

Stewardship Week Proclaimed In State

The week of May 11 to 18 has been proclaimed as Soil Stewardship week by Oregon Gov. Robert D. Holmes, Secretary of State Mark Hatfield and Jackson County Judge Rodney Keating.

They said the goals of the week can be achieved with the support of an informed public. Good soil stewardship consists of the wise use of natural resources of the state and nation.

These include soils, waters, forests, glasslands, minerals and wildlife. All are essential to the welfare of the individual, community, state and nation, Keating said. Natural resources are the foundation of Oregon's economy and way of life, Holmes and Hatfield added.

Groups with speakers available to further explain the purpose of the week are the county extension office, soil conservation service, forest service, park service and state department of forestry. Groups wishing to obtain speakers may contact John Gribble, Medford, chairman of the county committee.

EX-CONTROLLER DIES

New York — Frank J. Taylor, 75, former controller of New York City, died Wednesday at his home in Brooklyn.

First Round of Fourth National Merit Scholarship Program Held

Evansville, Ill. — The first round of the nation's most intensive talent hunt opened this week as a record-shattering number of high school students turned out for the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

Final registration for the examinations, which began in 15,000 high schools on April 29, reached 575,000. Second semester juniors and first semester seniors were eligible to take the test.

An estimated \$5 million in Merit Scholarships and other awards are at stake in the national competition, now beginning its fourth year. Some \$12 million in Merit Scholarships have been awarded in the first three years of the program.

Merit Scholarships are provided by some 80 corporations, foundations, professional societies and individuals, as well as by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation itself, which conducts the competition.

John M. Stalnaker, president of NMS corporation, believes that the heavy registration is due to the nationwide cooperation of school authorities.

"The entire nation is indebted to the thousands of high school principals and teachers who are using the Merit Program to stimulate their able students to an in-

terest in further education," Stalnaker said.

The National Merit Scholarship qualifying test, used as the first screen in the competition, is a three-hour measure of educational growth and aptitude. Emphasis is on broad intellectual skills, and on understanding and ability to use what has been learned, rather than on sheer knowledge of facts.

A group of 10,000 students, composed of the highest scorers in each state, will advance to the semifinals next fall. Semifinalists will then take a second examination. Those who repeat their high performance on the second examination will become finalists in the program and will indicate their choice of college and course of study. Further evaluation of their grades, citizenship, and extra-curricular achievements will follow, and the winners will be announced in the spring of 1959.

Test results for all students taking the NMSQT will be reported to schools about Aug. 15 and will be available in time for use by seniors and their class advisors. The scores may also be used in many high schools to help students make decisions about college and the most appropriate courses in which to major.

Many students throughout the country who do not expect to win have registered for the test in order to learn more about their individual weaknesses and strengths. Five individual scores will be reported: knowledge of vocabulary, ability in mathematics and quantitative thinking, ability to read and comprehend the social and natural sciences, and usage of English.

Repeats Caution
Stalnaker has repeatedly cautioned that there are many reasons why test results and lists of winners cannot be used to evaluate the quality of the job that a school is doing. The distribution of the population throughout the state, the size of the school, and native intelligence of its top students, the percentage of students taking the test, the nature of the community where the school is located, the purpose of the school, and many other factors having nothing to do with the total effectiveness of the school can influence its number of finalists.

The test results will, however, enable students as individuals, to compare their scores with other students across the nation.

The test has been constructed by Science Research Associates of Chicago, and also will be scored and reported by that testing agency.

Each Merit Scholarship carries a stipend based on the need of each individual winner, and is renewable annually without further competitive examination. The average stipend in past years has been \$650 per year. The minimum award in the 1958-59 program will be \$100 a year and a maximum will be \$1,500 a year.

Sent to Colleges

The names of all program finalists will be sent to colleges and universities and other scholarship organizations throughout the country. In this way many non-winning finalists are helped in winning scholarships awarded directly by colleges and other organizations.

About 1,000 Merit Scholars, winners of the 1957-58 competition, were named on May 1, 1958. They are winners in the third Merit Program which began last October.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation directs the annual competition. It was founded in 1955, on grants of \$20 million by the Ford Foundation and \$500 thousand by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Collecting of Tax From Man in Space Presents Problem

Washington — The House Space committee wondered whether the government can collect taxes from a man in a satellite. Loftis Becker, State Department legal adviser, said he believed the government could tax a space-man if he were within an area of space claimed by the United States.

"Otherwise, it seems it would depend on whether you have the right to tax a citizen outside U.S. territory," he said.

Chief committee counsel George J. Feldman said "Now the question is, how do you collect it?"

FASHION EXPERT DIES

New York — Fashion expert Marjorie Howard, 80, died Wednesday in her room at the Sutton Plaza Hotel here. Miss Howard at one time was Paris fashion editor for Vogue Magazine. Later, she was in charge of the Paris bureau of Harper's Bazaar.

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School Building Program To Lag

Washington — Administration interest in the abandoned 1957 school construction program probably won't be revived during the final months Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Marian B. Folsom is in office, it was reported today.

Aides to Folsom, who resigned Wednesday effective at the windup of the current congressional session, told United Press administration emphasis has switched to a science education program.

The department sources said Folsom has no thought at present of reviving administration school interest in the construction program. But a House education subcommittee recently resurrected and approved the 1957 measure, and it now awaits action by the full education and labor committee.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, who was named by President Eisenhower to succeed Folsom, has declined to comment on his plans.

Aircraft Firm Notes Earnings, Sales Up

Van Nuys, Calif. — Roy E. Marquardt, president of Marquardt Aircraft Co., today reported unaudited net earnings for his company during the first three months of 1958 totaled \$188,290 on sales of \$9,410,000.

The executive said last year at the same time earnings totaled \$163,130 while sales amounted to \$7,877,854. The firm's backlog of orders is approximately \$62 million, Marquardt said.

Hiroshima — Authorities reported the death today of 51-year-old Kosuke Matsuo from effects of the 1945 American atomic bombing of this city. Matsuo lived less than a mile from the city's center at the time of the bombing and had long suffered from leukemia, said to have been caused by atomic radiation.

Student Body President Selected at Portland

Portland — Dean DeChaine, a prelaw student, was elected student body president at Portland State College Wednesday. He defeated Richard Black by 10 votes.

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