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Trail Marking, Day To Be Observed

Schools Asked To
Aid Program At
Memorial Services

Presented to congress is a proposal that every shut-in shall be given a pension of \$60 a month. It is estimated that there are 3,000,000 of such unfortunates in the United States; they are, in many instances, in dire distress—live, many of them, in wheel chairs and cannot go outdoors. The proposed pension is \$25 a month more than the highest pension proposed under the Murray-Truman-Kilgore bill for unemployed war industry workers.

The American federation of physically handicapped is behind the demand. The federation asserts that the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped (estimated by this organization at 25,000,000 in the United States), is a responsibility of the federal government and not of the states or counties. There are supposed to be 270,000 blind people, on the basis of two to every 1,000 of population. Of this number only 10,000 are employed; whereas, contends the federation, with proper attention, provided with eye glasses, etc., at least twice that number could be working. Under the social security act 75,000 sightless people are receiving \$25 a month.

If the government took hold of rehabilitation on a broad scale and such industry set aside two percent of its jobs for the physically handicapped, the problem would be largely solved. President Roosevelt has given the federation his blessing, but he is not behind the demand for the \$60 a month pension.

The prediction is made by the federation for physically handicapped that the number of persons so classified will constantly increase and that it will receive heavy recruitment with the termination of the war and the demobilization of the armed forces. For the veterans, however, congress has already made provision in the so-called GI bill of rights.

A special house committee has been appointed to make an investigation of the physically handicapped problem and opened hearings a few days ago. Cooperating with the committee are representatives of the department of labor, who are in more intimate touch with these unfortunates than any other departments of the government.

Under a measure to dispose of government property now in process of debate in the senate, certain property can be disposed of by transfer to various institutions without cost, while in other instances items classified as surplus will be available to states, counties, and municipalities at a price not less than 50 percent of the market value. The tax supported and non-profit institutions would receive medical supplies and equipment for surgeries, etc. The surplus property that is suitable for school class rooms or other educational use could be donated to states and their political subdivisions and to tax-supported institutions under certain regulations. The measure in the senate varies from legislation the house has been considering and affords a wider latitude for free distribution of all surplus property.

There are great areas of land taken over by the army and navy for installations which are no longer required and have become "surplus" property to be disposed of. Proposal has been made that this acreage be sold in "family-size" farms. This has led to the question of what is a family size farm. There is no standard farm of family size, as congress has discovered. It may be 40 acres in

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AAA Now Put On Calendar Year Basis

Opening and closing dates for AAA conservation practices have been placed on a uniform calendar basis for all parts of Oregon by action of the state committee, Chairman Robert Taylor has just announced. Coast counties and Eastern Oregon were previously on this basis.

Effect of the change is to extend the closing date for 1944 practices from September 1 to December 1 in Willamette valley and southern Oregon counties. Taylor explained. This may be important to many AAA co-operators who can continue the year's projects through the fall months. The state committee considered other seasonal matters as well as next year's budget as the session just held at the state headquarters on the OSC campus.

Electric Fences Good If Good

Electric fences are excellent for many farm purposes—but don't try to use a homemade outfit, warns Clyde Walker, extension agriculture engineer, and F. E. Price, agriculture engineer of the OSC experiment station in a brief illustrated bulletin dealing with construction and maintenance of electric fences in Oregon.

Oregon law requires that any electric fence controller for sale or use in Oregon be inspected and carry an approval stamp prominently on the case. Even were this not required, the authors state, homemade devices are usually so dangerous that the loss of one animal might easily far exceed the cost of an approved controller.

Electric fences are not recommended for main line fences or for corrals but can be successfully used otherwise for controlling cattle, horses and hogs. Sheep and goats have been controlled in some instances but not always successfully.

The bulletin gives construction details including posts, wire, insulators and gates. How to train animals to respect an electric fence and how to maintain it is included.

Gasoline consumption in Oregon during the first seven months of 1944 exceeded use for the same period of 1943 by 2,169,026 gallons, it was disclosed today at the secretary of state's office in Salem.

Consumption through July totaled 129,652,949.45 gallons this year, compared to 127,483,922.87 gallons a year ago.

