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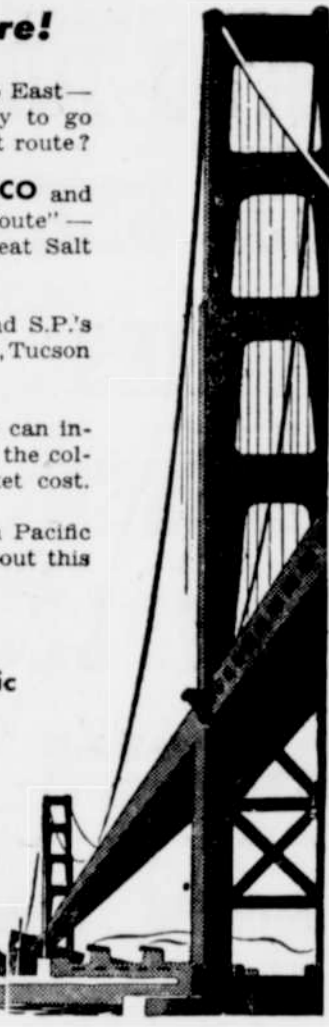
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ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS SCHEDULED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

FLUORINE IN WATER

North Bend is eyeing a proposal of fluorine in its city water supply. According to the COOS BAY HARBOR, the water board of North Bend-Coos Bay feels the people of the two cities should decide the issue, through their city councils.

Fluorine, as has been recently pointed out, is inducted into a city's water supply to heighten the resistance of teeth to decay. Scientific research has explained the remarkable freedom from cavities in the teeth of some sections of the country as due to natural fluorine in the water supply. Going a step further, it also developed the means of treating water to give it tooth strengthening qualities.

But the water board finds there are other considerations than that of merely wanting this further protection. The process has an initial cost of necessary equipment purchase and then a continuing cost of material and labor.

What must be decided, before the program can be started, is whether this cost be paid out of water board revenues or, because it is a health matter, through direct city taxation.

Also required will be approval of local dental and medical associations, as well as that of the state association.

SEWER AND ANNEXATION

Milwaukie finds its operating sewer system an attractive argument for annexation.

The REVIEW reveals that Oak Grove is making serious passes at the idea of merging with its Clackamas county neighbor.

It seems that the state sanitary authority has taken the stubborn view that Oak Grove do something about its sewage disposal. Engineers have advised that a plant necessary to carry out this directive would equal Milwaukie's system in cost.

The city, however, has enough additional capacity in its sewer system to take care of Oak Grove without much more additional expense than interceptor lines and maybe a pump or two. Milwaukie's plant is originally designed to serve 17,000 population and may be doubled with little alteration.

BOOST FOR SANTA CLAUS

Seaside awaits the annual visitation of the traditional Santa Claus and local merchants are said to have gone all out to boost for the traditional patron saint of the Christmas season.

The SIGNAL makes no bones about this as a fact.

Strengthening its editorial content to the effect that residents "owe it to the local merchants", to patronize them at this time of prolific gift purchasing, it dedicates a couple columns listing all

the things that might be purchased in the city, to fill the Christmas anticipations of all, young and old.

Yet, this is not all the holiday stirrings in Oregon's most fabulous resort center. There is also a Christmas basket project underway. To facilitate the distribution of these baskets, a clearing house has been set up by a committee of the Red Cross, to make sure there is no duplication of gifts nor charity where it is not deserved.

Names on the list handed to Santa, for his Christmas calls, will be checked and double-checked.

DECEIVING REFLECTION

A flyer was fished out of a Cottage Grove mill-pond the other day and it was all a case of mistaken identity due to the deceit of a reflection.

The SENTINEL reports the event.

The flyer and his partner, each piloting a plane, were enroute from the Crater Lake area to their homes in Medford, in connection with their cloud-seeking business. They became separated and likewise lost radio contact.

There he was, up in the clouds, with a long distance to go and but little gas to accomplish the feat. The overcast clouds were without a hole until, near Cottage Grove, there loomed one. With only a few gallons left in his auxiliary gas tank, the flyer noted reflection of lights below and pulled in his landing gear for a pancake landing.

The pancakes landed, apparently, but the plane started down. The pilot struck out for shore and covered a distance of about 300 feet to a levee of an auxiliary pond, when a boom boat hove to and hauled him aboard.

What happened to his partner? Oh, he landed safely near Crater lake, shortly after the two became separated!

