

Dogs Raised for Blind

By JOE COWLEY

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A blind man with his seeing eye dog may receive only passing notice. Few people realize how much care and training were required before the dog and man were brought together.

The guide-dog is carefully selected at puppyhood, placed in a home for further raising and basic training, then both he and his master undergo weeks of schooling before being released on their own.

Playing a vital part in this program are Jackson county 4-H club members who care for future guide-dogs for the blind and give them basic obedience training.

When the dog is returned to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., at San Rafael, Calif., it is worth \$1500—more of course after the graduates from the special training school.

Last year nine 4-H youngsters raised dogs for the San Rafael school. Some, like Nyla Murray of Medford, are raising dogs again this year. Others like Nancy Lusk, Ashland, are hoping to.

Nancy has raised one dog and hopes to raise another.

Called To Help
Nancy was one of those called by the county extension office and asked to help fill the large need for puppy-raisers in the seeing-eye dog program. A representative of the guide dog school at San Rafael made a careful investigation of the Lusk's. Then a 12-week-old female German shepherd pup was brought to them.

This puppy had been given intelligence tests before he left his kennel at San Rafael. (The school raises some pups and dog breeders contribute others to the program.) In one test, for instance, the dog was led up to a gate with no adjoining fence. If he went around the locked gate he passed. In another, he was led up to a barrier slightly higher than his head and if he stopped and looked up at it, he passed.

Main purpose of the adopted home program is to get the dog used to people. Also, he is taught to obey such simple commands as walking to heel, sitting and laying down, and not to jump up on people.

"After a family has helped raise one of these dogs it feels it has really done something," Mrs. Leslie Lusk said. "However, it is a terrific responsibility. Now that we have moved close to a street I'd be afraid the dog would be run over. After all, it's worth \$1500 when we return it to the school."

Keep Records
As in all 4-H projects each youngster must keep complete records. Nyla Murray filled out a complete form which included the dog's name, weight, markings and when each period of training was started. Her records also showed how many pounds of dog food were given the dog and the cost.

During a 11-month period she fed her dog 138 pounds of meat and 161½ pounds of kibbled dog food at a total cost of \$67.80. Nancy found that her pup was mischievous like most young dogs. It chewed up a lawn chair during the first months of training. She also found it preferred girls and women to men. However, when it completed the special training school in California it was given to a man in Willows, Calif.

Both the Murrys and the Lusk's were impressed with the intelligence of their dogs. Nyla was somewhat afraid of the German Shepherd breed before she got her first dog—Bingo—but quickly discarded her fear



SHAKE HANDS—Nancy Lusk, Ashland 4-H club member, teaches Bobbi, a German shepherd to shake hands. The dog was raised last year by Nancy and later returned to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., at San Rafael, Calif., to receive further training and presentation to a blind person. Caring for and giving basic training to future guide dogs is a current Jackson county 4-H project.



DOG PRESENTED—From left: Sandra Grantham, Fairfield, Calif., 4-H'er stands in for Nancy Lusk of Ashland, as Charles Knowles, Willows, Calif., insurance agent receives his guide dog, Bobbi. Instructor David Keith looks on. The picture was taken at Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., San Rafael, Calif. Nancy raised the dog until it was a year old.

after her experience with the pup.

"Research proved that a puppy needs a child the same way a child needs a puppy," according to Clarence J. Pfaffenberger, vice president in charge of research and puppy placement at the San Rafael school. "Dogs raised in a kennel without the feeling of being needed and appreciated grow up to be worthless, especially as guide dogs."

After the dog returns to the training school it receives three months' intensive training in obedience commands, avoidance of obstructions and alertness in traffic. An additional month is required to teach the blind person to work with his dog. The dog and the blind man are joined according to personalities. Personalities of a dog and human can conflict the same as those of two humans.

During the final month, California State law requires the blind students to live at the training school. Final training consists of maneuvering through heavy San Francisco traffic.

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., is a western training school serving the 22 western states and Hawaii. In conducts the only school west of the Mississippi accredited by the Veterans Ad-

Truck and Trailer Overturn; Other Accidents Reported

A load of lath shifting on a trailer caused a truck and trailer to overturn in North Central ave. just past the intersection of Edwards st. about 12:09 a.m. Saturday, according to city police.

The driver, James Earl Sumpter, Stockton, Calif., suffered an abrasion on his right shoulder but otherwise was uninjured. The truck and trailer were southbound on Central when the accident occurred.

Four other minor traffic accidents were investigated by city police Friday.

