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# JULIAETTA BULLETIN

## Improving Many Highways Over Central Washington

The Washington state highway department is doing things in a big way and on many fronts on central Washington's highway network this summer, and oil is a big factor in the program.

It is estimated that 600 men are working in the Wenatchee district pushing work on 22 highway improvement jobs, with more to be awarded soon. New bridges, better country roads and straightening highways are included in the activities.

Oiling of the 31-mile Burke-Neppel highway will be finished this week, opening a straight, high-speed boulevard across the Columbia basin. Building the Ephrata underpass under the G. N. railroad is another important highway improvement under way.

The Hartline-Wilson Creek grading and surfacing project is a long-needed improvement, which will eventually lead to the completion of a hard-surfaced north-and-south main highway, connecting the Sunset, North Central and Spokane-Pasco east-and-west highways in the Columbia basin area.

In Douglas county Goodfellow Brothers have the county and state jobs on the Farmer-Withrow road.

Oiling lower Grand Coulee highway between Soap Lake and Coulee City is under way and the road closed to traffic for 10 days while oil is being applied.

Rocking has been finished on the Brewster-Bridgeport road, and oiling will start this week. The new construction in Pine canyon has been oiled and repairing is now under way on the Sunset highway east of Waterville, where frost damaged the road last winter.

Drillers have "holed" through in the 700-foot Knapps Hill tunnel, and the contractors have moved the big shovel to the upper end to build the approach. Two more months will be needed to complete the bore. It should be ready for traffic about August 1.

On May 26 contracts will be let for reconditioning, ballasting and surfacing the 22-mile Republic-Tonasket highway.

Up on Stevens pass two grading and surfacing projects are under way. Another contractor is to start this week surfacing 16 miles from the summit east to Merrit. Straightening of nine curves at the upper end of Sunnyslope also starts this week.

Construction of the Leavenworth bridge has been completed, and within a month the grading and surfacing of the approaches will be finished.

## BUSINESS ON UPGRADE, SAYS U. S. DEPARTMENT

Retail trade was sharply better than the previous week under the impetus of warmer weather in most sections of the country, but wholesale was much more reserved, according to nationwide reports to the department of commerce.

The agricultural situation continued to show improvement as general rains stimulated crops. Country implement dealers were unable to fill orders.

A vast program of construction was under way throughout the country, with residential building predominating.

## IDAHO LOOKS FORWARD TO LIGHT WHEAT CROP

BOISE, Idaho, May 21.—The 1935 winter wheat crop in Idaho is indicated to be about 8,454,000 bushels. This production, if realized, will be about 6 per cent smaller than the 1935 crop and about 36 per cent smaller than the average of production in the five-year period 1928 through 1932. The crop actually harvested, however, may turn out to be larger or smaller than now indicated, depending upon weather conditions and other factors between now and harvest time.

The total distance around four square city blocks is the same as that around three square city blocks.

Fish that lived 250,000,000 years ago had not yet learned to swim, according to Dr. Anatol Heintz in a Smithsonian institution report.

## IRRIGATION PROSPECT GOOD FOR TWO STATES

There will be plenty of water for irrigation in nearly all parts of the arid states because of deep and compact snow in the mountains, according to reports reaching the bureau of agricultural engineering, U. S. department of agriculture.

These snow surveys are made in the spring to determine the quantity of water held in the high mountains. By determining the depth and water content of the snow it is possible to forecast with fair accuracy the summer flow of streams used for irrigation.

A summary of the water supply prospects by states shows:

Idaho—Water stored in the form of snow in the Snake river valley is reported to be 25 to 50 per cent above normal. All storage reservoirs contained more water than a year ago, and some were nearly full.

Washington—The snowfall in the Cascade range is approximately normal with late spring and a late runoff insuring the Yakima area about a normal water supply. All areas receiving water from the Cascades will have about a normal supply.

## COLFAX LAWYER TO G. O. P. CONVENTION

Chas. L. Chamberlin, pioneer Colfax attorney, was chosen as a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Cleveland. "Charley" plans to leave quite a time before the convention date so as to visit friends and relatives in the east. Mrs. Chamberlin will accompany him.

