

Capitol Letter

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SALEM—(UP)—The fight against the state game commission because of its dismissal of Harold Clifford, state game warden, and Ed. Clark, deputy, will be carried into the legislature by Emmett Howard, representative from Lane county and candidate for speaker of the house.

Governor Norblad, in declining to take any action against the commission for removing the two officials, admitted that the controversy is far from being amicably settled and predicted it would continue as long as the commission is mixed in politics.

Howard declared that Clifford was ousted because he opposed a land exchange which would have the effect of barring the general public from one of the finest hunting and fishing grounds in Oregon. The commission approved the swap of barren land in Santiam National forest for a portion of Beale Lake, north of Hauser in Coos county, by three or four individuals who want to maintain the lake as their own private grounds. It was formerly opened to the general public.

"If nothing can be done to prevent the swap at this time I am going to carry the fight through the legislature and see that the public gets a square deal," Howard declared. "I think this conclusively proves the existence of a close alliance between David Evans, game commissioner, and John C. Kendall, who prosecuted the case against Clifford and was attorney for the men who obtained this land swap. Clifford opposed this 'sell-out' of public fishing grounds. Evans favored it. No wonder Clifford did not get a fair hearing."

Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, plans an executive safety-educational campaign when the state traffic has been reorganized after October 1.

The state reclamation commission was this week considering all evidence on hand in regard to the alleged irregularities in the accounts of Rhea Luper, state engineer, as disclosed in the report of an audit made by Otto F. Kubin of the secretary of state's office.

The audit reported that Luper had retained the interest of public funds entrusted to his care for his own personal use, that he had on deposit in savings and checking accounts in his own name large sums of public money, running as high as \$35,000, on which interest had been paid, that there was a deficit of about \$3,300 in the official funds of his department, that several thousand dollars remained unaccounted for with nothing in the records to show what had become of it, that Luper had held certain documents in safety deposit vaults, that he had advanced salary and expenses without authority of law and that he had unauthorized expenditures for legal services, according to Governor Norblad.

Luper maintained that he had accounted for all funds coming into his possession strictly in compliance with law.



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Lee U. Eyerly, member of the board.

The first automobiles and motorcycles of Oregon's new "white fleet" were patrolling the highways of the state this week and the remaining vehicles are being painted a glistening white and black as rapidly as possible, says Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

The distinctive coloring of the automobiles and motorcycles was deemed necessary as a preventive to reckless driving, and traffic officers are more interested in preventing reckless driving than in arresting motorists after they have driven recklessly, Hoss said. The mere presence of a state traffic officer will cause motorists to drive more carefully.

Another important reason for painting all state traffic vehicles white is to make it possible for people who need help to quickly recognize an officer. Although the patrolmen on motorcycles are recognizable quick enough, the officer in the automobile is not readily seen, Hoss said.

September fifth is going to be a big day in Sacramento, California, for Oregon. That's the date of "Oregon day" at the California state fair. The entire fairgrounds, all radio hookups and the grandstands will be turned over to Oregonians on that date.

More than 1,000 people from Oregon will form a parade with Governor Norblad at the head during "Oregon Day."

A "most comprehensible and complete analysis of the teaching staff employed in Oregon schools was under way this week in the state department of education. The survey will show the status of teachers now employed, whether a majority are male or female, approximate age, education and training of each, approximate teacher turnover or average length of employment and other information vital to state officials in discovering the needs of Oregon school personnel.

Merle R. Chessman, publisher of the Astoria Budget, has been appointed by Governor Norblad a member of the Oregon state geographic board to succeed J. Q. Bowby of Astoria, deceased.

Distressing conditions in Central Oregon due to lack of sufficient water was made the basis of an appeal to President Herbert Hoover by Governor Norblad.

"I commend to your earnest attention the extreme distressing conditions due to lack of water in Central Oregon," the telegram said, "particularly as they exist in the insufficient water in the Deschutes river in connection with the Arnold and Lone Pine districts."

"Same conditions also exist in other rivers and lakes in this district, the water being insufficient to supply lands within the irrigation districts. Relief is possible through action by the national government at small cost in providing additional storage and elimination of the use of water for power purposes. I shall appreciate any assistance you can give in the matter."

The Bend Chamber of Commerce also filed a telegram to the President stating that unless relief can be assured within

short time the loss will be irreparable.

Governor Norblad is considering a request of the state board of forestry for action postponing the opening of the hunting season, scheduled for September 15, as a precaution against forest fires.

The state highway commission this week prepared to grant further road construction contracts as a result of an advanced federal appropriation of \$1,997,500, according to Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer.

The appropriation, ordinarily received in January, was advanced to September 1, to hurry road construction plans and consequently relieve unemployment, Klein said.

Fred H. Morrill, assistant United States Forester of Washington, D. C., was a recent visitor in Oregon to investigate expenditures of federal funds annually apportioned under the Clark-McNary law. He visited in Douglas, Coos, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Clackamas and Marion counties.

