

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Reports reached Eugene last Wednesday that ocean waters are endangering the Roosevelt highway near Heceta lighthouse on the Lane county coast.

Douglas Mahoney, 41, one of the best known residents of the Oakland community, was killed recently in an automobile wreck about six miles from his home.

Home C. Campbell, the man who built the first bridge across the Willamette river at Portland, died at his home in Portland last week after a long illness.

Reports from harvest fields near Forest Grove indicate that a yield of 30 bushels of wheat to the acre and 50 bushels of oats to the acre is expected this year.

Ethel N. Everson, Creswell, was elected president of the National League of District Postmasters of Oregon at the annual session held in Portland last week.

Shirley, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Smith, is dead at Astoria as the result of burns sustained when a small alcohol stove was overturned on her crib.

Two white "gray digger" squirrels with pink eyes are the prized captives of Arthur Duncan of McMinnville, who trapped the animals on his farm near town last week.

The new Columbia hospital, erected in Astoria by the Columbia Lutheran conference was dedicated last Sunday afternoon and will be opened to public service immediately.

The old watering trough on South Riverside avenue near the public market, the last vestige of Medford's horse-and-buggy age, was dismantled and hauled away last week.

According to George Sabin, manager of the Oregon Caves resort, 9333 persons have been through the Oregon caves so far this year, breaking all former records up to this time.

According to Medford fruit brokers, half of the Rogue river valley Bartlett pear crop, about 5000 tons, has been contracted for by canneries at a price averaging about \$50 per ton.

Frank Kendall, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kendall Canby, was severely burned last Thursday when a celluloid eye shade, which he was wearing, caught fire from a match.

A timber sale, which resulted in receipts of \$194,308.97, was conducted recently by the United States land office at Roseburg, 12 tracts in Benton, Linn, Lane and Coos counties being sold to ten bidders.

T. T. Bend, Parkdale potato grower reported that the potato acreage of the Hood River valley has been greatly increased this year. Estimates place this year's acreage at 75 per cent more than a year ago.

Backfire from a tractor used to operate a combine ignited a grain field on the Guderian ranch west of Pendleton last week and the fire destroyed 100 acres of wheat before it was brought under control.

Mrs. Jeannie F. Miller reports a yield of 1440 pounds, or 90 16-pound packed boxes of Bing cherries from two trees on her front lawn in Hood River. The total returns from the trees will reach \$315.

Sandy postoffice sold money orders during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, amounting to \$10,898.96 an increase of \$1943.08 over last year. The sale of stamps and stamped paper amounted to \$2916.07.

City Engineer Clark of Hood River and County Engineer Hurlburt are expected soon to complete a survey for a proposed pipeline from Cold Springs in the Lost Lake area of the Mount Hood national forest, to Hood River.

Representative Hawley recommended the following persons for appointment as postmasters: Thomas R. Mac Millan, Lebanon; Mrs. Jean W. Gould Leland; A. H. Hazleton, Agate Beach; John J. Ransern, Shelburn, and Mrs. Theresa Wilhelms, Bar View.

Figures released by Alfred Powers, dean, show that the University of Oregon summer session in Eugene with an increase of 155 over last summer has made a greater percentage of gain than any of the 25 leading college and university summer sessions in the country. Enrollment there was 563 compared with 408 in 1926.

What is said to be a world record for flax pulling was set in the Mount Angel district last week by H. H. Penner of Dallas, who pulled 17 acres in a day and a half, daylight to dark hours. A small tractor was used on the puller.

Lightning late Sunday afternoon hit the J. P. Harding residence in Madras, shocking the occupants. Mr. and Mrs. Harding, and doing about \$500 worth of damage. No fire resulted from the bolt, which entered the house over a power line.

Mrs. Eldon Streams is the new postmistress at Bonita in Malheur county. She succeeds J. I. Hammack, who recently resigned.

Gardeners in Lincoln county are experiencing some difficulty with cutworms this year, the first for a long time.

Scalding water from a heated automobile radiator at Bend burned Dean John Straub of the University of Oregon about the face last week.

The public service commission authorized the Dunthorpe Transit Stages to extend its service from Gresham to Fairview and Troutdale. The company now operates between Portland and Gresham.

The Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce has been organized, with Bandon, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Marshfield and North Bend as unit members. Each city is entitled to two delegates.

Oregon's largest and best wheat crop is beginning to flow into Portland elevators at the rate of 50 to 70 cars a day, and by the end of next week it will be on full swing at the rate of 180 to 220 cars a day, according to reports from Portland grain brokers and the Port of Portland commission.

Another member of the "vanishing race" who saw Oregon territory wrested from the hands of her people by the whites has crossed the Great Divide. Mrs. Virginia Miller, 98, daughter of Chief Tomahsh of the Cascade tribe, on the Warm Spring reservation, has gone to join her white sailor husband, George Miller, who died in 1921.

