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**Red Hat Army Moves In**

The red hat army's moving in and not only in this immediate vicinity but all over the state thousands of men and women will be striving to bring down a buck in what they consider the sport of kings. It is a rare privilege granted to those who enjoy big game hunting and a privilege that each and every hunter should respect.

Nature has cooperated in making the opening of deer season possible without restrictions but this doesn't mean that it is not necessary to exercise care about camp fires, smoking and any other possible causes of timber destruction. In the past, sportsmen have cooperated well with the forest agencies responsible for keeping our great natural resource free from fire. A word from Forest News, U. S. Forest Service release, calls attention to the fact that recent rains may give hunters a false sense of safety. In 1947 there were thirty-eight fires started within the national forests of Oregon and Washington by hunters. For the most part these were the result of careless smokers and persons who left cooking and warming fires unattended.

"Protect your game and their home" is the motto of the forest service, and should be the motto of every person who enters the forest. Says Kermit W. Linstedt, assistant regional forester in charge of fire control. "Remember that the national forests are yours to enjoy. The wild game is yours, and if protected from fire, both the game and their home will always be there for you to enjoy."

**A Slow Warm Up**

A few weeks ago the news dispatches indicated that by early October the political campaign would be waxing hot. The presidential aspirants would be on their respective swings about the country and the fireworks would be turned loose. Some of the predictions have already come to pass. At least the presidential aspirants are on their swings around the country and in a way the fireworks have been displayed. Yet, there is a lack of outward display of enthusiasm except,

perhaps, in the larger centers where the candidates have made their appearances.

Most illuminating spectacle in this part of the country was the announcement by the Oregon Journal that it will support Governor Dewey. This statement followed closely upon the Governor's recent visit and not too long after President Truman's invasion of Oregon. Measuring up both candidates, their records in office and the type of campaigns they are conducting it is likely the Journal felt it could make no other decision.

This action by the Journal may be indicative of the general trend over the land—a desire for a change from the gospel of gloom preached by the incumbent to a brighter prospect for peace and a hope for the future as advocated by Governor Dewey.

With approximately a month left before election day there is ample time for a hot campaign to materialize, but the manner in which the battle lines have been drawn does not indicate anything torrid. Mr. Truman's attack on the 80th Congress has acted as a boomerang and Mr. Dewey's gentlemanly manner has left the President out on a limb, as it were, so there doesn't seem to be too much of a battle in the making.

This does not excuse people of voting age from turning out to register and vote. There is every reason why all qualified persons should exercise their voting franchise in this unsettled era of the world's history. A wrong decision now could well extend the misunderstanding between nations while a change in our national political set-up could lead to an earlier settlement of the world problems.

The books will be open until eight o'clock Saturday evening at the court house. If you are not registered, don't fail to attend to it right this minute!

Remember you have an invitation to visit the Gazette Times office next Tuesday evening between the hours of 7:30 and 9:00.

**30 YEARS AGO**

Oct. 3, 1918

Werner Rietmann and Miss Juanita Gibson, both of Ione, were married on Saturday at the home of Rev. Frank Andrews, pastor of the Christian church. The young couple will make their home on the farm of the groom near Ione.

Dan Hanshev has purchased the J. H. Edwards farm in Sand Hollow and will take possession immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Tash left on Tuesday for Walla Walla where they will make their home, having recently purchased property there.

Joe Handy of Heppner was arrested Monday morning at his place of business in the mountains some 24 miles southeast of Heppner just as he was in the act of placing a fire under the still of his moonshine outfit.

Born—Monday, Sept. 30, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gillespie, a girl, Dr. Winnard attending.

Earl Gordon left for Portland last Thursday where he will again attend North Pacific Dental college where he is taking a course in pharmacy.

Edna, little 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown of Ione died Friday evening after an illness of a few days. Earlier in the summer, Mr. and Mrs. Brown buried another little girl who died from drowning in Willow creek.

