



Zoo Directors Swap Stories of Unusual Events

Chicago —(U.P.)— Tales about orphan musk oxen that drink themselves silly on water and baby elephants being weaned with the use of empty whiskey bottles were told at a meeting of the International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens.

Zoo directors from around the world swapped stories about some of the "delinquency" problems they have experienced with their animal wards.

Sven Anderson of the Copenhagen zoo told one about Hans and Trine, one of the very few pairs of musk oxen in captivity. The musk oxen of east Greenland were being wiped out in 1953 because of an unusually severe winter.

Chimp Vandals

The musk oxen, Anderson said, have no sense of their water capacity, so the zoo had to ration the liquid intake of Hans and Trine.

From Ceylon came a story about baby elephants being trained to wean on empty whiskey bottles. Maj. A. N. Weinman of the zoo at Behiwele, Ceylon told it.

Because Ceylon elephants are wrecking farm crops, the government has given permission for them to be shot. This leaves a lot of baby elephants motherless, and Weinman's zoo receives about one a month. The elephants are so small they have to be trained to feed on the bottle, and Weinman uses an empty whiskey bottle, held on the side of an adult elephant and craftily slipped into the baby's mouth until it gets the idea.

Vandal chimps turned up in the Chester, England, zoo and their house had to be dismantled to make "honest citizens" of the apes. The chimps would swing from beams at the top of their home to the ground and throw stones back up through windows.

"We couldn't have that," director G. S. Nottershead said.

MUSICAL BANDITS

Detroit —(U.P.)— Romeo Cairo told police two men entered his music and dance studio and asked him if he had a trumpet and clarinet. When he produced the two instruments, the men produced revolvers and departed with the trumpet and clarinet.

Technical Assistant Joins Forestry Staff

James G. Fisher recently joined the southwest district staff of the state forestry department here as a technical assistant.

He fills the post vacated by John Bradish, who is now an inspector.

Fisher, whose home was formerly at Klamath Falls, was a forestry graduate of Oregon State college this spring. He has worked for five seasons

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

NO MORE "HELL WEEK" —(U.P.)— Kansas State college fraternities have outlawed "Hell Week" hazing by an overwhelming vote, and President James A. McCain praised the decision as "demonstrating responsible leadership."

with the Rogue River National forest, mostly as a recreation guard at Lake of the Woods.

Fisher's wife is the former Dorene Cantrall of Medford. The couple and their 7-week-old son reside at 321 Maple st.

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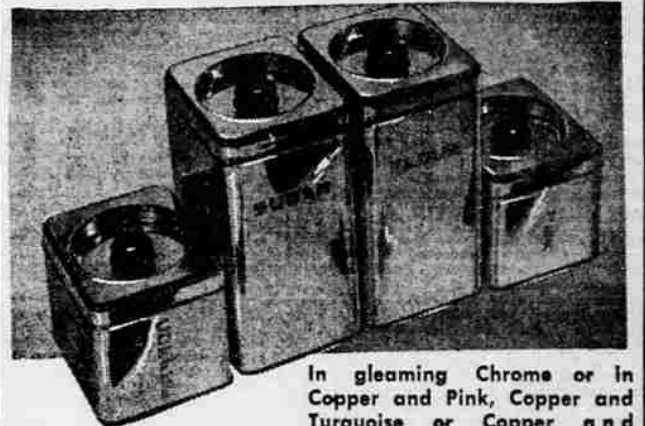
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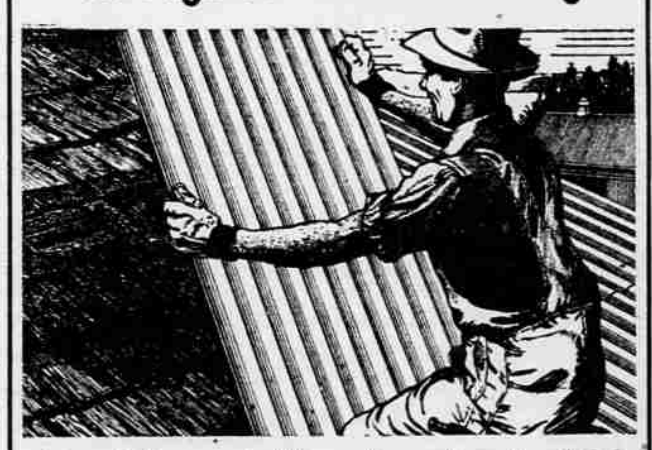
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District Warden Tells Duties, Background of Forest Service

Curt Nesheim, district warden of the southwest Oregon district of the state department of forestry, explained the functions and background of the state forestry organization to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable yesterday noon at the Jackson hotel.