For the month of July, consumption dropped slightly under last year. During the month, there were 20,702,071 gallons used, compared to 21,833,024 a year ago.

Medler-Macnab Wedding Held

Miss Helen Macnab, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Macnab of The Dalles became the bride of Leland Medler of Waco at an 11 o'clock ceremony held at St. Peter's Catholic church on Monday morning, August 28. The service was read by Rev. William Roden in a setting of pink and white gladioli and white tapers. The wedding music was played by Mrs. George Borgeson and Miss Monica Radcliffe sang "Ave Maria."

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Donald Macnab of Waco. Her only attendant was her sister, Mrs. E. W. McMillen of Portland. William Macnab, brother of the bride, was best man for the groom.

A reception was held at the Macnab home for relatives. The wedding cake was first cut by the bride and was attractively arranged on the table from which refreshments were served buffet style.

The couple left on a short wedding trip after which they will be at home on the Medler ranch.

USO Campaign Set For Early In October

County Quota
Raised From That
Of Last Year

The county quotas for the National War Fund (USO) campaign which will begin in October have been received. Sherman county's quota is \$1600.00 which is larger than the sum asked last year.

It was thought that the state quota would be smaller for 1944 but demands of the services made that impossible. The quota is therefore larger. The National War Fund will need \$1,097,846 from Oregon. Another item has been added to the state quota this year. It is the mental hygiene and child-caring agencies which are to receive \$261,072 from the fund, of which Sherman county will provide \$234.95.

These agencies received nothing from the county fund last year and the mental hygiene society protested saying that its work would be greatly increased from the effects of the war. They have been included.

Little Money Needed

The campaign in Sherman county will be made easier because the county court and budget committee appropriated \$1000 for this purpose last May and this will be available at the beginning of the drive. Since small amounts are already credited to the county that will make it necessary to raise less than \$500 to meet the quota.

From a soliciting point of view the job will be made easier if the entire sum was to be raised. It has not been the policy of the county committee to raise funds in excess of the need.

The county committee is Geo. Potter, A. A. Dunlap, and Gles French with Merle Becket, treasurer. They will be in charge of solicitation in their respective sections of the county.

Colored Leathers Now Saleable

Color restrictions have been eliminated on all types of footwear other than two-tone shoes. Previously only black, white, Army russet, town brown and natural colors were permitted. Other relaxations on footwear production provide that new designs, lasts and patterns may be introduced provided the manufacturer can do so without employing additional workers, and leather bows may be used if made from scrap leather. Controls on two-tone shoes have been amended so as not to apply to the coloring of stitching, lacings, bindings, bows, metal findings or eyelets.

And This Little Pig Cried



Bemoaning their fate are three little pigs, the prized captives of these three marines on Guam island. The Leathernecks are holding on tight and there is little hope of escape for the porkers. Left to right the marines are: Pfc. Ed D. Davidson, Portland, Ore.; Pfc. Jack L. Mathieu, Bridgman, Mich.; and Pfc. Clyde A. Morrison of Paxton, Ill.

Portland Wheat Market Higher For Change

Cash wheat prices at Portland showed somewhat irregular fluctuations and at the close ranged from 1c higher on ordinary classes to 1c per bushel lower on some protein qualities as compared with a week ago. The week was extremely quiet in the cash market reflecting very slow demand from all classes of terminal buyers. Mills appeared supplied for their current needs for the most part and were very selective in their takings which were mostly limited to occasional protein lots. The protein quality of this year's crop in the Pacific Northwest is reported lower than average especially on Hard Whites, and at times mills met difficulty in obtaining their requirements. Wheat receipts at Puget Sound and Columbia River terminals continued seasonally heavy at 1,045 cars for the week of which Portland had 315 cars.

Mrs. Truman Strong At Father's Funeral

C. A. Rasch, father of Mrs. Truman Strong, died at his home in Redmond last Sunday morning at the age of 81 years and ten months. Funeral services were held there Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Rasch was born in Denmark and came to this country when a boy. After ten years he returned to Denmark and married, bringing his bride to Oregon where they made their home. They celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary this summer.

In addition to Mrs. Strong he is survived by his widow, and two sons, Herman of Redmond and Walter of Tacoma, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Strong and their daughter, Mrs. Frances Watkins and Mr. Watkins attended the funeral.

