

## Events in Oregon

### DEER DYING IN COOK CREEK AREA

NEHALEM — The cause for deer dying in the Cook Creek burn area, which has caused considerable speculation and interest was found a few days ago by Wesley Batterson of Nehalem, game warden, who has been making an effort to solve the mystery. A worm several inches in length was found in the throat of the deer causing death when it bored into the animal's windpipe.

### ROAD NAME CHANGED TO SUNSET ROUTE

SALEM — Now it is the Sunset highway. That, at least is the edict of the state highway commission which last Friday, at the motion of Merle Chessman, Astoria publisher and highway commissioner, moved to change the name of the highway which had become known as the Wolf Creek highway. In making the change the commission hopes to make the name of the artery of more significance and less confusing.

The name, which is believed to be significant in view of the fact that the highway leads to the west and to the sea, will also honor the famed 41st division, made up of national guard troops from the Pacific Northwest.

### EAGLES TO BUY NEW SITE HERE

HILLSBORO — The Greshamerie of the Eagles lodge at a meeting Monday took steps toward securing its own meeting place when the lodge authorized a committee to look for property in Gresham for the purpose of purchase.

### Mother Born Again

Far from home and mother, the boy listened to the man who came over noontimes to read to them out of the Bible. And one day, away down inside the fellow there was a stirring. The fingers of his heart reached out and laid hold on Christ as the Saviour who loved him and died to save him. God honored the fellow's faith and took up in him. By that the chap was born again, born of God from above and made one of the people of God.

See the new life work out. The fellow quit his wandering to take a steady job. He saved up to go back to the old home and mother. The night before he sailed, his countrymen handed him sums of money for their folks over there. Back among them, he told what the Lord had done for him in giving him a glad heart. And out of it his mother also turned to the Lord from what he told her and from his coming out of the old rowdy ways into Christ-like-ness.

Ye must be born again. I verily, verily say unto thee—YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.

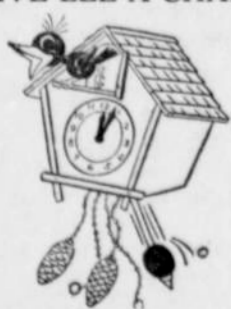
*Dean Taylor*

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### RHEUMATISM and ARTHRITIS

I suffered for years and am so thankful that I found relief from this terrible affliction that I will gladly answer anyone writing me for information. Mrs. Anna Pautz, P. O. Box 825, Vancouver, Wash. Adv. 2f

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## Veterans' SERVICE BUREAU

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### Unemployment Increases

The veterans' administration has paid out approximately \$102,750,000 as of December 15, for unemployment compensation to approximately 331,000 veterans of World War II.

For the week ending December 1, the total of jobless veterans was 247,380 out of about 4,000,000 discharged from the armed services.

But according to records of the veterans' administration, each week sees an increase in the number of jobless in all states except three. These three are Michigan, where as of November 24 and the week ending December 1, unemployment had decreased from 18,414 to 13,770; Ohio, where the decrease was from 3,954 to 1,337 and in Oklahoma where jobless decreased from 2,430 to 1,434.

In New York unemployed veterans increased from 32,000 to 52,000; Texas from 12,000 to 22,000; New Jersey from 11,000 to 16,000; California from 10,000 to 14,000; Illinois from 9,000 to 13,000 and Massachusetts from 13,000 to 17,000. All other states showed a proportionate increase.

### Questions and Answers

Q. My boy entered the army in June, 1943, and went overseas early in December of the same year. I am his aged and crippled mother, all the dependent he has. Is he entitled to a discharge? — M. W., South Edmiston, N. Y.

A. Not necessarily. If you wish to apply for his discharge on a dependency or hardship basis, consult with your local Red Cross about inaugurating such a discharge.

Q. Would a discharged soldier with 40 months' service, 27 months overseas, be eligible for the \$20 per week income, where he has rented a farm and moved to same, is married and has no regular income? — A. L., Winfield, Kans.

A. No. The veterans' administration says you must register with the USES and apply for a job in order to be eligible for unemployment compensation. However, the law says that where a veteran enters business for himself and his earnings in the previous month were less than \$100, he may apply for an allowance equal to the difference between \$100 and his net earnings for that month. Suggest you apply to your nearest regional veterans' administration office to determine if farming is regarded as a business.

Q. My brother has served four years in the army, two in the states and two overseas. He is in the air corps and has 70 points. Why is he not already discharged? — Sister, Converse, La.

A. There is no reason why he is not already out of the army, if he wants to be out, unless he is in the Pacific theater where there is a shortage of transportation. Return of some high point men is being held up because of lack of transportation from this area.

Q. My husband was inducted into the army in July, 1942, at which time we had one child. For three months, August, September and October, 1942, I did not receive an allotment. Am I entitled to get that pay now? I wrote to them many times but never got an answer. My husband is now discharged.—Wife, Greenbush, Minn.

A. Write to the Office of Dependency Benefits, War department, Newark, N. J.

Q. If boys who had signed up for one year in the regular army are sent overseas, will they be returned to the states when their year is up or will they have to remain until they get enough points?—F. L., Lancaster, Wis.

A. If you mean boys who have enlisted in the regular army for one year after at least six months' service, they will be discharged at the end of the year's service.

Q. Is there any chance of my husband getting a discharge from the army on the ground of owning a small farm? He is over 35 but has only three points to his credit.—A reader, Columbus, Ohio.

