

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

The Abbey, a frame apartment building at Newport was destroyed by fire last week. Loss is estimated at \$4000.

Observance of music week, May 5 to 11, was urged in a letter issued by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

A radio station to cost \$3000 is being erected by the government on the La Grande air field and will be ready for operation within six weeks.

A full carload of broom handles from the Prouty broom handle factory were shipped to New Jersey, leaving Warrenton over the S. P. & S. railway.

Bulb growing is a rapidly growing industry in Josephine county. In 1928 3 carloads of bulbs, valued at \$6000 a carload were shipped out of Grants Pass.

There are still four and a half feet of snow at Lake of the Woods and two feet at Diamond Lake Lodge, and both these places expect to open about June 1.

The department of agriculture announces that the condition of winter wheat in Oregon is 85 per cent as compared with 93 per cent on April 10 last year.

The 10,000-pound load limit signs on the Old Oregon Trail between Baker and Haines have been removed and the load limit has been moved back to 20,000 pounds.

Operation of buses instead of street-cars in the city of Salem resulted in a loss of \$10,000 during 1928, according to officials of the Southern Pacific company.

Due to the declining market prevailing since the first of the year, approximately 300,000 bushels of last year's wheat crop remain unsold in the hands of Oregon farmers.

The Washington County National Farm Loan association has made loans in the county amounting to \$1,030,500, according to a report of A. R. England, secretary-treasurer.

Faced by the most acute water shortage in years, ranchers in the Brogan and Jamieson sections of Malheur county are urging the early completion of the Vale project.

The Salem city council passed an ordinance authorizing the sale of \$50,000 of municipal airport bonds. The bonds were voted at a special election held three months ago.

Coos bay was surprised last week when it was found an oil drilling outfit had been working for the past week on the shingle house property, three miles south of Marshfield.

All southern Oregon cities will join Glendale May 1 in a monster celebration marking the opening of the big sawmill recently completed by the Glendale Lumber company.

The Deschutes County fair board has decided on September 26, 27 and 28 for the fair this year. Improvements will be made on the grounds and buildings will be painted.

Observance of Salem's annual blossom day, originally set for Sunday, April 21, has been postponed until April 28. The event is being sponsored by the Salem Cherrians.

During the year 1928, 17,170 carloads of fruits and vegetables were shipped out of Oregon, according to reports to the bureau of agricultural economics from railroad agents.

Plans for a new Astoria industry for the manufacture of charcoal to be used in poultry feed are reported to have been launched by Henry Niemi and A. J. Anderson of that city.

The tanks of the Standard Oil company on the outskirts of Union were broken open recently and 20 gallons of oil and a large quantity of gasoline were taken away by unknown parties.

Camp Phy, summer playground of Boy Scouts of eastern Oregon, will open in Baker county June 30 for three 10-day periods. A court of honor will be held at the close of each period.

Practically all the independent dairies of the Central Point-Medford district operating milk routes in the valley towns are combining their interests by incorporating a creamery company and establishing the main plant on the Pacific highway in the Berrydale district just north of Medford. A large concrete building is being remodeled for the purpose.

Approximately 125,000 one and two-year-old seedlings were shipped to 275 persons in Oregon from the Oregon forest nursery during the spring distribution of planting stock, according to a report issued by F. A. Elliott, state forester.

In what is known as the Eagle Creek Heights district, near Estacada, 1000 walnut trees have been set out by orchardists this spring. The soil seems adapted to successful walnut growing. A large number of orchards are already thriving well.

All the streams in Curry county, with the exception of the Rogue, are closed to commercial fishing, and will remain closed until September 15, when they will be open until November 20.

Mrs. Elsie Kenworthy, early Oregon pioneer, who died recently at Corvallis at the age of 97 years, left four children, 34 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Fruit trees sufficient to plant more than 200 acres of land near The Dalles have been shipped in this year and distributed among orchard owners through the county chamber of commerce.

Six thousand acres of summer fallow land in Umatilla county have been leased until September 25 at a cost of \$3 an acre and will be planted to beans by the Eckhoff Farm Products corporation.