Claims aggregating \$250,000 have already been certified by the secretary of the interior for payment to the Oregon counties in the Oregon California land grant area in lieu of taxes for 1926 on these lands. The sums thus far certified are: Jackson county, \$118,306; Coos, \$45,602; Josephine, \$51,599; Benton, \$21,729; Klamath, \$9212; Washington, \$5155; Curry, \$2969.

Oregon's minimum wage law is not enforceable and employers who are not complying with its provisions can not be successfully prosecuted, according to statements by C. A. Gram state labor commissioner. Gram said he based his opinion on recent rulings of the United States supreme court holding invalid similar laws enacted in two other states and in the District of Columbia.

After 20 years of inactivity in the Susanville gold mining district near Long Creek, has come to life and Elk creek on the middle fork of the John Day river is taking on the appearance of 20 years ago when camps were established along the canyon sides and the Badger tunnel came to an end because of the claims of the owners of the Stockton mine that the tunnel was extending into their territory.

Discovery of earwigs in The Dalles, heretofore earwigless city last Thursday threw the city council and residents of the city into something of a panic, caused a special meeting of the finance committee of the council and authorized the expenditure of anti-earwig funds, and put every household on the lookout for the pests in his own backyard.

The completion of the Roosevelt highway next year with the exception of the gap in the middle between Newport and Umpqua bay was provided for last Thursday by the state highway commission in the awarding of contracts for surfacing the Mohler-Garibaldi section in Tillamook county and the Lakeside-Reedsport section in Coos and Douglas counties. The commission also took preliminary steps toward beginning work on the Central Oregon highway by definitely locating the Vale-Harper section in Malheur county on the south side of the Malheur river and by announcing that bids will be called for this fall for the improvement of the section between Bend and Burns.

Increased activity of the lumber business in the Pacific northwest is indicated by the report of the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending July 23 when 123 mills were included in the statement. The previous week showed 118 mills, two weeks ago 95 mills, three weeks ago 83 mills and a month ago 72 mills. Production for the past week was 120,623,864 feet, an increase of 7,417,321 over total output of the 118 mills for the preceding week. New business reported during the week just reported was 114,269,012 feet, or a decline of over 13,000,000 feet as compared with orders of 127,637,553 feet for the preceding week. Shipments gained for the latter week, however, being 118,718,209 feet as compared with 113,438,564 for the preceding week.

The public service commission issued an order authorizing the Southern Pacific company to substitute buses for street cars in the city of Eugene. The order of the commission provided that the buses must be provided before the street cars are abandoned.

Commercial aviation will be introduced soon in Coos county by Harold Adams and Nick Perkins of Myrtle Point, who expect to give service from Myrtle Point to all reasonable distances.

TUALATIN.

Friday evening at a late hour the pump house on the J. L. Byron place was discovered on fire by Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson who were returning home from a dinner party. Their timely arrival probably averted a fire that would have consumed the residence nearby. Mr. Byron had been running the gasoline engine until ten o'clock that evening and while the pump house had been wired for electricity, it was unconnected. Mr. Byron states that a spark from the engine must have ignited the dry grass. The gas engine, pump and a part of the tank house was destroyed. This week Mr. Byron has installed a late improved Myers deep well electric pump.

There are continued losses among the poultry flocks also rabbits due to excessive heat. Nearly 100 birds have succumbed all told.

The Masonic and Eastern Star picnic of Sherwood and members from this vicinity will enjoy Sunday at Rippling waters near Forest Grove.

"Jimmy" Thompson celebrated his 84th birthday last week.

Wheat cutting is in progress. Irel Brothers have a new 16 foot binder.

Mrs. E. A. Blank entertained the sewing club of which she is a member, at her home last Thursday. Most of the members live near Oswego.

Paul Arata of Lake Labish extensive onion grower, visited the home of his brother, Louis Arata, Sunday.

Charles Ray of the U. S. Marines is at home on a furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bolen and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlson and three children from Scholls and Chas. Bolen of Portland were all Sunday guests in the John Nyberg home.

John Herron has a fine female Airedale terrier, typical of the Airedale, Yorkshire, England terrier which he is willing to give someone who desires a good watch dog and will provide a home. The animal may be had from the Herron ranch at Tonquin.

Word comes from a Portland hospital that Mrs. Bert Allen well known here, and former resident, has a new baby boy.

Mrs. Hans Paulson was out from Portland Sunday visiting home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson of Tigard were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hoffman.

Many are enjoying "the ole swimmin' hole" in the Tualatin river these hot days.

Water was reached by drilling 80 feet on the August Scherling home near Jean station.

A party of Portland people picnicked Saturday and Sunday on the Tualatin river at the rear of the John Nyberg farm. They were Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Nyberg and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nyberg, Mr. and Mrs. L. Nord and son, Mr. and Mrs. M. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson.

