



HIGHEST SCOUT AWARD—Shown admiring the Eagle Scout award given to Ron and Greg Gandee Friday evening is Dr. William H. Roberts, Scoutmaster, Troop 9. Ron (center) and his brother, Greg, are the 25th and 26th Boy Scouts to achieve the coveted award in the Troop during the last decade. Making the actual presentation at the First Christian church ceremony was J. A. McDougall, Crater Lake council commissioner. Sherill Doty awarded special ceremony neckerchiefs to the Medford boys. Ron has been active in Scouting for about 8 years; his brother, Greg, 6. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gandee, 1575 East McAndrews rd. They are the only ones in Troop 9 receiving the award so far this year. During the past few years the troop has made many trips to the Pacific coast, the Oregon caves, and points in Eastern Oregon. (Knackstedt Photo)

Crews on Alert After Checking Fire Near Baker

Baker—UPB—Fire that blackened 15,000 acres of grass and sagebrush east of here and for a time threatened the town of Durkee was brought under control Friday, but crews remained on the alert in case the wind freshened.

A Bureau of Land Management spokesman said 450 men and a dozen bulldozers remained on the fire lines to make sure the flames didn't break over them with a pick-up in the wind. Gusts of 20 miles per hour were forecast.

Reports of how close the fire crept to Durkee varied up to seven miles, but John C. Hunt, BLM information officer, said a bulldozer operator in the area told him the flames came within two to two and one-half miles of the town.

A cigarette tossed out by a motorist may have started the blaze which broke out Thursday afternoon on Highway 86 near Love reservoir and Virtue flat about 20 miles east of here. Airplanes dropped a borate solution on the flames during the height of the fire-fighting.

Merger Announced By Two Banks

Portland—UPB—George F. Brice Jr., president of the Security Bank of Oregon, and Bruce Hein, president of the Pioneer Bank of Milwaukie Saturday announced a merger of the two banks.

The merger with the Security Bank was approved by the Pioneer Bank at a special meeting of the Milwaukie institution Friday.

Pioneer Bank stockholders deposited in escrow more than 2/3 of the stock of the Milwaukie bank. Security Bank's board of directors is expected to approve the merger in a few days.

\$9,000 Damage Caused by Fire

Pendleton—UPB—A fire from exhaust of a car burned through 160 acres of standing barley Friday afternoon in a field about 14 miles southwest of here. The barley was being harvested for Cunningham Sheep company by work crews.

Fire started when a car was started under a grove of trees and the exhaust flashed out and caught dry grass. High winds and 90 degree temperatures in the field aided sparks as the fire whipped through large stalks of barley. Damage was estimated at more than \$9,000.

Group Aims to Cut Welfare Costs

Portland—UPB—The legislative interim committee of welfare approved proposals aimed at cutting Oregon welfare costs and at more efficient operation of welfare agencies at the concluding session of its two-day hearing Friday.

The saving of more than \$1 million a biennium may be made possible if one measure favored by the committee is adopted by the 1961 legislators, advocates said. It would deal with enforcement of child support and would automatically make husbands pay support money.

A second measure would enforce payments by run-away fathers. The median family's annual income is \$3,232.

4-H NEWS

Talent Sheep
On Sunday, June 26, the Talent Sheep 4-H club met at Bagleys. We saw a film on blocking our lambs for fair. Mrs. Bagley served refreshments.
Margaret Thillock, Reporter.

Westside Knit Kitten
The June meeting of the Westside Knit Kitten 4-H club was held at Martha and Susan Bullard's home. Our guests were the Applegate Knitting club. We discussed coming events including the Pre-Fair June 29. Our meeting was followed by a picnic.
Kathy Thompson, Reporter.

Oaks may take more than 100 years to mature, and live for 1,000 years or more.



'WILDEST PARTS' — Shown journeying down the Owyhee river in Malheur county are several Boy Scouts and leaders under the direction of Dr. William H. Roberts, Scoutmaster, Troop 9, Medford. This area has been called one of the wildest parts of Oregon. A party of 73 Scouts made the trip in June of 1954. Dr. Roberts said of the trip after returning home, "... if we'd known what we were getting into, probably we wouldn't have made the trip." A Scout group from Cave Junction also made the trip.

Also on the trip were Scouts under the direction of Merle Preston, Troop 70, Cave Junction. In brief, that was a trip not one of the Scouts probably will never forget. But it is only one of the numerous events that have been undertaken by Medford Troop 9.