Work started recently on the construction of 50 new houses at Seneca that will be used to house employees of the Edward Hines Western Pine company. About 350 men will be employed by May 1.

The gates of the Savage Rapids dam have been closed and the Grants Pass Irrigation district is now ready to serve its patrons for the coming irrigation season. The plant supplies water to 10,000 acres.

The Oregon state highway commission has made application to the United States engineers' office for a permit to construct a bridge across Alosea bay at Waldport, about two miles from the ocean.

Purchase of the water system at Lakeview by the city has been recommended and a petition is being circulated asking the council to place a measure on the ballot to vote \$54,000 bonds for this purpose.

Game birds in Baker county were fed two tons of grain during the two months of severe winter weather, according to W. B. Fellows, game warden. Pheasants, quail and deer are now in good condition.

The Canby chamber of commerce set Sunday, May 5, as the date for the annual blossom day, and arrangements are being made for entertainment of hundreds of visitors who are expected to visit the tulip farms on that day.

A bronze tablet, bearing names of 19 charter members of Clatsop Plains Presbyterian church, organized in 1846 and said to be the oldest Protestant church west of the Rocky mountains, was dedicated at the site of the old church at a meeting of the Portland Presbytery held last week.

Walter Nash, well-known Dead Indian district rancher, was bitten a few days ago by a rattlesnake when his dog by barking called his attention to a hole in the ground. Mr. Nash reached into the hole with a forked stick and the snake fastened its fangs in his thumb. He held on grimly until he pulled it out of the hole.

Because his cap was the color of a squirrel, Neils Peterson of John Day was seriously shot recently. With several other boys Peterson was out along the river and had become separated from the others. He was sitting on a rock. The other party came along and his brother saw him. He fired with his rifle and the shot struck the boy's scalp and plowed a furrow about two inches long.

Everett Flowers, a settler on the Ochoco project, near Prineville, heard a pipe organ recital one Sunday morning recently while cleaning out a well on his place. Looking around he discovered that the music was issuing from the end of an iron pipe connecting the well and the kitchen pump, one end of the pipe being disconnected at the time. There was no radio set within a mile radius of his ranch.

Twelve persons were killed and 312 injured in 2660 traffic accidents in Oregon during March, according to a report prepared by T. A. Ranney, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department. Approximately 945 of the accidents were due to carelessness on the part of drivers, while 185 were caused by drivers attempting to pass on the wrong side. In 327 accidents the drivers did not have right of way.

State highway crews are at work rebuilding that portion of the Oregon trail between Baker and the town of Haines, a stretch of about ten miles. For several weeks the highway has been in the worst condition in years, the foundation having caved in. After repair work had been done cave-in process continued on account of frost in the substance, and much difficulty has been encountered getting the trail in shape for the heavy traffic which already is in progress.

Construction of a new bridge over the Rogue river at Grants Pass and improvement of the Fremont highway from Lakeview to the California line are two of the projects the state highway commission has placed on the 1930 building program.

Construction of a new grade school at Lakeview, which is to be named Bernard Daly school in honor of Dr. Bernard Daly, who established a fund of nearly \$1,000,000 to pay college expenses for all worthy Lake county high school graduates, will start, sooz.

A freak egg, laid recently by a Rhode Island Red hen, was displayed in Medford by its owner, P. W. Cady, of Jacksonville. It is soft shelled, is about six inches in circumference and three inches long. The oddity of the egg lies in the fact that a normal hard shelled egg is on the inside.

Impending strife between Albany and Lebanon over division of school districts was averted when a peace meeting was held in Albany last week. It was decided that the districts tributary to each town be defined and that the feasibility of bus systems for each apportioned group be investigated.

Members of the state fair authorized the issuance of \$50,000 in negotiable warrants to apply on the construction of a new grandstand and educational building. The state legislature at its last session appropriated \$100,000 for the structure, contingent upon \$50,000 being raised locally.

