

Oregon MV Sales Hit All-Time High

Motor vehicle sales reached an all-time high during the first five months of 1959, according to figures released by Vern L. Hill, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles.

Title transfers of new cars and cars registered for the first time in Oregon numbered 64,873, an increase of 19 percent over corresponding months in 1958.

Used car title transfers totaled 184,293, an increase of 39 percent. An average of 49,000 applications per month for new titles and transfer titles represents a 33 percent increase.

March and May were banner months each recording more than a 45 percent increase in new and transfer transactions.

During peak periods some delay may occur in processing of all transactions without additional cost to the department.

NO-HOST FAMILY DINNER HONORS MRS. C. R. KESSLER

A no-host family dinner Friday honored Mrs. C. R. Kessler, Sr., on her birthday anniversary. The Kessler home was the scene for the dinner and places were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bunn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Petterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kessler, Jr., and family and Karma and Sally and C. R. Kessler.

Hay Fever May Send People to Oregon's Centennial Events!

Hay fever may send out-of-state visitors to Oregon where they can enjoy Centennial activities, according to the Oregon State Motor association.

The Oregon AAA motor club said the national AAA is recommending the state of Oregon among others to hay fever sufferers as vacation areas during the late summer and fall period when they are most uncomfortable at home.

Fall hay fever, aggravated by rag weed pollen, is most widespread during this period, according to the U. S. Public Health service which recommends a change of location for hay fever victims.

The AAA suggests that period for them to take their vacations and lists Oregon among the states having favorable conditions for their relief. The AAA publishes the list of states throughout the country, so the Oregon State Motor association points out this state may benefit from these travelers and while in Oregon, they can take advantage of the Centennial activities.

Other western states listed as having favorable conditions for hay fever victims are Arizona, California, Nevada, Washington (except for the Wenatchee valley), New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

C. Wilson Lands 42-Pound Salmon On Oregon Coast

By Mrs. Dwight Seward

APPLE VALLEY—Conley Wilson landed a 42-lb. salmon last week while vacationing with his family along the Oregon coast. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dick, Joan and Barbara of Nampa, enjoyed a 10-day's trip with their trailer houses across Oregon and along the coast to Warrenton where they had some big catches of salmon, ling cod, and sea bass. They also journeyed through Mt. Rainier National Park to Yakima. The Dicks visited relatives at Walla Walla and the Wilsons spent a few days with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thaniel Botner and family at La Grande before returning home.

Several ladies who were graduated with the class of 1925 from Roswell high school, were entertained Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bob Stubblefield in Parma to honor her sister, Mrs. May Church, visiting here from Sacramento, Calif. The alumni present were Mmes. Church, Hazel Ferguson, Lena Leigh, Pearl Maxwell of Wilder, Ethel Roberts of Roswell, and Mrs. Gertie Jones of Big Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pitman and family spent the past week at the Charles Pitman home while Harvey assisted his father in the sweet corn harvest. They returned Wednesday to their home in Boise to be ready for the opening of Borah high school where Harvey is an instructor and debate coach.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Leigh and children have recently moved here from Reno, Nev., and will be farming the home place of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Leigh.

Miss Shirley Seward spent Friday night in Nampa with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pierce, and enjoyed a fishing trip to Banks and vicinity, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sells and family were among the relatives who gathered Sunday afternoon at the home of her sister and family, the Ralph Gushwas in Caldwell, to honor the birthday anniversary of their father, C. L. Hawkins. Other present were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Franklin and family of Payette, Eddie Hawkins of Melba, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hawkins and family of Parma. George had just returned that morning from Alaska for a month's vacation with his family and was here for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stevens and family of Madras, Ore., were week end guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Leigh and Beulah, Mrs. Eva

6,500 Farmers Use ACP Plan

Over one-sixth of the farmers in Oregon took advantage of cost-sharing opportunities by the Agricultural Conservation program (ACP) last year as they shifted cropland into grass and trees, according to the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office in Portland.

Nearly 6,500 farmers over the state took part in the 1958 ACP, the report indicated. These farmers put up over \$2 million as they matched money from the federal government to carry out conservation practices on their farms.

Under the 1958 ACP, Oregon farmers planted more than 33,000 acres of permanent cover on land taken out of crop production, used rotation cover crops on another 19,000 acres, reorganized irrigation systems serving more than 63,000 acres, planted trees on 1,500 acres of farmland, and built 160 irrigation dams. Additional thousands of crop acres were shifted from soil depleting to soil conserving uses under ACP, the report added.

Through pooling agreements allowed under ACP, many state farmers banded together to carry out conservation practices involving more than one farm. In a total of 96 of these pooling agreements last year, 800 farmers improved drainage on their farms, reorganized irrigation systems, built irrigation dams, and improved shore protection along streams and lakes.

State Fair Offers Gold Pin, \$50.00

A diamond-studded gold pin and a cash prize of \$50 are offered for the first time to the woman who enters the best yeast-raised product in the Oregon State Fair, Sept. 5-12, in Salem.

Any yeast-raised product—bread, sweet bread or rolls—is eligible for the prize. The yeast baked products will be judged according to a point system, with entries made from either original recipes or from standard or favorite recipes.