## BONNEVILLE POWER BILL IS INTRODUCED

PORTLAND, Ore.—Washington, D. C., press reports state that senators from Washington and Oregon announced Saturday completion of details of a bill providing authority for operation of the Bonneville power project on the Columbia river and enouncing a definite federal policy in regard to such water power developments.

The bill introduced Monday sets forth the government's attitude toward such power developments, incidental to navigation, and provides specific protection for public agencies formed to use such power.

"The section was framed after conferences at the White House," Senator Bone, Wash., said, "and after federal agencies had gone over and approved the details."

"It is much along the lines of the pioneering policy already in effect in the state of Washington. It provides that where power is incidental to navigation the federal power commission will control the rate policy and have the power to act on revisions of rates. It puts the commission so far as possible in a position analogous to that of the average operator. . . . It gives rather broad power to the commission to get up the proper rate schedules, taking all factors into consideration."

The bill provides that the secretary of war makes the contracts for Bonneville power, subject to the approval of the federal power commission, contracts to run 10 years, with preferential option for another 10 years.

Vitally important is authorizing the federal power commission to make rates at the Bonneville switchboard.

After leaving the switchboard the federal power commission can make any rate structure it wishes, employing either zoned or blanket rates.

## Repayment Plan

Repayment of principal and interest shall be made on the power plant from earnings of sale of power at the plant. Repayment of principal and interest on transmission lines are to be covered in additional charges.

The bill thus provides two charges—one for generating and the other for transmission, each to pay for themselves individually.

Control of resale is left to state authorities, high officials being convinced federal control of resale is not enforceable.

## Planes and Troops to Demonstrate Defense



## FELTS FIELD TO PRESENT COLORFUL DEFENSE SHOW

Seventy-five army and national guard planes and more than 1500 infantry and artillery troops will be at Felts field, the Spokane military airport, to present the national defense demonstration May 29 to 31. Spectacular flying, bomb dropping, anti-aircraft defense, sham battles and colorful reviews will be included in the three-day program.

Pictured at the extreme left are pursuit planes coming from Selfridge field. Six regular army fields will send at least one plane of every new type now used by the army, and 13 of the national guard fields in the country will send flights of from three to five planes each.

The 148th field artillery from Coeur d'Alene will present the big-gun part of the program, with the 41st division air service, stationed at Spokane, taking part in aerial machine gunning. Below are infantrymen who will take part in a call to arms contest, the prize going to the man dressing, breaking camp, donning gas mask and full equipment and being ready for action in the shortest time.

## SAM HILL WILL TAKE OVER NEW HIGHER OFFICE

CONGRESSMAN IS APPOINTED TO LONG-TERM POST UNDER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

In fitting recognition of his long and devoted service to the Fifth district of Washington, embracing eastern Washington, Congressman Sam B. Hill has been appointed member of the United States board of tax appeals. The tenure of office will last 12 years. The salary is \$10,000 a year.

Long, Meritorious Record. Representative Hill has been in office for 13 years. He was elected from Waterville, Douglas county. From the time he took up his duties until today he has worked hard for the interests of his district. His able work for the Coulee dam will long remain as a monument to his official memory.

The appointment pleases even his partisan opponents, who recognize the worth of Mr. Hill.

## Honored!



SAM B. HILL Popular congressman who is retiring from Fifth district, Washington, to accept 12-year term as member of U. S. board tax appeals. The post carries a salary of \$10,000 a year. He was expected to become candi-

## TERMINAL DOCKS NEARING COMPLETION

THE DALLES, Ore.—Work on the \$25,000 terminal docks being built here for the accommodation of seagoing vessels upon completion of the Bonneville dam, is rapidly nearing completion. All piling has now been driven and rapid progress is being made on the second of the two warehouses that will stand on the 1000-foot-long dock.

Two marine elevators are being installed for accommodation of river boats until such time as the dam is completed and the Columbia river channel deepened to allow ocean carriers to come here.

## BONNEVILLE DAM FACES DISASTER

STEVENSON, Wash.—The mighty Columbia, swollen by rain and melting snow to its highest lower-river point in two years, showed its power last Friday by cutting a new and deeper channel between the Washington end of the main channel cofferdam and the shore.

