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HOW ABOUT A "BE KIND TO FIREFIGHTERS" WEEK?

Fourth of July is a day of great fun and loud noise for kids from six to sixty, but mention this particular holiday to a fireman and he starts mumbling to himself and plucking at his shirt buttons.

And, if you don't like to see strong men weep, don't mention this date near a Forest Service employee. Their special problem is the thoughtful parent who takes the kids out in the woods to shoot up their fireworks "where they won't bother anybody." Why oh why couldn't the Founding Fathers have had foresight enough to sign the Declaration in January or February or some other month out of fire season?

Of course it's against the law to discharge fireworks in the national park or national forest, but it is a little difficult for the under-manned Park and Forest Services to station an enforcement officer on every corner throughout their vast domains. So they go on spending the week (or perhaps month) after fourth of July battling fires started by a smoldering firecracker (how aptly named!) or a wayward skyrocket.

Fireworks manufacturers have striven mightily to develop "fire-proof" fireworks, but it is a conflict of interests which can never be resolved. Reminds us of a "high flash-point, non-explosive" gasoline developed by an aviation company a few years ago. Don't hear much about it now; it passed its safety tests with flying colors, but temperamental aircraft engines turned up their noses at the skim milk diet, and at last count the company was attacking the problem from the other side by trying to develop an engine that would run on distilled water. Which is immaterial perhaps, except that maybe the fireworks manufacturers could be induced to put out a firecracker packed with damp sand.

Even the comparatively innocuous little sparkler which throws off the cold sparks leaves a red-hot glowing wire behind—remember how you used to step on them with your bare feet? Dropped in dry grass, leaves or pine needles, those wires are just as dangerous as a cigarette or lighted match.

And remember how we used to use the glowing stump of an exploded firecracker as a piece of punk to light more firecrackers? Imagine that lethal butt smoldering away in an explosive patch of woods or clump of grass.

We're not trying to tell anyone to pass up the fireworks; fat lot of good that would do. Besides, we have a couple of packages of three-inch flashlight powder specials left over from last year that we have to get rid of somehow. What we do urge is that fireworks be discharged in a safe place, under competent adult supervision. There are a lot of sand bars and gravel patches along our streams that make excellent picnic spots, besides giving the juvenile set a fine place to explore the blasting potentialities of a short fuse five inch salute.

Coming to skyrockets and other misguided projectiles, they should be tracked by radar and drenched with five gallons of water within ten seconds after coming to earth. This can be made instructive as well as entertaining by simulating a "futuristic" war and treating the rockets like guided missiles from the enemy's lines.

They can be just as destructive.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

The Centennial of UNCLE DAN-MASTER SCOUT JUNE 21-1850-1950

WHEN YOUNG DAN BEARD HELPED TO ORGANIZE THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IN 1910, HIS "AMERICAN BOYS' HANDY BOOK" HAD BEEN THE GOSPEL OF WOODCRAFT AND HANDICRAFT FOR GENERATIONS OF BOYS—AND ITS AUTHOR WAS 60 YEARS OLD.



BUT "YOUNG" DESCRIBES HIM, FOR HIS LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING OF BOYS MADE HIM ONE OF THEM, AND UNTIL HIS DEATH AT 91, THAT GENUINE BOYISHNESS IN HIS HEART MADE HIM TOP SCOUT TO ALL SCOUTS, AND TO MILLIONS OF OTHER BOYS—AND MEN.

BY PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE—AND ALWAYS WITHOUT PREACHING OR CONDESCENSION—HE TAUGHT THE KIND OF INITIATIVE, INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY OF USEFULNESS THAT MAKES GOOD SCOUTS AND GOOD CITIZENS.

Capital Parade

BY MURRAY WADE

BUSY GOVERNOR

Governor Douglas McKay worked in his office only seventeen hours the past week. His itinerary will show most of it was overtime.

Tuesday morning he left the capital for Werner valley, where with other members of the state land board and members of the state game commission he inspected the Werner valley reclamation project in Lake county.

Wednesday evening he drove to Klamath Falls to take an airplane for San Francisco to attend the Pacific Coast Bureau of Intergovernmental Relations composed of federal, state, county and city officials.

He returned to Oregon by airplane in time to act as grand marshal of the Portland Rose Show parade and functional gatherings.

Governor and Mrs. McKay left Sunday for White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, to attend the national governor's conference. The governor is the only member of the executive committee of the organization from a western state.

Governor and Mrs. O. L. Patterson of West Virginia are official hosts at the conference.

The McKays will return to Oregon before July 1.

INDIGENT FUND FLUSH

The fund for relief of persons injured on the highway by motor vehicles now shows a balance of \$73,411, the state industrial accident commission reported Monday.

The fund was created by the 1941 legislature and is used by the payment of hospital nurses, ambulances, and doctors in cases where the injured persons are destitute or very poor. The fund is derived on the basis of 25 cents from each motor vehicle driver's license issued by the secretary of state. The use of the fund is an approximate thermometer of the financial condition of the common-labor workman.

