

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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Electric consumers of Oregon used 14 per cent more "juice" during 1936 than they did in 1935, according to a report compiled by N. G. Wallace, public utilities commissioner. Data available at this time indicates an increase of approximately 10 per cent in the gross revenues of electric utilities operating in this state over the revenues for 1936. The average rates for domestic use in Oregon, the report shows, are among the lowest in the United States.

With a total of 266,237 boys and girls enrolled in the public schools of the state Oregon's 1936-37 school population set an all-time high according to Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction. Putnam declares that this increase of 6627 over the previous year's school enrollment reflects the general population increase in the state due to migration from the dust bowl. Largest school population gains are noted in the Willamette Valley, southern Oregon and in the extreme eastern portion of the state around Nyssa and Ontario.

The proposed blanket primary measure sponsored by Elbert Eastman of Portland is so loosely drawn that it would never stand up under a court test in the opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle. The attorney general in a letter to Secretary of State Snell called attention to numerous defects in the proposed measure. Among other things the measure would restrict voting in the primary election to member of the two major political parties.

Oregon's huge fleet of state-owned automobiles and trucks will consume approximately 3,600,000 gallons of gasoline during 1938 at an estimated cost of \$576,000, according to Day J. Fry, state purchasing agent. Bids submitted by nine gasoline distributors for supplying the state with its motor vehicle fuel during 1938 were identical, Fry said.

Plans may be musical instruments to most people but the Board of Control discovered that they could also be a lot of hot potatoes when rival salesmen attempted to sell the board on the merits of their respective makes this week. The pianos—11 of them—are wanted by the State College for use in its music department. At a previous meeting the board had awarded the contract for the pianos to the high bidder. While the dean of music from the College endorsed the choice the unsuccessful bidder charged the board with throwing away some \$600 on the purchase. So the board reconsidered its previous action and passed the buck back to the Board of Higher Education for its recommendation.

Checks aggregating \$1,200,000 were mailed out to the counties this week by Secretary of State Snell in payment of the balance due on the 1937 allocation of highway funds. Multnomah county received \$452,672.17

or more than one-third the total. The smallest check, for \$2,942 went to Wheeler county. Allocations to other counties include: Benton, \$22,095.39; Clackamas, \$52,376.74; Columbia, \$19,764.62; Coos, \$32,574.70; Deschutes, \$18,356.55; Gilliam, \$4913 Hood River, \$13,443.56; Josephine, \$15,148.18; Lane, \$63,786.73; Lincoln, \$9,423.54; Linn, \$30,129.15; Malheur, \$12,682.96; Marion, \$77,546; Morrow, \$5,534.73; Polk, \$18,679.85; Sermon, \$3,810.24; Wasco, \$16,997.58; Washington, \$36,638.99; Yamhill, \$27,752.79.

Governor Martin has announced that he will be "more or less on vacation" until after the New Year. While he will be in touch with his office every day he does not expect to make any appointments or fill any engagements during the holidays.

Plans for the new state library building have been approved by the Capitol Reconstruction commission and forwarded to Washington for approval by PWA officials. Bids will be called for as soon as federal officials have approved the plans and indications now are that actual construction work will be under way well before the deadline which has been set for February 28.

Oregon's new lethal gas chamber, authorized by the last legislature to supplant the gallows as a means for executing the death penalty, was installed at the state prison this week. The octagon-shaped metal house is eight feet high and seven feet in diameter and is absolutely airtight when the single door is shut and locked. LeRoy McCarthy, condemned slayer of a Portland service station attendant who was scheduled to die in the new chamber January 7 secured a stay of execution this week when he filed notice of appeal to the state supreme court.

GUEST STICKERS READY
Will be Attractive, in Two Colors
New guest stickers which nonresident motorists will carry on their windshields while traveling in Oregon in 1938 have been printed and will be available for use January 1st. Secretary of State Earl Snell announced today.

Will Speed Up Issuance
The stickers, attractively reproduced in two colors, will accompany a triplicate form which not only is more economical than the former system of registration but also will speed up work both in issuing stations and in the home office in Salem.

