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Safety Reminders By Board of Health

With temperatures already dipping below freezing some nights in eastern Oregon and mountain regions, it's time to give thought to a few winter health and safety precautions.

We naturally would like to see as many people as possible have a physical examination each year, and this would be a good time for it, so that any needed remedial work could be completed before bad weather starts. In any event, even if we feel good and have passed a physical with flying colors, we should remember that our resistance is likely to be down during winter months, and we should be particularly careful lest small illnesses such as colds develop into something serious like pneumonia.

We should also give special attention to things around us, especially our homes and cars. A

"physical examination" for both these might be as much a lifesaver as a physical for the person owning them. Some of these potential problems are obvious, such as the lights, tires and brakes on the car, and furnace and wiring in the home.

Some of the possible hazards aren't so obvious, and thus are more likely to claim lives this winter. Are the garden insecticides put away for the season in a safe child-proof cabinet? Are any space heaters properly vented? Do fireplace dampers operate correctly?

Even when everything is in proper operating condition, it's a good idea to refresh our memories on this point: nothing mechanical is any safer than the person controlling it.

If we would all devote a few minutes to these points, Oregon could escape most of the seemingly inevitable but preventable fatalities resulting from winter hazards.



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Alkali Bee Beds Help Increase Seed Production

Artificial beds for alkali bees help alfalfa pollination and may more than triple seed yields, reports Dr. W. P. Stephen, entomologist at the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station.

A story in the current issue of the station's research magazine tells of one grower near Milton claiming yields of 1,200 pounds per acre. Before man-made beds were set out, his seed yields were about 300 pounds per acre. Reprints of the story are available from Stephen, Entomology department, Cordley Hall, Oregon State college, Corvallis.

OSC trials have been conducted since 1957 in Umatilla and Malheur counties. The increase in seed production has been caused by several thousand bee pupae transplanted into beds made of plastic, gravel, the right textured soil, water and salt.

Alkali bees are one of the few who will brave the kick of a "tripper" in the alfalfa flower to get at the nectar. Tripping is essential to insure pollination. Most other insects, honey bees included, sneak down the flower to steal the nectar. Where non-tripping bees are around, yields have averaged about 150 to 200 pounds per acre.

The alkali bee does not live in a hive, and he's particular about where he builds his nest. The soil must have the right percentage of sand, silt and clay; soil moisture must be fairly exact, and the right amount of salt must be present.

Stephen found early in his studies that if bees were given reasonable protection from insecticides, the main limits to bee increase were presence of enough pollen and suitable nesting sites.

VISIT AT A. D. MOSES HOME
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sanders of St. George, Utah, visited the A. D. Moses home recently.

Local Boys Serve In Armed Forces

Army Pfc. Ronald M. Jarvis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Jarvis, Route 1, Ontario, recently arrived in Vietnam and is now a member of the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Saigon.

Jarvis entered the Army last October and was last stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. A 1955 graduate of Vale Union high school, the 22-year-old soldier attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and was employed at the Utah State hospital in Provo before entering the Army.

Army Pvt. Elmer J. Mangum, whose wife, Gladys, lives at 231 Fifth avenue East, Jerome, Idaho, recently arrived in Germany and is now a member of the 18th Ordnance company.

Mangum, a mechanic in the company in Karlsruhe, entered the Army in January, 1959, and received basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He was last stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Before entering the Army, the 20-year-old soldier was employed by C. J. Marshall Produce at Jerome. He is a 1957 graduate of Parma high school and his father, Marion D. Mangum, lives in Nyssa. His mother is deceased.

Lt. Roger E. (Gene) Boston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston of route 2, Parma, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the Air Force.

Lt. Boston is a 1950 graduate of Parma high and entered the Air Force in 1951. After serving in the enlisted ranks for 6½ years, Lt. Boston attended and graduated from the Air Force Officers' Candidate school in 1958.

Lt. Boston, a career officer and combat-ready intercept weapons director, has been assigned to the 761st Aircraft Control and Warning squadron (ADC), at North Bend, Ore., for the past 14 months. He is presently spending a 30-day leave at home, prior to reporting for duty with an Aircraft Control and Warning squadron in a remote area of Alaska.

G. Thomas Sallee Awarded Honor Standing at CIT

G. Thomas Sallee, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Sallee, 213 So. 7th, Nyssa, has been awarded honor standing at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, on a basis of the excellence of his scholastic record for the past academic year.

He is majoring in mathematics and will be a sophomore this year. Honor standing is awarded by the Faculty Committee on Undergraduate scholarships and Honors. It entitles the student to such special privileges and opportunities as excuse from some of the more routine work, instruction in "honor sections", and admittance to more advanced subjects and to research work.

Post Office Has Its Problems, Too

The tradition of the Pony Express still lingers in the P.O. department. Mail often travels no faster than it did 99 years ago, according to a Newsweek report made recently.

The basic problem is that the mail is growing faster than human hands and the existing machines can handle it, and according to the report the present 61 billion pieces now being handled will double in another 15 years.

The magazine article called "staggering" the Post Office's use of hand labor—every piece of mail must be picked up, read and put somewhere an average of 12 times from receipt of the mail through delivery. It said many of the methods used today are exactly the same as when Benjamin Franklin was sworn in as the first Post Master in 1775.

"Part of the P.O.'s problem lies in the political nature of the system. Until recent years the entire postal system has been a political 'plum' for the party in office. The party has selected the officials from the Postmaster General on down to the postmasters and clerks of the small towns and villages. These appointments were made largely for the purpose of delivering votes as much as for proficiency in delivering the mail. There was little incentive to replace voters with machines that could not vote for the party," Newsweek said.

Mechanization and modernization will have gained a foothold in the U.S. postal system by 1961, but what happens after that is problematical as it is still pretty much a political structure. Cost of the modernization will be enormous.

A continuing series of nationwide tests conducted by Newsweek since the first of the year shows that about three-fourths of the first class letters arrive on time. Among the exceptions: From Times Square in New York City to Fifth Avenue—a distance of two blocks—it took three days. Newsweek goes ahead and says that so many of these slow deliveries are inexcusable but the worst may be yet to come with the terrific increase in the mails without the planning to care for it in the future.

Cub Scout Pack 419 Needs Den Mothers and Committeemen

Gene Grasty, cub master of Pack 419 has submitted his resignation to Mrs. Max Urry, PTA chairman of the sponsoring unit. Bud Tibbets, secretary-treasurer will be handling the ordering of awards and materials needed by den mothers, as their meetings resume. Mrs. Urry and the school will be urging parents to volunteer their services for this worthy undertaking as den mothers and committeemen are needed. Don't wait to be asked to volunteer, if you want your son in the cub scout program.



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