The mighty flood ripped three rock-filled and rock-balled cribs from their moorings and carried them eight miles downstream before they could be recaptured by tugs. A fish ladder was also washed away.

Engineers estimated the river was past the 44-foot flood level. Last year's peak was 41 feet. The width of the stream and the swift current made the flood volume more than 450,000 cubic feet per second, engineers stated.

Most of the damage so far is believed to be to temporary construction, and the loss to the contractors is estimated at about \$100,000 so far.

Sunday the river continued widening and deepening the breach between the Washington shore and the remaining cribs.

Large Electric Crane Lost. A large electric crane with a 100-foot boom, directly below the crib cofferdam, was swept from its anchors and toppled to the bottom of the rapidly deepening channel.

Upriver watchers report that the rise in the river at Trail, B. C., where the government has a watcher, has been less than 20 feet, and it is yet more than 10 feet under last year's peak. Under ordinary conditions the peak may be expected in the latter part of June, it is stated.

Whether or not the upper river reaches an extreme high flood point depends largely upon whether the Columbia, Kootenay, Kettle and Okanogan rivers arrive at flood stages at the same time, as might occur with continuing extreme hot weather. Should these four rivers reach their peak at the same time, as in 1894, there will be sufficient cause for worry at all dams built or under construction on the river.

## EGG PRODUCTION HIGH; POULTRY MARKET GOOD

Egg production has increased. Production was smaller, however, than the five-year average of the years 1928-1932 by about 7 per cent.

In flocks kept by crop correspondents, more eggs were laid per 100 hens this year than in any previous year since 1929, or 54.7 eggs compared with 51.9 a year ago, and 51.1 in 1934.

There are more layers in farm flocks this year compared with last, but fewer chicks and young chickens. Prospects are, however, that hatchings this month will show a more than seasonal gain.

## ANOTHER LIGHT WHEAT CROP IS NOW INDICATED

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—For the United States as a whole, present prospects point to a light crop of wheat, the fifth light crop in succession, to a nearly average crop of rye, to a hay crop which has had an unfavorable start but which still has opportunity to recover, with such shortage as is now indicated offset by above average stocks of hay on hand; and to pastures that have been late in starting and show only fair prospects. Fruits seem likely to be in only moderate supply and not very evenly distributed, for while most of the main fruit belts seem to have come through the winter with slight injury there was widespread frost injury to the scattered orchards of the central states.

Comparative Figures. A carefully compiled table of past and future comparisons show Washington state with an average, for 1923-32, of 16.4, and, for 1935, 4.5 acreage, with an estimate of 25 for 1936. Idaho's figures stand at 10.0, 15.0 and 16.0 respectively. The general figures of the United States are 12.0, 30.4, 24.4.

Rye and Hay Figures. Hay condition figures of the north-west indicate a decrease of 5 to 15 points, but a greater decrease in other sections of the country. About the usual acreage will be cut this season. The retarding effect of late spring has been offset since May 1 by general moisture and temperature conditions more favorable to hay crops.

The general rye crop indications point to a decrease, including the northwest. In eastern states, abandonment has been slightly lower, but far greater in the extreme west.

What Pullman Experts Say. WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, May 21.—The grain markets are weak on prospect of larger wheat production, and the seasonally light demand for the feed grains and feed. Milling grades of wheat and best grades of corn are in relatively light supply, but feeding grades are plentiful. Wheat and flaxseed have shown the most persistent declining trend. Other grains made rather small net changes so far this year.

## FEED RATHER LATE, BUT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH

Feed is late, particularly in the north. Hay and feed supplies are generally ample, with considerable surplus. Late feeding has reduced feed supplies in parts of Montana, Idaho and Washington. Considerable concentrates have been used on northern sheep ranges. The condition of ranges is 77 per cent of normal, compared with 77 per cent last month, 64 per cent a year ago, 78 per cent two years ago, and the 10-year (1926-1935) average of 81.7 per cent.