Leigh of Parma was also a dinner guest at the Leigh home, Sunday.

Terry Sells was a guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hawkins of Caldwell, Monday and Tuesday.

Tommy Sells spent Monday and Tuesday with his cousin, Donna, at the Lloyd Hawkins' home near Melba.

Mrs. Jack Wilson and Marilu returned home Tuesday from a few days visit with relatives in Portland, including Duane Wilson and Gary Morgan who are working there. She brought a report of the following event:

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Neuschaefer of Portland, announce the marriage of their daughter, Charlene, to Gary L. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Wilson, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Portland, Ore., at 4 o'clock, p. m., Sunday, Aug. 30.

"THE PIONEER FREIGHTER"

By Fred Pullen

The early day freighter on Owyhee hauled wood from Burns, Oregon, to the market shipping place at Ontario using from 10 to 20 horses with a jerk line—just one long rope. Certain jiggles and certain pulls on the jerk line rope and the stylish lead team knew just what to do.

These old time freighters had big covered wagons with a high spring seat. Most of these wagons in the early days of Malheur county were Studebakers. They had large hickory bows with a white canvas cover over the bows to keep the supplies dry in stormy weather. The early day old time freighters had about three trail wagons. The wheeler teams were neck-yoked to the tongue of the first wagon. A heavy iron rod

swung below the tongue and a heavy chain ran from it to the bars of the pointers.

The two swing teams and the leaders were under restraint of check straps and jockey sticks. The jerk line was always one long rope that ran from the lead horses' bridle bit back to the riding saddle on the wheeler horse.

The early day freighter always carried a long black snake whip on his shoulders and rode the near wheeler horse. He held the long jerk line rope and the rope that controlled the brakes of his three wagons all in one hand. They always put the wild bronco teams in the swing. In a very short time the wild snorty bronco soon learned to step over chain or the chain would peel his legs raw. The lead team always wore bells and hame-housing.

It was the custom of the old time freighters on the Owyhee to drink some good clear whiskey on a cold morning so he wouldn't catch cold. And it would clear his throat of sage brush dust.

The freighter would use a black snake whip on the wild broncos hips on a cold morning to warm him up so he would pull. The lead team always wore bells and were flashy colored horses.

The Who-Do Mountain is 50 miles south of Vale and about 10 miles west of Nigger rock. Once in a while in the early days a trail wagon would turn over and roll down off the steep grade in the creek bed in the winter time hauling corn to sheep on the open range. The sheep wintered out all winter. The wagon that turn-

ed over was loaded with corn and cotton cake and it would be scattered all over the steep hillside and the old time freighter would use plenty of familiar swear words.

If a freighter got stuck he had to take his lead bells off and give them to the freighter that pulled him out. The brakes then were on the left side of the wagon. The freighter never looked down a steep grade as he never had time. On steep grades and sharp turns they would put a ruff lock chain on one hind wheel. At every turn the pointers had to cross the chain to pull at an angle from the leaders and swingers and hold the wagon to the grade.

When a wagon tire came loose and fell off, the freighter would block the wagon up and take the wheel off. He would build a sage brush fire and heat the wagon tire in the fire and cut a gunny sack in long strips and put it on the wheel under the tire and hammer the tire on fast while it was hot.

The only tools the wagon carried was a wagon wrench and a heavy axe to use when they were unable to fix the tire or wheel they could cut a long skid pole that dug on the ground in the place of a wheel.

According to books the first July 4th celebration in Ontario took place in 1886. An arbor of willows was built and covered with sage brush to shade the rostrum where the patriotic program took place. The willows were cut along the Snake river and hauled by wagon to the place.

National Gem Fair To Be Held Sept. 5-6-7

Gems from A (amethyst) to Z (zircon) will dazzle National Gem Fair crowds in Portland's Civic Auditorium, Sept. 5-6-7.

Some 35,000 persons are expected to ogle a multi-million dollar display of rare gems, jewelry, agates, fossils and stone carvings. Many items, including a new Smithsonian Institute exhibit, will be on display for the first time and will be under police guard around the clock.

The Gem Fair, a joint business-competition-fun convention of Northwest and American Federations of Mineralogical Societies, is being hosted by the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society of Portland.

Judging of competitive displays will generate keen interest among the general public and amateur rockhounds, as well as the craftsman and collectors directly involved. Lively sales and swap sessions are anticipated.

The A-to-Z exhibits will range from Uruguayan amethyst crystals to a 106-carat cut zircon. Other special displays will feature unique fossils and fossilized specimens, precious and semi-precious gems of record proportions and related historical artifacts.

Show hours will be 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. on Sept. 5th, 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. Sept. 6th and 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Sept. 7th.

Convention delegates plan special collecting field trips during and immediately following the gem fair. They will visit the Deschutes River, Timber Junction, Woodland, Wash., and Prineville.

JUNIOR LEGION AUXILIARY TAKES BOISE EXCURSION

The Junior Legion Auxiliary, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pounds and daughter, Edith, were in Boise last week on an excursion of that city.

While there, they toured the state capital building, visited Julia Davis park where they picnicked and went boat riding. They also visited the candy cane city in Ann Morrison Park and before returning home visited Vista Village.

Judith Ann Roberts, reporter.

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