

**STATE CAPITAL NEWS**

- 35,000,000 Trout
- Enforcement Need
- Pinball Games Out

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SALEM.—Governor Martin returning from a tour of inspection with members of the State Game commission, expressed himself as highly gratified over the progress being made in the commission's efforts to restock Oregon's forests and streams with wild life.

Thirty-five million fingerling trout and 40,000 young pheasants will be released from the commission's hatcheries this year the governor was informed, with plans made for doubling this liberation of both fish and birds within two years.

Declaring that it was essential that every dollar available be spent directly in conservation and propagation of the wild life of the state if Oregon is to remain a hunters' and fisherman's paradise, the governor announced that he would oppose continued diversion of game funds to support of the state police. Approximately \$110,000 a year is now being contributed by the game commission to the police fund.

The tour included a visit to hatcheries at Corvallis, Asea, Bandon, Roseburg, Eugene, the McKenzie river, the lower Deschutes river and Hood River. The governor declared that he was now convinced that politics had been definitely eliminated from the administration of game affairs in this state and that the present game commission was one of the most efficient in the entire nation.

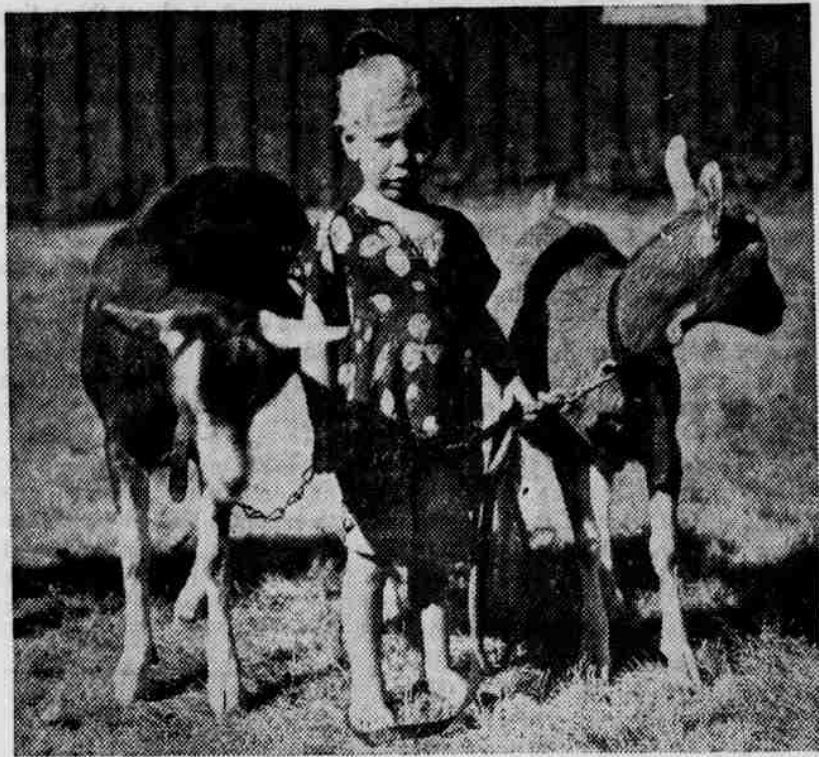
Following a conference with members of the Industrial Accident commission the Board of Control announced that it would not consent to the use of Workmen's Compensation funds in financing the proposed Portland office building acquisition of which was authorized by the last legislature. Governor Martin and all three members of the Accident commission were opposed to the proposed loan on the ground that it would "freeze" accident funds which might be needed in the payment of claims. State Treasurer Holman discounted the fears expressed by the Accident commissioners and supported the loan proposal as being good business and providing a better interest return than the commission can now earn on its bond investments. Rejection of the loan provision still leaves two methods of financing the Portland building open. One of these is thru the sale of certificates of indebtedness secured by the building itself. The other is through a straight-out rental plan.

Strict enforcement of the traffic laws must be had before Oregon can expect any reduction in its highway accident rate in the opinion of R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Admitting that educational campaigns, lectures and slogans might have their place in educating the younger members of society, Baldock declared that nothing but a wholesome respect for the law would ever reach the reckless, the careless and the drunken drivers who are responsible for most of the traffic accidents. In support of his attitude Baldock points to the record of Evanston, Ill., which has the lowest per capita accident rate of any city in the United States because of a policy of strict law enforcement.

More than \$800,000 in farm and city property was sold by the World War Veterans State Aid commission during the first seven months of 1937, Jerrold Owen, secretary to the commission, reported this week. This was property which had previously been taken over by the commission either through foreclosure proceedings or through voluntary surrender of the property by borrowers. Owen also reports a decided improvement in principal and interest payments by war veterans who have taken advantage of the bonus loans to finance purchase of homes or farms.

