

News From C. A. Office

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Umatilla county will be a joint project of the Soil Conservation service research, the bureau of plant industry and the O.S.C. experiment station. It was made possible through special appropriation of \$22,000 to finance the start of the study obtained through the efforts of a committee of Oregon wheat farmers who went to Washington and enlisted the aid of the state's congressional delegation.

Wheat growers and experiment stations of Washington and Idaho have also joined in urging and planning the project on the basis that facts revealed in studying the various soils under Umatilla county conditions will apply to conditions throughout the Columbia basin wheat belt. Commercially sized plots will be established on farms of cooperating growers to determine if possible better methods and bet-

ter machinery for incorporating stubble and straw in soils to reduce erosion and maintain fertility in a permanent program of management.

DON'T SCOUR THAT LINOLEUM
Do you often say, "It seems like the more I scrub the dirtier my linoleum gets"? Maybe you are right. If you scour your linoleum with a coarse abrasive, you are wearing off the smooth surface. Naturally, the more it is worn down, the more dirt collects in the scratches.

If linoleum floors are waxed, they are easier to keep clean. Infrequent scrubbing with soap and water, not too much water, and wiping with a damp cloth between scrubbing will make the job easier for you besides keeping your floors looking cleaner. Remember, no scouring on your linoleum.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank friends and neighbors for their words of sympathy, tenders of assistance, and for the beautiful floral tributes to the memory of our son and brother.
The Greenup family.

48 Deaths Oregon Traffic Record In Month of September

Forty-eight persons died in Oregon traffic accidents last month in the heaviest death toll recorded so far this year. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery has reported.

The September fatalities bring the number of lives lost in 1948 traffic to 299, compared with 322 during the same period last year. All but ten of the persons killed in last month's mishaps met death on highways outside of any city or town.

Newbery warned the toll may grow even higher if late accident reports are received or if persons previously reported as injured do not recover.

"Past records prove that the fall and winter months are the most dangerous for drivers and pedestrians alike," he pointed out. "Our tragic loss in September will be repeated unless motorists and persons on foot meet the extra alertness."

He advised drivers to keep a wary eye on the road surface and a light foot on the gas pedal when faced with early darkness and adverse weather conditions, two factors which contribute much to the fall and winter toll.

Our Dwindling Saw-Timber Resource

When the Pilgrims landed on American shores in 1620, the total area of virgin forests in what are now our 48 states is believed to have been 822 million acres. By 1945, the area of virgin timber was only about 44 million acres—practically all of it in the western states.

It has been estimated that the forests of 1620 contained a total of some \$125 billion board feet of saw timber. By 1945, the estimated volume of saw timber in the forests of the United States had dwindled to 1,601 billion board feet. This included both virgin timber and second growth; but more than half of all our saw timber today is in what is left of our virgin forests. More than two-thirds of our remaining saw timber is in the west, although three-fourths of our commercial forest land is east of the Great Plains.

It was to be expected, of course, that most of the virgin timber would eventually be cut and that the original volume of timber would be greatly reduced in the three centuries of settlement and development since the Pilgrims landed. Large areas of forest had to be cleared for farming and for the establishment of towns and cities. Billions of board feet of lumber were needed to build up the homes and industries of a growing nation.

Of greater significance, therefore, is what has been happening to our forests in recent years. Homesteading and development of new agricultural sections are no longer going on on an extensive scale. We now have 461 million acres classed as more or less permanent commercial forest land.

Wheat Commission To Study Freight Rates at Meeting

Portland, Oct. 13 — Rising transportation costs that are preventing the flow of northwest wheat to eastern markets will rate a high place on the agenda of the forthcoming Oregon Wheat Commission meeting. Administrator Ed Bell disclosed today.

The commission will hold its regularly quarterly meeting in Portland Thursday and Friday.

"The transportation problem appears to be growing even more critical," Bell said. "According to press dispatches from Washington, D. C., the railroad industry has asked the Interstate Commerce commission to up to 13 per cent its recent request for an 8 per cent freight rate increase."

Even the 8 per cent advance, an addition to a 25 per cent hike granted by the ICC earlier this year, would add an estimated \$672,500,000 to the nation's annual freight bill. The additional 5 per cent would add millions more, press dispatches report.

Last week Bell disclosed that the entire northwest wheat industry had formed a voluntary organization to press for lower rates. Present shipping costs, they charged, are discriminatory and are driving northwest wheat and flour from eastern markets.

Among the other major topics to be discussed will be reports from the Western Wheat Quality Laboratory established at Pullman, Wash. There chemists are seeding new rust-resistant varieties which will be "ideal" for producers, bakers and millers.

The commission also will hear progress reports from the directors of research projects who are investigating means of developing and expanding markets as well as trying to find new uses for wheat. Most promising of the new uses being considered are the developing of a wheat starch industry and the utilization of wheat for producing industrial alcohol, with wheat proteins as by-products.

SENATOR GUY CORDON DEFENDS 80TH CONGRESS

United States Senator Guy Cordon was back in Portland after an extensive tour of the state that included several formal and as many informal talks in which he defended the record of the 80th congress, particularly as to its appropriations for reclamation; described Oregon's congressional members as fine team workers—one of the best teams in Washington; reiterated his keen interest and support of improving Oregon's harbors; pointed out that additional manufacturing and processing operations must be established here to provide jobs for the state's more than 300,000 new inhabitants—particularly that Oregon must process more of its raw materials; struck out against foreignisms that would dominate the world.

Senator Cordon has visited nearly every section of the state since returning from Washington, and recently returned from a trip that took him to Roseburg, Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Prineville, Bend and Astoria.

