

Boating Safety Hints And Precautions Told By Expert

If you're one of the thousands of Oregonians who'll enjoy boating this summer, take some beforehand precautions that may save your life.

Andy S. Landforce, Oregon State University extension wildlife specialist offers these 10 reminders.

1. Don't put too many passengers or too much equipment in your boat. A small fishing boat, 12 feet or less, is considered fully loaded with two or three persons and their equipment. Some 14-foot skiffs or utility boats may carry four persons and their equipment safely. Wide-beamed, 15 to 18-foot runabouts, may accommodate four or five persons safely.

2. Don't "overpower" your boat. Many manufacturers specify maximum horsepower for their boats. It's safer for the boat and its passengers to have it underpowered.

When fully clothed, wear approved life jackets while traveling, cruising, or fishing from the boat. If swimming from a boat, store approved life jackets or seat cushions for each person in the boat.

4. Don't race at excessive speeds close to swimming areas. There's danger of a stray swimmer getting in the path of a speeding race boat. Remember, says Landforce, sailboats have the sight of way over motor boats.

5. Before leaving home, be sure your boat and its trailer are in good shape and have the proper licenses. Check boat for cracks and leaks before every excursion.

6. Use common sense in boating. Avoid rocks, snags, stumps and floating debris. Cut the motor before reaching shore and use a paddle to beach the craft safely. It's easier on the boat and also safer.

Don't stand up in the boat while traveling. A quick swerve may throw the occupant into the water.

8. When getting into a boat, step carefully in the middle to avoid its tipping.

9. Know and obey boating laws and regulations. Everyone has a better time if the next driver is courteous and avoids horseplay, says Landforce.

10. If your boat turns over in the water, stay with it no matter how well you can swim. Many persons who drown from capsized boats are swimmers. Float the boat into shore by holding on and paddling if there is no possible rescue available.

Water Outlook Has Improved For Two Counties

The 1963 water supply outlook for Hood River and Wasco counties has improved during April, according to report released today by T. P. Helseth, State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service (USDA) cooperating with Oregon State University, Oregon State Engineers and others. Cool, wet weather increased the snowpack at higher elevations much more than the usual for April resulting in increases in streamflow forecasts for the area. However, streamflow will be better than in 1944 and 1941.

Water content of the snowpack is now 42 percent of average and 69 percent of last year at this time.

Above normal precipitation continued to improve the soil moisture. Watershed soils are well primed and should produce good yield to runoff from future storms.

Clear Lake now has 5,600 acre feet in storage as compared to 6,100 acre feet a year ago on May 1st.

The flow of Hood River near Hood River (from preliminary data from the U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon) was 78 percent of average during April and has been 81 percent of average for the October 1 - May 1 period.

Streamflow forecasts have been raised as a result of a cool, wet April. They now range from 60 percent or 160,000 acre feet for Hood River near Hood River for the May - September period to 65 percent for 115,000 acre feet on White River for the April - September period. The West Fork of Hood River is expected to flow 111,000 acre feet or 64 percent for the April - September period.

Statewide, Oregon's gloomy 1963 water supply outlook was improved by above normal precipitation over most of the state. Reservoirs received much-needed increases in storage and the need for early use of stored water was greatly delayed. Streamflow forecasts for the remainder of the season have improved slightly.

although still well below average. Late season water supplies from natural streamflow are still expected to be "poor" unless above normal precipitation continues throughout the irrigation season. The next report on snow surveys and water supply conditions will be issued on or about June 7, 1963.

Kindergarten Program Offered At Eastern Oregon

Eastern Oregon College will offer a seminar in Methods and Materials in the Kindergarten Program during the period of June 17 through 28.

The observation of children in an actual kindergarten situation will be a part of the course. This seminar will be conducted by Miss Alene Gossage, kindergarten specialist and associate professor of education at the college.

The regular 1963 Summer Session at Eastern Oregon College is scheduled from June 17 through August 9. Anyone wishing further information on summer session offerings may write to John M. Miller, Director of the Summer Session, or to the Office of the Registrar.

UP To Purchase 2100 New Freight Cars

Plans for acquisition of 2100 new freight cars were announced today by Union Pacific Railroad.

The cars are part of an \$80,000,000 capital expenditure to be made by the Railroad in 1963. They are scheduled for delivery during the remainder of this year and the first part of 1964.

