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The Tourist Crop

There is one crop not commonly associated with what we term as industry, yet it is one that brings millions of dollars to Oregon each season—the tourist crop.

Checked to no small degree in 1948 by the unprecedented flood waters of the Columbia basin, the tourist crop as an industry is expected to bound back this season and there are forces at work to educate the people up to the idea of cashing in on this outside money. One of the outstanding features of the educational program is the training of our residents to become hosts to the tourists. There are many angles to this and perhaps the most important one is that of directing attention of the residents to the fact that they have an interest in the tourist business, at least to the extent of making or trying to make the visitor from beyond our borders feel welcome in Oregon.

To impress Oregon residents with the importance of the tourist business, Governor Douglas McKay has designated the week from May 2 through 8 as Tourist Host Week. The Oregon Advertising club, through its Tourist Promotion committee, is coordinating a statewide program for observance of this week. A tourist week caravan will visit eleven Oregon cities; there will be 15-minute transcriptions featuring the Portland Symphony choir, to be played on all Oregon radio stations during the week; window cards, banners and other display materials have been prepared—all of which is designed to make Oregonians appreciate Oregon. The importance of courteous service, accurate information and good accommodations for tourist guests is being emphasized.

It is not likely that this particular region will be overrun by tourists, yet if we make an effort to be good hosts to the few that may come this way we will be laying the foundation for a more extensive visitation from strangers, some of whom may be looking for the very things we have to offer the homeseeker.

Needed Improvements Should Not Be Discouraged

Residents of Gale and adjacent streets have signed a petition asking for the formation of an improvement district for the purpose of coping with the drainage problem. It is the desire of the petitioners to have Gale street and the streets crossing it graded and to put in curbing. In order

to make the job permanent and provide better drainage it will be necessary to pave the street from curb to curb. To leave a strip of unpaved roadway on either side of the present pavement would be to invite recurring damage, both in respect to the usual quantity of mud in the spring run-offs and the probability that the gutters would be washed out.

In planning the improvement work the city council contemplated doing the paving work from the center strip to the curbs. It later developed that there would have to be an increase in the budget and the budget committee, in session with members of the council Monday evening, did not see fit to include funds for this improvement work—or the city's part, to be more specific—and unless the petitioners wish to assume the extra assessment it is more than likely none of the work will be done.

There is an alternative and that is for the citizens included in the proposed improvement district to appear before the council and budget committee and ask that funds for the paving be included. That isn't saying that the request will or will not be granted, but it is safe to say that it will not be given consideration unless a showing is made by those interested in having the improvement made.

Other residents should attend the budget hearing, the date of which will be announced later, and learn the nature of the proposed improvements. It may appear, without investigating the plans, that the city would be placed in a position of playing favoritism. This is not the case. The city has an obligation to meet when the property owners express a willingness to bear a certain amount of the improvement expense and any other section may petition the same as the Gale street district and the city will be under obligation to meet a certain share of the expense. It might be that the grading and curbing could be done this year in the proposed district and another district—Chase street, for example—could be taken up next year, and so on until the town becomes standardized as to grades and curbing.

In any event, citizens interested in street and other improvements will do well to keep in touch with the council. After all, it is not the council's money that is being spent and the city officials are merely trying to spend available funds where they will do the most good.



STATE OWNED CARS MARKED

No more joy rides for state officials or employees in state-owned cars, says the state board of control.

The joint ways and means committee of the state legislature requested the board to see that each car be distinctly marked and any exemptions be approved by the board; that low priced cars be purchased so far as possible and exceptions be approved by the board; that each state department be responsible for the use of cars under its control and that no car be used for personal business or pleasure. These recommendations were adopted by the board. Others suggested but not adopted were the establishment of car pools for employees; that cars be painted a special color and that officials and employees be prohibited from storing cars at their homes.

FAIR WEATHER TIMES

"Thirty thousand unemployed were back on the payroll on April 1."

"Seasonal decline in unemployment has ceased and the Spring recovery is now developing."

"Resumption of activity in logging and lumbering is taking place."

"Heavy inventories in consumer goods, particularly household commodities, is resulting in selling campaigns to attract buyers and lower their sales resistance," says John W. Kelly, executive director of the post war readjustment commission in his monthly report to Governor Douglas McKay.