OREGON FINANCIALLY FIT

"The taxation problems of Oregon appear to be less severe than those of other states," said Oregon's Budget Director Harry Dorman, who has just returned from Boston where he attended the annual convention of federal, state, county and city budget officials.

"I have never attended a more serious minded meeting. Budget directors generally, and particularly those from eastern states, are a nervous lot these days," Dorman declared.

DECRY P. O. DIRECTIVE

The postmaster general's recent directive for curtailment of postal services, when fully performed, "will virtually wreck what was once called 'the greatest service organization on earth,'" is a part of a resolution adopted by the Oregon State Federation of Postal Clerks and auxiliary Saturday in Salem.

"The directive is a step backward toward the days of the pony

express," the resolution said.

Copies of the declaration will be sent to the president, to Oregon's senators and congressmen, and the president of the American Federation of Labor.

UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINE

Payments to Oregon's unemployed dropped to a point that is lower than at any time during the past year.

Only 9,690 persons received checks for unemployment compensation during the past week, as compared with 18,338 in the last week of April and 14,419 a year ago. About one-fifth of those receiving compensation were logging and lumber workers. Another 11 percent were food processors in the Portland area.

SPEED WORST KILLER

Excessive speed was the principal factor in 90 fatal accidents in Oregon last year, Secretary of State Earl Newby revealed this week.

Traffic accidents killed 28 persons in Oregon during this month, bringing the total for 1950 to 107 compared with 102 at the same time last year.

'E' Bond Sale Still On

Sales of E Bonds in Oregon for the week ending June 3 amounted to \$353,734, according to figures released yesterday by the Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank to Mr. E. C. Sammons, State Chairman of the Savings Bonds Division of the Treasury. This brings the State up to 23% of its assigned quota of \$5,892,000 for the Drive which ends on July 4.

Reports from Washington indicate Oregon was fifteenth in the Nation for the week ending May 27, on the basis of sales toward quota. These figures also showed that at that time Oregon led the Northwest and Pacific Coast.

Sales figures for the week indicate that Gilliam County sold 58% of its assigned quota and became the first county in the State to go over the top. Purchases by the people of Gilliam County to date total 126% of their quota. Jackson County citizens also had a whopping big sales week with 18% of their quota purchased in seven days.

According to Noble Stanton, Drive Chairman, E Bonds sales in this county last week were \$6,487. Total sales in the county to date are \$27,881 or 34% of the assigned quota of \$80,000. The county is now in 4th position on the basis of percentage of sales.

Oregon's replica of the Liberty Bell is spending its time in the northwest corner of the State this week, its schedule calling for visits to St. Helens and Astoria prior to its appearance as one of the attractions in the Portland Rose Festival and Lebanon Strawberry Festival. Interest in the Liberty Bell unit remains high every place it is being displayed.

Competitive Exams For Academies Will Be Held Monday, Junly 15th

Congressman Harris Ellsworth announced today that competitive examinations for appointments to vacancies at both the U. S. Naval and U. S. Military Academies will be conducted by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Monday July 17th, 1950, at the Post Office buildings in Albany, Coos Bay, Eugene, Grants Pass, Medford, Roseburg and Reedsport.

Candidates for the Academies must never have been married, and must be bonifide residents of the Fourth Congressional District. As of the date of entrance into the Academies, July 1, 1951, appointees must be 17 years of age. The maximum entrance ages for West Point and Annapolis are 22, and 21 respectively. Candidates now in the armed services are eligible to compete.

The examination will be confined to vocabulary and reading, spatial relations, and algebra. Nominations to the academies will be on the basis of grades earned in the competitive examination.

Candidates desiring to compete should notify Congressman Harris Ellsworth, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. not later than June 28th, indicating their choice of place for examination, legal residence, and dates of birth.

Kerby Library To Be Open All Summer

The Kerby Station of the Grants Pass County Library will be open Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is located in the Masonic Building at Kerby.

There is a new collection of children's and adult's books and requests will receive immediate attention.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Oh—My Aching Feet!

Other night just as I was settling down with a book and a mellow glass of beer, the wife calls down, "Joe—I almost forgot—you and I are going over to the High School and take dancing lessons!"

Now, I can waltz with the best of them, so I put up a quiet struggle against going but it was no use. Turns out it was the class in square dancing. And from the look on some of the other men I judged I wasn't the only one there who had been taken by surprise!

Miss Williams and Curly Lawson taught us what to do with our

feet, and before it was over, darn if I wasn't actually enjoying myself. Going back next week, too!

From where I sit, we sometimes get an idea into our head for or against something and then hang onto it for dear life. Whether it's square dancing, or the right to enjoy temperate beer or ale now and then, we owe it to ourselves as Americans to take an open-minded attitude—that's even after we make up our minds about it!

Joe Marsh

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