

Boy Scout Court of Honor Held at Wasco

A Court of Honor was held for the Boy Scouts of Wasco and Moro in the Methodist church of Wasco Monday night with representatives from both cities present. Scoutmaster N. S. Hawk presided as the chairman, and was assisted by H. D. Proudfoot, R. O. Scott, B. E. Davis and Scout Executive W. W. Belcher. There were no Wasco scouts ready for the court, but Star Scout Donald Davis and Thomas Fraser came before the court and were awarded merit badges and the rank of life scout.

Thomas Fraser earned merit badges in bird study, pathfinding and horsemanship while Donald Davis received badges for carpentry, physical development and pathfinding. Scoutmaster Hawk presented each scout with the emblem of a life scout, showing that they had earned ten or more merit badges, of which five are in the required class and the balance were elective. Each scout also presented evidence that he was active in his troop, was trying to develop leadership ability and was living up to the scout oath and law.

An interesting moment developed when Captain Scott, the assistant scoutmaster of the Wasco troop, who was a member of the examining board, called to the attention of the visitors the fact that he was the commanding officer of the company in which Tommy Fraser's father had been a non-commissioned officer, some time past.

The scout executive announced the camp dates of Ringwaak, at Scout lake, near Suttle lake, to be from July 7th to 21st, and Camp Lumberlost, at Lost lake, to start August 11th for two ten day periods which will end August 31st. Plans for a hike trip to Camp Baldwin will have to be dropped, owing to the start of school immediately following the close of camp. The entire Moro troop are planning on attending and several from Wasco are working toward that goal.

This court of honor will be the last one held in the district until after the school year, and close of the camp season.

Use of Green Feed Affects Egg Yolk Color

Just as the public desires its favorite colors in cars and exclusive blends of coffee, so at present it desires that the yolk of its breakfast egg should be a delicate, light yellow, and it is willing to pay premium prices to have it so. To take advantage of this aesthetic yearning and produce top-price eggs, it is necessary to regulate carefully the daily consumption of green feed, finds the Oregon experiment station, which is carrying on experiments on the project involving several hundred birds.

The correct amount of kale for 100 birds to produce this desired shade of yellow in the egg yolks is five to six pounds daily, it is found, while the normal amount of dry alfalfa needed daily to produce the same result is 5 per cent leaves and blossoms in the mash. Two per cent alfalfa makes the yolk too pale, reducing its market value.

Certain weeds, like shepherd's purse and pennygrass, give a dark color to the egg yolk, but have no effect on the taste, while cottonseed meal in excess causes brownish spots

in the yolk and flavors it. Cod liver oil, if used for fattening, flavors the flesh, it is found.

Two methods of checking may be used to determine the difference of yolk colors—holding the egg to a light, or breaking the egg, although the latter method is much more accurate.

Keiserling solution has been used for preserving most of the eggs tested. While they lose a little color in preservation, the difference between the deep yellow, the medium yellow and the pale yellow may be easily recognized.

High Priced Sport

It does not profit aliens to be caught by deputies of the Oregon State Game Commission when angling without a license. And particularly does it prove unprofitable to be found fishing with an alien license other than one's own. These two facts can be testified to by K. Hiroo and T. Kishimoto, Japanese who were taken into custody by Deputy Warden Art Abbott on Oswego Lake last week. Each was fined \$75 for fishing with a license other than his own and in addition was ordered to purchase an alien gun license and a combination hunting and fishing license at a total cost of \$30. Court costs were \$4.20 each. All told the Japanese offenders paid \$109.20 each and in addition lost thirty or forty dollars worth of equipment which was confiscated.

Abbott caught the men when he asked Hiroo to show his license. The Japanese produced one made out to a man 46 years of age. The deputy noted the extreme youthful appearance of Hiroo and asked him to sign his name. The signature failed to correspond with the one on the license exhibited and both men were taken in custody. Owners of the license in the possession of the two men will be arrested when they can be located.

Night Hunting Prohibited

A law which Harold Clifford, state game warden, believes will protect human life and save many livestock went into effect last Tuesday. It provides that the penalty for night hunting of game shall be a minimum fine of \$200 and a maximum of \$1000 or from 30 days to six months in jail. Another regulation effective at the same time is that cutting the bag limit on mule deer from two to one and the limit on ducks from 25 to 15 a day and 30 to 20 a week. These regulations were made at the last session of the legislature.

The Country Is Sweet

The people of the United States paid more than a billion dollars for confectionery and ice cream during the year 1927, according to dispatches from Washington quoting the Bureau of the Census. If we take all the bills for electric lighting for all of the 19,000,000 homes and the 350,000 farms in the United States now receiving service; for all the stores, offices, hotels and hospitals; and for street lighting for every city, town and hamlet, and add them together the total would still be far short of this sum.

Business Men say: "Advertising Pays"

Kent Local Items

J. E. Norton left here Friday on a trip to the valley.

Mike Bibby shipped a car of cattle from here to Portland Saturday night.