Kelly also reports there are \$72,000,000 of new projects announced, with millions more to come during the year.

Portland has announced \$21,501,386; Salem, \$3,721,992; Albany, \$753,126; Eugene, \$646,000.

COMPLETING LEGISLATIVE CHORE

Approximately 60 House and Senate bills passed by the legislature during the closing hours were signed Saturday by Senate President William E. Walsh and Speaker of the House Frank Van Dyke. President Walsh became governor pro tempore Sunday when Governor Douglas McKay left the state on his way to Bellingham, Washington, to attend a meeting of the Pacific Northwest Trade Association.

Governor McKay addressed the association banquet Monday evening. Walsh and Van Dyke left for Sacramento Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Interstate Affairs Commission. President and Mrs. Walsh with son William will reestablish their temporary residence in Salem next month. President Walsh must devote much time to the many interim committees meeting in the capitol and will be governor pro tempore during most of the month of June when Governor McKay will be attending to state business at meetings in eastern states.

The I. O. O. F. lodge of Ione will sponsor a clean-up day at the cemetery on Saturday, May 7. Everyone interested is urged to be on hand at 9 o'clock on that date. Potluck dinner will be served at the lodge hall for participants.

Shrine Rodeo To Draw High Class Talent of West

Portland, April 21. (Special)—If kids from 8 to 80 get a kick out of horses the Al Kader temple of the Shrine will have plenty to please.

Signed for the Shrine Greater Rodeo this week are Roy Roger's famous horse "Trigger Jr." and his Liberty Horses along with "Red Pony." They are scheduled to appear May 14 to 22 at the Pacific International Exposition buildings in Portland.

Red Pony sprang into international fame recently as the star of Republic's motion picture, "The Red Pony" which was written by the famed author, John Steinbeck.

Roger's Liberty horses also appeared in that picture and proved a sensation as the eight matched steeds work a complete programmed routine without the use of verbal command—therefore the name.

"Trigger, Jr." of course is a name familiar to every American boy and girl and his ability to take verbal commands has made him one of the greatest equine stars of the silver screen.

Headquarters for the Shrine Greater Rodeo are set up at 430 Southwest Sixth Avenue, Portland 4, Oregon, where mail orders for tickets are now being taken.

ASTORIA HOSPITAL PASSED UP

"Not interested," said the state board of control when the matter came up of accepting the Astoria Naval hospital for free to be used as a hospital or for educational purposes. The same offer was made to the legislature but that body pigeon-holed the proffer.

The Baptist Youth Institute has made a request for the property and buildings to be used as a boarding school for crippled and dependent children.

PERMANENT CAR PLATES ORDERED

Evidently the state board of control estimates there will be a heavy increase in auto licenses in 1950. This week they awarded a contract to a Portland firm to deliver 740,740 pairs of the new permanent automobile license plates at 27 cents a pair. The next lowest bid was 29.7 cents a pair.

The new plates will be issued each month to groups of owners according to their alphabetical order.

NEW HOSPITAL COTTAGES

Construction of 12 motor courts to house state employees at the state hospital farm near Salem was approved this week by the state board of control.

Tumble-Weed Beef Club at Boardman Goes Into Action

The 4-H Tumble-Weed Beef Club met at the home of Delores Carlson Wednesday evening. Members of this club are paying dues of 50 cents for caps and all clubs are saving "Queen Bees" pattern coupons for silverware for the clubhouse. Refreshments of jello and cake were served. Next meeting will be at the home of Jackie and Richard Mulligan.

Mrs. LaVern Partlow, seventh and eighth grade teacher, and eight students from the four upper grades motored to Irrigon Wednesday, April 20 to partake in the county spelling contest. Marie Potts, fifth grader, tied for third place. Others going were Delores Carlson, David Miles, Nancy Califf, Viola Worden, Larry Thorpe, Marlene Fisk and Georgia Landers.

Ladies Aid Missionary met at the home of Mrs. Tim Rippee Thursday. The first quarter finance group had charge of the program and served the luncheon. Chairman in charge was Mrs. Beth Russell, with Mrs. Hugh Brown and Mrs. Ralph Earwood assisting. Next missionary meeting will be May 18 at 2 p. m. and will be at the home of Mrs. George Gustin.

