

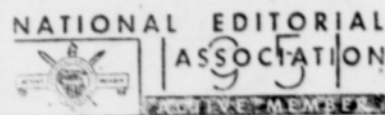
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Liquid Firecrackers

Fireworks are outlawed in Oregon but a menace exists which makes a cannon cracker and a sky rocket look like Lincoln's face on a penny after a freight train has flattened it out on the rails.

This menace is the drunken driver.

Next Wednesday, when the highways are jammed between Grants Pass and Emigrant lake and between Crater Lake and the Applegate, the chances for accidents are big enough with such violations as excessive speed, disregard of highway conditions and carelessness, let alone drunkenness.

But when alcohol enters into a picture which finds 77 per cent of all fatal Oregon accidents in 1949 occurring in rural areas, certain inebriated drivers push the other killers off the front pages and become public enemies No. One.

In 1949, 42 persons died in accidents involving liquor. Up to this very month, 1951 totals from all causes find 159 dead as a result of accidents. What will the pleasure-seekers with liquor in their minds do to this figure next Wednesday on the Fourth of July?

Gov. Douglas McKay and Secretary of State Earl Newberry report that the "most frequent causes of holiday accidents are excessive speed, driving on the wrong side of the road, trying to pass with insufficient clearance and DRUNKEN DRIVING."

The latter factor is so important that state and city police will be on the look-out for drunken drivers and extra patrols of all highways are scheduled.

No matter what is done to protect the innocent citizens through patrolling, heavy fines and revoked licenses somebody somewhere will be a victim. As sure as a maniac with a machine gun can mow down bystanders in a bank robbery, can a driver armed with alcohol kill those luckless enough to be within collision distance.

Alcohol on the driver's mind is truly a liquid firecracker ready to explode at the first accident. With such fireworks still in our midst we can only control an unlighted fuse by not drinking while driving.

Drinking ceases to be a private matter when the lives of others are endangered. Anyone who drinks and steps on the accelerator of his car is three times more likely to kill than a sober driver if an accident occurs. Further, his chances of having an accident increase 55 times, according to a national average.

Freedom of drinking is recognized by the majority, but any freedom—and especially this one—remains free only as long as it does not jeopardize the rights and privileges of others, in this case, the right of LIFE itself. —H.N.

Letter from Washington . . .

By HON. HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress, 4th District

A tax bill, which will increase the amount of taxes paid by all taxpayers by at least 15 per cent, has passed the House. But the talk about passing this bill to put the government on a "pay-as-you-go" basis is pure fiction. The Federal government is spending money much faster than it can be raised by taxation. In fact, several members of the Committee on Ways and Means stated that they knew of no way, short of a general nationwide sales tax, of raising any more money.

The new bill is expected to raise 7 and two-tenths billions of dollars. To illustrate how far we are from balancing expenses with revenue, while the tax bill was under consideration the Department of Defense sent to Congress a request for 6 and one-half billions to be used merely for the purpose of building airfields and other army facilities. That request is not far from being as much as will be raised in total by the new tax bill.

The bill to extend the law authorizing price and wage controls will be under consideration shortly. The law passed last year will expire at the end of this month unless extended by Congress. Neither the House bill nor the Senate bill as reported by the respective committees contains anything like the additional authority requested by the President. In other words, what we are actually considering now amounts to very little more than a mere extension of the present law. I assume this control extension bill will be passed but so far as I am concerned I can see nothing in extending the present fumbling control organization but harm to the coun-

The government fiscal year ends June 30th. Appropriations are made for only one year at a time. Accordingly, unless Congress passes the appropriation bills before the first of July, the departments of government have no money with which to continue operations. But there is a neat way of solving that problem. A resolution will be passed which will continue appropriations at the present rate for whatever period of time seems necessary to complete the bills. That sounds fine but there is a catch in it. Departmental appropriations made last year were higher than those being approved this year. So the Administration and administration-controlled appropriations sub-committees are not hurrying the remainder of the bills. Four have not yet been acted upon

Our
Town



By HARRY NORDWICK

Ashland's Riding association has worked like a dog to make the coming July 4 celebration a big event for the summer months.

As a result they have got up a full day's program with prizes totalling over \$600 and a variety of events to please the holiday-seekers' taste.

Everybody can enjoy the rodeo and parade. Park concessions will quench the visitors' thirst and amusements will satisfy the youngsters' yens. Music will soothe the hot summer brows at the band shell all day and children's contests in the morning will provide fun and laughter for families.

