

First State Land Conversation Act Created Town of Clatsop

Corvallis - Oregon's first official land conversation act created the town of Clatsop...

Today, the state Soil Conservation District law covers 57 districts including more than 85 per cent of Oregon's farm land.

Eighty-nine years ago when the Oregon legislature formed Clatsop, unrestricted grazing on the dunes near the beach was destroying the cover grass and permitting sand to blow over nearby farms.

Boundaries of the town extended 14 miles along the Pacific shore from the Columbia river south to the Necanicum river. A town ordinance empowered the marshal to collect \$1 per head for horses, mules or cattle and 50 cents per head for sheep, swine, goats, or other domestic animals found grazing within this area.

Owner Convicted In addition, if the owner his stock to graze in the pro-



was convicted of permitting prohibited area he was subject to a fine of up to \$50 backed by a jail sentence for nonpayment.

This start toward controlling sand dunes is a good example of early group action for soil conservation, Arthur S. King, Oregon State college extension conservationist, said.

However, the ordinance did not permanently solve the problem at Clatsop - possibly for lack of enforcement or because it was forgotten when this farming town was reorganized as the resort city of Gearhart in 1919.

Destroy Cover Grass The next 10 years or so found both livestock and people thronging over the for-

dune, destroying the cover by overgrazing, fire and unrestricted travel. The foredune again began to move inland until the federal government was asked for help. In 1933, the soil Conservation Service started extensive dune control work.

Six years later, the state legislature passed the Soil Conservation District act. This law had the same basic intent as the act which created Clatsop 69 years before. However, the new law was much broader in scope. It provided for formation of districts responsible for all phases of soil conservation - not just sand dune control.

The Warrenton Soil Conservation District was one of the

Pacific Starts New Schedule from City

Pacific Air Lines last Sunday started a new schedule to serve Medford, the company has announced.

Two southbound flights leave at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. The morning flight provides an early flight through Eureka and the Sacramento valley, arriving in Oakland and San Francisco shortly after noon.

The returning flight from San Francisco via the Sacramento valley and Eureka arrives here at 8:46 p.m.

FOR TOWING ONLY

Dallas, Tex. - (UPI) - A friend admired Judge J. C. Muse's new foreign car and then asked: "But how are you going to pull your boat trailer with a car this small?" "Oh, I've got a Cadillac for that," the judge replied. "This car is for my personal use."

first to be formed. It boundaries were similar to the original town of Clatsop. In 1948, this district voted land regulations comparable to those enacted by Clatsop nearly 80 years earlier. Now livestock can graze in the area, but only with a permit.

Nine Local Groups Win Superior Rates In Music Contests

Nine groups from the music department of Medford public schools received superior ratings at the annual large group music contest at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, last week end under the auspices of the Southern Oregon Music Educators association.

Groups from Medford High school participating were the symphony band directed by Irv Mirick, the orchestra directed by John Drysdale, and the choir and girls chorus directed by Lynn Sjolund.

From McLoughlin Junior High school were the "A" band directed by Al Hunte-mann, the cadet band and orchestra directed by Elmer Ayres. The Hedrick Junior High school band and orchestra, directed by Ron Bartlett and Drysdale, respectively, also participated.

Fifty Groups Participate Fifty groups coming from as far as Roseburg and Lakeview participated in the event. Dr. Herbert Cecil, the SOMEA president, and Oscar Bjorlie, secretary-treasurer of the association, were in charge of the program. Both are assistant professors of music at Southern Oregon college.

Adjudicators were Ira Lee, director of bands at the University of Oregon; Jim Adair, orchestra director at Sacramento State college; Al Robertson, supervisor of mu-

sic at Beaverton schools; Dr. Leon Wagner, director of choral activities, Humboldt State college; Donald Thulean, dean of the music department, Pacific university; and James Kineer, director of choruses at Chico State college.

Sjolund was elected chairman of the SOMEA for the coming year. Other officers are Raul Maddox, Ashland band director, assistant chairman; and Jerry Dyrud, vocal supervisor of Medford public school, secretary-treasurer.

Brown Named to Production Group

O. L. Brown of Medford Meat company, Medford, has been appointed to the Oregon Swine Production committee of the Western States Meat Packers association, Eugene Malo, Portland, chairman of the committee, has announced.

Brown is a member of the association's board of directors.

Purpose of the committee is to stimulate hog production in Oregon as part of a packers' program to free the western states from dependence on imports of pork from midwestern states and to increase employment in western packing plants.

SMOG THREATENS L.A.

Los Angeles - (UPI) - Los Angeles residents, sweltering in a spring heat wave, braced themselves today for a predicted first stage alert of eye-stinging smog. Ninety-degree heat invaded the basin area Wednesday with a heavy pall of smog while temperatures in Southern California desert areas soared above the 100 mark.

DEW LINE EXTENDED

Washington - (UPI) - A new extension-stretching across the Aleutian Islands-of this country's Distant Early Warning (DEW) line went into operation today. The DEW line runs for more than 3,000 miles across the top of the continent from midway in the Aleutian chain to Baffin Island on the east coast of Canada.

A tree continues to grow until death. Some botanists believe trees die only from such causes as disease and injury.

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