Cars to be acquired include 500 50-foot double door boxcars of 70-ton capacity; 100 50-foot double door boxcars of 90-ton capacity; 50 60-foot boxcars of 90-ton capacity with double flush doors; 400 50-foot insulated boxcars of 70-ton capacity; 300 40-foot double deck livestock cars; 450 covered hopper cars of 90-ton 3500 cubic foot capacity; 50 flat cars of 70-ton capacity, and 250 ore cars of 90-ton capacity.

All of the cars will be equipped with roller bearings. The box cars will all have cushioning devices to provide maximum protection for lading, and the livestock cars will be built with slatted steel sides.

FARM BUREAU FURROW

By Scott Lamb

Bracero Program Defeat May Affect Oregon Crops

When Congress refused to extend P.L. 78 for another two years, they did more than surrender to the nation's labor movement and the National Council of Churches. In a close vote, the House of Representatives may have set off a series of events which can well be felt across the land.

Three years ago about three million Mexican workers crossed our borders to work in the harvest fields at wages never dreamed of in Mexico. Since then a calculated war has been waged to discredit the program as slave labor.

Actually, the employers of the Mexican workers are under strict regulation by government and must pay wages equal to or above the prevailing wage in any area using braceros. Strict sanitary codes, housing codes, even transportation, are rigidly enforced.

The repercussions coming from the action by Congress will be felt in the pear-growing area next year where approximately 250-300 braceros are used. Perhaps a greater labor squeeze will be noted in other specialty crops in the area. Without the braceros, used extensively in California, local workers will no longer seek work in cool Oregon since they will have steady employment in the southern areas of the nation.

This exodus will create a serious shortage of workers in Oregon and cause a considerable loss of crops. The theory that it will force higher wages for workers is false since crop prices deter-

mine the amount a grower can pay for his labor. A large majority of small growers are now barely making a living in our key specialty crops. It becomes necessary to bid for labor, they will have no alternative except to quit farming.

This in turn will raise the cost of products as they become more scarce and agriculture will be in the same position as the other trades that have priced themselves out of business.

Another result will come in the form of more skilled labor for agriculture. Farmers who are forced to pay more for labor will rightfully expect more production from the labor they hire. Higher production is difficult to accomplish in the present agricultural labor force. Such people are largely untrained and many are untrainable. If they were not hired by the agricultural industry, they would become wards of the government and an added expense to the tax rolls.

Sixteen votes in the House of Representatives can make a big splash across the land. The vote could also have international repercussions in shutting off the flow of braceros in this forerunner of the Peace Corps. It is a known fact that the Communists are working diligently among the unemployed in all of Latin America. Shutting off the flow of Mexican workers and throwing hundreds of thousands of braceros

on the labor market in Mexico could aid considerable in the Communist movement in that nation. Communists work best with the unemployed.

We hope Congress will recon-

sider their action. The bracero program has been a good neighbor policy of practical action. Both parties were happy with the way it was operated. The labor vote in Congress was unfortun-

ate for both the Mexican worker and the grower in the United States.

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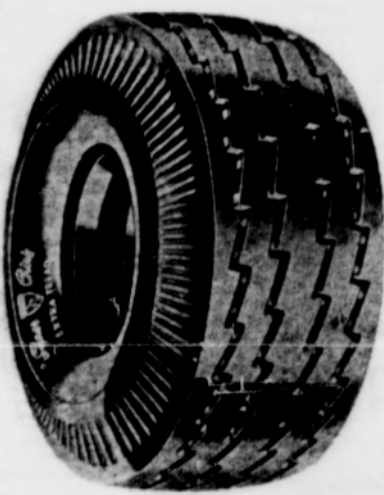
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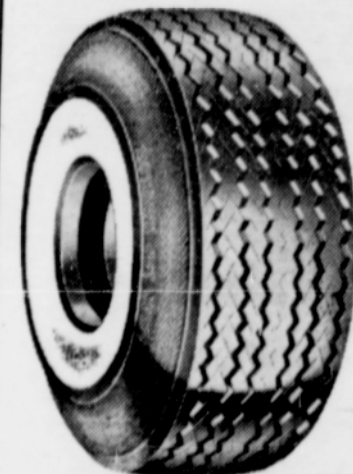


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