It is rumored that there will be other weddings to report in the near future.

Mrs. Glenna Hansen was here from Moro Friday visiting her mother, Mrs. Dellinger.

Chas. McCutcheon, B. F. Allen, and A. L. Mottern made the trip around by Clarno, Fossil, Condon and Arlington Sunday.

G. L. Hoskinson went to Portland last week and is in the Veterans Hospital there for the removal of his tonsils, and some dental work.

Volna Guyton and Pearl Mitchell were married in The Dalles Friday and are at the Guyton home during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Guyton.

A. J. Decker drove to Portland Friday to be with his family during the rose show. Margaret Dunlap went with him and will visit with Hazel Decker during the week.

W. C. Guyton and wife left last week on a trip through the Willamette valley and out to the coast, and expects to return via McKenzie pass and Camp Sherman.

The new Legion Memorial building is fast nearing completion. The concrete in the walls was all poured and they were putting the cement floor in the basement Tuesday.

Mrs. J. U. Leonard is slowly mending after a stroke of paralysis that struck her at the grange hall last Wednesday evening. Reported that Mr. Leonard will give up his farm operations here and move to Hood River as soon as she is able to move.

Fred Brown surprised his many friends one day last week by slipping down to Moro and getting married. His bride was Mrs. Ada Kilbourne who has kept house for Fred and Uncle Ben until the death of Ben. They came back to Kent and packed their goods and left Tuesday morning for Turner, Oregon where Mr. Brown has purchased a 20 acre tract of land. They left here with the best wishes of all.

The many friends of Allen H. Pratt who formerly taught school in Kent and Shaniko, were grieved to read of his attempted suicide by jumping into the river near Denver. Account of it was in Portland papers Tuesday. Pratt jumped from a viaduct into the muddy Platte river Sunday night and for 16 hours he lay semi-conscious with a broken chest, broken hip and internal injuries. He was rescued and taken to a hospital where he died. Pratt, who later called the Platte river "your excuse for a river," apparently misjudged the depth of the shallow dirty stream and attempted suicide by drowning, but the water was only a few inches deep where he hit the river bed.

A Terrible Example

The terrible disaster in Cleveland Hospital in which 125 people lost their lives, has directed the attention of the entire world to the menace of fire. It may never be determined whether this conflagration was preventable. But it should bring to every person a realization of the necessity of providing every possible safeguard against fire.

The national board of fire underwriters has already acted to aid in preventing a repetition of disasters like the Cleveland Clinic explosion. The board adopted a resolution authorizing its president to appoint a special committee to offer the engineering services of the organization to hospitals throughout the country to develop plans for guarding further against fire and explosion hazards. The resolution invited the American Medical Association and the major hospital associations of the country to join with the board in forming a committee to cooperate in improving safeguards.

There are more than 8,000 institutions designated as hospitals in the country and most of them are connected directly or indirectly with the associations invited to join in the movement to increase the safety of patients and hospital staffs.

The national board is to be commended for its prompt action in offering to help solve new fire problems which accompany scientific research today. This is a service rendered freely and voluntarily by stock fire insurance companies as part of their duty in protecting lives and property of citizens.

Wild Turkeys Increase

Unless bad weather conditions have taken an unusual toll it is expected that the band of wild turkeys liberated in 1928 on the upper Molalla river in Clackamas county will have a big increase this year. Twelve were planted originally and this number increased to 52 by last fall. An increase in ratio should be shown this year. The birds are being watched and protected by members of the Silvertown Rod and Gun club. Signs the sportsmen have posted warn the hunters to refrain from shooting or molesting the birds.

Most of the work is done by people who are too nervous to loaf.

Movies

"The Duke Steps Out"

One of the most famous fight stadiums in America, the Hollywood Legion Stadium, where film stars gather to watch fistic stars in combat has at last made its debut on the screen. Though famous in filmdom for years, it was used as a film locale for the first time in producing "The Duke Steps Out," William Haines' new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer play, which will be shown at the Moro Theater, Saturday night.

"The Duke Steps Out" is a vivid filmization of Lucian Cary's famous Saturday Evening Post story, directed by James Cruze. Joan Crawford plays the heroine, and a notable cast appears.

It is a drama of a prize fighter who goes to college to please his sweetheart, and still has to fight to protect his title. Haines' adventures in double identity furnish both thrills and hilarious comedy.

The most spectacular thrill of the play is the fight, staged at the Legion Stadium, between Haines and Jack Roper, well-known heavyweight contender, before an audience of several thousand. It is one of the most vivid fight scenes ever placed on the screen, with actual referees, announcers, and the staff of the stadium acting as headliners for the two men, who put on a thoroughly realistic bout.

Hundreds of college students from a California university appear in the campus scenes and Haines has one fight in college and another in a nearby cafe as headliner among his thrilling adventures in the realms of higher education.