Alfred Gimbat of Stafford was a visitor at the John Pittman home Wednesday.

L. C. McReynolds is cutting the 12 acre alfalfa field of Frank Smith, cigar maker of Portland, on the P. Nealond place. The stand is fair altho there are some weeds.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Kilpatrick have gone to Palo Alto, California for two weeks.

HAZELDALE

Mrs. Arthur Mills and daughter Helen spent last Wednesday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell of Portland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McMillan on Friday.

The quarry is in full swing again after being closed down for a few days while they installed an air compressor for drilling purposes.

Mr. George Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their grand daughter Norma Wallace, spent Sunday at the Meinal home.

Phyllis Baker of Portland spent last week with her grandmother Mrs. T. Young.

Mr. Robert Cameron has just returned from a ten days trip in British Columbia.

Lawrence Day of Beaverton and well known in our community has taken a position as one of the game wardens on Suavies Island. He left last Tuesday and expects to be there until school opens in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Syverson of Longview Washington spent Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Syverson.

Sam and Herman Whitmore of Laurel, spent Sunday evening at the Syverson home. The boys who play in the orchestra for the dances held at Laurel had their instruments and a fine musical evening was the result.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leopold of Cooper Mountain, held a party at their home on Saturday evening. About fifty young people were present and a good time was had by all.

The thresher has been busy in our neighborhood this week.

Sunday school is held every Sunday morning in the school house at 10:30. Everybody welcome.

FAIRVALE

The next regular meeting of the Fairvale Community Club will be held at the club home on Monday evening August 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Rogers entertained Gerald Moore Sr. Gerald Moore Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Engleman on Sunday at their ranch in Washington County.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Snodgrass have sold their home in West Hampton and located on a farm near McMinnville.

Two well attended ball games were played on the diamond adjoining the Community Club on Sunday. At 12:30 the local team played the Cedar Mills nine a six to three game in favor of Fairvale. At 3 o'clock our team met the St. Phillips boys who are a fast peppy bunch. It looked rather dark for the Fairvale Allstars for the first eight innings or until we were able to put over a home run with the bases full bringing the final score to 13 to 14 in favor of the local team. This team has recently been reorganized and is now under the joint management of Victor Anker and Irving La Fond and promises some real ball.

HITEON.

Oh! Yes, of course, we nearly forgot. Hiteon people are planning a neighborhood picnic to be held at the Schmetzer farm at Mountain-home, August 14th. Yes they say there's lots of shade to keep cool in. Don't we wish we were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are spending a short vacation in Southern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnam of Portland were Thursday afternoon guests at the Willet home.

Mrs. Sylvester was a guest of her son Fred Sylvester and family of Halsey last week end.

Miss Elizabeth Struthers spent last week in Portland with her sister, Miss Dorothea Struthers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson and daughter Patricia returned Friday after two enjoyable weeks at Twin Rocks.

Yes, Hiteon continues to show signs of life and growth. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carlson are building a new home in Hiteon.

We hear rumors of another home to be built but we will tell more about that later.

Mr. Harry Robinson is recovering from injuries received last week when he was thrown from the binder.

The Misses Ethel North and Florence Selander were dinner guests Sunday of Miss Margaret Vandermost of Kinton. They spent the afternoon having a wonderful time at the Riffler's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nelson called Sunday at the Harry Robinson home.

Ida Grundossen who was ill for

a number of weeks in a Portland hospital and who is now convalescing at the home of her sister, Mrs. Oscar Selander, spent the week end with Portland friends.

Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson and daughters Vivian, Ardis and Lovell returned Sunday evening from an auto trip to Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell and son Robert were Sunday evening callers at the Hite home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Kleek and daughter called Sunday evening at the Charles Van Kleek home.

Ethel North, Grace and Mabel Bohm, Archibald Berg, Kenneth Struthers, Everett Metzentine and Mrs. Willoughby and sons Maurice and Dean are of the opinion that the "water's fine" in Fanno creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell enjoyed a day at St. Martin's Springs last week.

Everett Metzentine spent Monday afternoon at the Nelson home.

It is hoped that by the time this reaches you a number of Hiteon farmers will be saying "Thanks again. My threshing is done."

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hite spent Monday evening with Mrs. Hite's mother, Mrs. Krey of West Portland.

Facts About the Telephone

There are now over eighteen million telephones in the United States.

Over 71,000,000 telephone conversations take place daily in the United States.

Twenty-five million toll calls were handled over the lines of the Bell System in the state of Michigan last year. The toll calls increased 20 per cent in that period.

In proportion to population, Michigan has more than eight times as many telephones as France.

Europe today has about as many telephones per hundred people as the United States had in 1900. In other words, Europe is a quarter of a century behind this country in telephone development.

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