

House Group Adds \$651,000 To Budget Of Forest Service

Washington — The Democratic members of the Oregon Delegation have announced that the House Appropriations committee has added \$651,000 to the Forest Service budget for timber access roads, \$500,000 for personnel housing at ranger stations, and \$293,000 for forest research. The overall project will provide \$93,180,000 for forest protection and utilization and \$23,750,000 for timber access roads, \$12,128,000 for forest research and \$12,195,000 for state and private forestry cooperation.

Congressmen Charles Porter and Al Ullman testified at length before the appropriations committee in favor of these increases and Senators Wayne Morse and Richard Neuberger presented statements urging the same action. Not Warranted

In reporting the bill the house committee said that under normal conditions higher expenditures would be justified, but except for the increases authorized they were not warranted in the light of the current defense situation. The Forest Service programs were virtually the only ones increased by the appropriations committee. The solid and coordinated support that the delegation showed was of great value in securing these

vital increases. The Oregon senators announced that as welcome as was the action by the house, a strenuous effort will be made to secure increased recognition of these programs in the Senate. They believe that the access roads are vital to insuring that when the lumber market picks up the industry is not forced to pay excessive prices for timber because of an artificial shortage due to the lack of roads. The Forest Service housing program should be expanded to aid the building industry which is suffering from the Administration's tight money policy, they added. In addition the Senators stated that "operation outdoors" is now \$7 million behind the schedule set forth by the Administration only last year. In view of widespread unemployment, an expansion of this program which will provide for the construction of new campgrounds is needed.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the Democratic members of the delegation have testified before the House Appropriations Committee and this action has insured proper recognition of the Forest Service programs which are so vital to Oregon's economy growth.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Club Sponsors New Room

By HELEN BOTTEL

Cave Junction — The Illinois Valley Federated Women's club voted recently to furnish the children's room of the branch county library in Cave Junction. A substantial sum has been donated to the library board to provide tables, chairs and other furnishings for the room which will be a part of the new \$30,000 plant now under construction.

A new Brownie troop, with 21 girls and two Cub Scout dens have been organized in Selma, according to Girl Scout Neighborhood chairman Mrs. Ross Turpin and Cubmaster Bob Breckenridge.

In addition, a new Boy Scout Troop is being formed at the James Boys home at Bridgeview, although final plans for the special boys' group have not been made according to Scoutmaster Bill Burch.

New Girl Scout leaders were introduced at a meeting of troop leaders and committee members Friday at the home of Mrs. Walt Colpitts on Old Stage road.

A total reduction of some 30 per cent in fire insurance premiums is imminent for the Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection district, providing a new Class A pumper is installed at Selma. It will be approximately 10 per cent more than the reduction approved last year with the O'Brien pumper and adequate housing for equipment was added.

This is the word from Hal Moore, chairman of the board of directors for the district, who met with other members Thursday night to make plans for additional equipment.

The origins of the Kerby school cafeteria, instigated 13 years ago, were told recently by four of its founders, Mrs. Arthur Kellert, Mrs. Jim Hogue, Mrs. Thelma Lundquist and Mrs. Raymond Heidenreich. Occasion was the special Founders' Day program for Kerby Parent-Teachers association.

A skit titled "Poky-hontus" was presented by fifth grade Girl Scouts, under the direction of their leader, Mrs. Richard Costello. Wearing placards which told the parts they played, the girls gave their version of the famous love story.

During a business meeting, a nominating committee was elected to name candidates

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Portland To Seek Advice on Mural Portland Voters

Portland — The Portland City Council voted unanimously Wednesday to put a proposal for municipal ownership of Portland's mass transit system up to the voters on the May 16 election ballot.

Several speakers objected to various phases of the proposed charter amendment setting up a transit department. But the council appeared to agree with Commissioner William A. Bowes, who asked: "What else could we do?"

Members of the Street Car Men's Union objected because the measure failed to contain written-in guarantees of collective bargaining and pension rights.

Permit Expires Soon
The operating permit of the Rose City Transit company is due to expire July 5. Negotiations between the company and the city for its renewal have not been started.

The charter amendment would authorize a \$7 million general obligation bond issue outside constitutional limitations. It also would provide a special tax levy of not to exceed two mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or \$1,500,000, whichever proved less for each of the next 10 years.

For the first two years, bus fares would be fixed under terms of the act at a maximum of 20 cents a ride. Rose City Transit recently won a fare increase from 20 cents a ride to 25 cents, or two rides for 45 cents.

Labor Man Awarded Kelly Loe Memorial

Portland — George Brown, political education director for the Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Wednesday night became the first winner of the Kelley Loe Memorial award for service to the community.

Loe, a weekly newspaper publisher, became active in Oregon labor affairs in 1918. He was public relations director and assistant secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor and for 20 years he represented labor at sessions of the Oregon Legislature. He died Sept. 4, 1957.

Brown was executive secretary of the State CIO Council before the merger of the AFL and CIO, but was on ever friendly terms with Loe and also represented labor at legislative sessions.

City Managers Elect President

Pendleton — G. S. Verger, city manager at Port Angeles, Wash., Wednesday was elected president of the Pacific Northwest City Managers Association. Port Angeles was an All-America city in 1957.

Other new officers chose at the Association's annual convention here were Cyril Mack Henderson, Kitimat, B. C., first vice-president; Robert Finlayson of Eugene, Ore., second vice-president; and Hugh McKinley, Grants Pass, Ore., secretary-treasurer.

Delegates voted to hold their 1959 meeting either at Yakima, Wash., or Roseburg, Ore., but deferred a final decision.