James Cruze, who directed "The Covered Wagon" and who recently directed Haines in "Excess Baggage" and "A Man's Man," directed the new production. Karl Dane is seen as the giant trainer and Tenen Holtz as the comedy fight manager in the new play. Delmer Davis, former class president at Stanford University, plays the "heavy" and Luke Cosgrove, Herbert Prior, Eddie Nugent and others of note are in the cast.

Liquid Prunes Found Most Favored Diet Abroad

Prunes are a favored article of diet the world over—in spite of hackneyed boarding house jokes—but it remained for the Jugo Slavians to take their prunes in liquid form, that is, as prune brandy. This is one bit of "side information" gained by M. J. Newhouse, manager of the North Pacific cooperative prune exchange who has just returned from a 10 months study of prune markets in Europe, made for the United States department of agriculture.

Jugo Slavia is one of the principle prune producing regions of the world, and prune brandy is the "national drink, it and bread made from wheat and corn forming the usual diet of the peasants. The dried prunes that the country normally exports in large quantities are really the surplus remaining after the peasants have made their year's supply of brandy.

Mr. Newhouse found no signs of an expanding prune industry there nor in France, the only other region in direct competition with the Pacific coast. On the other hand the production is bound to increase, he believes, because of the inroads being made by pests in Jugo Slavia and the lack of replacements for mature trees in France.

"I consider the prune industry on the Pacific coast essentially sound with a brighter future free from any increasing direct competition abroad and probably with less in sight, coupled with increasing demand," he reported to a group interested in the industry in this state gathered at Oregon State college.

"Europe has gone health crazy, with the people following many fads, most of which call for increased consumption of fruits. Fresh fruit is gaining most benefit from this increased demand, but dried fruit is feeling the effect and will gain more if a campaign of education in its favor is carried on in the consuming centers," he said.

Buses Roll on Roads

According to "Bus Transportation," at the end of 1928 there were 23,311 separate "companies" operating 92,325 motor buses in the United States. The majority of these "companies," however, seem to have been operated by one man or two men. A total of 15,929 companies were operating buses only for use in transporting children to and from school. For school use, 40,875 buses were used. Motor carrier companies operated 35,188 and electric railways 10,662.

Miles of route operated were given as 749,250, of which 410,527 miles were in school use, and 252,000 miles in motor carrier companies. The total investment in rolling stock and terminals was estimated to be \$530,000, 000, producing a gross revenue of \$279,000,000.

The number of passengers carried was 1,828,000,000, who traveled an average of 6 miles each. It was estimated that the number of school children carried was 360,000,000.

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Pull Off The Pavement When You Stop

This season of heavy traffic on rural highways brings with it the need for repeating a warning against a practice that causes many avoidable accidents. The condition referred to is that created by the motorist's failure to pull entirely off the road when changing a tire or making a similar small adjustment or repair to the car.

Oregon, like many other states, has a specific regulation requiring that the car driven entirely off the highway if it is at all practical. Of course, it is impossible to station motorcycle policemen in positions to enforce this on every mile of the extensive highway system. It is regulation, however, that should need no police enforcement. Based upon a sound principle of safety, the individual car owner should be willing to abide by it under every condition.

With states lifting their speed limits, it becomes more and more imperative that the car owner who needs to make a roadside repair take the precaution to move his car from the path of the fast moving traffic. The motorist has been demanding higher speed limits because he knows they are safe, but he defeats their undeniable safety by such practice as this.

The American Automobile Association have records of many accidents that are to be attributed directly to the ignorance of car owners in this respect. A new season of heavy travel is at hand. It is up to the individual whether this condition shall maintain throughout another year. The wisdom of the warning, however, should be obvious in a way as to assure an improvement in conditions. If we demand high speeds, we must be willing to make our practices conform to the conditions they establish.

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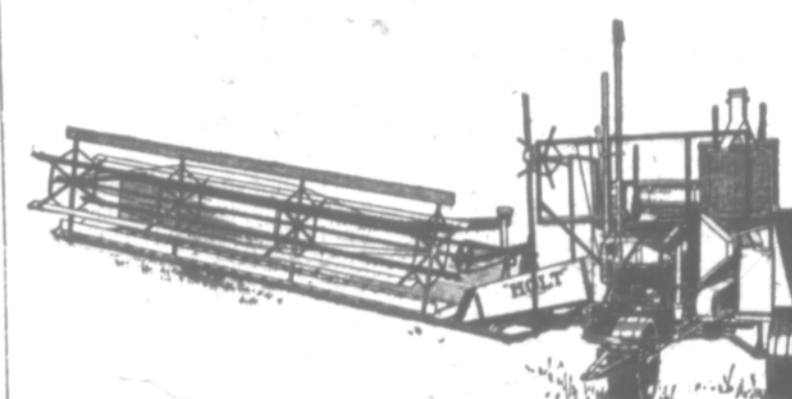
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