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What's Going on in Oregon?

This contest for governor of Oregon is getting more complicated by the minute.

The Democratic picture started out clearly enough with the incumbent, Robert D. Holmes, declaring. This is a normal and logical development. The picture was altered somewhat when Lew Wallace tossed his hat in the Democratic ring. Wallace does not have a name as a top-flight politico, but voters will remember that he had enough strength to threaten Holmes in the last Democratic primary even after he had publicly withdrawn from the race (although by that time his name had been printed on the ballots). A further development in the Democratic lineup was the addition of a third candidate, Wiley Smith of Multnomah county. We cannot imagine Smith as the winner of the Democratic primary, but he will steal some votes (he has been making a play for pensioners and senior citizens) from somebody. The question is: from whom?

The Republican situation, too, started out logically enough, with Sig Unander making his bid for the GOP nomination. Then along comes Mark Hatfield to challenge him. Some Republicans have been wondering, in view of the limited number of first-rank candidates from which to choose,

why pit two of them against each other in the race?

That question becomes all the more significant with the word that Warren Gill, too, has entered the GOP race for the gubernatorial nomination. That makes three able men shooting for the same spot.

Gill, in making his announcement, brought out into the light of day (in the GOP camp) what the Democrats have been talking about for some time. Namely, the influence of the so-called "Arlington club clique." He showed, by inference at least that Unander is the Arlington club's entry.

Does the very number of entries in each of the primaries indicate that the forces of revolution are at work in both parties? Unless all these six are self-starters, the situation shows a wide diversity of opinion in both parties. That's the least you can say for it.

—The Madras Pioneer

ODD ENDS . . .

Doggoned if we didn't have to mow our lawn last weekend—a whole week before the end of February. The only conclusion we can get from this occurrence is that, if this growing weather keeps up, its going to be a long hard summer.



By MURRAY WADE
GILL SURPRISE PARTY
Senator Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican, did a minimum of pulse feeling before announcing his candidacy for governor. If he confided with any of his Repub-

keep from growing too high if height is a problem. The more dense a shade tree grows, the better it serves its purpose. One of the things that gives much concern to the home owner is the correct pruning of ornamentals. Many people have an urge to prune their ornamentals in the spring. Most trees and shrubs do better if minimum of pruning is done.

They should be let grow as near natural as possible. If pruning of ornamentals must be done, take out dead and broken limbs first. Weak growth can then be removed where it is interfering or strength is needed for a better growth. Trees need no more limb removal except for convenience such as those overhanging a side walk or street.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette Times
March 1, 1928

Betty Marie Adkins, little daughter of Mr and Mrs Albert Alkins, celebrated her sixth birthday at the Adkins home Saturday afternoon, in a delightful party, at which 16 little girls were present.

Miss Eleanor Cohn departed for her home at Portland Monday after spending several days here at the home of her brother and wife, Mr and Mrs Harold Cohn.

A party of Hardman ladies in the city yesterday were Mrs Frank McDaniel, Mrs Carrie Hastings and Mrs Robert Steers.

Mrs John Her this week closed a deal for the residence property of Eugene Penland and will take possession of same.

Ray Taylor, who spent the most of last week at Portland, attending the school for Ford Mechanics, returned home on Thursday.

Mr and Mrs Floyd Adams entertained a number of children at their farm home on Sunday afternoon, the occasion being the birthday of little Betty Jane.

lican cohorts in the Senate they are being pleasantly passive about it. However, you can never tell about a Senator—on an election year. The Senate has been well described as 30 potential candidates for governor.

There are Democrats who would be happy to see State Senator Walter J. Pearson come out for the Democratic nomination for governor. It is not a wish wrapped in admiration for the Multnomah county Senator so much as it is that he would cut in on the primary vote of Lew Wallace in Portland.

DON'T LET 'EM GET MAD

The art of not making "soreheads" in a primary campaign was something the late Governor Earl Snell (it seemed he couldn't lose an election) practiced devoutly.

Currently the Democrats have done a better job than the Republicans in avoiding post-primary party splits by holding down the number of candidates for the same office.

The winner of the Republican gubernatorial nomination, whether Warren Gill, Mark Hatfield, George Livingston or Sig Unander, will lose enough votes of disgruntled friends of each of the three losing primary candidates to add up to three times the winning margin Bob Holmes had over Gov Elmo Smith in 1956.

The harder these potential "soreheads" work for the losing primary candidate the more likely they are to vote against the primary winner at the general election.

There is no assumption here that the per cent of political workers that renig on the party is high, although it has been estimated to be above 3 per cent, in some campaigns. Gov Holmes won by a little over 1 per cent of the total vote.

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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

The recent Oregon Hereford Association's sponsored blue tag sale held at Pendleton was a source of good herd sires for a number of Morrow county ranchers. Those who purchased bulls during the time that I sat in on the sale were John Graves, Hardman; William Smethurst, Don Greenup, Tad Miller and Marion Finch, Heppner; Hynd Brothers, Cecil; and Tony Vey, Echo. Don Greenup bought at least six and Hynd Brothers, several. As I watched the sale and the bidding I could not help but think that Morrow county ranchers were picking the top of the bulls consigned to this sale. Quality of the bulls will do much to improve the already high quality of beef cattle in these herds. Our ranchers did not hesitate to pay a premium for the better quality bulls.

