

**HARDMAN NEWS**

**Hardman Clubbers Attend State Fair**

By HARDMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
The two who were recently adjudged the county's healthiest girl and boy, Mildred Clary and Junior Leathers, left Heppner very early on Sunday for Salem and the state fair. Later in the week Irl Clary went down, and he and Mildred put on the 4-H club demonstration which had been selected for competition. Mildred will also participate in the style revue which is held near the close of the fair.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lovgren and children of Eight Mile visited in town. Mrs. Owen Leathers returned home with them, and on Monday they all attended the fair at Lonerock. Mrs. Leathers came home on Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Eversole, who is the new high school principal, arrived a number of days early, and is staying at the Carl Leathers home. She comes from Shedd, and her father brought her up. Miss Lois Hewett of Milton-Freewater arrived on Sunday and will board with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brannon. Miss Lurline Sparks, who taught here last year, will again have the upper grades, and Miss Bell is the other high school teacher. John McDonald's bid for janitor at the high school was accepted by the board on Saturday night.

Mrs. Lewis Knighten, who has been ill, was worse last week and the doctor from Prairie City was called

in. Mr. and Mrs. Neal Knighten took her back to Prairie City. Mrs. Golda Leathers, who had returned to Portland, came back and joined them there. Reports received recently are that Mrs. Knighten now feels better and will go to Portland soon as the doctor has ordered a lower altitude.

J. E. Craber has leased the Fred Kreuger place for six years and very soon will move there. The Kreugers are leaving at the end of the week for the valley, where they have recently purchased his father's farm.

On last Thursday evening interested persons met at the high school to hear plans for bringing in a power line. A number signed for electricity.

On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers and Junior visited Owen's brother Mit, who is in the Heppner hospital. He is much better but will be there for a while yet. His wife, who stayed for some time, has returned to their home at Antone.

Those from Hardman who have registered for high school work in Heppner are: Betty Adams, Isabel McFerrin, Rita Robinson, Rita McIntyre, and Mildred and Irl Clary. Charlotte and Pete Cannon will go to Ione.

Miss Flo Merrill, who had been attending the Eugene summer school, returned home on Sunday accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Percy Bleakman and children. After school was out, Miss Merrill had an embedded wisdom tooth removed. Complications set in and she was in the hospital for a number of days. She will again teach English in the Mol-

**AAA to Purchase Lower Test Seed; Sept. 15 Deadline**

Arrangements to purchase additional field pea and vetch seed of lower grade than was previously accepted have been completed by the state AAA office at Corvallis, which has also just announced the final closing date for all seed purchases this year.

September 15 is the closing date for purchases by the Commodity Credit corporation which is handling the big deal for the AAA. Where growers are unable to get final test reports on their seed by that date they may sign an offer to sell, stating the exact amount and kind of seed available, says N. C. Donaldson, executive officer.

Establishment of a deadline is necessary to insure getting the seed moved to the southern states in time for fall planting, Donaldson explained. Farmers there who use the seed for cover crops must get it into the ground by a certain time in the various states to get successful growth.

A change in the minimum purity and germination specifications was arranged when it was found that a considerable tonnage of seed, unable to meet the high standards but suitable for use, was available.

Mixed peas and vetch with germination 86 to 90 per cent, and with 73

per cent or more peas and 25 per cent or less vetch will now be purchased at 2½ cents per pound.

Hairy vetch with germination of 86 to 90 per cent will also be purchased at 7 cents per pound, while seed with lower germination down to 80 per cent will be taken at reductions of 10 cents per hundred for each point reduction in germination.

The federal-state seed laboratory at Oregon State college has been working an expanded crew all summer handling the increased business more promptly than ever before, reports G. R. Hyslop, head of plant industries. Samples representing as much as a million pounds a day have been handled, with purity reports dispatched from 6 to 24 hours after samples were received.

**Pedestrians Lead in Fatal Accident Toll**

The typical traffic accident victim in Oregon during the first six months of 1940 was a male pedestrian over 55 years of age, who was committing some unsafe action at the time he was struck, according to a study of the statistics on accident reports of that period, recently completed by Earl Snell, secretary of state. At the time of the accident, the pavement was dry, the weather was clear and the time was between 6 and 10 p. m. on a week end.

Figures on the fatal accidents reported to the secretary of state's office during the first six months indicated that 42 percent of the per-

sons killed in traffic crashes were pedestrians and that 60 percent of the pedestrian fatalities were over 55 years of age while 56 percent were engaged in some obviously unsafe action at the time they were struck. Jaywalking and walking with traffic instead of facing it on highways were the two chief errors chalked up against pedestrians.

Excessive speed failing to yield right-of-way and driving off the roadway, in most cases probably due to speed too great for conditions, were the chief actions of drivers contributing to traffic accidents, the study disclosed. Of the 95 fatal accident drivers who had some driving fault checked against them, 86 percent fell in the three classifications listed above.

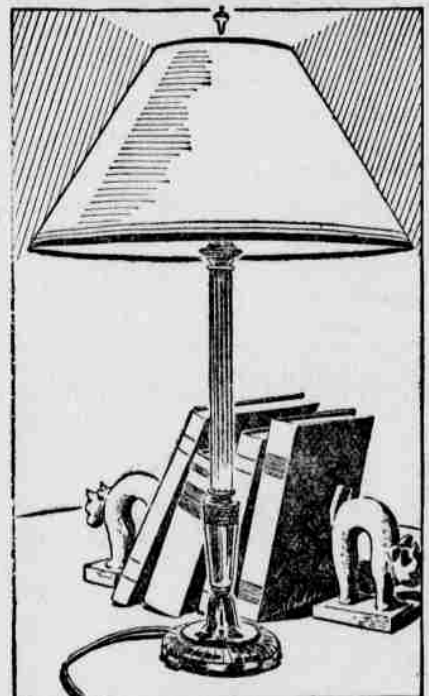
There was a total of 17,388 traffic accidents in Oregon during the first half of the year, with 161 persons killed and 3,160 injured. Sixty percent of the fatal accidents occurred in rural areas and of the fatal accidents reported from cities, only 29 percent occurred in business districts. Train-automobile crashes claimed four lives, bicycle-auto crashes took five lives all being persons under 24 years of age.

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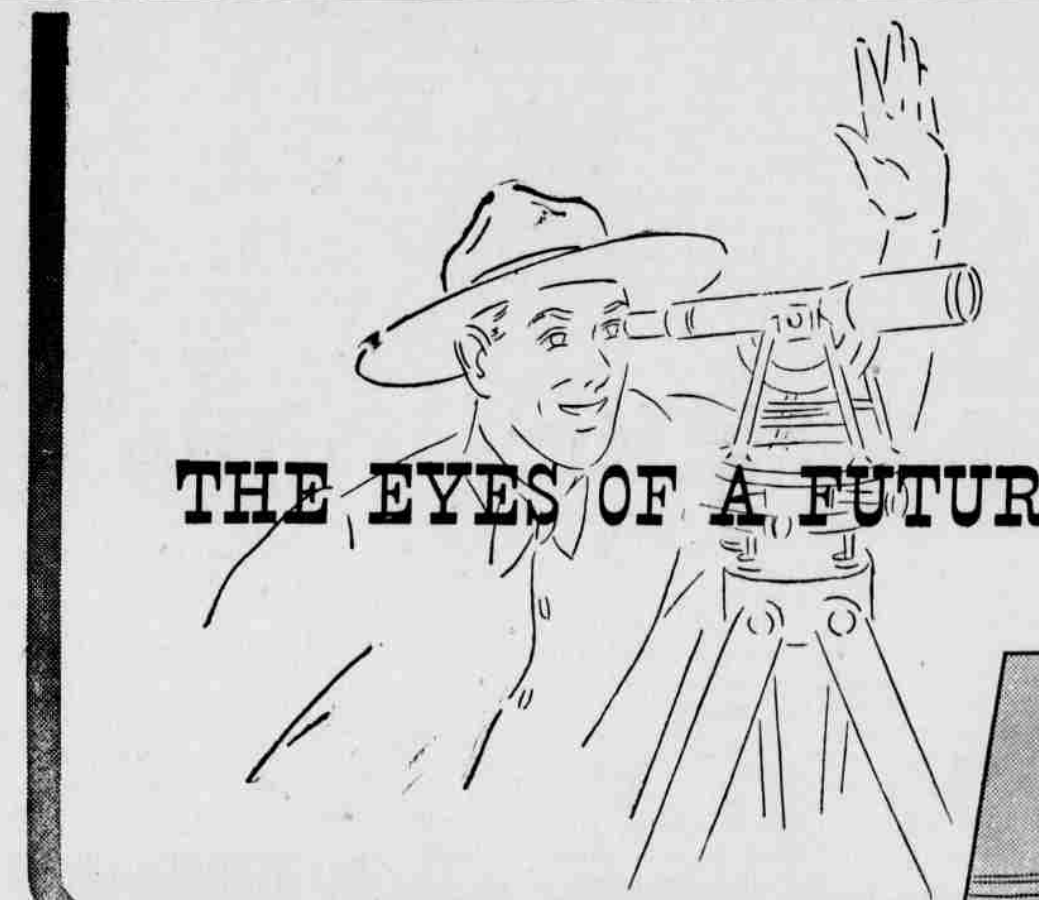
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