County Court Hears Reports On Affairs

The county court met Wednesday and despite the fact that little was done in August except payment of a few bills there was little accumulated business before them. Another group of bills were paid and a delegation heard about repairing the road by the Rosebush school house. E. R. Blaylock and Harold Eakin were the petitioners.

A letter had been received from the bureau of biological survey stating that it had been impossible so far to obtain a trapper for this county. Harold Dobyns is expected to come to discuss the situation soon.

In the meantime the court is receiving many complaints about the prevalence of coyotes, which are killing sheep rapidly in nearly all parts of the county.

LeRoy Wright reported that there would probably be some additional expense above the \$842 already paid for the cricket baiting operations conducted in May. Sherman county's share is 30 percent of the total as it contained 30 percent of the acreage baited. A good kill of the crickets was reported to the court.

CATHOLICS BUY HOUSE

A. M. Hicks has sold the building formerly occupied by the Sherman County News in Waco to the Roman Catholic church, through the office of the bishop in Baker. Use to which the building will be put has not been disclosed.

CARS NOT BUSES

Word from the state school superintendents office is that passenger cars are not classified as school buses and the rule governing the drivers of school buses do not apply to those who take pupils to school in passenger cars. They may be as young as 15 years old.

George R. Hyslop Memorial Fund Started Here

County Committee
Organized To Raise
Scholarship Funds

The organization meeting for the county's participation in the George R. Hyslop Agricultural Research Memorial was held at the court house Saturday evening, being called by Harry D. Proudfoot, state chairman.

Purpose of the fund is to raise \$300,000 to establish one or more research scholarships which will be known as the Hyslop fund. Tentatively named as managers of the fund are the president of the college, the head of the school of agronomy and the head of the agriculture school. Graduates who are qualified and interested will be aided by the interest from the fund and encouraged to do research work that will carry on the fine work of George Hyslop in aiding Oregon agriculture.

Hyslop Lauded

Mr. Proudfoot told of some of the things done by Hyslop in getting better crops grown in Oregon and in obtaining better markets for Oregon products. No part of the state, said he, has been without aid from George Hyslop's active life and it is fitting that every county aid this memorial to him.

The state committee hopes to be discharged from its duties by the first of the year with the plans all drawn for the memorial fund. Pledge books were given to solicitors who will each have a list of men to interview. Funds may be received at any time by the fund. The state committee has worked without expense for personal service, none being paid. Funds donated by individuals are deductible from income taxes.

On the county committee, headed by James B. Adams, are: LeRoy Wright, A. A. Dunlap, Carroll Sayre, Merle Becket, Frank von Borstel, Paulsen Knaberg, Millard Eakin, G. H. Root, Lester Barnum, Walter Bruckert, W. T. Baisinger, David Reid, Clarence Sparling, O. G. Eiderbrand, J. L. Davis, H. B. Philkinton, Gles French, C. A. Tom, Joe Petak, Wallace May, Merrill Oveson and J. K. McKean.

State Needs Office Help

Examinations for Clerk-Superintendents, Senior Clerk-Superintendents, Clerk-Typists, Intermediate Clerks, Senior Clerks, Telephone Operators, Statistical Clerks, Assistant Statisticians, Census Worker II, and Caseworker III and IV are announced for September 30 by the Merit System Council. Successful applicants will be eligible for permanent appointments in offices throughout the state for the Unemployment Compensation Commission, Public Welfare Commission, Board of Health, and in Portland for the Oregon Division of the U. of O. Medical School. Employees under the Merit System, in addition to permanent tenure, receive certain privileges and rights concerning vacations and sick leaves that make positions highly desirable.

Definite standards of performance and background experience are established for each position. This is in accordance with the principles of Merit System administration in seeking the best possible employees for the positions in the service and providing them with the best possible personnel services and rights.

Detailed information and application forms may be secured from Lola Martin, Welfare Administrator at Moro, but must be returned to Merit System Council, 616 Mead Bldg., Portland, by Sept. 18.

Japanese Civilians Interned At Tinian



Portion of a group of Japanese civilians rounded up by U. S. Marines at Tinian. They are awaiting transportation to an internment camp behind the lines.