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TO THE EDITOR . .

Dear Editor:

The naming of a so-called "Truth Squad" to keep tabs on Congressman Al Ullman raises a few questions in the mind of this voter.

First, in view of the financing of the National Republican truth squads in earlier campaigns, I would like to know who is financing this project. In the 1952 and 1956 campaigns an airplane belonging to radio and T V station owner George Storer, was furnished at no cost to the GOP truth squad to use in traveling throughout the country. This came close to the conflict of interest that later caused the chairman of the FCC to lose his job as a result of favors received from the same George Storer.

Second, if it is the purpose of the Republican candidate to conduct a clean campaign on the issues without mud slinging, as he says, why does he indirectly accuse our Congressman of needing a "truth squad" to point out the facts? Wouldn't a better name be the "Alibi Squad"?

Third, Al Ullman's record is a matter of public knowledge and any resident of the second district should know by now what position he takes on all public issues. His voting record is not hidden but is available to anyone. However a real service could be performed by this Alibi Squad if they would inform the voters where Al's opponent stands on these same public issues. Such information would be of real value and would not require the kind of financing given the earlier truth squads.

Sincerely,
Al Lamb

To the Editor:

I am writing to your paper in the hope that some of your readers may assist us in satisfactorily completing a project of historical interest.

For some time now we have been attempting to trace the route, camps and grave sites of the lost wagon train of 1845 which traveled through Eastern and Central Oregon in late summer and early fall of that year. The train, estimated at over 200 wagons, left old Fort Boise on the banks of the Snake River and traveled eventually to The Dalles under the guidance of Stephen H L Meek, brother of Joe Meek. Their hardships were great; over 40 deaths resulted from their ill-advised attempt to shortcut the old Oregon Trail to The Dalles.

Many versions have been handed down; many stories told. Since this is the train that discovered gold—later to be the source of intensive searches for the lost Blue Bucket mine—much speculation and theory has been repeated as fact.

We hope to eventually establish the main and divergent tracks of this hardy group, but after 115 years the task is a difficult one.

If any of your readers can aid in identifying members of the train, or disclosing additional sources of information about the route, or feel they have any information which could help, that help will be most gratefully received. They are urged to write to the following addresses:

From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

Because of the interest of a number of Morrow county beef growers visiting with other purebred breeders in the area, the Oregon Beef Cattle Improvement Association has appointed a committee to look into the possibility of setting up a bull testing program. Frank Anderson, Heppner is chairman of the group who will investigate the interest and possible sites for such a beef project. It will be much like the one in operation at Condon years ago which many of our beef breeders believe is just a bit ahead of the purebred breeder. These people now seeing the demand for progeny or performance tested bulls are becoming more interested. While Frank has a committee of Herbert Ekstrom, Ione; Roy Foram, Antelope; Ernest Sires, Stanfield and myself, other interested beef breeders are being invited to the first meeting of the group. The group is meeting at the Condon courthouse on Monday afternoon, August 29. The meeting will begin at 2 p m and the afternoon will be spent in discussing interest and possibilities of setting up such a program. If there are enough interested persons and it looks like a feeding station can be found to accommodate about 100 bulls, the committee will recommend this to the Oregon Beef Cattle Improvement Association when their board meets at Pendleton on September 16.

Demands for performance tested bulls are coming from many states. It is the belief of our breeders that Oregon should be prepared to capture some of this market.

Herb Ekstrom and Frank Anderson, purebred Hereford breeders are on the growing list of beef breeders belonging to the Beef Performance Registry International. Performance Registry International was established to encourage measuring and keeping record of performance and production of beef cattle and to encourage the use of beef records as an aid in selecting more productive breeding cattle. The two of them plan to register a number of their cattle in this association if they meet individual performance qualifications. Last Wednesday afternoon Frank Anderson weighed all of his this year's calf crop while I graded them. While Frank has been doing this for years, weights were taken sooner this year than during the past as calves to qualify in the IPR must be weighed between 160 and 250 days of age to meet weaning weight qualifications. Weights were taken on the basis of cow and calf grazing on pasture without roughage or protein supplement. To qualify the calf, from these cows handled in this way, must weigh at least 475 pounds for males; 425 pounds for females at

ceived. They are urged to write to the following addresses:
Keith Clark
724 S 12th
Redmond, Oregon
or
Lowell Tiller
12308 N E Russell
Portland, Oregon

205 days of age. While we did not figure these calves to adjusted weight and determine the number that would qualify we glanced through the weights and birth dates would show that a big percentage would be qualified for registration. A number of last year's calves calculated last spring will also qualify.

While grading these calves we found that Frank had one of the better calf crops yet raised. A big percent graded two-plus with only a handful of the 1960 crop grading two-minus. By the use of several sires using them on cows of a specific breeding, the right type is being raised.

Arrangements have been made with Herb Ekstrom to weigh and grade and register in the IPR those eligible 1960 calves as soon as he returns from exhibiting his beef herd at state fair.