The best available estimates indicate that since 1909 the volume of standing saw timber in our commercial forests has been reduced by 44 per cent. (1909 estimate: 2,826 billion bd. ft.—U.S. Bureau of Corporations. 1945 estimate: 1,601 billion bd. ft.—U. S. There is every reason to believe that the decline of the Nation's wood pile since 1909 is even greater than that. Many kinds of trees which then were considered of no value are now being used, and are included in the latest estimate. Also much smaller trees are classed as saw timber these days, especially in the eastern half of the country. (Saw timber means all trees big enough and of the right kinds to saw into lumber, whether used for that purpose or not. Most of our forest industries depend on saw timber.)

Most of the second-growth stands upon which we are becoming more and more dependent, are not producing the kinds of timber and the choice clear, knot-free wood we need for many uses. Long years of "creaming" the forests for desirable timber has left fewer of the best kinds of trees, and a consequent increase in the proportion of low-value trees. In the eastern half of the United States, there is a general downward trend in tree sizes. Some mills are cutting ridiculously small logs for lack of reasonably large timber.

In 1944 saw timber was being taken from our forests at the rate of 53.9 billion board feet a year.

That means we are draining our saw timber one-and-a-half times as fast as it is being replaced by growth.



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

OCT. 10 to OCT. 16

(By the editors of the World Book Encyclopedia)

882 years ago this week Duke William of Normandy fought a battle at Hastings, England, which changed the whole course of English history. On October 14, 1066, he defeated the Saxon king, Harold, and was thus able to assume the throne of England. William stopped the subdivision of the country into autonomous provinces. He organized a central government, developed law, and established courts. He brought England into greater contact with Europe and furthered foreign trade. Looking back on that one battle, historians have called it the most important single event in the history of England.



C. J. Shorb of La Grande, democratic nominee for congress from the second district of Oregon, was a guest at the Hepner Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday. Shorb is a newspaper man, although not at present engaged in that occupation. He has a typewriter and office supply business in La Grande which claims his attention, having leased his newspaper plant.

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Measure Provides Ballot For All in School Elections

(The following is an editorial that appeared in The Sunday Oregonian for October 3.)

When the people voted to divert state income tax revenues to the support of the local schools they made the constitutional provision restricting the vote on school tax levies and bond issues to property taxpayers hopelessly archaic and discretionary. An inflated measure on the ballot November 2 provides that any eligible voter, regardless of property ownership shall be entitled to vote on school matters. The measure should be approved.

Income taxes now provide 40 per cent of school revenues, and many who pay income taxes—and who have children in school—are not property owners. They should be entitled to vote under the democratic system. Others now technically barred from voting on school bonds and taxes include wives and husbands whose properties are recorded in their spouses' names, and persons owning property in one school district but having residence in another.

As a matter of practice, the property qualification has broken down. County authorities have found it impossible to issue election boards lists of eligible school voters. Under present law, one is qualified who owns a share of stock in any corporation that pays taxes, or is a member of a cooperative that owns property, or holds a policy in a mutual insurance company. But responsible citizens, renting instead of owning property and paying their share of school costs indirectly, are barred unless they can establish eligibility under the technical provisions listed above.

All persons qualified as to age, residence, registration and literacy should share the responsibilities of educating the youth. The amendment, No. 308 on the ballot, merits approval.



Humphreys Drug Co. Hepner, Oregon

POTLUCK DINNER SUNDAY

Potluck dinner will be served immediately following morning service at All Saints Episcopal church Sunday. All members are urged to attend the service and come prepared to participate in the dinner.

John Padberg has moved to the residence on west Baltimore street

recently acquired from Ottis East. The East family has moved to Prineville where Mr. East is a plant superintendent with one of the sawmills.

COOKED FOOD SALE
The Catholic Altar Society will hold a cooked food sale at 10 a. m. Saturday, Oct. 16 at the P. P. & L. office.

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Auction Sale
Thursday, October 21st
Sale of miscellaneous items begins promptly at 1 p. m.
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35 HEAD GOOD YOUNG STOCKER COWS
75 HEAD GOOD WEANER CALVES
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John Varner, Auctioneer Harry Dinges, Clerk

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Saturday Evening 30 October
American Legion Hall Hepner
Lunch will be Served

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Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16
RETURN OF THE BADMEN
Randolph Scott, Robert Ryan, Anne Jeffreys, Gabby Hayes, Jacqueline White, Steve Brodie. Action-dripping, fast-moving western in the grand manner and a great joy to those who like outdoor dramas.
PLUS
CAGED FURY
Shella Ryan, Mary Beth Hughes, Richard Dunning, Buster Crabbe. A circus story loaded with action and adventure.

Sunday-Monday, October 17-18
HOMECOMING
Clark Gable, Lena Turner, Anne Baxter, John Hodiak. Side by side, living through so much together, in so short a time! A stirring story of a dangerous romantic journey.
NEWSREEL EVERY SUNDAY & MONDAY

Tuesday, October 19
OLYMPIC CAVALCADE
Part II of Leni Riefenstahl's grandly photographed study of the 1936 Olympic Games trimmed down for U. S. moviegoers.
PLUS
THE CHALLENGE
Building Drummond meets his boldest challenge, starring Tom Conway.

Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 20-21
MAGIC TOWN
James Stewart, Jane Wyman, Kent Smith, Ned Sparks, Wallace Ford. Magic entertainment in this story of modern small-town Americana.
MAGIC VOICE of the SCREEN
NEW LIVING SOUND

Horse Sense Bridge Lessons
By **SAM GORDON—The Kibitzer**
The easiest and quickest way to learn bridge... taught in a simple and entertaining manner that appeals to
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