A panel truck driven by Clifford Stuart Fixen, 118 North Orange st., and a car operated by Larry Wayne McDonald, route 2, box 203, Central Point, collided about 10:45 a.m. at the intersection of Ohio and Boardman sts.

Citations Given

At 4:25 p.m., an accident at the intersection of Sixth and Bartlett sts. resulted in citations for failure to yield the right of way and failure to display registration in a vehicle, given by city police to Samuel Edwin King, Jacksonville. King was the driver of a car involved in a collision with an auto operated by Charles Dos McKinley, 124 Newtown st.

Police arrested Arthur Carl Stinson, 1219 West 10th st., on charges of being drunk in public after a pickup driven by Stinson struck a parked station wagon on Eight st. between Lincoln and Hamilton sts. about 8:25 p.m. The station wagon was registered to T. R. Florey, box 747, Medford.

About 8:30 p.m., cars driven by Sandra Lee Burns, 924 Stewart ave., and James Arthur Pond, 20 Ashland ave., apartment 2, collided at the intersection of Main and Bartlett sts.

Pickup Wrecked At Central Point

Central Point — A pickup rounding a curve here Friday evening struck the wheels of a parked log truck and turned over, nearly totally wrecked, according to state police.

Officers said the accident occurred about 7:03 p.m. Friday. The pickup was driven by James Edward Palmer, 28, 42½ North Ninth st., Central Point. Palmer was rounding a slight curve on highway 99 when his pickup struck the rear left wheels of the log truck and trailer parked along the curb between the Central Point Rural fire department and the Cupp Furniture Barn.

Palmer was not injured. The truck was owned by L. W. Pruitt, 1455 Ashland st., Ashland.

Check Spokane Men For Radiation Danger

Spokane — A Fairchild Air Force Base radiological officer said Friday three base mechanics exposed to radiation on Aug. 24 were under observation.

Lt. James Wingate, in a story in the base newspaper, said the dosage was not extensive and the airmen were not confined to a hospital. He said they were exposed while repairing a B-57 bomber. It was not disclosed how the plane had been radiated. Wingate said the plane was so "hot" it should have been isolated for at least three weeks.

The three airmen were identified as M. Sgt. Joseph P. Brown, M. Sgt. Jack C. Mooney, and T. Sgt. Milford K. Taylor.

Phone Rates Increase In Springdale Area

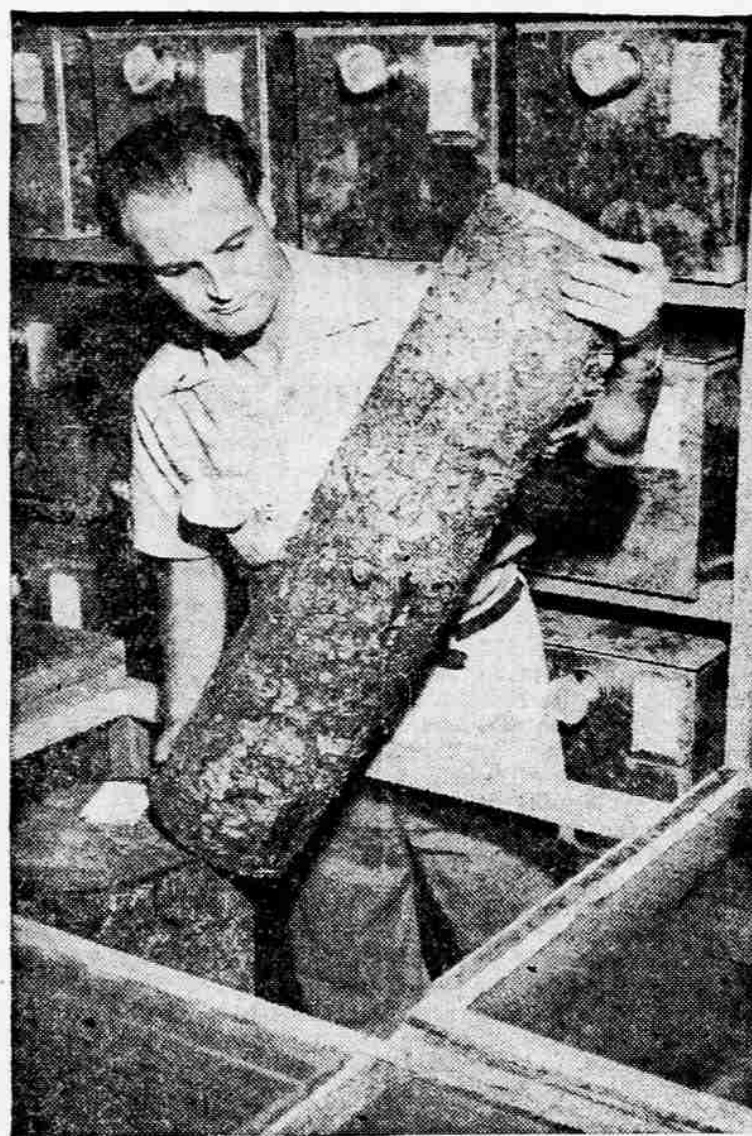
Salem — Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan Saturday granted rate increases asked by the Columbia Telephone Company which serves the Corbett-Springdale area.

