



LILY FESTIVAL SCENE—Fields of lilies such as this are the reason for the annual lily festival at Brookings on the southern Oregon coast. The festival this year is scheduled for July 2, 3 and 4. Conducted tours of the lily fields are part of the program.

SPORTS

Closer Army and Navy Football Games Seen

Washington, June 28—(U.P.)—A bill that might well result in closer Army-Navy football games went to the house of representatives today for approval of changes made in it by the senate. Under its provisions, which equalize regulations for the naval academy at Annapolis and the U. S. Military academy at West Point, the navy would be allowed to fill student body vacancies as they choose from their list of qualified extra candidates.

Marv Rackley Returns To Seattle Club, PCL

Seattle, June 28—(U.P.)—Outfielder Marv Rackley, the Seattle Rainiers leading hitter, returned to the club's playing roster today after a conference with Manager Paul Richards in the privacy of the front office. The stocky speedster who angrily left the Rainiers Sunday in Portland after a row with Richards in the eighth inning, did not play in last night's game against the San Diego Padres.

PORTLANDER IN LEAD

Spokane, June 28—(U.P.)—Defending Champion Clyde Knox, Portland, moved into the second round of the inland empire tennis tournament today sporting a 6-0, 6-3 win over Dick Fletcher, Missoula, Mont.

ROAD TO OPEN

Bend, Ore., June 28—(U.P.)—Myron H. Symons, operator of the mile-high Elk Lake Lodge, said today the road to the resort should be cleared of snow sometime this week, but that the road to the lake has been opened through drifted snow.

Park System of State Attributed To Sam Boardman

(This is another in a series of articles entitled "Glimpses at Highway History," prepared by Ralph Watson, highway department writer.—Editor's note.)

Sam Boardman became a resident engineer of the state highway department on New Year's day, 1919. He became parks superintendent in 1929. He was 75 years of age in December, 1949, and is due to retire July 1 under the new retirement rule. He says he is "going fishing" after that, and that he "knows all the good holes where the big fish are." He ought to, for he is the father of the far flung system of state parks which has been built up under his loving care since the commission commenced to build the system away back in 1925. But those who are given to guessing have the idea that his vacation will be something like the postman's; he will continue to walk around the parks department and its parks, handy where he can be consulted by his official successor for some little time yet to come.

First Park

The park system was born in the early days of the Columbia highway construction when Simon Benson donated to the state the tract of land now named Benson park, at Multnomah falls. From that start it grew rapidly by gift and purchase, and in a few instances by condemnation, until now practically every section of the state has its park or wayside area, set aside and preserved for the use

and enjoyment of the citizens of Oregon and the visitors who travel the highways of the state. The legislature of 1925 set aside a percentage of the highway revenues for the purchase, development and maintenance of the highway park system. By the end of 1928 the state had acquired 98 park sites scattered along the highway system of the state; 15 of them were outright gifts by public spirited owners. A total of approximately \$109,000 was spent in purchase and development up to that year.

From the time of his appointment as state parks superintendent, Sam Boardman has been gathering the highway parks under the ownership and control of the highway commission.

Figures Told

During the period from 1917 to June 30, 1949, the total expenditure of state funds by the highway commission amounted to \$354,915,000. Of this total, the expenditure for acquisition, development, betterment, maintenance and operation of parks was \$2,274,344, slightly less than two thirds of one per cent of the amount spent on highways and roads. The total spent in the purchase of parks during the period was \$903,660; for improvements \$508,015, and for maintenance and operation, \$862,669.

Listed in a report of the parks superintendent dated June 30, 1949, are 85 major parks throughout the state which have been developed by the department, and 46 yet in their natural or wild state awaiting development. In addition, there are 29 developed wayside view stations, drinking fountains and memorials, together with 17 awaiting development.

As of December 31, 1947, a total of approximately 66,000 acres was owned or controlled by the highway commission in its park and wayside area.

Special Meeting Of Naval Reserve Company Tonight

With only four seamen-recruits needed to fill the complement of the new navy reserve electronics warfare company, permitting immediate activation, the group will hold a special meeting tonight in conjunction with the volunteer composite reserve unit. The meeting, at 8 p. m., will be in the Federal building, 33 North Riverside avenue.

Twenty-eight men and four officers have signed with the unit up to Monday night's meeting. July 1 is the deadline for activation of the unit.

Five men who enlisted in the naval reserve at Monday's meeting were Marlin W. Derrick, radarman second class, Delroy Aldershof, yeoman third class, and Earl L. Cornell and H. Price Shafer, all Medford, and Waken I. Redbird, Ashland, all seaman recruits.

Fourteen men requested transfer from the volunteer naval reserve program to the organized unit, including Joseph P. Zash, John D. Rose, Warren W. Parke, Robert W. Sutton, Lawrence G. Youman, Thomas A. Antley, Olin K. Kimbrel, Arthur L. Welch, Raymond E. Christie, Walter A. Black, William W. Bateman, all Medford; Marcus L. Balfour and Nelson H. Reed, both Ashland; and J. Clinton Wall, Talent. Nine men had enlisted in the company at last week's meeting.

Officers say that if the additional four seamen recruits can be obtained at tonight's meeting,

Magazine Article Tells of Controversy In Cloud Seeding

The gathering storm of controversy over the merits of artificial rain-making will be resumed here this week when the July issue of Country Gentleman magazine hits the news stands. The magazine will carry an article in which a Medford agricultural expert voices his opinions on the subject.

E. S. Degman, superintendent of the southern Oregon branch experiment station, is quoted by the magazine as summing up the case for artificial rainmaking in this way: "It has been proved that precipitation can be caused by seeding certain clouds with certain materials. The next question is whether this can be done in an economical manner. If it can, farmers and local communities should have some say about when and where."

Degman's statement appears in a cross section of a recent poll which showed that more than three-fourths of the nation's farmers are opposed to doing anything about their "biggest bugaboo," the weather. The opinions of nine farmers and agricultural experts are quoted.

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Assessed Valuations In Linn County Up

Albany, Ore., June 28—(U.P.)—Linn County Assessor John Sheppard said today assessed valuations for the 1950-51 tax year were up more than 4 per cent from the previous year's total to a total of \$38,279,860. The increase amounted to \$1,594,600 in the real and personal property division, exclusive of public utilities. Utilities for the current tax year were valued at \$6,544,056.

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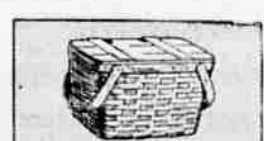
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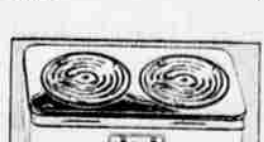


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