

## Siskiyou Sights Attracting Tourists



**HARDLY ANYTHING REMAINS** of old Cecilville, once a gold-mining community in the most remote portion of the Salmon Mountains in southwestern Siskiyou County. The building in the center is an abandoned post office. The community may flourish again with impending completion of a wide road into the area.

— Photo by Peggy Walsh.



**FORKS OF THE SALMON** is an aptly-named community, for the Salmon River's north and south arms meet here a few miles from its mouth at the big Klamath River in southwestern Siskiyou County. From here, coastal redwoods are nearly in sight.

— Photo by Peggy Walsh.

## Built-In Oven Needs Counter Space

One of the most common errors made in kitchen planning is the location of the popular built-in oven, according to Bernice Strawn, extension home management specialist at Oregon State College.

Function should precede design when planning new kitchens or remodeling, she advises. Built-in ovens are often placed in an expanse of wood paneling of brick wall with no close-by adjoining counter to place hot foods on as they come from the oven. In

many ovens, the door is left open for broiling, allowing escaping vapors to discolor paneling above the door.

Every cook needs a counter at least 18 inches wide next to the oven to set hot foods on as they are removed. If a built-in oven is placed near surface units, allow 18 to 24 inches of counter area between the two, Miss Strawn continues.

Attractive and modern looking, built-in ovens offer many conveniences. However, each kitchen, new or remodeled, has its own planning problems and both free standing and built-ins should be considered. Shoppers often select built-ins instead of free standing units because they think built-ins save space. Actually, she says, this isn't true.

A built-in range, for example, requires at least 48 inches of horizontal wall space. And if the proper amount of counter area is included next to the oven, 66 to 72 inches is needed for the range installation.

Many small kitchens would be improved with a 30-inch free standing range which concentrates all the cooking in one area and allows room for work counters and storage units on both sides of the oven. Some new small ranges are now designed with a "built-in look," she reports. New gas and electric ranges with high

ovens have been introduced which rest on a cabinet or hang on a wall. They use about 40 inches of wall space and appear built-in.

## OSC Steps Up Research On Mint Disease

Oregon peppermint growers who are waging a last-ditch battle with mint wilt disease can count on stronger research support in the coming year.

National users of Oregon peppermint have granted \$16,500 in research funds to the Oregon State College agricultural experiment station for 1961 to fight the disease that is threatening the state's four million dollars annual crop.

Plans to combat the fungus disease — mainly through chemical treatment of soil — will be reviewed Jan. 12 and 13 at the Oregon Essential Oil Growers League's annual meeting at OSC. The league has also renewed a \$3,000 annual grant for mint research projects headed by C. E. Horner, OSC plant pathologist.

Mint wilt has infested more than half of Oregon's 15,000 mint producing acres in recent years and almost all fields in the Willamette Valley are now reported infested. Horner estimates that unless the disease is controlled another 5,500

## Being Well-Dressed May Cost More During 1961

Being well-dressed in 1961 may cost less than many Oregon families realize, if clothing prices are compared with prices paid for other items used in day-to-day living.

Over the past 10 years, clothing has been one of the better buys in the family budget, notes Mrs. Elvera Horrell, Oregon State College extension economist. Since 1950, the clothing dollar has shrunk less than the dollar used for housing, food, transportation, medical care, and the other drains on the family budget.

It now takes Oregonians, on the average, \$1.12 to buy the same amount of clothing that \$1 would have purchased a decade ago. It takes \$1.14 to buy the same amount of food and as much as \$1.40 to buy the same amount of medical care. Other goods and services range in-between.

Shoppers are encouraged to watch for good buys in footwear and in men's and boy's clothing because prices on these items have increased more than many other clothing items, according to extension specialists.

What will be some of the trends for clothing in the new year?

More blends of all kinds, new finishes, and lighter weights in many fabrics, forecasts Mary Routh, OSC clothing specialist. Although man-made fibers are making a major contribution to the fiber field, nearly two-thirds of the total fibers used in clothing and other household textiles are natural fibers. Natural fibers will probably continue in popularity and continue to be combined with man-made fibers to enhance both performance and appearance.