The Boardman softball team was winner over the Phillips 66 Oilers last week with a score of 25-22. Players for Boardman are pitchers, Russell DeMauro and Gump (Andy) Jones; catcher, Bill Garner; others, Duane Brown, Clayton Allen, Ike Murphy, Lloyd Ikey, Frank Colcessor, Bill Miller and Alfred Archer. Monday night will be a jamboree for all teams in the league, playing on the Hermiston field.

Mrs. Robert Wilson was pleasantly surprised last week when ladies came to wish her a happy birthday. They were Mesdames Jack Mulligan, Ray Brown, Walter Wyss, Earl Briggs, Charles Anderreg, Bill Earnberg, Robert Fortner, and Miss Margaret Gillis, county health nurse.

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Mrs. M. E. Cotter came up from The Dalles for a few days last week. She reports Mr. Cotter as slowly improving at the hospital. The cost of the project was estimated to be \$35,000 with some materials salvaged from the wreckage of an old ward building.

Also approved was a proposal to advertise for bids on the construction of a superintendent's residence at the Oregon boys' school at Woodburn. Cost is estimated at \$16,500.

Ione Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet Big Social Success

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 29—Mother and daughter banquet 6:30 p. m., Congregational church.

May 7—Clean-up at cemetery. Potluck dinner at noon at I. O. O. F. hall.

May 3—Legion and auxiliary meeting 8 p. m.

May 4—Eastern Star social meeting at hall.

May 5—Rebekah meeting 8 p. m.

May 6—Opera, "The Gypsy Rover," at gymnasium.

April 30—DeMolay dance at Legion hall.

The Junior-Senior banquet and prom were held in the school gym Friday evening, April 22.

The theme of the decorations in the gym was "April Showers," which consisted of light blue streamers, parasols on the ceiling and pastel streamers on the slides with white picket fences, wheelbarrows loaded with flowers, a lily pond with model ducks around it. Apple blossoms and lilacs were used over the rooms and spring flowers in the window boxes. The menu was pineapple cocktail, crab salad, baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter, olives, pickles, celery, strawberries and ice cream and wafers.

The program during the banquet was as follows: Toastmistress, Lola Ann McCabe; welcome, Robert Peterson; Senior response, Walter Bergstrom; will, Helmut Hermann; history, Mary Holtz; prophecy, Clifford Aldrich.

The tables were decorated in the class colors, crimson and gold, with gold candles and tulle streamers. A Pendleton orchestra played for the prom and during intermission little Linda Halvorsen gave a recitation and song, and two numbers were rendered by the girls glee club, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Hendrickson. Punch and cookies were served at this time. The Ione P-TA served the banquet. The seniors are Clifford Aldrich, Helen Fay Baker, Walter Bergstrom, Fayne Ely, Helmut Hermann, Mary Holtz, Gene Ranier, and Arthur Warren.

Among those from here attending the Flying Farmers meeting at Lexington airport Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Ballentyne, Mrs. Mary Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forsythe. A potluck dinner was served at noon.

The Misses Janet Mason and Jean Ann Swanson were hostesses at an Easter party last week at the Garland Swanson home where they entertained the preschool children. They served jello, cookies and punch.

The 4-H Beef club met at the E. M. Baker ranch Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Anderson and children and E. S. Stultz attended the meeting. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Mrs. Omar Rietmann and Mrs. Victor Rietmann left for Portland Sunday. They will attend the state P-TA convention at Eugene this week as delegates from Ione.

Rev. Edwin D. Kellogg of Clackamas gave the sermon at the Co-operative church Sunday morning in the absence of Rev. Alfred Shirley. Rev. Kellogg is the father of Mrs. Feathers of Lexington. He was accompanied by his wife. Rev. Shirley filled the pulpit of the Clackamas Congregational church Sunday.

Jack Ball, son of Elmer Ball, was badly bruised when a tractor which he was driving for Bill Seehafer tipped over on him.

Among those going to Pendleton last week were Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Drake and son Ernie, Mrs. Ida Coleman, Mrs. Hazel Beers, Mrs. Echo Palmateer, Mrs. Delbert Emert and Mrs. Mary Emert. Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Meara and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Aldrich and son Charles visited Mr. O'Meara's brother in Wasco Sunday.