While the grand champion bull was consigned by Herbert Chandler, Baker and sold for \$935.00 there was no question as to the quality of the top selling bull consigned by Walter Egg and Son, Milton Freewater which brought \$2000.00. With Double M Hereford ranch, Adams and Horton Hereford ranch, Klamath Falls in the bidding the bull was purchased jointly by Harold and Cecile Eakin, Grass Valley, and Earl Gentry, Moro to be used as a registered herd sire. Don Greenup bought an outstanding bull from the Egg herd.

Many inquiries have been received during the last week in regards to the feasibility of using a top dressing fertilizer for wheat at this time. The interest is brought about through the abundance of moisture falling during the fall and winter months. This moisture brought about two situations: 1. a saturation of the soil which appears to make it possible to use considerably more nitrogen than normal and 2. the possible leaching out of nitrogen already in the soil through this excessive rainfall.

Visiting with Roy Warner of the soil testing laboratory at Pendleton Grain Growers last Saturday

and more recently with Dr Charles Smith and Merrill Overson of the Pendleton branch experiment station we checked with experimental work done on this problem of leaching. Experimental results show that the danger of leaching of nitrogen is not so great when ammonia-type fertilizers are used such as anhydrous and aquerous which most of our farmers have used. However, when this is transformed to the nitrate form leaching will occur. With the warm weather last fall we can assume that much of the ammonia has been converted to nitrates and that much leaching could have occurred during the winter months. Several farmers are applying fertilizer with the assumption that this leaching has occurred while others are having soil tests made to know what the situation is on their farm. One test which will be made this week should provide a lot of information helpful to all. This soil test will be made on the Kenneth Smouse ranch near Ione. Kenneth had a soil test made last fall, applied nitrogen and with a soil test again this spring, can tell exactly what the situation is under his conditions.

A lot of interest is shown this spring in the application of nitrogen through the Uran form, some alone and other in combination with 2-4-D. Several are now spraying with this combination and others will within the next few days. An experiment at the Pendleton branch experiment station last year comparing Uran and Uran 2-4-D combinations resulted in a yield of 50.4 bushels per acre where Uran was spring applied and weeds completely controlled by hand. In comparison the yield was about 50.2 bushels used in a combination. An 89% weed control resulted. Where Uran was used but no weed control practice, the yield was 44.6 bushels and where no fertilizer or weed control methods were carried out the yield was 29 bushels per acre.

Wheat farmers, Vernon Munkers, Frank Anderson and Kenneth Smouse recently represented the Oregon Wheat Growers League and Oregon Wheat Commission visit to the Western Utilization Research Laboratory at Albany, California. This laboratory carries out research on many agricultural commodities including fruits and tree nuts, wheat and rice, wool and mohair, vegetables, poultry and eggs, sugar beets alfalfa and other forage crops. Our wheat organizations are interested in the further utilization of this crop which was the reason for the visit. In visiting with Kenneth Smouse it was quite interesting to hear of the many new and varied uses that this laboratory is finding for various farm commodities. While nothing definitely new was reported for wheat it is found that if every person in the United States would eat one more slice of bread per day, 40 million bushels of additional wheat would be utilized for food each year.

One of the recommendations made by a committee reporting at the planning conference last week was that of rodent control. The committee recommended that farmers consider rodent control as one of the good farming practices carried out by everyone. They pointed out that demonstrations on methods of control were available. Farmers should avail themselves to these. This office has a fresh supply of zinc phosphide poison grain and strychnine oats for control of field mice and squirrels, respectively. This is made available to farmers at cost and we would be glad to give assistance in demonstrating methods of using the baits.

At this time of year we have a lot of inquiry on pruning of all types of trees and shrubs including ornamentals, fruit and shade. Fruit trees are pruned each year to take out growth that hinders best production and allows the sun to get into the tree for ripening. Small fruits including cane and trailing berries need thinning out of last year's growth and cutting back excess fruiting growth. It is well to keep shade trees shaped up but no more pruning should be done than is absolutely necessary to