A \$140-a-day-job for high school graduates. That's what George W Fischer, acting dean of Washington State University, figures a young man spends 9 months a year for 4 years in school. He spends about 20 days a month in the classroom and studying, says Fischer. So he spends only about 720 days of work getting his college degree worth \$100,000—good pay, and high school grads can get it. Even if a young man plans to farm, Fischer believes a college education is necessary. "Today farming is a big and exacting business. If a young man has a real opportunity to farm, he should go to college by all means. His chances for success will be much greater," says Fischer.

Foot rot, a fungus disease, did much damage in the Pacific Northwest this year according to Harold Blaine of the Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement Association. This disease damages only winter wheat but it can be carried on winter barley.

Many heads on stems severely infected with foot rot do not form grain. The heads dry up and are sterile. Much light grain also results. Infected plants, in addition, have a tendency to lodge. Young shoots are also killed if the infection is extremely severe. The fungus which is also found on native grasses is encouraged by wet soil or wet weather, especially during the fall and early spring. Early seeding favors the disease by making the plants subject to attack over a longer period of time.

The fungus is carried over summer on wheat crowns after plant growth is stopped by dry hot weather. When wheat is planted in ground containing infected crown, the fungus moves from the crown to the young seedlings. Burning the residues (stubble) does not control the disease. The earlier the wheat is planted, the more severe the infection is likely to be before cold weather stops all growth. A great deal of infection can take place in November and December and during warmer periods of early spring. The base and young shoots or the leaf sheaths are infected first. As the season continues the fungus pen-

FNB Nears Record of 2,000,000 Instalment Loans

Somewhere in Oregon this week, a First National Bank of Oregon customer will receive the two millionth instalment loan processed by the statewide bank's instalment loan department.

J C Rule, vice president and head of the department, announced the milestone as the department neared the observance of its 27th anniversary. The two million loans will total over \$1,288,728,600, he indicated.

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HIGHWAY BUDGET

The Oregon State Highway Commission is working on a two-year budget of \$191,000,000 for the current biennium ending July 1, 1961.

The commission wants to spend the same amount for the next biennium starting June 1, 1961. This figure has been submitted to Gov Mark Hatfield who will submit it to the 1961 Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

Sam R Haley, legislative council for the State of Oregon and who teaches a course in Willamette University Law School, is the author of an article in the August issue of the American Bar Association Journal, national publication for attorneys.

The story of the unique legislative workshop has drawn national accolades, principally because it affords an opportunity to learn about legislative procedures, practices and organization. Students participate in mock bill-drafting processes.

On legislative years, biennially and at special sessions, Willamette Law students have only to skip across the street to observe law-making in the initial and finishing phases, even to the signing or vetoing of bills, as will be practiced by Gov Mark Hatfield, once a student at Willamette University Law School and who later taught at this, the oldest University west of the Missouri. The University's law school recently observed its 75th anniversary.

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by Republicans for the first time in many years in Oregon, Aug 27 at Viking Park, Portland.

The revised election law of 1957 shifted the selection to party organizations. Previously presidential electors were picked at the May primary election. The presidential electors are the persons who actually cast the state's electoral vote for president at the Electoral College.

Economical, reform and advisory groups on every presidential year try to get the congress to eliminate the expensive and time wasting job that could be expedited by a few sheets of 4-cent stamps.

VETERANS LOAN PROFIT

H C Saalfeld announced Monday that the Oregon veterans farm and home loan made a net profit of \$1,228,281 in the year ended June 30.

It is the largest profit since the program started in 1945. Earnings since then total \$5,488,493.

There have been 30,548 loans granted totaling \$221 million since the program began.

REAL ESTATE AWAKENING

The slow movement in real estate that began with the long wet spring is now showing better than normal conditions, E F Ross, deputy real estate commissioner reports.

The real estate business might as well have been marinated, Ross said, however it's improving rapidly, particularly in Eastern Oregon and Klamath Falls.

"Carting," that's an old word with a new meaning. It's a craze "go-carts" are creating that is

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571 MILLION HEARING
The State Water Resources Board announced Friday that a hearing on Portland General Electric Co's application to build \$71 million Round Butte power project on the upper Deschutes River will be held at the Portland State Office Bldg in Portland at 9:30 a m, Sept 9.

The board will hear protests by a minority group of PGE stockholders.

The State Hydroelectric Commission, on recommendation by the Water Resources Board, granted a preliminary permit for the project. The announced hearing is on the company's appli-

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Corvair—already proud winner of Motor Trend magazine's Car-of-the-Year award for engineering advancement—now walks away with another one: the coveted Industrial Designers Institute Gold Medal. The award was presented to William L. Mitchell, General Motors vice president in charge of Styling Staff, in recognition of Corvair's "finely scaled proportions, with a minimum of ornamentation." Your Chevy dealer's waiting to show you Corvair's everything the experts say it is.



This is the Corvair 700 4-Door Sedan

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STAR THEATER

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Angry Red Planet

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Jack Lord, Nohu McCarthy, James Shigeta.

Sun., Mon., Tues., Aug. 28, 29, 30.

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Q A

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Usually he is a neighbor, a member of our community and a good citizen, active in civic affairs. He's in business for himself and represents not one, but a number of the finest insurance companies in America. He's free to place your business where it's best for you.

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