## Cattle in Good Condition.

Cattle are generally in good condition and were able to stand late storms very well. There has been some shrinkage in storm areas. Generally cattle losses have been light, except in limited local northern areas. Calf crop prospects are generally good. The condition of cattle and calves is 82 per cent of normal, compared with 83 per cent last month, 73 per cent a year ago, and the 10-year (1926-1935) average of 84.5 per cent.

The amateur who has not the time to spend on specimen plants of dahlias can grow these giant blooms from seed without much trouble.

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# Diesel The Modern Miracle of Engineering Offers Great Future, Furnishing Practical Power for Every Purpose. History of Diesel Combines Romance and Tragedy Preceding Record of Remarkable Success.

By J. A. Finch of the Western Diesel School, Spokane.

The present dramatic performance of the Diesel engine, which is playing such an important part in railroad, marine, farm and power plant development, makes the story behind its early development again of great human interest.

Rudolph Diesel, the inventor of the Diesel engine, was born in Paris of German parentage in 1858. He was educated in Paris and in the Munich Technical college, where he graduated

Linde mentioned the inefficiency of the steam engine and Diesel determined to build a better one. He first proved mathematically that the engine was practical, and then built the first engine in 1892, and was nearly killed when he attempted to start it. After several attempts the first successful Diesel engine was built in 1897 and immediately attracted world-wide attention.

Possibilities Almost Limitless.

Rudolph Diesel reaped a fortune from

sources of mankind in power production. In conclusion he stated that "nowhere in the world are the possibilities as great for the development of this prime mover as in the United States." In this statement he proved himself a great prophet.

Documents Factor in Death.

After his return to Europe Dr. Diesel worked hard on the further development of his engine with both German and English companies, and in the fall of 1913 was called to England to an



Interior of big shop, Western Diesel school.

as an engineer at the age of 21. He was fortunate in having for an instructor in thermodynamics the famous von Linde, the first man to liquefy air and for whom the famous Linde Air Products company was named. Von

the development of his engine and, unlike most inventors, was widely acclaimed and honored. In 1912 he visited the U. S. and stated to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers that "The Diesel engine has doubled the re-

important meeting of manufacturers. On September 22, 1913, he boarded the steamer "Dresden" from Antwerp to London. Dr. Diesel had many valuable papers with him and in view of the fact that the Diesel engine had made



Here are earnest students engrossed in fascinating study of Diesel engineering.

had not been slept in and no one had seen him during the night. The theory of suicide was scouted because Diesel was at the height of his success, in good health and had everything to live for. The following day his family received a telegram from London

signed by Dr. Diesel but a tracer proved that the telegram had been sent from Geneva. A few weeks later a body partially identified as Dr. Diesel was washed ashore. Many reports were given out and rumor was rife.

It has been said that it was suicide—that he had fallen overboard, that he deliberately ran away and is living in Canada, and that he was pushed overboard because he knew too much about the new submarine. The general public, the police and the newspapers still don't know.

But even though the fate of Rudolph Diesel is not known, the future of his engine is assured. Capable minds have been steadily at work developing better Diesel engines, until today there is a practical Diesel engine for every purpose from trucks to trains, from the smallest lighting plant to the largest stationary unit. Diesel is truly "The Modern Power."



Giant shovels tear away a mountainside

**NEW GERM KILLING INVENTION DESCRIBED**

ROCHESTER, Minn.—Invention of a new-type of cool germ-killing rays that destroys air-floating bacteria about the patient on an operating table was announced to the American Society of Thoracoplasty Surgeons here by Doryl Hart, M. D., of the Duke university medical school.

This is the first time that the air of an operating room has been continuously sterilized. It is the final step in safety from infection which began with Lister's inauguration of antiseptics in 1865.

**EXHIBITS BIG STEER**

A steer weighing more than a ton and a half will be exhibited at the \$25,000,000 Texas Centennial Exposition which opens here June 6. "Big Jim," once owned by the late Will Rogers, is said to be the biggest steer in the world. He weighs 3100 pounds, stands five feet four inches at the withers and is ten feet long from head to tail.

In 1935 the forest service planted, on national forest lands, nearly a quarter of a million acres in trees.

The world is always with the man who is trying to do something.