George W. Dunn of Ashland was elected grand commander of the grand commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon in annual session at La Grande. Corvallis was selected as the 1930 convention city. Next year's convention will be held in April, but the date has not yet been decided upon.

In view of the heavy fruit damage in California, Albert Burch, president of the Jac'son county fruit growers league, said that southern Oregon growers will be benefited by the misfortune of the sister state and that local growers must take all precautions possible to save their crop from similar damage.

A petition to undertake the largest street improvement project in Klamath Falls, the macadamizing of 95 blocks in mill and industrial additions, and the laying of concrete sidewalks and curbs, was received by the city council recently. That body immediately ordered the city engineer to draw up plans and specifications.

Taxes paid and to be paid in the state of Oregon this year aggregate \$50,794,633.14, as against \$49,794,633.14 in 1928, according to a statement issued by the state tax commissioner. The 1929 taxes are based on the assessment rolls for the year 1928. The increase of taxes for 1929 when compared with 1928 is \$851,065.

Leo Albertson, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albertson of Yocum valley, near Lakeview, shot and killed his brother, Charles 9, at the Albertson ranch. With another brother, Leo and Charles had gone to the house to build a fire. While the two older boys were busy at the stove Leo got a 30-caliber carbine, loaded it and pulled the trigger.

Her throat torn by the fangs of a supposedly rabid coyote, Miss Mable Gosdopp, 17-year-old Silverlake girl, was in Bend waiting for serum being rushed there from the state board of health laboratory in Portland. The wound is regarded as very serious, since the poison will spread quickly from the throat to all parts of the body.

Whales have invaded Port Orford reefs. For many days commercial fishermen and trollers have told of large numbers of whales seen off the reefs. A local trolling craft returned recently with the report that a large whale rose within a few yards of their boat and began spouting. Before the astonished fishermen could move out of the danger zone their boat was half full of water.

Increase of automobiles registered in Oregon last year was next to the smallest of any state, according to the federal bureau of roads. The number of cars on the registration books there was 248,118 in 1928 and 244,572 in 1927, an increase of 3546, or 1.4 per cent. Indiana, with 1.2 per cent, was the only state reporting a smaller increase, while Florida reported a decrease of 10.6 per cent.

President Hoover, Governor Patterson and mayors of neighboring Oregon cities joined Corvallis and the state college population recently in celebrating opening of the street lighting system, just installed. President Hoover pressed a telegraph key in the White House, which sent an impulse over 4000 miles of wire to throw a switch in Corvallis, turning on the lights for the first time.

A "crooks exchange" to cover eastern Oregon and western Idaho was put in operation at Vale recently with 32 sheriffs and police officers agreeing to post each other on crooks at large in the territory. The organization, known as the Eastern Oregon Officers Cooperative association, will operate through A. L. Helms, of La Grande, association secretary, who will act as a medium of exchange for information on underworld characters.

By a vote of 180 to 16 at the special election held recently, Baker taxpayers approved the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company franchise, which calls for the payment of the city of \$65,500 over a period of 25 years.

With the installation of a second rotary tubular furnace by the Quicksilver Syndicate, operating cinnabar mines at Black Butte, 18 miles south of Cottage Grove, the capacity of the furnaces has been increased to 180 tons daily. The crew has been increased to 50 men.

Hoover's Doctor



Commander Joel T. Boone of Pennsylvania, medical officer of the President's yacht, Mayflower, has been appointed special physician to President Hoover.

WEEK-DAY BIBLE SCHOOL TO GIVE FINAL PROGRAM AT CHURCH WEDNESDAY

Marking the completion of the work of the week day Bible school, which has been held in Springfield during the past several months, a program will be presented at the Methodist church Wednesday night, April 26, by the students who have taken the courses.

The Bible school was conducted by Miss Goldie Smith of the Eugene Bible University. Each grade above the fourth had one hour of instruction in Bible study each week. Miss Smith taught at the Brattain school on Mondays and at the Lincoln school on Tuesdays.