Under the new schedule the company would get a 4.71 per cent rate of return on its money. Residential rates on a one-party line will go up from \$4.25 to \$5.50 a month.

The commissioner also granted authority to Pioneer Telephone cooperative serving Benton, Lincoln and Lane counties to increase its gross annual revenue by \$52,597. The company went into the red some \$40,000 last year, Morgan said.

Eire, called the poorhouse of Europe in 1840, today has one of the highest per capita wealths in its history.

North America's three heaviest animals are the bison, Alaska brown bear and the moose. A bull buffalo may weigh a ton; bear or moose 1,600 pounds.



GETS SCREENING—Douglas fir logs infested with bark beetles are getting special "screening" treatment at Oregon State college. These screened pens, in which logs are being placed, are rearing cages for bark beetles that will be used later in screening tests on promising new pesticides. Work is underway in OSC's new forest insect laboratory that will speed research on control of beetles and other forest pests that cost Northwest foresters millions of dollars annually. Dr. Julius Rudinsky, shown here, is in charge. Silver fir and cedar bark beetles are being reared in the tin cages in the background.

New \$35,000 Forest Insect Laboratory Is Completed at OSC

Corvallis — A new \$35,000 forest insect laboratory with facilities which rank among the best in the nation has been completed at Oregon State college for research on forest pests that are the number one enemy of Northwest foresters.

Testing of insecticides to determine which are most effective and practical to use against various insects will be the major phase of work.

Tied in with the testing will be basic research on insect biology, behavior and activities. Little is known about some of the insects and effective controls cannot be developed until that information is available, Dr. Julius Rudinsky, project leader, pointed out.

Consultant Service Opens New Office

Sullivan Interiors, a new home decoration consulting service, will open in a studio at 5260 South Pacific highway, Grants Pass, at Rogue River junction, 11 a.m. Sept. 9.

The firm is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sullivan who have had decorating experience with stores. The past 12 years they have managed their own business in Klamath Falls.

Their services include color schemes, remodeling, building and furnishing entire homes. The past year they remodeled their home at Rogue River junction and made it into a combination model home and display studio. They have made buying trips to new England, eastern and west coast markets.

Educators Appointed To Fulbright Group

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes Saturday announced appointment of Oregon's Fulbright Committee for next year.

Dr. John F. Cramer, president of Portland State college was reappointed chairman. Serving again will be Dr. Charles J. Armstrong of Pacific university.

New members are Dr. Robert D. Clark, dean of the Liberal Arts College, University of Oregon; Dr. Herbert Childs, English department, Oregon State College; and Miss Abby H. Adams, head of the foreign language department, Eugene high school.

Retiring members of the committee are Dean E. B. Lemon of Oregon State; Dean Paul B. Jacobson, University of Oregon; and Colton E. Meek, principal of Grant high school, Portland. The Fulbright law provides for exchange of American and foreign teachers and college students. Each state receives at least two Fulbright scholarships a year.

SELECTED QUEEN

Salem — Caroline Tiegs, Talent, was selected as one of seven Jersey princesses at the Oregon State fair Tuesday. Grace Elliott of Astoria was selected as the Jersey queen.

Woman suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass., in a house built in 1810.

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Superstitions About Moon Still Preval in World

By FAY BENTLEY

Since the dawn of time earth-dwellers have been fascinated by the beauty and mystery of our planet's nearest sky neighbor the moon. The celestial body, always an inspiration to writers and artists is the source of innumerable superstitions many of which persist even in this atomic age.

The word lunatic was derived from the Latin word Luna (the moon) as it was believed that lunacy or insanity was influenced by changes of the moon. To sleep with the full moon shining on the face was believed to result in blindness.

A few of the many superstitions about the moon are: Radishes, cucumbers, and turnips grow best at full moon; a change of moon-phase influences the weather; and potatoes will not bear heavily unless the planting is done in the "dark of the moon."

We are all familiar with the tides in the ocean caused by the gravitational pull of the sun and moon on the waters of the earth, but other than this, astronomers say that the moon has very little effect upon our planet.