Those associated with the lumber field will enjoy the power saw and hand bucking contests in the evening at the park. This type of event is thrilling as well as a mark of the skill required in this rugged industry.

The day will close with dancing, square and modern, for the young and old, at Jackson Hot Springs under the sponsorship of the Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Since the nearest celebrations are in Klamath Falls and Grants Pass, people from all the Rogue valley communities will flock to our town to enjoy the festivities.

Everyone should turn out and take part in the events which mark Ashland as the leading recreational town in southern Oregon.

Festival Director Angus Bowmer is very well satisfied with the response to the coming 11th season of the Shakespearean shows. He stated this week that over half of the seats for opening night are already sold out.

But, more important, he reported that the community feeling is more responsive to the festival than it has ever been before.

Such a response is extremely gratifying for it makes the interested groups feel that they are getting somewhere and don't have to go it alone when they need help from the local citizenry.

When everybody in the valley has accepted our theatre as their own and backs it wholeheartedly, life will be a lot easier for the board of directors and actors in the community project.

BRAVO: Ashland's Riding association in general, and John Daugherty and William Briggs in particular for their Fourth of July efforts.
BOO: People that don't dress western.

by the House, including the bill for the State, Commerce and Justice Departments.

It is reported also that the huge Defense appropriation bill may not be ready for action until near August first. The military amount will be much larger than last year but the State Department and the Commerce Department will be able to continue spending at the present high rate for at least an additional month, and possibly longer, because their appropriation bill is being held up and, therefore, will not be acted upon by the House in time for it to become law by the end of the fiscal year.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

The Cow That Can't "Run Dry"

Sandy Johnson showed me his Jersey cows last week. It was a warm day and they were all under the trees near a watering trough.

And darned if one cow wasn't pumping water into the trough! It's a fact—she'd raise the pump handle with her nose, and use her throat to push it down again.

"That's Mabel," Sandy explained as she moved away. "Sometimes they drink that trough dry, and she's learned how to fill it again. But she doesn't know her own strength—turns the place into a swamp if we don't watch her."

YOUR COUNTY AGENT:

Pear Harvest Set August 6

BY C. B. CORDY
County Agent, Horticulturist

One of the more important dates this year is August 6. This otherwise inauspicious day derives its importance as the start of our pear harvest.

For the past 10 or 15 years we have known that there was a reasonably set number of days between the time trees came into bloom and the time fruit could be picked. With grapes it requires a certain number of accumulated hours of heat for the fruit to mature, but most of our tree fruits mature in a given number of days regardless of temperature. With pears this is around 120 days.

Variation Corrected

However, we have noticed considerable variation but have not known how to correct for it until this year. Prof. Brooks at the University of California finally worked out a formula on apricots which took into consideration the amount of accumulated heat in the first six weeks following bloom. By using this correction he was able to predict the harvest date on apricots in two days. The formula is

Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

WOULD WORK IDLE CONVICTS

Harry Dorman, director of Oregon's new department of finance, returned this week from a trip to states that have similar departments to the one created by the 1951 legislature for this state.

In the states of New York, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and California, he was shown how the departments of these states are saving the taxpayers money and expediting business.

Director Dorman was enthusiastic over other advanced working plans he observed in Minnesota, where the penitentiary is on a near-supporting basis. The prison manufactures farm machinery and similar articles that are sold in competition with union labor, he said.

"I believe it would be a good idea to send all three members of the state board of control to Minnesota to inspect the penitentiary and other institutions," Dorman said. "From what I learned I believe the cost of operating the Oregon institution could be reduced materially."

APOSTLE OF ACCURACY

"You're crazy," said one

rounder to another.

"Me crazy? You're the one that's crazy, and what's more, you can't prove you're not. Now I can prove I'm not crazy. My discharge papers from the insane asylum say I'm not crazy."

The chances are about 600 to 1 that you may meet a person who could win an argument like the above.

Last month there were 180 patients released from the Oregon State Hospital. Of these 79 received their discharge papers, while 91 were paroled. Both figures established records for releases. There were 130 new cases received at the hospital during the month and 42 patients on parole were returned for further treatment.

The advance of medical science, installation of more modern equipment, and a larger medical staff account for the increasing discharges and paroles, hospital officials state.

The population of the hospital was 2970 at the end of May this year.

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHER

The state board of higher education this week announced the increased fees to be charged students at state-supported schools. Fees at the University of Oregon and Oregon State College were increased from \$44 to \$55; at Vanport from \$36 to \$52; at colleges of education from \$30 to \$40; at dental school from \$116.50 to \$140; at the medical school from \$124.50 to \$150.

