



### Mrs. Centennial Finalists Named

Portland—(UPI)—Nine Oregon housewives have been selected as finalists in the contest to name Mrs. Oregon Centennial. The finals will be here May 7-9.

Mrs. Cleo Maletis, former Mrs. America, is chairman of the contests.

The housewives named included Mrs. Nancy Draper and Mrs. Frances Hand, Portland; Mrs. Dorothy Chase, Eugene; Mrs. Rena Clark, Salem; Mrs. Jeanne Hillis, The Dalles; Mrs. Julia Jensen, Nyssa; Mrs. Emily Terrall, St. Helens; Mrs. Nina M. Vrtiska, Corvallis and Mrs. Ruth Ann White, Bend.

They will compete in a contest which includes cooking, planning menus, ironing and on the final night will be judged for poise and personality. Prizes valued at \$1500 including an air trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in June for the Mrs. America contest will go to the winner.

### Water Pollution Support Sought

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield has asked members of Oregon's congressional delegation to support legislation to assume continuance of the program of federal grants to communities for sewage treatment plants and other water pollution control facilities.

He said Oregon has been a leader in the field of states engaged in promoting clean waters. In the last several years, he said, 23 water pollution control projects have been undertaken in Oregon at a total cost of \$7,700,000. The federal share has been \$1,400,000.

During the next three years Oregon's needs are estimated at 48 projects costing more than \$14 million of which about \$3 million would be federal money.

### Building Permits Issued for Homes

Four building permits for erecting new residences were among those issued at city hall Wednesday, according to Medford building department records.

Permits included two to Ernest Conrad, for \$11,000 houses at 2416 and 2417 Edgemont st., one to W. L. Moore for a \$14,000 house at 2116 Crestbrook rd. and one to Macco Development company for a \$9,000 dwelling at 2417 Obispo dr.

Other major permits issued yesterday were to Mitchell Brothers Terminal for an \$8,500 addition to a commercial building at 2790 Crater Lake highway and to California Oregon Television Inc. for a \$2,000 "lean-to" at the KBES-TV station, 2000 Crater Lake highway.

Earlier this week, a permit was issued to Karl Klinkenbeard for a \$3,000 addition to the residence at 2116 Woodlawn dr. and to John McCordell for a \$16,000 residence at 1332 Fortune dr. and to Myers Jones for a \$10,000 addition to the clinic at 1117 East Main st.

### CARLOADINGS DOWN

Washington—(UPI)—Carloadings on the nation's Class I railroads declined 14.9 per cent in 1958 to 30,206,494 cars from 35,500,148 in 1957, according to the Association of American Railroads.

**CONVICTS HOLD HOSTAGES**—As convict William Werner holds Mrs. Louise Gschwend at knifepoint (left), convict Billy Joe Wright (right, facing camera), talks with local law and prison officials just prior to surrendering. The convict pair, both trustees at San Quentin Prison, Calif., escaped to the end of the Marin Rod and Gun Club fishing pier and held Mrs. Gschwend and Doug Harrison (right, wearing white cap) hostage for six hours before surrendering to authorities. The two hostages were shaken but unharmed by the experience.



### Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

#### Sometimes You'll Find 'Loner' in Animal World

Complete aloneness seems to be an unnatural state with men as well as mice; something not indulged in, nor tolerated for any length of time.

This preference or necessity of aloneness is sometimes the lot of animals who are naturally social in their habits; animals who ordinarily travel or live in either family groups or in herds or flocks composed of many families or individuals. When this happens, in the case of the higher animals, it conjures up some questions that scientists would like to have answered.

**Solitary Life**  
Occasionally, but not often enough to be studied carefully, a porpoise, a highly social creature, will be observed "traveling alone." A few have been known to lead a solitary life; hunting, swimming and living all alone.

Such a character must have been Pelorus Jack, a Risso dolphin who, for over a quarter of a century guided ships through a narrow pass near New Zealand. Pelorus never seemed to be in company with any of his kind. He traveled alone. He was always ready when a ship's siren sounded to come and pilot the ship safely across Cook's Strait.

Pelorus Jack after 30 years at his self-appointed task made his last appearance in November of 1916 but he left an indelible mark on the pages of natural history. His strange dedication to duty has never been explained and probably never will. Neither is it definitely known what happened to him. He became a legend. Of all the thousands of people who knew him no one ever observed him in the company of another dolphin.

**Only a Few**  
Since then, on a few occasions, this strange and un-

natural aloneness has been observed in porpoises as well as in other animals who normally operate in company of others of their kind.

In animal society, much of which we humans can't completely understand, an individual may be ostracized for the violation of some rule or law by which the majority live.

The "aloneness" may be a punishment. He may be "hard to get along with," actually anti-social and therefore "blackballed" or relegated to a life of aloneness by his fellows.

Or more happily, perhaps he lives alone by choice. A confirmed bachelor or a grouch who prefers to live by himself considering even another of his kind an objectionable crowd. Even in the scantily understood society of the higher animals there conceivably may be some who impose upon themselves a voluntary exile.

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#### STRIKE COSTS GROWING

Washington—(UPI)—There were fewer strikes in 1958 than in 1957 but they were more costly in terms of the number of workers involved and total man-days lost, according to a preliminary estimate by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A post-war low of 3,400 work stoppages began in 1958. They affected 2,200,000 workers in 1958 against 1,390,000 in 1957. Last year's strikes produced 23,500,000 man-days of idleness against 16,500,000 in 1957, the report showed.

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The world's annual production of diamonds would fill about 75 bushel baskets. To attain one carat even a modern equipped mine must process about three tons of worthless rock.

### House Takes Bill From Committee

Salem—(UPI)—The House for the first time this session has removed a bill from committee control.

The measure would provide payments to certain persons injured while serving in the National Guard. Some widows of guardsmen also would benefit.

The action requires a two-thirds majority. The vote to take the measure from the Ways and Means committee was 42-16. It had been in

Ways and Means since Feb. 23.

The bill was sent to the House State and Federal Affairs Committee.

#### EASIER GRASS-CUTTING

Richmond, Ind.—(UPI)—Leisure-loving Americans are going in more and more for power lawnmowers, according to Moto-Mower, Inc., which reports that 11 out of every 12 mowers sold in 1958 were of the power type.

### Avoid Tonsil Removal During Polio Season

Albany N.Y., (Science Service)—Removal of tonsils and adenoids should be avoided during the polio season if possible. This warning, issued by Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe, commissioner of the New York State department of health here, states that even polio vaccinated individuals should take this advice. Dr. Hilleboe referred to a report by the Expert Committee on Polio-

### Centennial Jumping Frog Contest Set

Pendleton—(UPI)—Plans are complete for a contest to decide Oregon's Centennial jumping frog.

The contest will be held on Main street here at 6:30 p.m. today. The winning frog will

be taken to the international frog jumping contest at Angels Camp, Calif., by Pendleton's 38-piece drum and bugle corps. The corps will make the trip with money obtained from entry fees.

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