He said there are three forestry departments in Medford, all working close together and stemming from the government. The first is the U.S. Forest service, responsible to the department of agriculture, and the second is the Bureau of Land Management, responsible to the department of interior, Nesheim said.

Responsible to State. The organization he is connected with, the department of forestry, is responsible to the state of Oregon, he explained. Nesheim added that the state department of forestry is broken down into 15 districts, each one with a district warden directly responsible to the state forester.

The state forester is responsible to the state board of forestry, who appoints him, and they, in turn, are responsible to the people, he explained. Nesheim said the governor is chairman of board of forestry. The chief responsibility of the board of forestry is fire control. Districts Explained. Of the 15 districts under the

state forester, nine are associate districts on a non-profit basis, and the other six, Nesheim said, are all directly responsible to the state forester. On the state level, he added, the board of forestry protects about 500,000 acres in Josephine county and more than a million acres in Jackson county.

Nesheim stated that the state forester is responsible for protection of public, private and county lands. However, he said, "if woodland owners want to finance their own fire protection they can if they meet with state fire protection standards."

The southwest district protects about 400,000 acres of BLM lands, he said, and exchanges services with the U.S. Forest service on a acre for acre basis. The department of forestry is financed by land owners on a so-much-per acre basis and by taxpayers from the state general fund, he said.

Many Men Needed. Manpower needed to protect the district from fire, Nesheim commented, consists of nine foresters, 26 wardens, 15 lookouts, 37 crew men, six road and maintenance men, nine cooks and five clerks. Their principle job, he explained, is to prevent and extinguish fires.

Other services of the district warden's office here include giving assistance to land owners

who need help to get the most production out of their land.

Usually the office is open five days a week and eight hours a day, but it will always open up in case of an emergency, he explained.

Prospect Boy Wins Three Scout Awards

Prospect—At a court of honor held July 2 in Prospect, Explorer Scout Walter Friday of troop 19, Prospect, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Friday, now residing at Copco, Calif., was presented the Silver award.

This honor is the highest rank earned and awarded in the Explorer program. Cliff Hansen, Scout executive of the Crater Lake Area council, made the presentation.

Last January 4, Walter received his Eagle award and on April 29, he received a religious achievement honor, the God and Country award. This was presented by the Rev. R. L. Greene, Prospect Episcopal church pastor. Walter is the only Scout in Jackson county to receive all three of these awards.

Beginning with July 1956, monthly benefits as high as \$108.50, based on maximum wages, will be paid under the Social Security Act.

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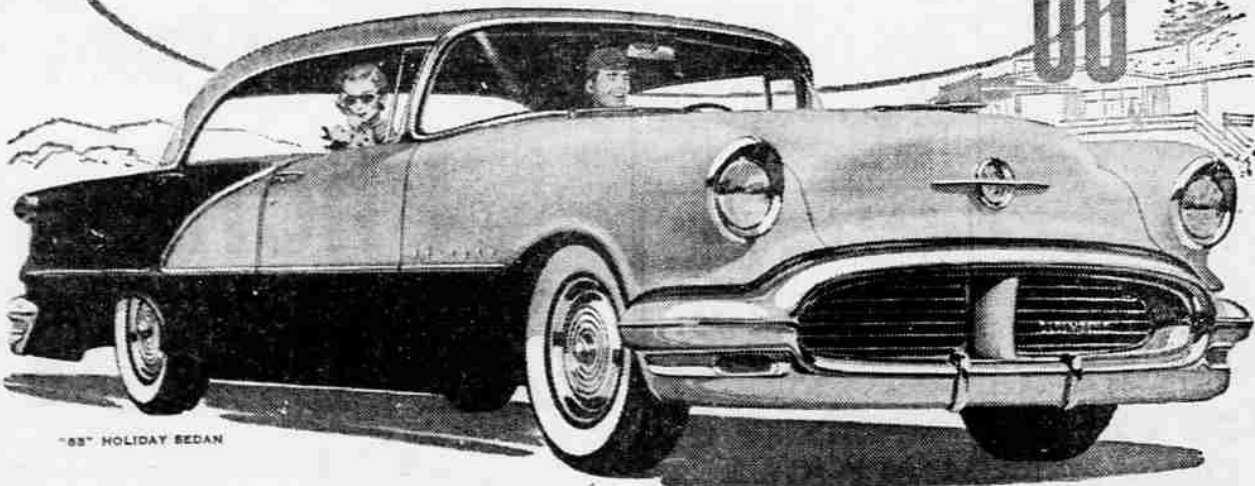
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