STAR THEATER

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Sun., Mon., March 2, 3

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Tues., Wed., March 4, 5

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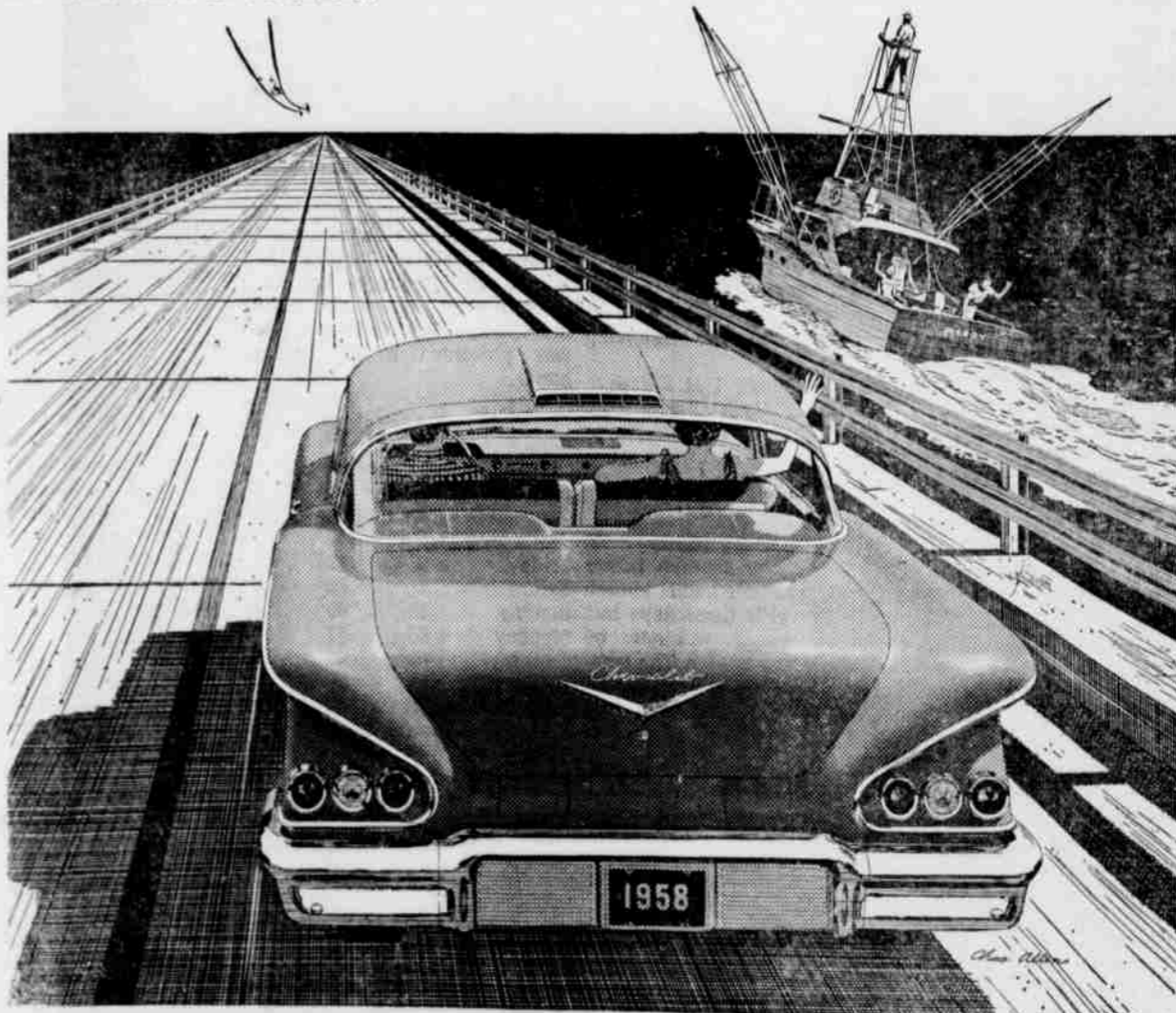
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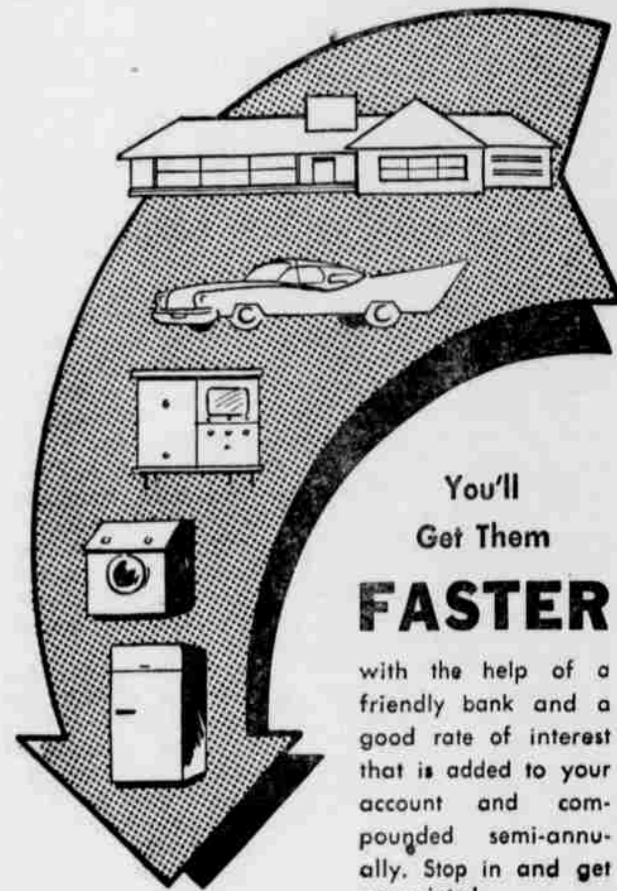


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