



OVERHAULS ENGINE—Crater Chapter FFA member Calvin Dixon overhauls a tractor in the Crater agriculture shop. This is one of the many practical skills taught FFA members. Many of these achievements are on display at the 4H and FFA county fair this week.

'King of Banjo' Also Is Known Entertainer

Eddie Peabody, who is appearing at the Town and Country Holiday Aug. 22 through 25, deserves a title as an entertainer in addition to his well known reign as "King of the Banjo."

Since the decrease in popularity of the banjo as a band and orchestra instrument, Eddie has kept his own popularity at the national peak by becoming a versatile entertainer. Capable of hours of continuous entertainment, Peabody has emerged as a well rounded nightclub, hotel and theater performer, with a complete show as his repertoire.

During World War II, Naval Commander Eddie Peabody traveled 125,000 air miles and presented more than 800 shows to service men all over the world.

Returns to Entertainment
Following the war, Eddie returned to the entertainment circuit with continued success.

Needing of music from the "Twenties," Art Mooney asked Eddie to record with his orchestra. "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover" and other tunes were an immediate smash hit, and resulted in regaining popularity for the banjo and its master, Eddie Peabody.

Peabody's renditions of favorites like Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," which he plays with involved chording, sound as if they were performed by an entire string orchestra. "Two Guitars" is performed in a difficult manner that convinces listeners there are actually two instruments involved.

Now continuing his appearances throughout the country, Eddie Peabody has a record as an entertainer behind him. It is nearly impossible for him to appear in a top showplace anywhere in the country that he has not played successfully before.

Governor Acts to Stop Price Wars

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes said Monday he would throw his weight behind efforts to stabilize the gasoline market in Oregon which has been upset by price wars in various parts of the state.

The governor said he would ask Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to send telegrams to major oil companies threatening them with legal action if they were guilty of any illegal act in connection with the price wars.

He added he would send the telegram himself if the attorney general refused.

Price cutting has been going on in Portland, Albany, Roseburg and the Eugene area.

The governor told about 20 members of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers association meeting with him that he would also ask for a study of possible gasoline pricing legislation.

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Montana Dam Expected To Be 'On Line' at Year's End

Great Falls, Mont. — Montana's newest hydroelectric dam is more than 40 per cent complete, and if Glen Jones and his crew have their way, it will be "on the line" by the end of the year.

Jones is the construction superintendent for the Montana Power Company, in charge of building the 10-million-dollar Cochran Dam on the Missouri River a few miles downstream from Great Falls.

When it is finished, the Cochran power plant's two generators will furnish 60,000 kilowatts to help the company meet growing demands for electrical energy in 181 Montana communities.

Cochran is the fifth hydroelectric installation on the Missouri in the 16-mile turbulent stretch of waterway centering around Great Falls. It is the middle dam of a five-unit complex. The existing plants — Black Eagle, Rainbow, Ryan and Morony — already produce 160,000 kilowatts.

"Routine" Job
Construction on the Cochran project began in September, 1956. Jones told United Press, during a tour of the damsite, that he was confident the 103-foot-high, 189-foot-long concrete dam would be all poured by November.

He added that the construction schedule calls for the generators and other electrical equipment to be "ready to go by January, and if we have our way, we'll be on the line then."

However, the "cleaning up" will keep some of the crew — now totaling about 260 men — on the job for an additional three or four months.

Most of the dam construction is being done under contract by Winston Brothers of Monrovia, Calif., and Green Construction Company of Des Moines, Iowa. Montana Power itself will do most of the finishing.

The two generators will be driven by river water flowing through 22-foot steel penstocks with an operating "head" of 85 feet. The plant will be an automatically operated station, with equipment actuated from the Rainbow power house several miles away.

Jones and Howard Woody, resident engineer, insisted that there were no major problems — "everything was just routine." But to a layman, diverting the swiftly flowing Missouri and building a big dam in the streambed seemed anything but routine.

River Shunted

When work started, temporary dirt diversion dams were built above and below the damsite so the river was shunted to the south side of its course.

When work on the north end, including foundations for the generators, turbines and transformers is far enough along, the water will be permitted to flow through three 10 by 12 foot diversion sluices — openings left in the dam.

Then the concrete work will be finished, the river turned through the penstocks and the sluices filled with concrete. Surplus water will spill over the top of the main structure.

Normally, the Missouri's flow through the five Great Falls stretch dams averages four to five thousand second feet. However, in mid-June it reaches a peak of 18,700 second feet.

The dam was named for Harry H. Cochran, long-time chief engineer of Montana Power who, since retirement from every-day activity, has remained with the firm's Butte headquarters as chief consulting engineer.

Sand and gravel for the aggregate was hauled to the site by railroad from pits at Cascade, 25 miles upstream on the Missouri. Cement came from a plant at Trident, Mont., near Three Forks where the Madison, Jefferson and Gallatin rivers converge to form the Missouri.

