising employed in the annual Christmas seal sale will also be discussed.

Twenty-three counties already have announced they are sending representatives and more are responding daily. Those invited have been officers of the county health associations such as president, vice-president, or executive secretary, or chairmen of health education committees.

**Bandon Plant Ships Million
Pounds Cheese In 1945**

During the first seven months of the current year, the local plant of the Coquille Valley Dairy Co-Op, at Bandon, has shipped over one million pounds of cheddar cheese in export boxes, wire-strapped for export abroad by government agencies, according to Wesley Chappell, manager of the local plant. This cheese comprised 28 carloads, each averaging over 42,000 net pounds.

This amount, together with local sales of cheese, makes a total of approximately one and a quarter million pounds of cheese produced during the year. During the current season, daily milk receipts have averaged a little higher than last year indicating that this year's total production should amount to nearly two million pounds of cheese.

Last year the local plant produced 1,842,625 pounds of cheese and nearly 200,000 pounds of butter.—Western World.

Individuals in Europe, Mr. Latham declared, there is reason to believe they are finding their way into the black markets abroad. He was, he said, "perfectly willing to share what we have with our needy European friends, but I cannot condone these uncontrolled, unlimited shipments of butter, sugar and meat point-free and irrespective of need." He demanded that the newly appointed secretary of agriculture take immediate steps to stop the practice.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Herb's Got a Great Little Wife

Everybody's talking about what a grand job Herb Helm is doing at the war plant. Not just one shift, but two a day—to help build the war materials our men need.

Good for Herb! But I'd like to say a word for Mary, Herb's wife. She runs the house, cooks the meals, takes care of the children, and works on salvage drives and bundles for the Red Cross. Believe me, that's tiring work for any woman!

Yet when Herb comes home—too tired to talk or watch where he drops his ashes, maybe—she makes allowances, keeps smiling, brings him a restful glass of beer, and makes enough conversation for them both. Next morning, Herb goes to work refreshed and cheerful.

From where I sit, women like Mary Helm are doing a great war job themselves... being tolerant and kind to husbands who are working under a heavy wartime strain. Bully for them!

Joe Marsh

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