**BAYREUTH WAGNER FESTIVAL THIS YEAR**

American music lovers will be interested in a little volume entitled "Germany and the 1936 Bayreuth Festival" being distributed by the German Railroads Information office, 665 Fifth avenue, New York.

The cover is done in colors and was designed by the well-known Berlin artist, Jupp Wiertz, while the book itself contains attractive pictures of recent Bayreuth festivals, besides an instructive description of this year's Wagner festival in Bayreuth.

The volume also contains full information concerning the various performances and the artists who will take part, railway connections to Bayreuth and hotel and other accommodations.

The first half of the festival will be from July 19 to 30, while the second half will commence August 18 and continue until August 31. The purpose of this division is to enable those who wish to attend the XI. Olympic games in Berlin, to hear the Bayreuth Wagner operas either before or after the Olympics.

Reciprocal trade policies of the administration has effected reductions in traffic and other barriers in some sixty countries and with steady improvement of business conditions in this country, Robert C. Graham, executive with the Graham-Paige Motor Co., believes that the auto industry will have a banner year during 1936. Exports of automobiles, he says, are expected to total 535,000 units in 1936 as compared with 435,000 units last year.

Every year about 20,000 people in the United States kill themselves, according to figures recently compiled by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Out of every thousand babies born, these figures show that 13 may be expected eventually to take their own lives. Male suicides are far more frequent than female and white more frequent than Negroes.

The magazine "American Builder Age" predicts that there will be 250,000 new home units built in 1936, which will be one hundred per cent increase over 1935 and that the capital outlay will perhaps be approximately \$1,200,000. It also predicts that modernization of homes will call for two billion more dollars worth of material and labor.—(Associated American.)

If you keep soap flakes in a fruit jar, using the cover for a measure, you can save soap flakes.

**MONTANA AFTER TOURIST DOLLAR**

Montana is making plans for a record-breaking tourist season this year. This information comes from Ray W. Clark, president of the Pacific Northwest Tourist association.

"If other members of the organization had state appropriations as Montana and Oregon have to invite the tourist to come and welcome him after he arrives, the entire northwest could expect a record-breaking season," Clark believes.

"Every automobile entering Montana this season will carry a sticker, 'Guest of Montana,' placed there by attendants at registration stations established at all ports of entry on the main highways. Information concerning the state, her roads and vacation possibilities will be supplied tourists in the Black Hills and at West Yellowstone. An official map will be issued and moving pictures in continuous run boxes will be placed in leading cities of the country. These are only a few of the many ways being used to publicize that state."

**NATIONAL PARKS GETTING BIG PLAY**

Ray W. Clark, president of the Pacific northwest Tourist association, recently announced that advance reservations at Mount Rainier total 5,000—nearly three times more than at this time last year. Similar, he said, Glacier National park reservations for the same date.

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**JACK MEAKIN**

Jack Meakin, NBC orchestra conductor, pianist, arranger and composer, started out to be a doctor, changed his mind, became an investment banker and finally turned into one of the west's favorite radio personalities.

For which he is one of the very few individuals who has some reason to be grateful to the financial crisis. For when selling bonds became a hazardous occupation he turned to what had long been his hobby—music—and found it well paid.

In a bet between Jack and Clifford, in a challenge to determine who has the best taste in girls, the boys have set Sunday, May 24, as the date on which they will bring the first of their girl friends to the house to be placed under the scrutinizing

eyes of the family. Harriet Malmstrom and Zola Entricate, two attractive young girls, will be the first entrants in the "contest." The episode will derive much of its comedy from Jack's embarrassment, this being the first time he has brought a strange girl home for the evening. Broadcast over an NBC-Red network from 8:30 to 9:00 p. m., the program will be heard over station KHQ.

With Claudia on her way to Europe and with the date of the divorce action set, interest in One Man's Family, for the moment, centers in a bet between Jack and Clifford. In a challenge to determine who has the best taste in girls, the boys have set Sunday, May 24, as the date on which they will bring the first of their girl friends to the house to be placed under the scrutinizing

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One of the most favorable criticisms an artist can receive for his or her performance is to have it tagged "natural." Such is the compliment invariably paid to Kate McComb, who portrays the mother on "The O'Neills" program. Her many followers claim that the sincere lovable character she has created would fit into any happy American home.