Baker Man Elected By Hereford Group

Pendleton — Charles Chandler of Baker was elected president of the Oregon Hereford Association at its 5th annual meeting here Wednesday. He succeeds Harold Eakin of Grass Valley.

Norman Jacob of Klamath Falls was named vice president, and Dick Richards of Warren, secretary.

In the combined Blue Tag Range Bull sale and show, the champion bull was Junior M. Donald 16th, summer bull yearling owned by Chandler Herefords of Baker. Reserve champion was Double M Royal Prince 313 from the Double M Hereford Ranches in Adams and Stanfield.

Narcotics Taken In Portland Holdup

Portland — A holdup man escaped with narcotics having an estimated underworld value of \$10,000 plus \$200 in cash from the Frank Nau Prescription Pharmacy in downtown Portland early today, police reported.

Pharmacist Harold Lance, 58, said the narcotics had a true wholesale value of between \$60 and \$70. Police estimated that the drugs could be peddled in the underworld for \$10,000.

New Mexico has more than 500,000 acres under irrigated cultivation.



KNOWLAND AND MARTIN MEET—Senate Republican Leader Wm. Knowland (left), and House Minority Leader Joseph Martin meet with newsmen at the White House, following a bacon and eggs conference with Administration economic leaders on the recession. The legislative and economic high command ruled out attempts to buy prosperity with a federal "spending orgy."

Warning Issued To Bears on Oil Shares

By ELMER C. WALZER
United Press Financial Editor
New York — Here is a paragraph taken from a financial newspaper:

"Stocks of petroleum products have risen to excessive levels, and a consequent lack of buyers in key markets has made price falls inevitable."

That looks like the United States situation. It is but this one came from London Financial Times which noted that the wholesale prices of nearly all petroleum products in the United Kingdom have been brought down to pre-Suez levels or lower.

Cold weather in many sections of the United States is helping reduce stocks of fuel oil right now and the oil companies have been cutting back

refinery runs to get their general inventory situation straightened out.

Oil shares have had tough sledding from time to time in the stock market because the earnings outlook for them has been impaired a bit.

But the financial district has been sounding some warnings about becoming too bearish "about a business so essential to the world economy, even though the earnings outlook is anything but reassuring."

Some of the market analysts have been suggesting purchases of oil shares on market declines.

Crude oil prices actually have been holding fairly well, according to market men. There have been some cuts but they have been restricted to limited areas.

According to W. I. La Tourette, analyst for Shearson, Hammill & Co., "If end-product inventories continue to increase and end product prices decline further there will be considerable pressure to reduce crude prices on an over-all basis."

Five From Crippled Vessel Reach Port

Norfolk, Va. — Ships headed to port today with five surviving members of the 27-man crew that abandoned a crippled Italian ore vessel off the North Carolina coast.

The vessels also carried the bodies of 21 other crewmen who drifted away in a blinding snowstorm during a rescue attempt and died in the frigid Atlantic. A Coast Guard cutter searched the area today for the lone man still missing.

Two of the five survivors were found clinging to a lifeboat Wednesday night and taken aboard the Navy destroyer escort Lester. The ship's captain and two members of his crew were saved Tuesday night by the American liner President Adams.

40 DEER
South Portland, Me. — John W. Morrill, 69, has bagged 40 deer in the last 45 deer hunting seasons. In 1918, the last season in which Maine law permitted a hunter a double. He retires next year after 51 years with the Boston and Maine Railroad. "That's retirement from railroading, not from deer hunting," Morrill said. "I'll never retire from that. And next year I'll be shooting number 41."

An average American drinks more than 2.5 cups of coffee per day.

COLD HITS ZOO
New York — Seven deer and more than a dozen ducks, pigeons and other birds have died during seven days of cold, snow and high winds at the Bronx Zoo, officials disclosed Wednesday.

The storm and cold has done more harm to animals in the zoo than any other winter in 25 years," William Bridges, curator of publications at the Zoological Gardens, reported.

Big Week-end coming up?

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Oregon First to Slate Business Conference

Corvallis — Oregon will be the first state in the nation next month to have a state-wide conference for small business as recommended at the national meeting called last September by President Eisenhower.

The state conference on research and development for the benefit of small business is scheduled March 13 to 15 at Oregon State college. Gov. Robert Holmes is honorary chairman and will be opening-day luncheon speaker.

The sessions will center around how research can help small business in developing new products, improving old products, and in providing new and better manufacturing methods and market and sales methods. Oregon has some 35,000 businesses, with less than 50 employees.

Services Available
Services and help available to small business from state and federal agencies, commercial organizations, research institutes and educational institutions will be discussed and sources of re-

search and development information emphasized. Question-and-answer periods are planned to give small businessmen an opportunity to discuss their individual problems and programs with conference experts.

Top state and national government and business leaders will speak at the conference and various state and federal agencies and business and industrial groups will participate in the program and serve as sponsors.

Milton H. Mater, president of a small Corvallis manufacturing firm, will be conference chairman. Members of the advisory committee helping to plan the conference include Sid Woodbury, chairman, and Julius Jensen, executive director, Oregon department of planning and development; Harold K. Cherry, Portland office, U. S. department of commerce; John G. Barnett, Portland office, small business administration; and Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college.

HUNTING NOTE

Deep River, Conn. — Accused of swerving his car to kill a pheasant, Ronald G. Hagg was fined a total of \$50 for failing to drive to the right, using a motor vehicle in hunting, hunting out of season and hunting on Sunday.

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RESEARCHER DIES

Hempstead, N.Y. — Florian P. Gass, 56, director of research for the advertising and public relations firm of Doremus & Co., died at his home here Tuesday. It was made known today. He had been with the Doremus firm since 1945. Gass became blind four years ago but continued to work regularly at his job.

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