Badge Starts Son Of Fireman on Big Collection

Sacramento — The badge of a fireman killed in the line of duty caused his son to start one of the nation's largest collections of firemen's uniforms and equipment.

Jack Henry was killed in 1922 fighting a theater blaze. His widow kept his badge for their son, Jack, Jr., then less than a year old.

Now young Jack is a fireman in his own right—chief of the Arcade Fire Department. And his collection, which began with his father's badge but which wasn't started in earnest until about three years ago, includes items from 40 nations. It has begun overflowing the large trunks he uses for storage.

The ways in which Henry gathers additions for his collection are various. He writes to foreign embassies in the United States, keeps on the track of U.S. foreign service officials and trades with other collectors of firemen's articles.

His latest acquisition was two fire helmets from behind the Iron Curtain. He said he had been trying for years. The helmets arrived from Poland by way of a U.S. official in Warsaw.

Henry's collection includes 50 helmets, 15 complete uniforms, 350 badges and 250 miscellaneous pieces. The oldest is a uniform from Eureka, Nev., which bears the date 1872.

The museum in trunks has antique hose nozzles, leather buckets, lanterns and brass helmets from the British Isles. He said the English are the easiest people of all deal with.

Henry is given many pieces, but sometimes firemen in foreign lands want something in return. An Irishman asked for a half dozen cans of salmon and a Briton wanted a package of instant pie mix.

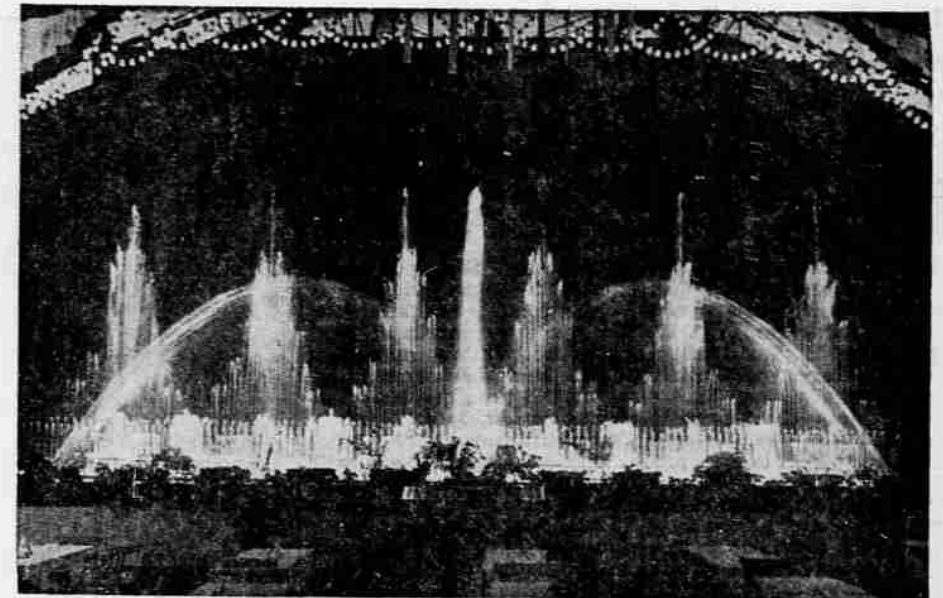
A major problem for Henry is finding translators for the mail he gets.

But it's worth all the effort, Jack said. "Every day is like Christmas. I never know what the morning mail is going to bring. Right now uniforms are on the way from Turkey and Sweden."

Camping Gear Stolen From Two Local Men

Camping equipment valued at \$125 was taken from the tent of O. R. McNeel, Earl Knight and "Tex" Hatcher while they were fishing in the ocean at Crescent City this week end.

The men had spent about six hours fishing and when returning to their tent, pitched on the beach, found it had been unzipped and two sleeping bags and three air mattresses taken, according to reports.



WATER SPECTACLE—Dancing waters, the fabulous and amazing water spectacle that has played before more audiences throughout the world than almost any other attraction, will be a feature of this year's Oregon State Fair, August 31 through September 7. The display is shown here in one of its intricate formations with magic waters that actually dance under multi-colored lights to beautiful accompanying music. The presentation will be located in a huge tent and a nominal charge will be made to witness the spectacle.

Pretty Salad

For a pretty salad, make lime gelatin in the usual way but use 1/2 cup sauteed or other white table wine for part of the liquid. When partially jelled, stir in a diced avocado, 1/2 cup chopped walnuts and some well drained canned grapefruit sections.

Summer Squash

Simple and delicious way with summer squash is to simmer with a tablespoon instant minced onion and a small diced tomato. With this handy moisture-free form of onion in the kitchen, there's no excuse for flat, flavorless dishes.

Stir chopped prunes, chopped walnuts and grated orange rind into a rich baking powder biscuit dough. Drop small spoonfuls into shallow hot oil and fry until golden. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Wonderful eating for neighborhood coffee get-togethers.

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