1937 Sets Record for Visitors
The "Guest of Oregon" idea inaugurated by Secretary Snell a year ago has proved popular and is being used in California also this year.

The 1938 Oregon stickers show a view of Crater Lake, with nonresident registration blank printed on the reverse. During 1937 more than 150,000 out-of-state motorists will have registered to set a new all-time record.

PLANNING OREGON'S RESOURCES

Editor's Note: This is the fifth 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.

OREGON'S WILD LIFE RESOURCES

In the 14 national forests listed in Oregon, it is estimated that mule deer, found east of the Cascades, increased from 22,221 in 1924 to 69,200 in 1935. It is noted that the number of licensed hunters increased from 54,000 in 1924 to over 71,000 in 1935. The number of black tail and mule deer killed by hunters in 1935 was 5,113, while predatory animals killed 10,587 or twice as many as killed by hunters.

Unlike the mule deer, which has more than doubled in number during the past ten years, the black tail deer, which is found from the Cascades to the coast, is just about holding its own.

There are two species of elk in Oregon, the Roosevelt elk of which there are only 600 or 700 found west of the Cascades, and the Rocky Mountain elk, found east of the Cascades particularly in the northeastern part of the state. The total number of these species had increased from about 3,000 in 1924 to around 12,500 in 1934. The problem of winter range is acute. Elk consume much more food than deer. More winter range is needed and while there is room for more elk some regulation of the size of the herd must be adopted.

A splendid game animal formerly found in large numbers in the plains and mountain region of North America but which has almost disappeared, is the antelope. However there is quite a large herd ranging in the southeast quarter of the state.

Whitetail deer were formerly plentiful in the Willamette Valley and slopes of the coast range, but few are left today. It is now unlawful to kill them at any time, and this closed season should be maintained until the number has greatly increased.

A large number of deer killed by predatory animals is more than likely due to the weakened condition of the deer caused by lack of food on their range. There is no doubt that large portions of their range in the mountains are overpastured by domestic animals. This presents the problem of range management. Should the number of domestic animals be limited so as to preserve a portion of the range as pasture for the natural denizens of the forest? Will Oregon lose more than it can gain by permitting all this range to be so closely cropped that even the hardy natural grasses are killed. The soil is left bare for erosion to take its toll, leaving only the desolate barren rocks as we now see in many places in the Rockies and other mountains. A sane program of conservation should be adopted and in the long run it will prove the better way.

From the facts set forth, it is apparent that proper protection and management of our game will result generally in the restoration of this great natural resource to its former usefulness as a source of recreation. With scientific management and adjustment of the range both winter and summer, the big game resources of Oregon may be made to excel those of any other state.

From Bronco to Concerto—and Return!



By Daniel I. McNamara

DAVID W. GUION, musician-composer, whose cowboy song, "Home on the Range," is a White House favorite, is the only member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers who is equally at home before the keyboard of a grand piano and astride a bucking bronco. Famous in the music world for his symphonic transcriptions of traditional melodies of the cowboy West and the negro South, he is still more celebrated in his home State of Texas, as a rodeo champion.

Charles J. Finger, the author, was Guion's first music teacher. Finger, a young Englishman, had opened a music studio in San Angelo, Texas, in 1902, when the seven-year-old Guion began his weekly train trips of sixty miles to take lessons. But Guion, at the close of his formal schooling in Whipple Academy in Jacksonville, Illinois, and in Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Tex., he studied piano for three years under Leopold Godowsky, then returning to New York, spent two more years in study, chiefly self-instruction in composition. Then he returned to Texas as director of the Daniel Baker College School of Music in Brownwood.

His research into the unpublished native songs of the South and West soon bore fruit. "The Bold Vaquero," published in 1919, is credited with being the first published arrangement of an American cowboy song. Soon followed his widely discussed symphonic arrangement of "Turkey in the Straw," which was played as a piano concerto by Percy Grainger. He has made arrangements of words and music of a great number of cowboy and negro songs, and has produced more than one hundred original compositions in various forms from simple songs to full symphony arrangements.

