

State Capitol: Gov. Hatfield's First Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

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Salem (UPI)—The ribbon Gov. Mark Hatfield cut recently to open the Centennial Exposition in Portland was the first ribbon-cutting he has done in the six months he has served as governor. In his campaign he hit hard on the devotion some chief executives have shown toward ceremonial functions.

Then, too, the governor has turned down some 137 proclamation requests and issued but half a dozen. The requests ranged from "cooling system maintenance week" to "dress right month."

Herter Reverses Decision

On one occasion, the governor turned down a request for a proclamation relating to Pan American relations, but a personal wire from Secretary of State Christian Herter caused Hatfield to reverse his decision.

Proclamations requested by the legislature, those used in combating totalitarian propaganda or ones relating to statutory requirements are approved by the governor. And, he will write commendatory letters in some instances.

But what disturbs him is the cost, red tape, picture taking time and other ceremony connected with a proclamation.

To go along with his record of six months in office, Hatfield has yet to crown a queen. This must be some sort of history-making. A popular queen-crown in lesser offices, Hatfield has suggested others on occasions when his schedule conflicts.

A shift in gubernatorial staff took place unnoticed last week when legislative post mortems were completed. Loren D. Hicks, the governor's legal adviser, became his research aide. There is no provision for legal help between legislative sessions and Hatfield had left Margaret Clark's post unfilled when she left with the Holmes exit to return to the Portland State College staff.

While Hatfield was one of the first in the nation to de-

clare himself for Eisenhower in June of 1951, he may be one of the last governors to choose between Nixon and Rockefeller. The reason is that new Oregon law makes it mandatory that the elected delegation support and "advance" the cause of the primary winner.

Hatfield makes no secret of his desire to attend his third consecutive Republican convention and if he does he would be legally and morally bound to boost the Oregon winner. So it will probably be May 20 before he comes out of neutrality for Dick or Rocky.

Now that some of the turmoil has quieted because of the legislature's adjournment, a quick count indicates five secretaries on the governor's

staff turn out an average of 166 personally typed letters per day in addition to receiving callers and handling dozens of telephone calls per hour.

Appointments to interim committees have been occupying the governor's time to a great extent lately. There are tricky complications to some of the appointments because of geography, occupation and party provisions.

Two secretarial replacements came into the governor's staff since the legislature adjourned: Mrs. Richard Pickell, who had been state Sen. Edwin Durno's secretary, and Glenda Logsdon, from the Tax Commission staff.

Trailer Park Owners Schedule Meeting

A meeting of all trailer parks owners and managers will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the Aldrich Trailer Ranch, 4425 Jacksonville highway.

Frank Barr, Portland, president of the Oregon Trailer Parks association, will explain the comprehensive trailer court law passed by the recent session of the state legislature. The new law concerns standards of construction of new trailer parks and regulations on living in trailers.

Ray Henderson, secretary of Oregon Motor Courts association, an affiliate of the trailer parks association, will explain the organization of the overall association. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

Seventy-five trailer park operators belong to the state trailer parks association and the motor court association has a total membership of 475, Barr said. Six operators from this area belong to the trailer park association.

Fatal home accidents are estimated to have cost the nation 11 billion, 900 million dollars last year in addition to the human toll.

YMCA Youths to Take Coast Trip

A truck trip to the Oregon and California coasts Monday, June 29, by 20 YMCA boys has been announced by Don Gordon, program director.

The trip will be limited to boys between 11 and 15 years of age.

The group will leave Medford Monday at 10 a.m. for the YMCA at Crescent City, Calif. where they will visit an aquarium, Jedediah Smith State park and go beach combing.

Tuesday the group plans to view the redwoods and explore the beaches staying overnight at the Harris Beach State park near Brookings, Ore. Wednesday they will take the 32 mile mail boat ride from Gold Beach up the Rogue river to Agness. Thursday the group will return to Medford via Coquille and Winston.

Required equipment includes sleeping bags, cooking and personal gear, rain coats, a change of clothing and fishing poles.

Further information may be obtained from the YMCA, Spring 2-6295.

30,804 Boys, Girls Participate In 4-H Activities in Oregon

Corvallis - "A little house well filled, a little land well tilled, and a little wife well skilled are great riches." This saying penciled by a boy into a memory book 40 years ago contained some of the purpose of Oregon's first 4-H clubs.

Little did this boy dream, however, that he was a pioneer in one of the largest educational youth movements in the country's history.

Today, 30,804 boys and girls in Oregon are learning how to produce food and fashion for home and market through 4-H (head, heart, hands, and health). Project offerings in early clubs were confined mainly to production of farm animals, raising a garden, and for girls—cooking and sewing. Now, youths can choose from 24 project areas, learning not only newest methods of production but also ways of becoming better consumers.

Appeal to All

Project offerings appeal to both farm and city youngsters, as reflected in current 4-H enrollments. Most of Oregon's club members live in cities or rural communities. Only 13,437 of them live on farms.