The changing form of the moon as it waxes from a thin crescent to full and then wanes until it entirely disappears gave to ancient people a convenient tool for measuring time, which had long been used before calendars came into existence.

When the Chaldeans made the first divisions of time which employed the numbers 60, 24, and 12, they divided the year into 12 months. A month being the time from full moon to full moon or from new moon to new moon.

The "harvest moon" often mentioned in stories and poems, is the full moon occurring nearest the date of the autumnal equinox and usually comes in September, though it is possible for it to occur in early October. An increased amount of moonlight at this time makes it possible to continue work in the harvest fields late into the evening for more than a week. Hence the name, "harvest moon."

Why do we have more hours of moonlight during the full moon phase near the fall equinox? Usually the moon rises about 50 minutes later each succeeding evening, although this period of time may vary at different seasons of the year. In our latitude (near 45 degrees) it is sometimes more than an hour. This time lapse depends upon the position of the moon on the path or orbit it follows while traveling around the earth.

In early spring, near the vernal equinox, the moon is on the point of its path which strikes the eastern horizon at a steep slope. If we think of the horizon as a horizontal line, the moon's path would be represented by a vertical line crossing the horizon at almost right angles.

The full moon in September is on the part of its orbit that makes a gentle slope with the eastern horizon, and therefore will rise sooner and farther to the north each succeeding evening than does the full moon in early spring. The difference in the time of moonrise will be much less than the usual 50 minutes.

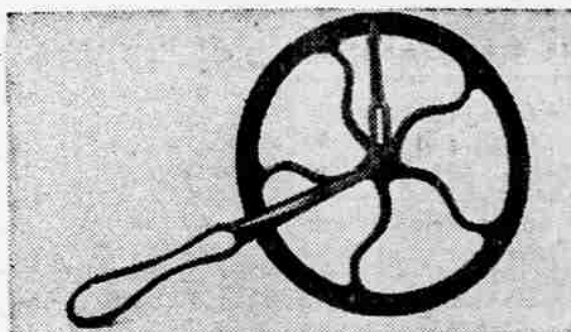
On Monday, Sept. 9, the moon which waxes to full on that date, will rise at 6:16 p.m. (PST). On Sept. 10, moonrise will take place at 6:42 p.m., or only 26 minutes later than the night before. On Sept. 11, the moon will appear 27 minutes later than on the previous evening. This, of course, results in more hours of moonlight.

As we travel northward, the differences in the time of moonrise becomes less and less. In northern Scotland, moonrise on Sept. 10 will be only about 10 minutes later than on Sept. 9.

For several evenings the time lapse will be slightly more than this amount.

Thus the countries of northern Europe as well as Canada have been especially favored by the light of the "harvest moon." For centuries the farmers in these countries have depended upon the brilliant "harvest moon" to provide light for several evenings of labor in the harvest fields.

This Week's HISTORY MYSTERY



Can You Identify This Tool?

CLUE: This historical tool is made entirely of metal. The revolving wheel is marked off in 24 one inch divisions and the pointer is stationary. It was used by blacksmiths in the horse and buggy days.

By Chef Othout of Woodburn, Oregon.
Construct a rim. This historical object was loaned then know the exact length of metal necessary to measure the total number of inches traveled would be around a wheel and by reading, on the pointer of zero, the blacksmith rolled the wheel.

ANSWER: It is a wheel measurer. Beginning with this column is presented weekly for the furtherance of historical interest and education by the OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PORTLAND, OREGON

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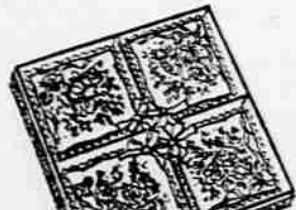


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Paychecks Stolen At Company Office

Paychecks amounting to nearly \$160 were reported stolen from the Medford Bear Company office, route 3, box 204, Medford Thursday, according to the county sheriff's office.

William R. Arnold, foreman, reported the theft Friday. Arnold said four checks of varying amounts were in drawers in the office when stolen. Sheriff's officers Saturday arrested Leland A. Johnson, 30, of 342 Merriman st., on a non-support warrant issued at the Polk county sheriff's office. Johnson is being held for Polk county officials.

Conference Seeks End Of Six-Day TV Strike

Portland — Negotiators, including a federal mediator, conferred Friday in an effort to end a six-day-old strike by 110 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, local 49, against Portland's three television stations.

Included in the walkout are technicians, producer-directors and floormen in the engineering and production departments.

Chores of the striking employees were taken over by other personnel, and the stations operated this week on a near-normal schedule.