Appointment of Claude C. McCulloch of Klamath Falls as federal district judge for Oregon ends one

**STATE FAIR SEEKS "THREE LOST KIDS"**



This little fellow and his two kid pals were among the thousands who visited the Oregon State Fair last year. Who are they? No one seems to know, not even the photographer. But with plans nearly completed for the 1937 state fair September 6 to 12, the state fair management wants the mystery solved and is asking the cooperation of the public to that end. A pleasant surprise is in store for the kid in the center of the group, but more than that Assistant State Fair Manager Leo Spitzbart declines to reveal until the trio is located.

of the most prolonged political controversies in the history of the state. Acceptance by McCulloch of the new post will leave vacant the position of chairman of the Democratic state central committee for which Jack E. Allen of Pendleton and Jack Caulfield of Tillamook are being groomed.

Pin ball and marble board games having been successfully outlawed in Marion county the attitude of law enforcement officials in other sections of the state toward these gambling devices will be watched with much interest.

Appeals to the supreme court by N. J. Arnold and J. H. Campbell, operators of these devices, were dropped this week, and restraining orders issued by the Marion county circuit court pending the outcome of the appeals were dissolved. A few days later when deputy sheriffs searched the county for the presence of the machines none could be found. In both of these cases Circuit Judge James W. Crawford had held the pin ball and marble board games to be lotteries operated in violation of the state constitution.

Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general and special prosecutor who handled the Marion county cases against the pin ball and marble board operators, declared that dismissal of the appeals gave to Judge Crawford's decree the same force and effect as a favorable supreme court opinion. Attorneys representing the operators, however, deny this claim. They point out that the suits affect only the status of the machines in Marion county and indicate that their clients will continue to operate in other counties of the state.

In a letter to T. Leland Brown, district attorney for Wasco county, Moody pointed out that Oregon's statutes already contain enough law to outlaw these gambling devices and declared that responsibility for the enforcement of the law rests with the district attorneys. Moody also pointed out that Judge Crawford's opinion holding pin ball, marble board and similar devices to violate the lottery, gambling, nickel-in-the-slot and public nuisance statutes of the state also held the act of 1935 purporting to authorize counties and cities to license the operation of these machines to be unconstitutional.

Already a number of district attorneys have indicated their intention to follow up the success of the campaign in Marion county with prosecution against operators of similar devices in their own counties. It is pointed out there that in event any district attorney should prove derelict in the enforcement of the anti-gambling and lottery laws Governor Martin has ample authority to displace him with a special prosecutor just as he did in Marion county when he asked Attorney General Van Winkle to step into the picture which he did by placing Moody in charge of law enforcement.

Thirty-three hundred officers and

men constituting Oregon's National Guard contingent will start moving out from their bases in 25 cities scattered over the state early next Tuesday morning bound for the annual maneuver.

Instead of going to Camp Clatsop as usual, however, the Oregon troops will go to Fort Lewis, Washington, where they will join with troops from Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, as well as regular army units, in the greatest peace-time concentration of fighting men and machines in the history of the Pacific northwest. A total of approximately 15,000 men will be engaged in the war maneuvers at Fort Lewis which will continue for a period of 15 days.

The first week of the encampment will be devoted to whipping the men into shape, according to Major General George A. White, commander of the 41st division. The big review, high light in the two weeks' program from the standpoint of the public, will be held on Saturday, August 21. Commencing on Monday, August 23, and continuing day and night without interruption until August 28, the troops will be engaged in a gigantic war maneuver, simulating as nearly as possible actual war time conditions.

In addition to the 15,000 men engaged in the maneuvers there will be more than 1000 pieces of heavy equipment including cannon, trucks, tractors and tanks.

**Experimental Station Facts and Figures**

Experiences of branch experiment stations in eastern Oregon with trying to develop rotations on Columbia basin wheat lands have shown that considerable care must be practiced to make sure that the fertility and moisture balance is not too seriously disturbed. It has been found, for example, that if wheat is grown immediately after alfalfa has been plowed down, there will be an excess of nitrogen, which causes the wheat to grow so rank that it later burns for lack of moisture before maturity. Various crop combinations and practices to avoid such difficulties are constantly being studied at the branch stations.

Small shelters, made of either wooden slats or framework covered with cheesecloth, have proved practical in protecting tomatoes from curly top or blight when tried out on the Hermiston branch experiment station. When practically every vine outside of the shelters would be badly diseased, those under the shelters thrived and yielded at the rate of from 12 to 25 tons per acre. Both kinds of shelters were left open on one side, indicating that the leaf hoppers, which carry the disease, are not excluded, but they do not work enough in partial shade to cause damage. This method is not recommended on a commercial scale, but

is considered practical for home gardens.

An interesting study being made at the Union branch experiment station is on the comparative palatabilities of the various grasses and legumes. Equal amounts of the different varieties of grasses, clovers and other forage crops are fed to animals, and the amount rejected is measured. The slender stemmed type of crested wheat grass, known as the fairway strain, was relished better than some legumes. This strain is recommended only where moisture conditions are a little better than in the drier eastern Oregon lands.

**WHEN ONE WHEEL RUNS OFF PAVEMENT**

When one wheel runs off the pavement, take the foot off the accelerator and allow the car to slow down gradually until it can be brot back into the road easily, without jar or sway, advises the Oregon State Motor association.

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