Two Medford Brothers Receive Eagle Awards, Top Honor in Scout Program

Two local Boy Scouts were conferred the highest award in Scouting, the Eagle rank, Friday evening in ceremonies at the First Christian church, Medford, according to Dr. William H. Roberts, Scoutmaster, Troop 9. Honored were Ron G. Gandee and Greg K. Gandee, sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gandee, 1575 East McAndrews rd., Medford.

Presenting the awards was J. A. McDougall, Crater Lake Council commissioner. The special neckerchiefs were given by Sherill Doty. During the last 10 years, 26 boys have been awarded the coveted rank under Dr. Roberts' leadership. The troop has been sponsored by the First Christian church since 1947.

Ron, 15, has been active in Scouting since entering the Cub Scouts about eight years ago. His brother, Greg, 13, has participated in the worldwide program for about six years.

During a decade of Scouting local boys achieving the Eagle Scout rank in Troop 9 include Sherill Doty, Dale Cooper, Bill Roberts, William Roberts, Don Weber, Don Gordon, Jerry Neil, James Martin, Loren Leach, Don Church, Dick Gutches, Mike Roberts, Sam Jennings, Jim Corum, Dick Corum, Don Harrison, George Ice, Glen Kaye, Harold Sexton, Willard Harwood, Robert Allen, Tom Turpin, Frank Balch, Bill Mills, and the Gandee brothers.

Scout officials point out that earning this rank is no easy task. Years of work and community service goes into each award.

Outstanding service to Scouting and community is a by-word in Boy Scouting throughout the world, and Troop 9 has been no exception, Scout spokesmen note.

Many famous trips, which have drawn the attention of the Oregon Statesman, Salem; the Oregonian, Portland; Northwest Roto magazine; the Illinois Valley News; the Mail Tribune; and many other state and national publications, have been taken by the troop.

Glancing over the record, such trips and their date include one to the Oregon caves over the mountains, 1949; a trip down the Rogue River to Agness, Ore., 1950; a trip to English lake in the Marble Mt. area, 1951; two additional trips to the Oregon caves, 1952 and 1953; a trip to the famed Owyhee river area by boat and foot, 1954; another journey to the Northern California-Marble Mt. area, 1955; an Illinois river trek to the Coast, 1956; an excursion in the Blue Canyon primitive area including a Blue rock to Lake of the Woods trip, 1957; a hike to the coast along the Rogue river, 1958; a visit to the McCabe ranch on the Illinois river, 1959; and passage on Bear trail, a mountain trail down the Rogue river to the Coast, 1960.

From information gathered from state-wide newspaper clippings dating back several years, there is evidence that the trips were not taken without adequate planning and careful carrying out of plans.

Perhaps the trip receiving the most extensive publicity was the Owyhee River trip, lying in "one of the wildest parts of Oregon," so says one newspaper.

A party of 73 Scouts, leaders and guides made the trip to the canyon located in Malheur county. Four plywood boats and 14 rubber boats were used, several being damaged. However, the entire party made it home safely.

One of the originators and promoters of the trip was Dr. Roberts, who, upon arrival home, told newsmen, "... if we'd known what we were getting into, probably we wouldn't have made the trip." The 1954 journey took over a week's time in mid-June. The boys left early June 12 by bus for Rome, Ore., a small town on the Owyhee river,

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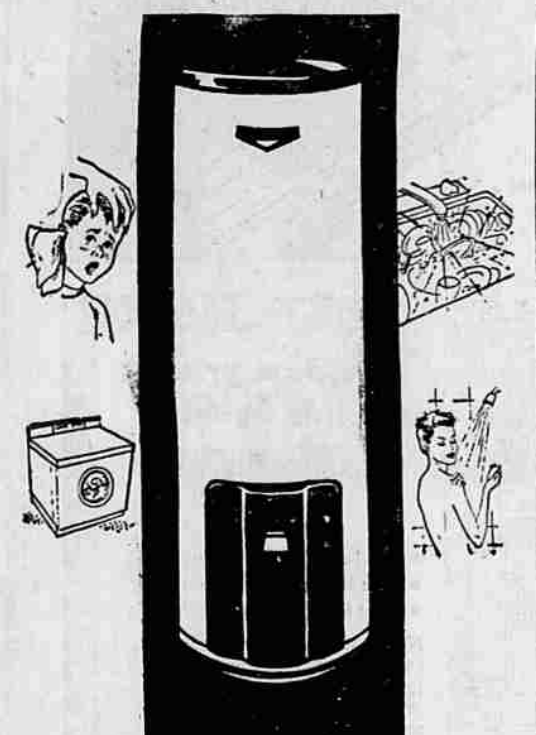
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