CITY CHRISTMAS MONEY?

Perhaps McMinnville, by a surprise raid, was thinking of its Christmas needs, recently.

At any rate, observe the TELEPHONE-REGISTER, 28 persons purloined a total of \$2100 after two local pool halls had been raided.

City police, aided by state police and county officers, put over the deal. State police plainclothesmen, by pre-arrangement, had entered the games of pool and heavy stakes, in coin of the realm, was scattered on the pool tables.

Six were assessed \$250 each for conducting gambling games and 22 were tapped \$25 for taking part in such a violation. Not including, of course, the decoy plainclothesmen.

FRANCHISE COST UPS

Noted along with the rest of an increasing basis of costs is that for the electricity franchise in Sheridan.

The SUN tells of negotiations between the city council and PGE.

Present contract gives the city \$1,000 annually. Under terms of the new franchise, as stoutly offered, PGE would pay either \$2,100 per year or 3% of the gross, which ever is higher, plus an approximate \$90 monthly worth of light and power for the city hall.

PGE, on the other hand, offers to take up the franchise on the basis of 3% of the gross for a five-year period. The gross refers to the amount received from customers within the corporate limits of the city.

DE-NAZIFIED SKUNKS

In Forest Grove, it's not at all unusual to see as many as four black and white skunks ambling along on a leash. But no one need draw away in terror. All have been safely "de-nazified."

The NEWS TIMES features this pet project of a local beauty operator.

The quartet of polecats brings to full flower its owner's long-time desire to raise them. The animals are strictly vegetarians, with a range of diet including bread, milk, raw eggs on to ice cream.

The yare regarded as quite reliable weather prophets, too. In anticipation of cold weather, they pull wool rags into their special little skunk-bungalows and when warm weather is due, they immediately toss the rags out.

AIR AGE SANTA CLAUS

Gresham will be treated with a visit-by-helicopter of old Saint Nick, this year.

The OUTLOOK notes the encroachment of the air age even to the extent of cutting out Rudolph the Rednose.

As he did in Beaverton, some three years ago, the rotund patron saint of the pot-belly will skimmer down from the sky with his treats and promises.

On the q.t., it is further added that the "copter" is regularly based at McMinnville, is a new ship used in extensive crop dusting and has brought out huge crowds in all its previous appearances.

PERSONAL CONSCRIPTION

In Benton county, those in Philomath are told, conscription is pinpointed as a decidedly personal matter.

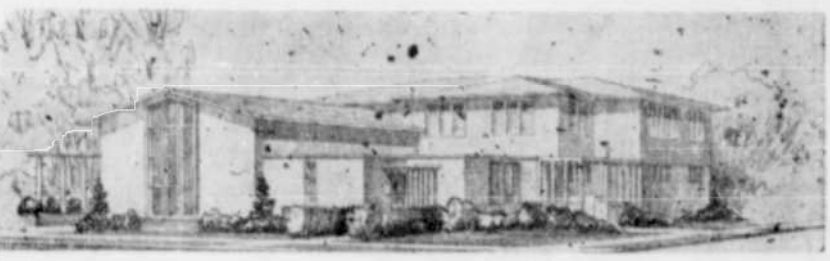
The BENTON COUNTY REVIEW explains that the entire county selective service board has resigned, due it is said, to the impossibility of carrying out selective service regulations from the impersonal point of view as now demanded. Further details were not forthcoming.