"Elliott State Forest" soon will be dedicated by state forestry officials in honor of the late F. A. Elliott, state forester, according to announcement of Lynn F. Cronemiller, state forester. The land designated lies in Coos Bay district and was the scene of the famous burn of 1868. Today a heavy stand of timber covers the land. According to Cronemiller, Elliott worked with Governor West in a plan to exchange isolated school lands for a block of national forest land. After many years of legislation the swap was authorized.

OREGON IS GROWING

The gloom spreaders and the crepe hangers who have bewailed Oregon's slow growth, received a serious jolt through the national census figures, which revealed the fact that Oregon has grown as fast as New York state during the past ten years. Yet so far as growth is concerned, New York has the advantage of immigration from Europe. Oregon is growing right along and its percentage of growth is 21.5 while New York's is 21.6.

The average increase for the country is 16.1 per cent. Only seven states in the Union gained more rapidly than Oregon. The seven in order are California, Florida, Michigan, Arizona, New Jersey, Texas, and North Carolina. — McMinnville News-Reporter.

What's Doing On Oregon Farms . .

(As supplied to United Press by Oregon State college at Corvallis.)

CORVALLIS—(UP)—While the pear growers' profits depends on the difference between market price and cost of production, the latter is largely within the growers' control, believes Oregon Experiment station specialists who have just compiled data obtained in a three-year study of the cost and efficiency factors in producing pears in the Rogue River valley.

As yield is the dominant factor in affecting production cost per box of pears, the growers' major problem is efficiency in those practices which are within their control and which include the amount, kind and method used in cultivation, fertilization, spraying, orchard heating, pruning, blight control and irrigation.

Labor has been found the largest single cost item, representing 45 per cent of the total, with interest on investment comprising 25 per cent, general expenses 10 per cent, materials and depreciation each seven per cent and machinery six per cent.

The average investment in bearing pears in the Rogue district is \$1000 per acre. The size of the business was shown to have a pronounced influence on the farm income, as the greater volume of sales from the larger orchards provided a higher farm income for the operators, although the labor income per acre was less than from the smaller orchards. The 20 per cent most profitable farms had 57 acres of bearing pears, while the average farm had but 39 acres.

A detailed report of the findings resulting from this study has just been issued in pamphlet form by Ralph S. Beese, farm management specialist. W. S. Brown, horticulturist, and L. P. Wilcox, Jackson county agent.

HERMISTON—(UP)—The first research work for the turkey industry in Oregon has been launched here at the branch experiment station of the Oregon state college.

A unit of 250 birds has been placed under scientific observation under the direction of H. K. Dean, station superintendent with methods of disease prevention and economical feeding as the chief goal. A system of strict confinement on alfalfa pasture is being tested to find a solution for the great

losses due to diseases that have prevailed under the common practice of unrestricted range. The turkeys are moved to fresh ground about every month and the soil once used for turkey range will not be used again for three years.

HEPPNER—(UP)—This year for the first time sheepmen of Morrow county are shipping their own lambs to the eastern markets and receiving the benefit of price advantages. A check on the cost and shrinkage is being kept by the county agent and will be continued during the shipping season. Shrinkage so far has been less than anticipated because of pre-shrinkage in the drive from the ranges to the railroad which in many cases requires as much as four days.

DALLAS—(UP)—The second cutting of alfalfa treated with superphosphate on two Polk county farms showed an even greater increase in production than the first cutting, reports County Agent J. R. Beck who has been conducting the fertilizer trials. The increase on the treated over the untreated plots was 264 per cent for the second cutting and 66 per cent for the first.

THE DALLES—(UP)—Eight strains of lettuce of the New York variety are being tried out on the farm of William Byers on Fifteen Mile in an effort to find out one that will mature early and uniformly and that can stand in the field for ten days or two weeks after ripening without deteriorating.

EUGENE—(UP)—Interest in chemicals for weed control has increased by leaps and bounds in Lane county this year, with 11,800 pounds of sodium chlorate and 4000 pounds of atlatide being purchased and distributed to farmers by the county agent up to August 1.

BEND—(UP)—Ladak alfalfa,

a new dry land variety recently introduced in Oregon, showed an increased hay yield of 45 to 50 per cent over the Grimm variety at the first cutting on the H. B. Townsend farm near Tumalo this year, according to reports made to the county agent's office. There has been less water for irrigation in the county this year than at any time since Ladak was first seeded here.

CORVALLIS—(UP)—L. J. "Doc" Allen, assistant state club leader, will return to Oregon September 1 to begin his seventeenth year in 4-H club extension work in this state. Allen was granted a year's leave of absence by the Oregon State College extension service last year, which he spent studying in the east.

KLAMATH FALL—(UP)—A

poker party here was interrupted by police. The \$1000 pot was hidden under a pillow. Later one of the players "stepped down for cigars." With him went the pot.

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