**MCCARTHY AND HILL  
TO BROADCAST LOUIS-  
SCHEMELING FIGHT, NBC**

Blum McCarthy, noted NBC sports announcer, and Edwin C. Hill, radio commentator, have been named to broadcast the ringside description of the Joe Louis-Max Schmeling heavy-weight fight over a National Broadcasting Company network, Thursday, June 18. The bout will go on the air from the Kankee stadium, New York, at 6:00 p. m., P. S. T., under the sponsorship of Buick Motors.

KHQ will be the Spokane station releasing the fight broadcast.

**Y. M. C. A. EXECUTIVE  
PRAISES BARBOUR SERIAL**

The secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Windsor county, Vermont, has written to congratulate Carlton E. Morse, the author of "One Man's Family" for his "splendid work."

"Your presentations," he writes, "are sincerely and carefully prepared and must have an ever-widening influence. They are just the sort of thing that we need in these days to stabilize our thought and effort in handling young people. At no time have we found you going to extremes. Your positions have been so wisely and sanely taken that I know they have been a very real help to many parents, and I am sure that many are thankful for the Barbour family."

"One Man's Family" is heard over an NBC coast-to-coast network Wednesdays at 4:00 p. m., P. S. T., and on Sunday nights, for Pacific coast listeners only, at 8:30 p. m.

Radio Institute of Audible Arts picked "Sherlock Holmes" as one of the few outstanding programs on the air Saturday nights.



### Smart New Hat Easily Crocheted



This smart black turban is easily crocheted from ribbon strips of cellophane cellulose film, after a design by Louis Sanders, well-known New York modiste. It is called "The Du Barry."

A 22-inch headsize requires 220 yards of 1/4-inch black ribbon. The stitch is single crochet, taking up both loops at each stitch. Using a No. 2 crochet needle, chain tightly enough stitches to make 23 inches when worked. Then single crochet enough rows to make 6 3/4 inches when completed. Lap the finished piece to make a 22-inch headsize, start at lower edge and sew together 1 1/2 inches toward top. Bring upper corner down and catch at this point. Measure 3 1/2 inches along edge and pin to remaining corner, sewing edge to make right side loop. For front loop, measure 9 inches along top edge and tack at center, which leaves the black loop made. About 3/8 inch up from the center front a small tuck is taken.

To complete loops, measure 9 1/2 inches from lap on right side to front, and 1 1/2 inches up from edge. At this point, start sewing loop in place to top center. Now measure 9 inches from front loop toward back and 2 inches up from edge. At this point, start sewing back loop in place to top center. Measure 5 1/2 inches from lap on right side to front and 3 1/2 inches up from edge. At this point, start sewing right loop in place.

Now the hat is ready to be steamed and molded to the head, with the front loop pressed a little to the right, the right side loop pressed down slightly and the top loop pressed toward the left. Have milliner block, if desired. A plastic ornament and a stiff mesh veil give a finishing touch.

If preferred, the hat may be crocheted in white or a color, as the filmy ribbons are obtainable in a wide range of smart shades.

#### WHEAT LOWER DESPITE REPORT

SPOKANE.—Wheat quotations were lower last week, despite the recent bullish crop estimates of the government.

Oregon wheat on May 1 was 82 per cent of normal, with an estimated production of 14,780,000 bushels. The Washington condition was 70 per cent and a crop of 18,922,000 bushels was forecast.

#### MONEY IN RAISING SEED

MONTESANO, Wash.—Several farmers in Grays Harbor county are becoming increasingly interested in growing vegetable seed for sale to commercial seed companies, according to a report of Arthur E. Kulin, county agent. An offer has been made to contract for 500 acres in 1937.

### CROP PROSPECTS LOW, PLOUGHING IS LESS

Crop prospects have declined throughout the country, chiefly as a result of unevenly distributed rainfall and extreme temperatures. The continuation of the drought in the southwest was chiefly responsible for the 6 per cent decrease in the crop reporting board's forecast of winter wheat production. Excessive rains over large areas in the southwest decreased prospects for most crops of that area. In the whole country east of the Rocky mountains, but especially in northern areas, the spring was late, farmers are behind with plowing and planting, and pastures have been slow in starting.