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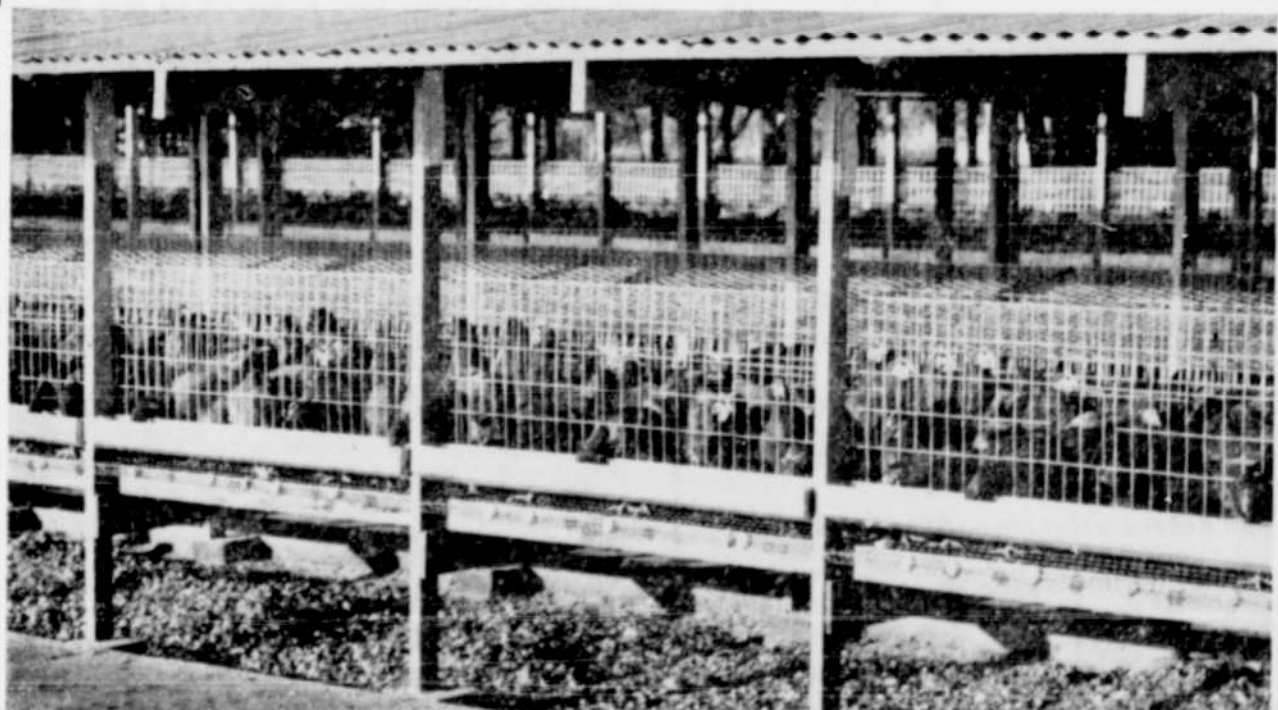
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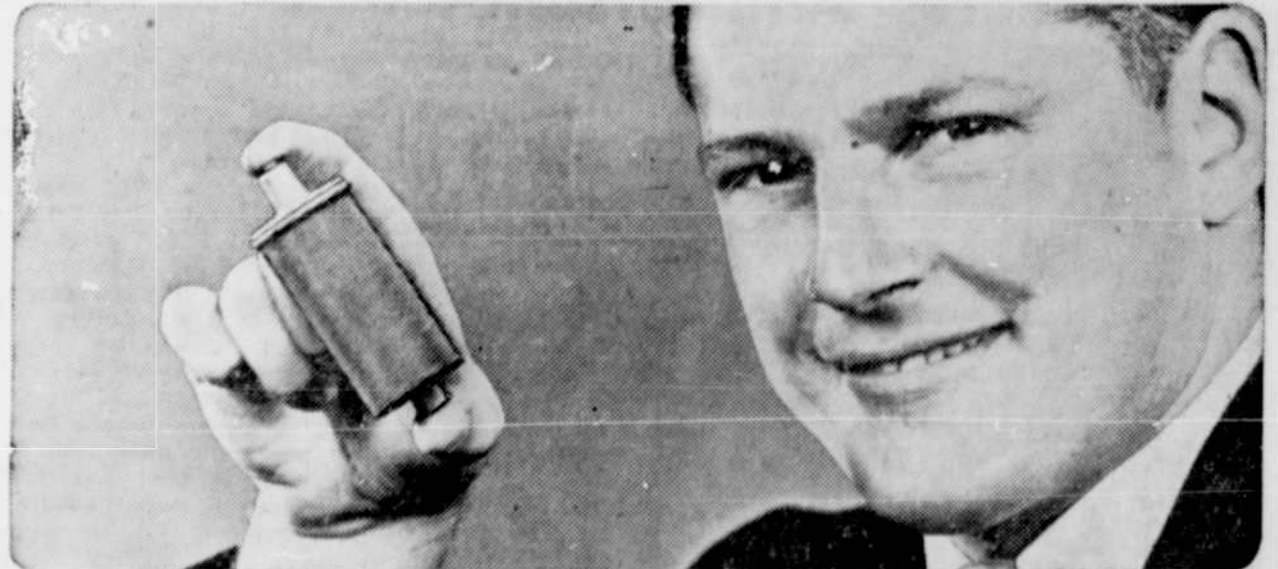
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