The program which will be presented Monday night is as follows:

- Flag salute.
- Song—"America the Beautiful."
- Scripture lesson, Psalm 19.
- Memory work, Fourth B.
- Recitation, "The Flag that Grew."
- Song—"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus."
- Lord's Prayer.
- Bible information, School.
- Memory work, Upper grades.
- Song—"Take the Dear Old Bible With You."
- Bible story, Fifth B.
- Song—"In My Heart There Rings a Melody."
- Missionary story, Sixth A.
- Map drawing, Fourth A.
- Electric Map, Fourth A.
- Story of the Temple, Sixth B.
- Drawing the Temple, Junior high school.
- Offering.
- Song—"I Love to Tell the Story."

Crook county has the distinction of being the first county in Oregon to remit its first half taxes for the year 1929 to the state treasurer. The state's part of the first half taxes in Crook county was \$13,700.46.

Resources of the two banks of St. Helens on March 27 totaled \$1,273,592, which is an increase since the last statement several months ago. Savings deposits in the two banks amount to \$571,633, which also is an increase since the previous statement.

Decision of the state highway commission on the request of the Lane county court that grading contracts be let on the Black Canyon section of the upper Willamette highway probably will be given at the next meeting of the commission in Portland, April 19, it was announced.

State prohibition agents participated in 123 arrests for violation of the liquor laws during the month of March, according to a report prepared by George Alexander, state prohibition director. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$16,590, with jail sentences aggregating 910 days.

Federal predatory animal hunters took 259 coyotes and 31 bobcats in Oregon during March, according to the monthly report of Stanley G. Jewett, compiled recently. Eleven unborn bobcats, 175 unborn coyotes, one badger, 154 porcupines and eight skunks were also killed.

Expenditure of \$1,250,000 annually in labor and supplies in the Baker district was announced by officers of the Stoddard Lumber company, which recently completed the organization of the largest lumber producing program in eastern Oregon. The company expects to employ 600 men.

Tentative plans for a district meeting of federal farm loan associations in the western Oregon district, to be held in Eugene June 14, are being made by W. A. Ayers, secretary of the Lane County First National Farm Loan association. It is expected that 100 representatives of various federal farm loan associations will be there.

Removal of electric and telephone poles along the highway between Marshfield and Coquille from nearness to the pavement is believed to indicate an improvement of the 17 1/2 miles by addition of five feet on both sides of the pavement.

Margaret Purvine, 15, will be the youngest person ever graduated from the Salem high school when she receives her diploma in June. She is the daughter of Alderman Purvine and Dr. Mary Purvine. The oldest person in the class is 24.

Care in Reporting Fires Asked

A request to the people of Springfield to give exact and explicit information as to the location when reporting fires was made Monday by Jesse Smitson, fire chief. The department was bothered considerably when going to a small fire on Water street last week because the party reporting the fire said merely that it was over by the school house.

Mr. Smitson asks that persons reporting fires call 5, the fire department, not 35, the city hall, and give the exact street and number of the house where the blaze is located.

Trent Child Dead

Lorna Jean Maumey, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Maumey, of Trent, died Saturday at the Pacific Christian hospital at Eugene following a short illness at the age of eleven months. The funeral services were held at the Walker-Poole chapel in Springfield Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the interment followed at the Pleasant Hill cemetery. The child is survived by her parents.

"THE MODEL CHURCH" IS BAPTIST SERMON THEME

"The Model Church" will be the theme of the morning sermon by Rev. C. H. Blom at the Springfield Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The girls' quartet of the church will sing several special numbers during the services.

In the evening at 7:30 Rev. Blom will take the theme of his sermon from the tenth chapter of Acts. The Baptist male quartet will sing several numbers in the evening.

The teacher's training classes, have been organized will meet at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday night. Prayer service and Bible study will be held at the church Thursday night at 7:30.

Cogill Gets S. P. Job Here

Max Coghill of Eugene, has been assigned to the position of car clerk at the local Southern Pacific depot. He succeeds M. O. Olson, who had been holding the position temporarily following the promotion of Oswald Olson from yard clerk to cashier.

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