

Time Changes Methods and Machines



Above, in 1926, they "spread the hot stuff" the hard way on Highway 99E. Below, and later they "laid it along" evenly and easily—more machines, fewer men; four times the progress. (State Highway Commission Photos).

On The Side

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How about a society of south-paws? I believe left-handed people should organize with a view to making their lives easier. Since I mentioned some difficulties from which south-paws suffer, I have heard of many more. One left-handed young woman said she was turned down for a job as a telephone operator because all the long distance operating equipment was designed for right-handers. Another said she was tired of having to switch her coffee from her right hand to her left hand side when served in a restaurant. Still another southpaw said she was not only left-handed but left-footed. That made driving an automobile difficult. Also, the number of things made for right-handers but not for left-handers is truly amazing.

Waitresses
Owing to the many different classes of restaurants in New York City, it is impossible to cite the "average wages plus tips" of a big town waitress. A young woman employed in a top-flight chain of New York restaurants informs me her salary is \$18.55 for a five day week. Her tips average from \$3 to \$6 a day. So she earns from \$43 to \$48 a week. It is interesting to note that of these earnings, the restaurant pays the girl \$3.71 a day, while the customers, through the medium of tips, pay her \$5 to \$6 a day.

The most brilliantly written book so far dealing with the lives and loves of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor is "Gone with the Windsors" by Tles Brody. In this, Mr. Brody makes the following observation, "It is both sad and amusing to see a former king of mighty England reduced by the woman he loved to a 'little man,' to the rank of a meek husband. What should one do, laugh or cry when one looks at the man who was Edward the Eighth? The ex-Caesar in the role of handbag carrying, cavaliere - servente, a sort of ornament, a woman's back-ground, is a melancholy sight."

Bad Parts
One good part can make an actor. How many bad parts does it take to break him? One of the worst parts I ever saw a talented actor struggle with was that assigned William Demarest in his recent bow in a TV series. That was really brutal. A few more parts like that and Demarest will be on the road to oblivion. Then I saw Brian Donlevy in a TV play titled "First Vice President." His part was unbelievably bad. I like Brian. He is one of my favorite actors and a nice fellow personally. I hate to think he may be in need of money. I can't see any other reason for his consenting to take such a ridiculous part. Of course, some very fine actors don't know a good part from a bad one. Then they should be protected by their agents, their loving wives or their real friends.

Counting Conditions Excellent
Miss Jensen wrote: "Conditions were generally excellent for counting. On August 11 many meteors were very short with little or no spray; the next night, perhaps half had some spray and were longer. It seemed to me the meteors declined more rapidly than usual this year after the maximum was reached." The Perseid meteors are the debris from Tuttle's comet and travel in the cometary orbit. Once a year the earth encounters this stream. The particles traveling 36 miles per second are heated by friction to incandescence when they enter the upper air and are almost immediately burned to ash.

whether it was because of their diet, or the type of work they did or just a case of girls with broader figures preferring to serve in the Marine Corps. Please Note

You probably know places where hay fever sufferers get complete relief. Oh where asthma disappears and even those having arthritis feel better. But can you name a place where dogs don't have fleas in the summer time? There is such a paradise for pups. It is Reno, Nev. Not only are the local pups free from fleas but, if a visiting dog arrives in Reno full of fleas, he is free of them within forty-eight hours. Seems the fleas can't stand the Reno altitude. Anyway, if while on a trip with your dog you visit Reno, don't be surprised if he doesn't want to leave.

She hasn't had her wedding ring off in fifty-six years. That's the record of Mrs. A. L. Elzel of Linthicum, Md. . . . Some people who should know better, keep referring to Cleopatra as a "red haired Egyptian." Cleopatra was a Greek and a brunette.

Pharmacy 'Brains' Joined in Wedding

Lawrence, Kan. —(U.P.)— The smartest paid in the University of Kansas school of pharmacy have joined forces.

Walter Haskins married Margaret Follett recently. They are seniors who almost have a corner on scholastic honors in their chosen field.

Haskins has a scholastic average of 2.96 of a possible 3.00. An outstanding high school athlete at Kansas City, Kan., where he set and holds the record in the discus throw, Haskins has made all "A's" at K.U. His lone "B" came while he was a pre-pharmacy student at Kansas City Junior College—and he graduated first in his class.

Mrs. Haskins has a 2.90 average. She made two "B's" in three years of college work at the same two schools.

In K.U., the then Miss Follett took top honors in the sophomore class, while Haskins went ahead in the junior year.

Who will win this year? "We don't care," Haskins said. "Our main object in school is to learn as much as we can and do the best we can." The couple expects to live in Lawrence the next three years while Haskins works toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree in chemistry. The bride expects to graduate next spring and then work as a pharmacist.

Additional Words On Traffic Signs

Iowa City, Ia. —(U.P.)—Traffic safety experts are considering putting an additional word on traffic signs.

They think it necessary to say "full stop" instead of just "stop" and "bad curve" instead of just "curve."

In fact, Bert Woodcock, an Iowa State Teachers College specialist in driver education, pointed out in an Iowa peace officers annual short course at the University of Iowa that many "no smoking signs" had to become "positively no smoking" to get results.

