

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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The latest in old age pension proposals comes from Elbert Eastman, Portland attorney who is sponsoring a measure designated as the "Citizens Retirement Annuity Bill." Under its terms all Oregon residents over the age of 65 years would be paid annuities up to a maximum of \$100 a month, all of which must be expended. The annuity or pension would be financed by a two per cent transactions tax. Any surplus after paying the annuities would go into the Irreducible School fund.

A Hudson sedan owned by H. L. McCabe of Portland will bear license plate No. 1 during 1938. McCabe's name was the first one picked at the annual drawing for low numbers conducted in the automobile registration department Friday. Other Oregon motorists to draw low numbers include the following: Frank H. Smith, Corvallis 7; Merrill M. and Mal B. Oveson, Moro 8; Reuben Scouton, Oregon City, 10; M. J. Abbott, Forest Grove, 11; C. R. Sprague Marshfield, 14; Elfrede G. Zutz, The Dalles, 24; Cora M. Ross, Marshfield, 27; Mrs. G. P. Anderson, Marshfield, 57; O. L. Wellman, Mount Angel, 81; Margaret V. Miller, Hood River, 92.

The state forestry board has approved plans for the purchase of five acres of land near the state highway shops just east of Salem and the construction of a building for use as headquarters for the forestry department. The building, a WPA project will cost \$30,000 with the forestry department supplying the materials and WPA the labor.

Because of curtailment of federal grants to the states Oregon's 1938 highway program will of necessity be materially reduced below that of the current year, according to R. H. Baldoek, state highway engineer. Much federal match money will also be lost to Oregon because of lack

agency and wasteful Hall S. Lusk, associate justice of the state supreme court told the Salem chamber of commerce this week that these defects were only a part of the price that must be paid for the maintenance of democratic institutions. For the most part, Justice Lusk declared, juries and honies and fairly intelligent, and purchased verdicts are very rare.

Secretary of State Earl Snell has a new horse, but he can't ride it. The new acquisition to his souvenir collection is a miniature cow pony equipped with saddle, bridle and hackmire carved out of ponderosa pine by William Waters, old-time resident of the Fossil section.

Arrests and convictions of drunk-drivers is on the increase throughout Oregon. October set a new high record for this activity with 177 operators' licenses revoked or suspended for reckless or drunk-driving.

John Hodgkin, LaGrande attorney, has been appointed by Governor Martin as a member of the Oregon Hydro-electric commission to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of A. J. Derby of Hood River.

Contract for the lethal gas chamber which is to replace the gallows at the state prison, has been let to a Denver firm. Construction of the new death chamber, which was authorized by the last legislature will cost approximately \$1800.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT 135 DAMS COMPLETED IN THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Outstanding achievements of the Bureau of Reclamation during the 1937 fiscal year were cited today in his annual report to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes by Commissioner John C. Page, who said operating projects prospered and the largest construction program for irrigation in history went rapidly forward.

Twenty-one dams, including the great Grand Coulee dam which will regulate the Columbia River for flood control, irrigation, navigation and power, were in construction. Of these, six were begun during the year. One dam, Pine View on the Ogden River Project in Utah, was completed, bringing to 138 the grand total of dams built and placed in ser-

vice by the Bureau in 35 years

Acreage Return High

Crop results for the 1936 season, Br. Page said, established new high records on same and for all projects amounted to \$136,502,480, or \$29,721,186 more than in 1935. This total represented an average return of \$47.10 for each of the 2,901,919 acres served with water in the west by the bureau. Only three previous years, 1929, 1928 and 1919, showed better results.

Federal irrigation projects supported 210,466 persons on 48,773 farms and 653,441 in 257 project cities and towns.

Fund Declines

Mr. Page, in his report this year, again noted that accretion to the reclamation funds were declining. When it was established in 1902, the sale of public lands was expected to provide this special fund with a substantial amount annually. From a high of \$9,480,573.98 reached in 1902, accretion from this source fell this year to a low of \$127,176.17.