David W. Guion is of French Huguenot stock. His grandfather, John I. Guion, was governor of Mississippi. His father, of the same name, was among the most distinguished lawyers of Texas at the turn of the century. His mother, Armour Pentress of Tennessee, was a gifted pianist and singer. He is in perfect physical trim, five feet five, erect and alert, wiry, tanned and distinguished-looking. He is an outdoor enthusiast, loves to ride spirited horses, is fond of English bulldogs and is a collector of antiques of the Southwest. His home in Dallas is one of the town's finest residences, while his apartment in Washington Square East is one of the most colorful studios of that habitat of the intelligent.

My Favorite Recipes

Frances Lee Barton says:

If you've rashly promised the young ones a holiday supper party for their little friends, the menu must be festive, but not too much so, in the interest of juvenile digestions.

Of course you wouldn't dare offer them a simple dessert of baked apples! So here's a de luxe version, full of party atmosphere but eminently wholesome, too.

Coconut Apples
¼ cup sugar; ¼ cup hot water; 3 tablespoons raisins, chopped; 3 tablespoons dates, chopped; 3 tablespoons nut meats, broken; 4 apples, pared and cored; ½ cup shredded coconut.

Combine sugar and water in casserole and heat in hot oven (450° F.) until sugar is dissolved, stirring occasionally. Combine raisins, dates, and nuts, and fill apple centers with mixture. Brush apples with melted butter. Place in casserole, cover closely, and bake 15 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate (350° F.), uncover and bake 45 minutes longer, basting apples occasionally with syrup. Sprinkle tops of apples with coconut and continue baking until coconut browns. Serve hot with cream. Serves 4.

If your heart is generous and your budget slim, why don't you remember your friends with a Christmas gift from your own kitchen? A loaf of Holiday Cake will make a very welcome present and at the same time solve one of your gift problems.

Holiday Cake
(6 egg whites)
1½ cups sifted cake flour; 1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder; ¼ teaspoon salt; ½ cup butter or other shortening; ¼ cup sugar; 5 egg whites, unbeaten; ¼ cup finely cut candied cherries; ¼ cup finely cut citron; ½ cup seedless raisins; ½ cup blanched chopped almonds; ½ cup shredded coconut; ½ teaspoon almond extract; ¼ teaspoon vanilla.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg whites, one at a time, beating very thoroughly after each. Add fruit, nuts, coconut, and flavoring, and mix well. Add flour, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Turn into loaf pan, 8x4x3 inches, which has been greased, lined with heavy paper and again greased. Bake in slow oven (350° F.) 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until done.

XMAS SEALS FAVORED

Mail Campaign Brings Returns
As many as 55 letters a day, containing money and checks in payment of Town Crier Christmas seals, are being received by Chas. H. Christeson, county chairman for the tuberculosis seal sale, as the campaign is in its second week.

Sentiment among the people seems to favor the work promoted by funds raised in this manner as indicated not only by the purchase of seals, but by notes included, Mr. Christeson reports.

Typical of the endorsements received by the county chairman are the following:

S. S. Hill, Weiser—Find enclosed \$2.00—one dollar for the Christmas seals, and an extra dollar for the good of the cause.
Mrs. A. Sheridan, Rockville—Am enclosing \$1.00 bill in payment of the T. B. Seals. And thank you for sending them.

Roughest Inland Body of Water
The Salton sea in California is the roughest inland body of water in this country.

1937
CHRISTMAS 1937
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
John's Shoe Shop
NYSSA VALE

1937 1938
CHRISTMAS 1937
The Season's Best Greetings
Maxie's Confectionery
For Last Minute Gifts
Give a Box of CANDY

1937 JOYOUS CHRISTMAS 1937
Nordale Furniture Store
Phone 94

Christmas Cheer to ALL 1937
Miner's Barber Shop

"The Allen Motor Clinic"
1937
Nyssa Garage

Merry Christmas to you 1937
Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Tis the season to be jolly...
Owyhee Drug Co.
The Thrift Store
PHONE 29
Next to Idaho Power Company

THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE

