



SIDEWALK MANNERS

Motorists who are reasonably polite when driving and pedestrians who otherwise observe proper decorum do not always practice these qualities when walking on sidewalks. This observation is the result of a survey just made in Oregon's capital city by C. A. McClure, engineer for the Salem long range planning commission, who has had wide experience in traffic management.

"At times the sidewalks are almost as much congested as the streets. If the pedestrians would observe the same rules of the road when walking on the sidewalks as they do when driving, walking would be much easier. Pedestrians should keep to the right of an imaginary center line on the sidewalk. Or do we need a yellow line? When overtaking another pedestrian pass to the left. When walking slowly keep as far to the right as possible. If the people must stop to talk they should stand against the building or along the curb," advises McClure.

WILDLIFE POPULATION

Estimates just issued by the North Pacific region of the forestry service show a substantial number of big game animals in the 13 national forests of Oregon and six in Washington. There is estimated to be 172,000 mule deer, of which 123,000 are in Oregon and 49,000 in Washington. The estimates for black deer total 68,000 with 43,000 in Oregon and 25,000 in Washington. In the nineteen national forests of the two states there are 31,000 elk of which 25,000 are the Rocky Mt. elk and 6,000 Roosevelt elk according to the estimates.

CAPITAL SHORTS

Governor Earl Snell got half a day's steelhead fishing on the Rogue near Medford this week while waiting for a plane to take him back to the capital. No fish—Public health projects as living memorials have been proposed by Dr. H. M. Erickson, state health officer—Oregon's Crater Lake National park is scheduled to open June 15. The resort buildings have been closed since July 1942—The possibilities of Oregon in the matter of food production are far from fully

explored. This was one of the signal conclusions at the national convention of canners held recently at Atlantic City.

THE GAIN IN LUCRE

The forming of corporations and applications for security registrations for stocks and bonds in Oregon has taken a steeplechase tempo during the past six months. State Corporation Commissioner Hudson informs us there are two and three times as many corporation and security registration transactions each day in his office as there were a year ago. The increase is accounted for by the amount of money in circulation in the state and the fact that in war years many corporations dissolved and then became partnerships to avoid the high corporation taxes, and now that partnerships are as highly taxed they are reincorporating. On the last day of 1945 Oregon's money (not the state's) totaled \$360,000,000 of which 56 per cent was in circulation. Ten years ago the total in the state was only \$122,000,000 of which only 35 per cent was in circulation.

VETERANS WARNED

Veterans with a yen for the soil are warned by the agricultural department against farm "booby traps." There are farms that have

been abandoned because they will not adequately support a farm family. In many cases the soil has been exhausted or so badly eroded it cannot be reclaimed. They are far from a good investment. The department suggests that vets without farm experience should spend at least a year on the farm learning farm skills and practices that may mean the difference between success and failure. A brief time spent on a farm may give a vet all the farm life he wants and he may decide that it is for the bright lights of the city for which he yearns. Experts have listed seven musts for the veteran to consider before purchasing his farm. They are:

1. Talk it over first with the county agricultural agent.
2. Be sure to have enough money to pay down, equip and operate a farm properly.
3. Don't buy a farm without farming experience.
4. Be sure your wife wants to live on a farm.
5. Don't pay more for a farm than it would be worth over a period of years.
6. Don't buy a farm that is too small to support your family. Also be sure it is available to good roads, telephone and electric lines,

schools and markets. 7. Don't buy a farm unless both you and your wife are in good health.

RETURNING TO HEPPNER

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson were Heppner visitors Saturday, coming to town from the Edwin Hughes ranch where they were guests. Tom has been reassigned the soil

conservation service and will be in charge of the Morrow county unit. He and Mrs. Wilson had just returned from a trip into Old Mexico and were en route to Post Falls, Idaho, which they have called home since Tom was called to the service. They very much desire to find living quarters in Heppner and will make an earnest search when they return from Idaho.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

The Truth About That Explosion

For weeks Homer Bentley has tried to uproot that big stump in his hayfield... with team and tractor. Finally he succeeds—breaks a score of windows round about, and frightens the neighbors half to death!

"All I used," apologizes Homer, "was a couple of small sticks of dynamite, like you should."

"That was no two small sticks of dynamite," Judge Cunningham says severely—and it finally comes out that Homer got so cussed mad that that everlasting stump, had planted

ed a charge of TNT beneath its roots.

Reminds you of all the excuses human beings use to cover up bad judgment. Like the "two-beer alibi." When somebody gets into trouble, and blames it on "a couple of beers," you can be mighty sure they are covering up the truth.

From where I sit, a moderate beverage like beer is a better way of keeping out of trouble than getting into it.

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