Roy Neill was in town Monday from his ranch on Butter creek. He is now in the midst of putting up his third crop of alfalfa.

driver's license of a person convicted of drunk driving for one year. However, the drunk driver has a loop-hole in the present law," Newbry points out. "If he can obtain a written recommendation from the convicting magistrate he can renew his driver's license. For some reason, probably due to heavy pressure brought to bear, most courts do write recommendations within a very short time after conviction. In many cases the recommendation accompanies the court record sent to the secretary of state's office. The provision for a judge's recommendation was placed in the law to care for remote hardship cases, but as an actuality serves to lessen the penalty for drunk driving."

The financial responsibility department of his office is swamped with work, Newbry said, with the result that many automobile owners who have been involved in minor accidents cannot obtain reinstatement of their licenses without long delay. When it is realized that one out of every four automobiles in Oregon is involved in an accident each year, reaching a total of approximately 100,000 accidents a year, some idea of the volume of work and cost can be realized.

If the minimum damage was set at \$50, as it is in many states, the work of the state department could be reduced materially, Newbry said.

AT THE DEWEY SPECIAL

When Governor Dewey started his Salem address from the caboose of his 17-car campaign special on Monday morning, he recalled what happened to him on his last visit to Salem in May. An old gentleman elbowed his way through the crowd, grabbed my hand, and said, "Howdy, Dewey! I been wantin' to vote for you for president ever since you licked them Spaniards at Manila Bay!"

VOTERS' PAMPHLET OUT

The first mailing of voters' pamphlets for the November general election ballot was made by the state elections division last week. Distribution to counties furthest from the state capital was made first, going to Wal-lawa, Baker and Malheur counties. About 80,000 pamphlets will be mailed each day until October 3 when the last of the total of 738,000 pamphlets are expected to be in the mails. This election's pamphlet is the largest on record in Oregon, both for the number of pages and the number printed. The Multnomah county

pamphlet has 80 to 96 pages, depending on the precinct. The production of the pamphlets required five cartloads of book paper which was manufactured in the northwest.

**DRAFT TOTALS SHORT**

Oregon selective service officials have been notified by the national munitions board of the army's peacetime draft requirements of 15,000 draftees for the first 20 days of December. This is a fifty per cent increase over the number called for November. Pre-induction physical examinations will begin October 4.

Only a little more than 20 per cent of the 81,471 young men registered in Oregon are eligible for military call. Eligibles are single, non-fathers and non-veterans. Early registrations in the 18 to 25-year age group were 20 per cent short of estimations.

**MAY BOOST BANK RESERVES**

The required reserves of state banks may be raised to comply with the raise made September 16 for federal reserve banks. State Superintendent of Banks A. A. Rogers said last week before en-training for Louisville, Ky., to attend the national convention of bank superintendents.

While attending the national convention, Mr. Rogers was elected president of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks.

The recent raise for reserves on demand deposits in federal reserve banks was from 14 per cent to 16 per cent and on time deposits from 6 per cent to 7 1/2 per cent.

Of the 74 banks in Oregon, 34 are members of the Federal Reserve system, the others are state banks.

**STATE CAPITOL ROULADE**

State-owned property now is valued at \$58,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 over a year ago. The figure will be increased to \$70,000,000 in the next year because of building projects under construction. Oregon seamen re-ceiving \$120,000 in unemployment benefits during the first year (fiscal year 1947-48) of the new program. Governor and Mrs. John H. Hall attended the opening of the Waldport Salmon der-

by last Saturday—fish score, Mrs. Hall 3, the governor 0. Oregon highway department's 10-year program includes 21,654 miles of construction to cost \$704,983,000, at current prices.

Mrs. Stella Bailey of Portland

is spending a few days in Heppner in connection with property interests. She is interested in selling her ranch in the Little Butter creek vicinity, which if sold would clean up her realty holdings here.

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**AUTO LAWS SPRING LEAKS**

Too many drunk drivers get behind the steering wheel again too soon after an auto accident.

The state financial responsibility law is working a hardship on Oregon automobile owners and is now too expensive for taxpayers.

These are the opinions of Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry who intends to do something about it.

"Under the present law the secretary of state must revoke the

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