"This source of revenue can not be revived," Mr. Page said, "because of new conservation policies and exhaustion of attractive farm sites on the public domain."

"Again the need for new sources of accretion to the fund must be stressed. While the fund also receives repayment made by water users on operating projects, this source and the remaining productive statutory source of accretion can not be expected to provide sufficient money year by year to finance reclamation construction programs of the size that is now in progress."

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Tests Show Quints "Identical"

Corvallis—Scientists have concluded that the Dionne quintuplets are monozygotic, that is, developed from a single egg, and this corresponds to identical twins, reports Mrs. Sarah Prentice, professor of child development at Oregon State college. Mrs. Prentice, while doing graduate work in the east, was recently invited to attend a special conference of scientists who visited the quintes and heard detailed reports on their progress. The percentage of difference among the five famous sisters is no greater than that expected between twins known to be identical, the scientists reported after many tests and measurements.

CONVENTION SYSTEM GETS OK FROM ENGLISH GUEST

Corvallis—Conventions and conferences, highly developed American institutes that have been frequently derided, have been strongly endorsed by one prominent English visitor as a valuable aid to democratic education. Miss Winifred Harley, who has crossed the Atlantic 20 times in carrying on work in both her native England and America, lists the convention system along with numerous other items that she particularly likes about American life.

Miss Harley, who is spending a year as visiting professor and director of nursery schools at Oregon State College, also listed, in a recent address to the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, the many ways in which Englishmen and Americans differ in their outlook and opinions. Many of these differences are based on misconceptions, she said, in urging a frank facing of such potential friction points as a step toward better international cooperation.

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CHATTER BOX CLUB

The Chatter Box Club met at home of Mrs. E. Neilson on November 17th with Mrs. Neilson as hostess.

Due to the very heavy rain and the almost impassable roads on the new land not so many as usual were present. The members embroidered dish towels for Mrs. Neilson.

The following members answered roll call with a Bible verse. Mesdames Harland Maw, Judd Read, Charles Gardner, Lloyd Adams, Tom Johnson, C. H. Bennett and Edward Neilson. The next meeting will be at the Tom Johnson home on December 1st.

PLANNING OREGON'S PROGRESS

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles on conservation of Oregon's recreational resources. They have been prepared by staff members of the State Planning Board under the direction of V. B. Stanbery, executive secretary and consultant. The next article will follow in an early issue.

CONSERVATION OF OREGON'S RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

The great value of recreational resources to Oregon citizens is shown by the way in which thousands of people roam the forest, find sport in the clear waters, travel the highways, climb the mountain peaks and flock to the seashores. The same conditions of environment which contribute rich social advantages to our resident population also produce annually a tourist trade of major industrial proportions. The influx of tourists coming to enjoy the various natural attractions of this region swells our population and leaves a handsome revenue in its wake.

But seldom mentioned is the necessity for preserving the resources which attract this lucrative industry. The benefits will be enjoyed only as long as our recreational resources survive. Thus one of the most vital problems that confronts Oregon today is the conservation of its perishable recreational resources. If left to chance survival without the deliberate protection of a vigorous state conservation program, these resources will disappear at an appalling rate. They are easily destructible, yet often irreplaceable. Carelessness, indifference and negligence daily cause tragic losses.

It is appalling to think what destruction to wild life is caused by a forest fire. The cover of the streams is gone. Often erosion sets in wiping out the plant life in the streams which support material on which the fish live, destroying the spawning beds with silt, and making the hillsides dreary and desolate. And all from the careless leaving of a camp-fire, or the thoughtless throwing aside of a burning cigarette.

One of the most difficult problems that the state has to meet is restocking streams and keeping fish life abundant in face of the increasing use of the streams by sport and commercial fishermen. The fundamental difficulty is that fish must have pure water in which to live just as people must have pure air to breathe. Pollution of many of our waterways is destroying one of the state's greatest outdoor recreational resources.