Back in 1914, three state 4-H agents serviced all of Oregon's clubs, often spending seven months of the year traveling. The only paved roads at the time ran between Ashland and Medford, Portland and Gresham, and 10 miles out of Salem. Today, 5,000 adults lead 4-H clubs, and all counties have extension agents doing 4-H work.

Competition for the Midwest pork market, and a shortage of pork and fat during World War I brought about the beginning of the first 4-H pig clubs in 1914. O. M. Plummer, president of the Portland Union Stockyards, provided cash and scholarships to youngsters who would agree to raise pigs to market size. "It was a real boost to the youngsters because in those days you could buy a pig for \$55 or less compared to \$15 today," recalls L. J. Allen, now retired, former state 4-H leader.

Number Increases

In the years that followed, the number of 4-H clubs increased as responsibility for the clubs was given to Oregon State college extension service with passage of the Smith Lever act in 1914. County agents were eventually appointed in all counties, and today many of the more populated counties have two and three agents

doing full-time club work. Within the next two years, projects in conservation, use and understanding of natural resources, including wildlife, will be expanded. Burton Hutton, state 4-H leader at the college, said.

Oregon's fastest growing 4-H project is livestock. Foods, clothing, knitting, photography and horticulture are next in popularity. A new project is developed when enough youngsters indicate a need.

A new 4-H Empire Builders program was developed last year for the teenagers. It includes the junior leadership project, the advanced divisions of the subject matter projects, and opportunities to help with community blood

banks, safety check ups, or to learn more about local government. Sixty top ranking 4-Hers studied state government at the second annual 4-H "Know Your State Government" conference in Salem this year.

Club projects often help 4-H youth discover "ready made" vocations. Some of Oregon's earliest pig club members are today among the state's leading swine breeders. Among them are the Harms brothers, Jack and Roy, swine and sheep breeders in Canby, and Edwin Rieder of Sherwood. Ernest Seay, outstanding Polk county club member, has won national recognition for his work in wheat breeding as a USDA scientist at the University of Missouri.

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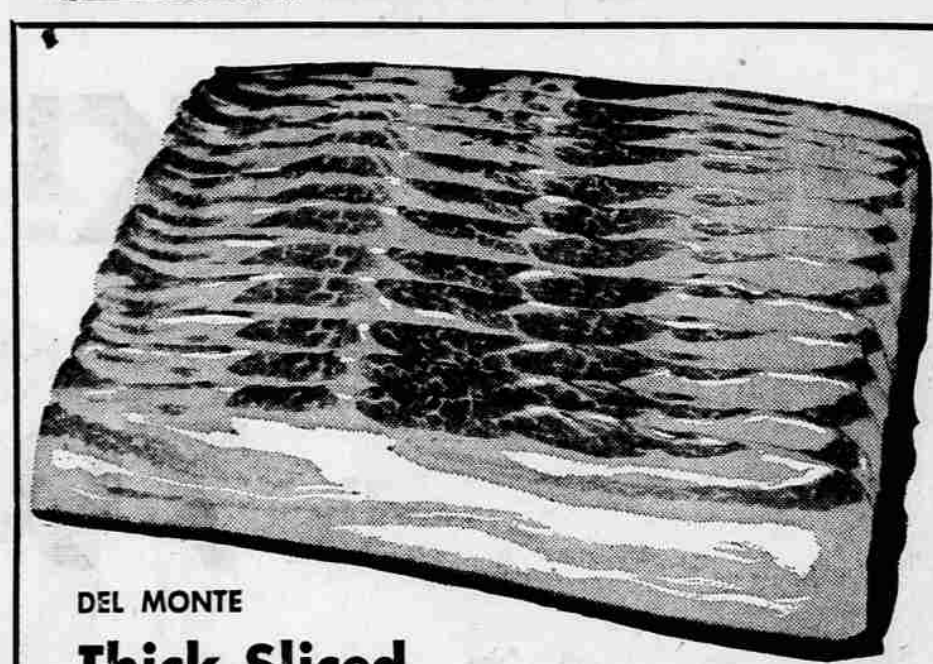
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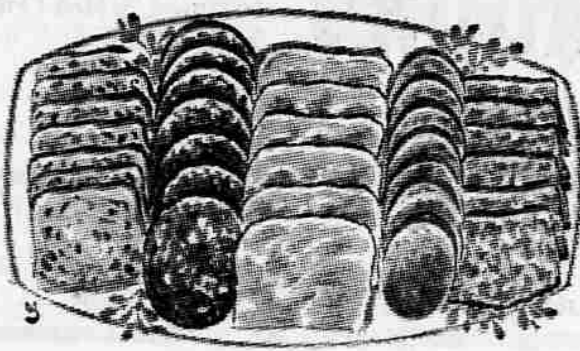


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