The board this week accepted gifts and grants totaling \$132,501.91. Included was \$14,906 from the U.S. Army and \$14,000 from the atomic energy

commission to the University of Oregon; the Oregon State College received a \$7,000 grant from the navy.

TREE PLANTING BY CONVICTS

Oregon's first forest convict work camp will be set up in the Tillamook burn, where tree planting will be done from November to April by from 50 to 100 inmates of the state penitentiary. According to the law passed by the 1951 legislature and administered by the state board of control the workers will be paid up to \$2 a day, with the state forestry department furnishing food, lodging and wages.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION TOUR

Members of the state highway commission explained this week that it is too early to announce allotments of funds derived from the \$15,000,000 of state highway bonds that are available this year. "The many considered projects are so interlocked and dependent on one another that only after complete examination and consideration will we be able to make definite statements," a member stated. "One project," he continued, "has high priority, however. That is the four-lane highway from Salem to Portland."

The commissioners stopped at Salem on the last lap of their inspection of western Oregon highways last Friday, to look over arrangements in the new state highway building. They are cogitating the idea of holding their meetings in the new building instead of at Portland.

TO TEACH AGRIC

Charles A. Sprague, former governor of Oregon, now editor of the Statesman, Salem, will join the staff of the U. of O. school of journalism as a visiting lecturer. The former governor did not have much time for lecturing or visiting when he was the state's top hand. Recently, however, he has been running second to Governor McKay, who is averaging about five personal appearances a week.

not quite as accurate on pears and by going back through the records he found he had a maximum variation of nine days, although in most years he was much closer.

Maximum Variation 7

Dr. Degman at the Medford experiment station has now applied this same formula to pears in the Medford area. By going back over the blossoming and harvesting dates and taking the weather into consideration in those years, he has found a maximum variation of seven days, with most years falling within two or three days of the actual picking dates.

This year, according to the number of fixed days from bloom to harvest, we should pick on August 8. The new formula, as applied by Dr. Degman, indicates we should start harvest on August 5. The difference this year is due to the first six weeks of weather following bloom, being a little warmer than average. As the 5th of August falls on Sunday, it is likely that harvest will start on the following day, which will be August 6.

Pressure Tester Determines

The final determination of the actual picking date will be made by testing fruit on the pressure tester. This machine tests fruit the same as a housewife when she pinches a peach to see if it is ripe, but instead of using a thumb, a plunger is used and the hardness of the fruit is measured on a scale. This test can not be used until the fruit actually starts to soften. This generally occurs about a week before picking is started.

In order to lay in supplies and arrange for harvest labor, the packing houses and the orchardists must know further ahead than that when they will need to start work. For that reason, this new method of long range harvest prediction has considerable value.

Raspberries: Intensive Crop

While the pear growers are still speculating as to a harvest date, our raspberry growers are actively engaged in their harvest. A relatively small acreage is devoted to raspberries, but it is an intensive crop and a very useful one in providing a part of the living for many growers on small acreages.

Raspberries are a reasonably shallow-rooted plant and are naturally adapted to areas of high summer humidity and summer rainfall. We grow a very good quality raspberry here, but it requires extra effort on the part of the farmer to keep the vines in good health

and high production.

One of the important factors during harvest is to maintain a good supply of soil moisture. Many of the feeding roots of the raspberries are in the surface 6 inches of soil. On these hot, dry days the surface 6 inches does not stay damp very long.

Irrigation Essential

In order to keep the plants producing well and to maintain good berry size, frequent irrigations are essential. Where the soil is light and sandy the berries can be watered twice a week. On heavier soils, once a week would be often enough, and some care must be used, as the raspberries can be drowned if excess moisture is allowed to stand in the soil.

Mulches of leaves, sawdust or grass clippings have been used by some growers to keep the surface soil from drying out. These mulches prevent evaporation and allow the roots to feed in the warm surface soil where mineral nutrients are most readily available. Where these mulches are applied it is generally necessary to irrigate by sprinklers. There is no harm in sprinkling raspberries even during the ripening period.

Irrigation After Picking

The irrigation should be applied immediately following a picking so that the plants have a day or two to dry off before the berries are again picked. A considerable quantity of our berries are shipped to San Francisco and Los Angeles, and in order to stand up on this long trip it is necessary that the berries be dry when picked. Wet berries would be much more subject to rots and would not arrive in as good condition.

You are almost three times as likely to be killed in an automobile accident between seven and eight in the evening as you are between seven and eight in the morning.

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