One of the first anti-pollution laws passed in Oregon was the Deschutes River Law in 1911. This provided that no sewage or waste matter could be dumped into this river. Bend, Redmond and other towns have disposed of their sewage in a scientific way instead of making the Deschutes an open sewer, which is a

menace to the people of Oregon. People use the water for drinking purposes and it is the best trout stream in the state.

My Favorite Recipes

Frances Lee Barton says:

PERHAPS there is no cake, in all the royal book of cakes, quite so indicative of true cooking skill as an angel food. It is the most delicate and aristocratic of all cakes, and like all worth while things, in any field of endeavor, not to be achieved at too easily. But when you serve this cake to your family or to your club you have something. It is so light, and with the cherries, so extra good, that you feel you've graduated into the sacred circle of cooks. And that is a distinction of which to be proud. Be sure to make it with cake flour and most of your angel cake difficulties will disappear.

Cherry Angel Food Cake

1 cup sifted cake flour; 1 cup egg whites; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon cream of tartar; 1 1/2 cups sifted granulated sugar; 1/2 teaspoon vanilla; 1/4 teaspoon almond extract; 1/2 cup maraschino cherries, finely chopped.

Sift flour once, measure, and sift four more times. Beat egg whites and salt with flat wire whisk. When foamy, add cream of tartar and continue beating until eggs are stiff enough to hold up in peaks, but not dry. Fold in sugar carefully. 2 tablespoons at a time, until all is used. Fold in flavoring. Then sift small amount of flour over mixture and fold in carefully; continue until all is used. Pour about 1/3 of cake batter into ungreased angel food pan. Sprinkle 1/2 of cherries over it, add another 1/3 of batter, then add remainder of cherries and rest of batter. Run knife through to bottom of pan to mix cherries evenly throughout. Bake in slow oven at least 1 hour. Begin at 275° F. and after 30 minutes increase heat slightly (325° F.) and bake 30 minutes longer. Remove from oven and invert pan 1 hour, or until cold.

POPPED INTO the kitchen the oldest daughter, Isabella, my eldest daughter, in the act of sampling her latest cooking effort. I tried a piece, a dainty chocolate confection, and munching avidly asked her what she had put in it. Eyes twinkling slyly, she answered, "I find the best thing to put in this is your teeth, Mother," and, readers, she's right, as you'll see for yourself when you try these tasty

Coconut Bars

1 1/2 cups moist, sweetened coconut; 6 squares dipping chocolate. Line bottom of loaf pan, 8 x 4 inches, with waxed paper. Place coconut in pan. Heat chocolate over boiling water until partly melted; then remove from boiling water and stir with beating motion until entirely melted. Pour evenly over coconut and stir with fork until thoroughly mixed. Let stand in cool place to harden. Cut in bars, 3/4 x 1 1/2 inches. Makes 25 bars.

Your Home

CONSTRUCTION-EQUIPMENT REMODELING

Steel Timber For Houses

As the standard in house construction has risen in this country, materials which furnish strength and durability have been more and more used. Among these materials, steel has come to play no little part. The American people were long ago made familiar with the advantages of steel, for this metal, upon which our civilization is based, swept into every community in the country as the material for strong and heavy construction—railroads, bridges, skyscrapers and every sort of larger structure.

If steel is good for such purposes, people asked, why is it not good for residence construction? Why should not the average home owner enjoy its advantages? It was a dream long cherished, but for a time weight, cost and difficulty of cutting and fastening kept steel out of most dwellings.

Well, if modernizing your kitchen is not in early prospect for one reason or another, there is one thing you can do, at comparatively small expense, to make the kitchen a much more comfortable place in which to work. That is to install an electric ventilator, or exhaust fan, to rid the kitchen of excessive heat and cooking odors.

Tell All To Your Architect

When you go to a tailor to have a suit made you have some preconceived ideas on how much you want to spend, what sort of fabric you want, and what color you would like. But you leave to your tailor the problem of fitting you, no matter how fearfully or wonderfully Nature has designed you.

