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The Oregon-Boardman State Park System

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Sam Boardman, Oregon's incomparable superintendent of state parks, will on June 30 step aside in favor of a successor. The reason, the inexorable years.

Not altogether will Sam Boardman's active usefulness to Oregon end. Ben Chandler, of Coos Bay, chairman of the state highway commission, tells The Journal that the highway department will retain Mr. Boardman's services as consultant for the full legal limit possible under state regulation, and that is 600 hours a year. This is Mr. Chandler's tribute:

"Sam Boardman has done marvelous things for Oregon in seeking out all the beauty spots and recreational areas in Oregon. He is ending up with one of the finest state park systems in the United States, and it has just been a labor of love to him. He has spent many, many hours of his own time and effort. I only wish the people of Oregon could realize and appreciate fully what Sam Boardman has done. So few people do actually know and often they don't appreciate all that he has done. Certainly, as far as the highway commission is concerned, we will always remember Sam and his achievements."

Sam Boardman's achievements . . . parks along the Oregon coast like gems upon a golden cord . . . parks in central Oregon and in eastern Oregon that preserve the rugged allure of the last West . . . parks in southern Oregon and in eastern Oregon that are heights in public recreation . . . parks along the Columbia River highway . . . parks on the slopes of the Cascade and Coast ranges.

Sam Boardman has wrangled parks in spite of reluctant budgets. He has persuaded citizens to widen these roadside playgrounds by gifts of land and money. He has had a dedicated ideal and sought its fulfillment shrewdly, persistently and effectively.

Leo Borah of the National Geographic society once spoke of Sam Boardman as the most interesting personality in Oregon. The American Scenic and Historic Preservation society with principal offices in New York awarded him its bronze medal. He has created enormous value by his efforts and all of it has gone to enrich the public.

Sam Boardman is first to say the job isn't finished. To meet the needs of increasing population and to meet exceptional opportunity there should be more state parks more widely scattered. A highway commissioner should be assigned to special responsibility in the development of state parks. It is a credit to the state highway commission that it will retain the consultant services of its state park leader.

And it is only well-earned recognition to name as Boardman park the primitive area which the state highway department is obtaining on the southern Oregon coast in Curry county. We've said it before and now repeat:

Other states have state park superintendents. Oregon has Sam Boardman.

It is worth money to name a U. S. senator . . . at least it so appears from the costs filed by Dave Hoover, the Deadwood farmer, and Wayne Morse. Hoover's backers spent the neat sum of \$54,005 and Morse's friends chipped in \$28,448. Who pays off, and how?

The signs on Taylor street say slow . . . but is it a sign of the times that slow means 45 miles an hour even to large loaded trucks? Carelessness and speeding on Taylor will cause a nice mess some day. Time to change the future is the present.

There's more good down-to-the earth common sense in the Pomona Grange's idea to hold a non-partisan ballot for county officers than meets the eye. You can't tell the difference between parties now-days and good officials are good officials. Sometimes party tags keep them from getting nominated.

A small Minnesota weekly — the Star-Gazette of Moosehead — won the Sigma Delta Chi award for distinguished public service for waging a fight to have the Carlton county (Minnesota) clerk of vital statistics open his records to the public.

Editor James F. Etzell refused to limit news sources to reports from public officials, as an unnecessary risk to bureaucratic censorship. Instead the Star-Gazette insisted that public records themselves at all times be opened to the public and to the newspapers. We congratulate the Minnesota weekly for bringing this distinguished honor to the weekly press. It is important in this day when more and more public official bodies are attempting to transact business "sub-rosa" in secret or closed meetings, and release only what they want to have published to the newspaper through their spokesmen, not from unbiased reporting done by newspaper men or women. It is not only on local levels, but on state and national that the tendency has developed.

Friends of Oscar Larson tell us that the highways are now cleared of snow into Diamond Lake. They say it is good news for fishermen. And after having tasted a huge rainbow caught by Orville Wood last year on Diamond, we'd say it does rate as "good news."

cently, with an all-day meeting and potluck dinner. They worked on a quilt for Mrs. Crowley. Those present were Mrs. Al Rickens, Mrs. Raymond Lynn, Mrs. Elmer Wilson, Mrs. Tom Leifesta, Mrs. Kenneth Laird, Mrs. W. A. Nickason and the hostess.

PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, June 6, 1930)

In the latter part of 1928 the Smith Wood-Products, Inc., received permission from the Corporation Commissioner of the State of Oregon to conduct a portion of its business at Coquille. The company consists of a main factory at Coquille, and smaller factories at Kansas City, Chicago and Boston. It is now one of the leading industries in Coos county and is offering a \$100,000 bond issue. Practically all the business is owned by the ones who are actively engaged in its operation. Ralph L. Smith of Kansas City is president, George A. Ulett of Coquille is vice president and manager. R. A. Jeub is factory superintendent and Kenneth Lawrence is the yard and mill superintendent. Furber S. Emery of Needham, Mass., manages the Boston plant.

Very seldom does a ball team ever come from behind, after spotting the other club ten runs, and win out as the Coquille Loggers did Sunday from the Portland West Siders. When the Loggers went to bat in the sixth the score was 10-0, but by good solid stick work they amassed 13 runs in four innings, and won 13-12.

David E. Rackleff and W. J. Baker were yesterday noon initiated into the Coquille Lions club. Election of officers resulted in the following being chosen: W. V. Ferguson, J. E. Norton, R. A. Jeub, H. W. Covalt, N. C. Kelley, J. A. Fitzpatrick, George A. Ulett, H. E. Hess and D. F. Thompson.

Donald Farr is the second Coquille Boy Scout to become an Eagle Scout, he having been awarded the honor last Wednesday evening by Scout Executive E. A. Britton at the Court of Honor held in the city hall. Donald has been awarded 21 merit badges.

Announcement has been made that Miss Margaret Bell, daughter of a former Episcopal vicar here, Rev. A. W. Bell now of Dunsmuir, Calif., is to be united in marriage next Tuesday to Austin Graham Dodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dodge of Myrtle Point.

Now that the weather appears to be settled, a street dance is scheduled to be held in Coquille on Saturday of next week. The dance is to be given for the benefit of the baseball club, with music by the Blue Moon orchestra.

The Bandon-Riverton section of the Roosevelt highway which is now under construction is progressing rapidly, with approximately 350 cubic yards of rock being laid a day.

There have been approximately 1,000 beef cattle tested for tuberculosis in the vicinity of Myrtle Point this spring, without one reaction.

Coquille's fourth annual flower show will be held June 13 in the Community building.

At Sitkum

A wedding shower was given Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clarno in the gym Monday evening, May 29. The couple were married in the Methodist church in Myrtle Point, May 21st. They received many lovely gifts after which cake, coffee and ice cream were served. The couple will make their home in Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Simmons of Coquille were dinner guests Sunday, May 28, at the Ivan Laird home.

Mrs. Al Volk of Langlois and Alva Harry visited recently at the Perley Crowley home and with Mrs. Belle Laird.

The Myrtle Leaf club met at the home of Mrs. Perley Crowley re-

An Eruption Soon?



Hailey Laird of Coquille visited in the valley last week.

Those to graduate from the Myrtle Point high school were Laura Shelton and Dick Southmayd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Laird, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nickason attended the funeral of their uncle, John Wilson of Roseburg.

Aunt Belle Laird who was in the Mast hospital in Myrtle Point for several days was able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Binger Laird of Roseburg spent the week-end at the Laird home and attended the wedding shower for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clarno.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith and children, Arland, Gary and Betty, visited Tuesday at the Elwin Alford home.

Mrs. W. A. Nickason, Mrs. Elmer Wilson, Mrs. Ted Kirsch and Mrs. Kenneth Laird attended the Mobil x-ray meeting in Myrtle Point.

Mrs. Shelton of Oakland, California, is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shelton. She came to attend the graduation exercises in Myrtle Point Wednesday evening when her granddaughter, Laura Shelton, graduated. She plans to stay several months.

Mrs. Ed Brown gave a Stanley party at her home Friday. Mrs. Raymond Lynn gave White House parties Wednesday and Thursday at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wright are the proud parents of a son born recently in the Mast hospital in Myrtle Point.

Sunday after Sunday school there was a potluck dinner at the gym, after which services were conducted by Rev. John Perish, the Christian minister in Myrtle Point. Mrs. Perish came with him, also Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown.

Now you Know!

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By ERNIE SMITH



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Mr. and Mrs. James Watson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lillie, Joseph Simmons, Emogene Jean, Helen and Harley Hester, all enjoyed a picnic and swimming in the South fork of the Coquille river near the Glen Gulstrom ranch at Broadbent Sunday.

C. F. St. Sure of Bandon was a Thursday evening dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Myers.

Mrs. William S. McMichael left Saturday noon for Greeley, Colorado, on a business trip and visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiles Florida.

W. S. Miller, and will return home the latter part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eddington and family of Gooding, Idaho, were visitors at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bean.

Mrs. Lillian Smead of Portland is spending the summer here with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bean.

Tests on frozen concentrated milk are being conducted at the Florida Citrus Cannery in Lake Wales Florida.

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