#### Predicts Light Crop.

For the country as a whole, present prospects point to a light crop of winter wheat, the fifth light crop in succession, to a nearly average crop of rye, to a hay crop which has had an unfavorable start but which still has opportunity to recover, with such shortage as is now indicated offset by above-average stocks of hay on hand; and to pastures that have been late in starting and show only fair prospects. Fruits seem likely to be in only moderate supply and not very evenly distributed.

#### WALLA WALLA PIONEER DIES

WALLA WALLA.—J. A. Armstrong, 92, pioneer carpenter of the Walla Walla valley, died here last Wednesday.

He helped build College Place, three miles from here. He built bridges for the Union army during the Civil war. He came west in 1887, and located at College Place in 1892, when construction of Walla Walla college was started there.

#### WOOL HAS ACTIVE WEEK

PENDLETON, Ore.—The past week was the most active of the season in the northwest wool market. Including close to 1,000,000 pounds sold at the Lakeview sealed bid sale Wednesday, about 2,000,000 pounds were disposed of by growers. Half of the total amount was purchased by A. J. Burke & Co. of Portland and the balance by Boston firms.

The renewal of buying in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and also in other western states resulted in a stiffening of prices. The heavy purchases last week was based on the belief that western prices had touched bottom and a revision upward is now due. Condon has a sealed bid sale June 4.

### Year-Around Vegetables



Parsnips, kale and salsify, three weather-resisting garden edibles.

Three vegetables which have no fear of frost or freezing, and really benefit by the cold rigors of winter, are parsnips, kale and salsify. They should be planted in the spring with the quick-growing vegetables, but are not ready for use until late in the fall, or preferably, after the ground has frozen solid, when they seem to develop their fine flavors. After freezing, they may be dug up and used at any time, and are as delicious in March as they were the previous December.

Salsify, or oyster plant, as it is usually called because of its flavor, needs a long season of growth, and even then its roots do not become large. They are long and slender, seldom attaining over an inch in diameter. One of the reasons that has caused this vegetable to lack popularity is its unattractive, and discolored appearance when cooked. This is due to the fact that it secretes a milky juice which turns black when exposed to the air. It should be cleaned and scraped in water acidified with a little vinegar; this will do away with the discoloring. It is best cooked by dipping it in batter and frying in deep fat. Boiling and creaming also makes a fine dish.

The seed should be sown early and deeply considering its size, 3/4 inch down being about right. They should be thinned to about 4 inches apart, as the roots do not need the room to develop required by parsnips or turnips. Prepare the soil deeply for the long roots.

Cultural instructions for parsnips are about the same, although they need more space in which to grow.

Kale, the mid-winter salad crop, should have plenty of moisture and a rich soil, the idea being to produce a luxuriant leaf growth to be used later on. Hot, dry periods, without moisture, will defeat the kale. It much resembles lettuce, but has a distinct cabbage taste, especially when cooked. Plant the early varieties.

Because of the long season of growth, and the attention given to these three vegetables, be sure to get a first-class fresh packet of seeds. After spending most of a year waiting for them you will want the best crop obtainable.

#### A REMINDER

Several times during the past year, we have urged our readers to become acquainted with The Reader's Digest, and for the benefit of those who have not done so, we again outline this valuable service.

Each month, a staff of editors searches all of the worthwhile current magazines, selecting the most interesting and informative articles. Their selections are skillfully condensed for quick, easy reading, resulting in an issue of The Reader's Digest that is a treasure-chest of "literary gems."

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We again urge you to send to The Reader's Digest Association, Pleasantville, N. Y. for a free sample copy, for we are sure that after you are acquainted with it, you will never be without it.

