

TALENT NEWS

TALENT, Aug. 1.—Mrs. Loyal Bates returned from Portland where she visited relatives for the past two weeks.

Delbert Clark and family have sold their place of business a filling station and repair shop, and have purchased the Garryle place across Bear Creek in the Valley View district and will move there soon.

FOR SALE:—radio, bookcase, rocker and other household goods inquire house at rear of 165 N. Main St. Ashland.

A group of Talent Friends Christian Endeavors left Sunday evening by stage to attend the Young Friends Conference at Twin Rocks Conference grounds on the Oregon Coast. Monday through Sunday. Those attending were Miss Barbara Terrill, Jean Hoffman, Lilly Millage and Dorothy Hays accompanied by Mrs. Milo Ross and son Larry of Medford.

Ernie Stevenson of Eagle Point was transacting business here Monday afternoon.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Rev. J. Howard Rees, Vera Baker, Beatrice and Marvin Wines returned Sunday from Camp Adams, where they had attended the Young Peoples conference of the Congregational church. They all report a most inspiring week.

Al Snider and Herb Huston left Thursday noon for Hiatt Lake to spend the rest of the day and part of Friday fishing. Later they reported that they caught a couple of nice bass and a good catch of croppies.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Nagel left Thursday for Albany, where they planned to spend the week, expecting to be back home today, Thursday.

Mrs. Annie Peek and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Giffen and daughter, Ann Marie, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Newton.

Donald and Lewis Stephens left recently to visit their grand parents in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Craig and daughter have moved to Ashland from Orange, California. The Craigs were former residents of Ashland when Mr. Craig and his father, B. F. Craig, operated the College Cleaners on the Boulevard.

JACKSON COUNTY VALUATION RISES

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Oregon AAA Hand Book To Be Out Soon

Two AAA officials from Washington, D. C., George Weaver, a range specialist and Tom Joyce, in charge of program development, came to Oregon the first week in August to work with state officials in preparing the Oregon handbook on the 1945 agricultural conservation program.

As soon as this handbook is prepared it will enable Oregon farmers to plan their programs for next year in line with prospective national demands as reflected in conservation practice payments. The detailed program set out in the handbook will not become official until finally approved in Washington sometime later, but past experience has shown that little or no change occurs after this stage, according to Oregon AAA officials.

Willis Boegh, assistant in the state office, recently returned from Washington, where he helped formulate the practice program for next year. He says it is unchanged from this year for the most part, although a number of minor alterations and improvements have been included. Details of the new program are ready earlier this year than ever before.

More Cars Registered in Oregon This Year

Motor vehicle registration in Oregon totaled 400,482 vehicles at the end of June this year, compared to 395,007 for the same period of 1943, Secretary of State Bob Farrell announced today. This represents an increase of slightly over one per cent.

Passenger vehicles numbered 320,863, compared to 319,008 a year ago, buses totaled 1,160 against 1,066 a year ago while trucks numbered 41,966 compared to 39,650.

Registration fees for the six months period amounted to \$3,142,011.65, compared to fees totaling \$2,969,635.04 a year ago.

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Riders Association Gets Rodeo Grounds

The Ashland Riders Association made a deal yesterday whereby they took over the rodeo grounds located on Willow street. Frank Beck, the builder of the corral, sold the grounds and all the equipment and has given possession to the association who will start improvements at once. A big horse and stock show is planned for the first part of September, probably Labor Day.

Walter Hamby will head a committee to take charge of repairs and improvements on the grounds and to have charge of the show and all arrangements. Hamby has had long experience in producing horse shows and rodeos in southern California and feels that Ashland and vicinity will welcome such entertainment.

Camp White Civilians Get Longer Work Day

Under orders from the Army Service Forces, civilian employees at Camp White Tuesday started a longer work day, under a regulation which requires them to work nine hours per day, six days a week instead of the regular 48 hours which has been the rule for the past year. The regulation came from the ASF for their civilian personnel as a result of a "critical situation" arising from an accumulation of unfinished work.

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Sexton Mountain Road To Be Used As Highway Model

The Oregon State Highway commission has announced that the recently constructed Sexton mountain section of the Pacific highway, between Roseburg and Grants Pass, will be used as a model for future mountain road construction in Oregon.

The state highway engineer, R. H. Baldock, estimated the cost of the project, covering about five miles, at \$500,000.

The commission on a highway maintenance inspection tour, proclaimed the project as probably the most outstanding mountain road in Oregon.

Addressing a civil group at Klamath Falls recently, Baldock said he was elated over the condition of the Oregon highways. He pointed out that field crews of the commission are 500 men below normal personnel.

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Hood River County First in Bond Sales

Semi-final 5th war loan reports place Hood River county in first place with 206.4 per cent of its total quota attained. Hood River is also first in percentage of E bond quota sold, first in sales to corporations, and fifth in sales of all series to individuals.

Leading the state with sales of all series war bonds to individuals is Lake county, which holds fifth place in total quota attained.

Top ten counties with total quota with 206.4 per cent; Grant, second with 157.7 per cent; Curry, third with 155.6 per cent; Multnomah fourth with 151.8 per cent; Lake, fifth with 148.7 per cent; Coos, sixth with 139 per cent; Jackson, seventh with 138 per cent; Clack-

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