A. There is not much chance unless he can prove that the produce from his farm constitutes a public necessity in his community.

Q. Please tell me why there are men walking around with discharges and 41 points and no children, when my husband is in Europe with 68 points and four children?—Mrs. L. H., Charlottesville, Va.

A. Your husband is certainly eligible for a discharge and the war department says he should be home by January 1, 1946, unless he has requested continued overseas service. All men with three children are eligible for discharge under present discharge rulings of army.

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## THE FORUM

To the editor:

The students side is this:

We did not demand a price cut, we only asked for a cut through a petition presented by a committee of arbitrators to Mr. Dow. The arbitrators need not have gone though, as Mr. Dow would not listen to their proposals. In fact he made the statement that "The price is 50 cents and it will remain 50c. You can boycott if you want to. It will only leave more room for adults." He also stated, "That is straight from the shoulder."

Mr. Dow left us no alternative but to picket his theater in order to achieve the objective as set forth in the petition.

Our first picket line was established Jan. 24, 1946, with, in contradiction of the Oregonian of Jan. 30, 1946, only 12 students participating. The line, or "wall" as it was stated in the paper, did not employ force nor could the crowd be described as a mob. It was merely an organized protest regarding the unproportionate prices charged by the Dows. Many people came to town Thursday and Friday night to go to the show but they all returned home regarding our protests.

Mrs. Dow made various phone calls through Thursday and Friday endeavoring to remove our line through city and county officials but they had no jurisdiction over the matter. Mrs. Dow then summoned two men from Portland, one of them being Mr. O. J. Miller, secretary of the Oregon Independent Theater Owners association, who arrived in Vernonia on Saturday. He asked for a meeting during Saturday afternoon at which time he could represent Mr. and Mrs. Dow. During the course of the meeting he asked that the students recall the picket lines and allow the theater to operate. This request was denied due to the fact that they gave no specific time at which the price would be changed. Had we allowed the theater to operate, we would have defeated the purpose of the demonstration and the prices would have remained the same.

Jack Riley  
Jack Buell

To the editor:

Vernonia theater is closed. We believe that a statement to our friends and patrons in this community is called for.

On Thursday, January 24th we were called upon by a group of students from the High School, demanding that we immediately institute a reduction in admission for high school students. We tried to explain to these young people that motion picture contracts, commitments and contracts with producers, tax programs and admission tickets with the Internal Revenue Dept. made such an action impossible, and even showed these high school students our contracts to support our point. However, either because they were to immature to understand, or because they were being advised by others who did not understand, they refused to listen, and in a few hours we received a letter, over the signature of V.H.S. students, demanding a student rate. This was followed that evening by a picketing on the part of the students, aided and abetted and encouraged by many adults standing across the street from the theater, encouraging these young people in their actions. We were unwilling to humiliate any of our patrons by keeping the show open, and therefore closed the doors. The following evening the picketing was increased by the children linking their arms around the entrance to the show, and we again closed our ticket office. A mass meeting was held on Saturday, at the Union Labor Hall, at which time the Independent Theater Operators of Oregon, for and on behalf of the management, attended, and attempted to explain the difficulties confronting the operators in granting school rates, and the loss that would result to the operator. The meeting arrived at no solution, and we were given to understand we should operate our theater at a loss. Because we saw no other alternative, we have therefore closed the doors.

We do not want our friends in this community to feel that we are vindictive in the act of closing our theater. We explained to the children that it would take time to work out with the film companies and the Federal gov-

ernment the changes they demanded, but with no effect; the condition has not been altered. We are still going to have to take the time to work out these changes. The difference is that those of you who would have enjoyed the theatre must be deprived of that privilege by the act of those who are unwilling to patronize our show at the prevailing prices, and in addition thereto, are unwilling that you may attend and have that privilege. When this is worked out and we can ascertain what we can do, we will come back to Vernonia.

This is not a wage dispute; it does not involve the men and women of this community. It is an effort on the part of uninformed high school students to tell the proprietors of a business, who have an investment of thousands of dollars, what they must charge in order to stay in business. We do not object to the children staying away if they feel that our prices are too high. We did not refuse, nor do we now refuse to see what can be worked out. We were not given an opportunity of a waiting period, which even in the labor matters, is urged by the

leaders of our labor organizations, our government and our industries. Without warning we were told what to do, and we could not do it, and have taken the only course open to us.

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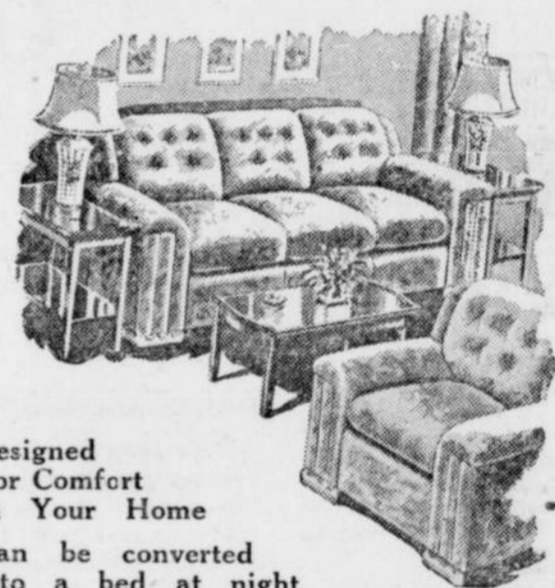
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