Men's suits are the most noticeable example of the shift to lighter weight fabrics, the home

economists point out. But more light weight garments and household furnishings, such as blankets, are being sought and purchased by shoppers. Better heated homes, schools, offices, automobiles and public conveyances are one reason for the change.

Oregon shoppers may find one of the new fabric developments for warmth without weight on the market this winter. A layer of foam about 1/32 of an inch thick is laminated to lighter weight outer fabrics through heat fusion or an adhesive. The foam, which acts as an interlining, is said to allow "excessive body moisture to evaporate." This new laminated fabric is being used in rainwear, jackets, and sports clothes.

Another trend is more uses of elastic threads and elasticized fabrics which rate high in comfort. They are being used extensively in women's undergarments and swim wear.

More new finishes for durability, appearance and ease of care are promised on yardage and clothing next year, according to the OSC specialists. Appliance manufacturers are going along with the trend in engineering washers and irons to handle these garments.

Shoppers will also get a bonus with clothing purchases — in the form of consumer information. Textile legislation which became effective last March assures them of fiber identification on the label of ready-made and fabric yardage. The law required that all fibers, present in amounts of 5 per cent or more, be listed in the label. Fibers will be identified by their generic name and may be accompanied by a trade name.

## Stamps In The News

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AP Newsfeatures

The first commemorative stamp of 1961 to be issued by the United Nations Postal Administration will



honor the International Court of Justice. It will be issued Feb. 13, 1961.

The design will feature a close-up of a hand holding the "scales of justice." In the background is the United Nations emblem. Beneath the illustration are the words "International Court of Justice."

The 4 center will be brown, black and yellow. The 8 center will be green, black and yellow.

acres could go out of production by the end of 1963. The Willamette Valley lost 2,000 acres in 1960 and oil production was reduced about 35 per cent.

Oregon supplies 40 per cent of the nation's peppermint oil which is used mainly to flavor toothpastes, chewing gum, and candy. Willamette Valley oil is prized for distinctive flavor resulting from a combination of climate and other growing conditions.

As an added incentive to Willamette Valley growers, mint oil buyers have contracted to pay premium prices to stimulate new plantings on "clean ground" to replace acreage forced out of production by wilt.

The design was the work of Kurt Plowitz of the U.N. Graphic presentation and is another in the series of U.N. commemoratives depicting the work of the United Nations Specialized Agencies.

Further details about obtaining first day covers will appear in this column as they are available.

The Society of Philatelic Americans is opening a special department to meet the needs of the growing number of topical collectors. This new department will circulate among SFA members topical stamps entered by other members. This non-profit society believes that collectors will be able to add to their topical collections at reasonable prices and can also dispose of their duplicates.

Afghanistan has issued two new semi-postals to honor the Red Cross. The 50 p plus 50 and 175 p plus 50 show an ambulance and the Red Cross emblem. They come perforate and imperforate. Also issued by Afghanistan are two stamps paying tribute to the 15th anniversary of the United Nations. The design shows the world globe topped by the initials "UN" and the flags of the United Nations with emphasis on the Afghanistan flag.

For those collectors who specialize in Olympic Games stamps, a colorful new album for "1960 Olympic Games Stamps" has been added to the White Ace line. The pages are standard 8 1/2 by 11 size with holes to fit a three-ring binder. It sells for \$3.25 and can be purchased at your local stamp dealer.

Belgium has issued a six value set of stamps with surtax added for their anti-tuberculosis fund. This set depicts the arts and crafts of Belgium. The 40 c plus 10 shows tapestry, 1 Fr plus 50 c crystal, 2 Fr plus 50 c lace, 2.50 Fr plus 1 Fr metal crafts, 3 Fr plus 1 Fr diamonds, 6 Fr plus 2 Fr ceramics.

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