So it should be, in large measure, when you go to an architect to design you a house. You tell him what you want to spend; whether you want wood, brick, stone or concrete; and something about your preferences as to design and certain interior arrangements and equipment. But if you are wise you leave largely to him the problem of fitting the house to your needs as you leave to the tailor the problem of fitting your suit to your body.

Put Blankets On Heat Pipes

Probably very few, if any, modern heating plants are installed without adequate insulation on the heating pipes and on the furnace. There are many old houses, however, in which the fuel bills are too high and the heating inadequate because the heating plants were installed before the necessity of insulation was fully realized and pipes and furnaces were left bare. The loss of heat from bare or improperly insulated pipes alone may run as high as 25 percent.

Kitchen Cooking Comfort

Perhaps your house isn't new, and perhaps your kitchen is much the same as it was when the house was built. Indeed, it may be much the same as it was in your grand-mother's day. And perhaps you don't worry about it much, if your duties in the kitchen are not heavy, or perhaps you do worry about it, but can't, at present, do anything about it.

WANT ADS PAY BIG DIVIDENDS

the first coat of cement is applied. Then the second coat goes over this and the netting makes reinforcement for both.

Coverings for hot water storage tanks can be bought ready made for standard sizes of tanks. It is like the covering for steam pipes, only larger. Hot air furnace pipes may be wrapped with corrugated asbestos paper and the furnace itself covered with the same material, wired on. The top of hot water storage tanks and the sloping shoulders of hot air furnaces can be covered with asbestos cement. All of this work is well worth while, both for the sake of saving fuel and improving the heating of the house, and of keeping the cellar cooler.

"Home, Sweet Home" could not possibly have been written about a trailer.

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POPCORN PARTIES

The Latest Fad

PARTIES must be full of pep. So must popcorn if it is to pop properly. So why not combine the two, as so many people have been doing recently, and have a peppy popcorn party at which everyone will have lots of fun?

Be sure to have your popcorn peppy. That's fifty percent of the fun. Every kernel will pop if you get your corn in cans because nothing but selected kernels are put into these receptacles, and they are hermetically sealed with just the right amount of moisture in each, so that there will be no "old maids" left to sort out.

Provide Costumes

Although this is not necessarily a costume party, it's a good plan to provide long kitchen aprons for everyone, for not the least part of the fun is making dainties with the popcorn after it has popped. You can either make these aprons yourself in pretty pastel colors, or you'll find some very attractive ones in the stores.

There's a thrill, too, for young folks in cooking things together. It suggests all sorts of pleasant future domestic possibilities, and perhaps the corn will not have done all the popping before the evening is over. Some young man may pop the question to a pretty girl whose hands look so alluring as they busy themselves with dainty confections on a board or in a bowl.

Dainty Confections

And here are some recipes for a few of the confections which

Baked Popcorn Perfection: Melt two and a half squares chocolate, add contents of one can condensed milk, and stir over the fire a few minutes. Add one cup finely ground popped corn, one cup canned moist coconut and one-half teaspoon vanilla, and drop by spoonfuls on a buttered sheet. Bake in a 325-degree oven for about fifteen minutes. This makes about twenty-eight small cakes.

Popcorn Penoché: Boil two cups brown sugar, two-thirds cup thin cream and one tablespoon corn syrup to 236 degrees, stirring as little as possible. Add two tablespoons butter, and cool to lukewarm. Add one-half teaspoon vanilla, and beat until it loses its shine. Add five tablespoons ground popped corn, and spread out in a buttered pan. Be sure that the corn is finely ground. Makes one pound.

These Taste Good

Popcorn Brittle: Pop two-thirds of the contents of a 10-ounce can popcorn, and then run it through the food chopper. It will make one cup. Make a syrup of one cup sugar, one-half cup brown sugar, one-fourth cup canned molasses, one-fourth cup water, one tablespoon butter and one-fourth teaspoon salt, boiling them to 300 degrees, or until brittle. Pour over the corn, stirring as little as possible. Pour out immediately onto a buttered slab or inverted pan, and spread very thin. When cold, break into pieces.

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