The social meeting of the Popple club met at the home of Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Saturday afternoon where the members were entertained at dessert bridge. Four tables were in play. Winning prizes were, high, Mrs. Cleo Drake; second, Mrs. Victor Rietmann; jack high, Mrs. Paul Pottyjohn. Hostesses were Mrs. R. E. Lundell, Mrs. Sam McMillan and Mrs. McCurdy.

Mr. and Mrs. Creston Black from near Portland are staying at the Oscar Lundell home. Mr. Black is an electrician and they are opening up an electrical appliance shop adjacent to the Swanson store. Mrs. Black has been clerking at the Swanson store during the illness of Mrs. Doris Gollyhorn.

The auxiliary of the American Legion held initiation at the regular meeting April 19, when six members were received. The Legionnaires were guests. A program was given as follows: A talk on Child Welfare, Mrs. Victor Rietmann; talk by James Barnett, commander; songs by Patricia and Delores Drake, accompanied by Mrs. Cleo Drake; reading by Ruby Ann Rietmann, and a talk by Mrs. Eldon Padberg, auxiliary president. Luncheon was served in the dining room from tables decorated with candles and daffodils. The re-

Miss Francine Ely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ely and Delmar Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wate Crawford, were married, Friday, April 22 at Stevenson, Wash. Rev. J. H. Avery officiating. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Schmidt of Portland were the attendants. Mrs. Schmidt is a cousin of the groom. The bride wore a pink wool suit, a pink hat, black accessories and a purple orchid. Mrs. Crawford is a graduate of the Ione schools and is employed at the Hepner bank.

Mr. Crawford also attended the Ione schools and was with the U. S. navy. They will live in the new Case apartments in Hepner. Mrs. Crawford will continue her work at the bank and Mr. Crawford will help his father on the farm near Ione.

Word was received of the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers of Missouri last week.

30 YEARS AGO

Hepner Gazette Times, Thursday, May 1, 1919

Closing exercises by three schools were enjoyed last Friday at Lena. The program preceded a big feed in the grove at the cross roads. Teachers taking part were Misses Josephine McDevitt, Myrtle Miller and Grace Leathers.

The Ladies Civic club gave a program at the Star theater Wednesday evening. Some films were run through by Mr. Sigbee and several young women sold candies and ice cream cones through the audience. The net results were better than \$100. The ladies are very much pleased over this, their first venture in raising funds for civic improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Crawford returned Tuesday from a visit of

several days at Eugene and Portland. While in Eugene Mr. Crawford attended a conference of the newspaper men of the state.

Mrs. Oscar Borg departed for Portland Monday to spend a short time visiting in the city. Miss Margaret O'Rourke went to Portland Thursday to interview the federal authorities in regards to her passport for Ireland. Miss O'Rourke had contemplated returning to her home as soon as the war closed but the government discourages ocean travel at present.

John Elder returned to Hepner this morning. He returned from France about the first of April. He will go on to Ritter where his folks reside.

Alva Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jones of this city, reached

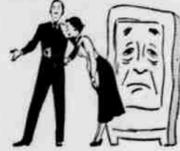
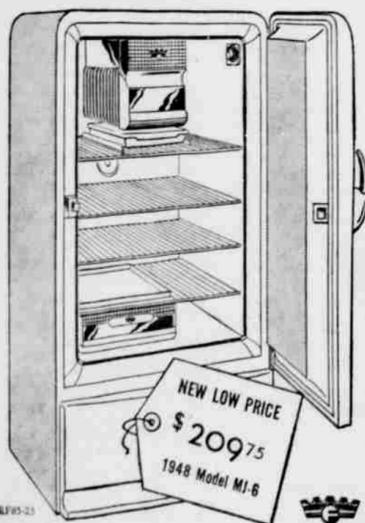
home from overseas Tuesday evening. Alva spent 17 months in France in active service in the army.

T. E. Chidsey and wife returned home Tuesday from Pendleton. They went over to attend the Oddfellows' celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Vincent of Butter Creek have been spending the week in Hepner, guests at the home of Mrs. Mattie Adkins. The stock of the Case Furniture Company is being moved this week from the old Hepner block to the new building just north of the Oddfellows hall.

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