He said maybe the same thing is necessary in traffic work.

Woodcock said many drivers thing that by simply slowing down at a stop sign, and sweeping each direction with their eyes they are playing safe.

"Our eyes don't have a complete semi-circular field of vision," he said. "Like cameras, our eyes focus on each of a series of pictures with gaps in between, or with a fast twist of the head, we see only one long blurred field of images."

Work on South Half Of Savage Rapids Now Nearing End

Rehabilitation of Savage Rapids dam on the Rogue river near the Jackson-Josephine county line is expected to be partly completed late this month, according to Grants Pass Irrigation district officials.

After replacing the south section of the dam, crews will move to the north portion, where they will not be hampered by necessity of permitting uninterrupted irrigation service.

Victor Boehl, chairman of the district board, states that weather conditions usually permit ending irrigation service by Oct. 1, and that is the present plan for this year.

Boehl pointed out that, in addition to work on the dam, the revetment in the Pierce riffle area, built by the Corps of Engineers in 1948, is in precarious condition. A third of it was washed out during a flood in January of this year.

No Funds Available
Engineers have estimated that adequate revetment to protect the gravity canal owned by the district will cost \$125,000 to \$150,000. The district has no such funds available, Boehl says. Financing arrangement already well developed involve use of some \$75,000 expected to be left over from the dam rehabilitation appropriation by the federal government. An application to the Corps of Engineers to provide the balance of the cost from its emergency funds is being processed, Boehl stated.



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On Perseid Meteors

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The request for counts of the Perseid meteor display of a month ago brought replies from observers all the way from South Dakota to Oregon. The observers were asked to make hourly counts during the nights of August 10 to 13 and were advised that the morning hours at the middle dates would likely give the best results.

Among the many who observed were the veteran counters Mrs. Arthur Good of Tripp, S. D., the Misses Eleanor and Isabel Sandmeyer of Buhl, Ida., Miss Alice Jensen of Silverton, Ore., and Ben Bones of Grants Pass, Ore. The Sandmeyer sisters started as early as August 5 and continued until August 14. Mr. Bones, a gladiolus grower, repeated his past performance of observing from the west rims of Crater Lake at an elevation of 7000 feet.

Pleased With Results
All seemed pleased with the results they obtained. The best counts were sent by the veterans of many years, who knew well how to arrange their observing stations so there would be as little interference as possible.

These felt the display was better than on most years.

Even the experts cannot tell when the maximum number of meteors will appear. It is usually said that at the maximum 50 or 60 may be seen per hour by experienced counters with good eyesight. This year the hourly counts built up gradually until 2:30 a.m. of August 12. During the next 1½ hours, the flecks of light were streaking the sky at the rate of around 90 per hour. It seemed to be getting better up to the time dawn began to dim the celestial fireworks.

Miss Eleanor Sandmeyer wrote: "I can truly say that at the Perseid maximum there was the heaviest meteor fall since the shower (Draconids) of Oct. 9, 1946. It was simply wonderful and pleasantly surprising since the previous night's meteor were rather few in comparison. The counts did not lead up gradually to a climax as they did some years ago. There was an abrupt or sudden rise on the 12th. From about 4:05 a.m. and on the meteors were thick. I saw four fall at one time. There were some doubtful ones I didn't count."

Pair Bound Over On Forgery Charge

Donald Keith Simonsen, 22, Ruch and a Medford boy, 17, were bound over to the grand jury from district court Thursday on a charge of forgery.

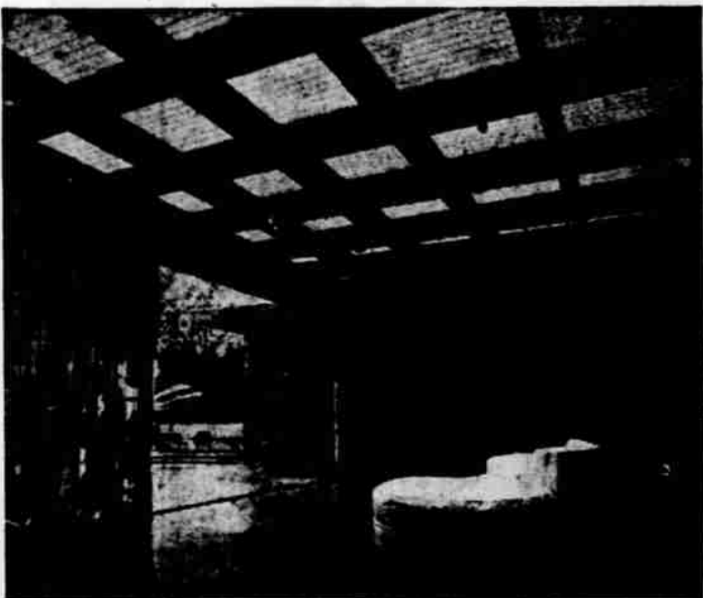
The youths are charged with using an oil company credit card Sept. 3 to obtain two new tires. They returned the tires the next day after the transaction when Simonsen said his conscience

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