#### UNEARTH SEVEN SKELETONS

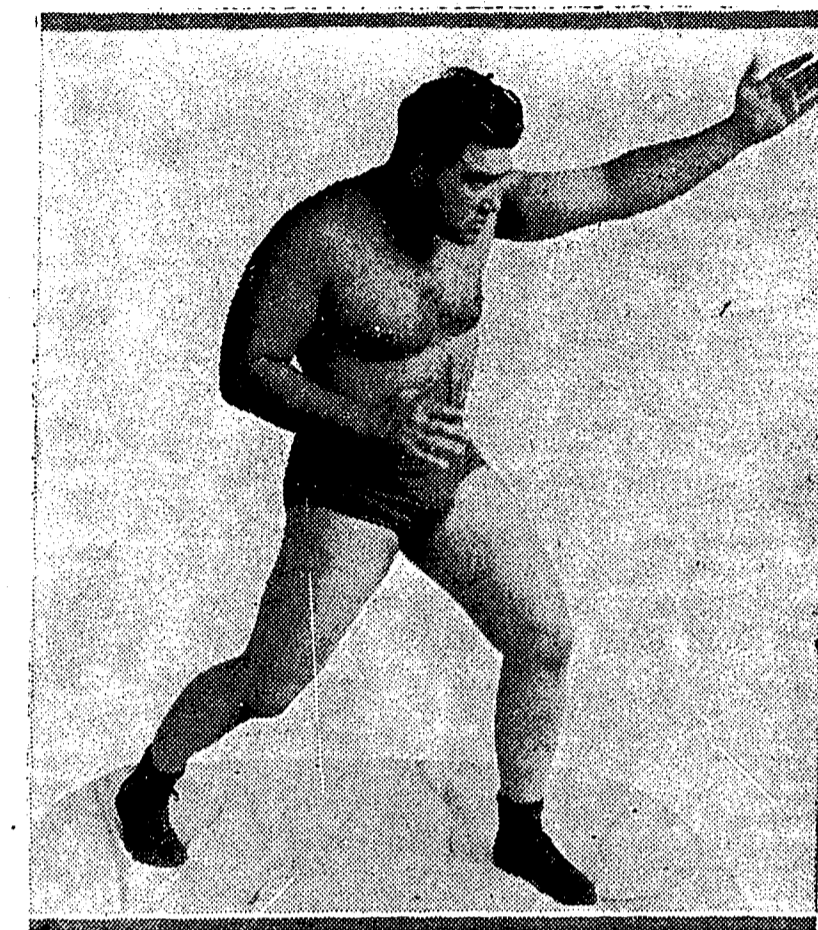
THE DALLES, Ore.—A scraper operating on the Union Pacific overcrossing project on the Old Oregon Trail, last week unearthed seven skeletons near Big Eddy. The bones disintegrated quickly on exposure to the air, indicating extreme age. Efforts were made to preserve some intact.

The skeletons were buried with skulls touching and limbs radiating outward like the spokes of a wheel. Archaeologists are trying to learn whether they have some connection with the pictographs on the cliffs of the Columbia river near here, long a puzzle to scientists.

### Spokane Sees Great Wrestling Bouts

Last Tuesday the Arena Wrestling & Boxing Club presented without a question, the finest wrestling card ever offered in the city of Spokane. Headed by the world's heavyweight champion (recognized in 18 states) Vincent Lopez, the big Mexican from Tampico, Mexico, demonstrated to many of the blase that modern wrestling was just as much an art of this-day-and-age as it was to the early Greeks. Lopez had an ambitious and capable opponent in the person of Irish Jack Kennedy from Philadelphia—but finally mastered the big fellow

As this paper is going to press—the local promoter is making up his wrestling card for Tuesday May 26. Among those prominent wrestlers he is endeavoring to match up properly, according to their weight and ability, are Dr. Karl Sarpolis, Danny Dusek, Count Ugo deCollelmo; Candor Szabo the Bada-



Ted "King Kong" Cox, the 240-pound wrestler from Lodi, Cal., now in the middle west, is headed this way and will shortly be seen on one of the Arena Wrestling club's cards at the Masonic temple auditorium in Spokane.

in the fifth round with "Elbow-smashes" and "Body-slams."

Another feature on the all-star wrestling card was the five round draw between "Chief" Thunderbird (Sannich Indian) and Les Grimes present heavyweight champion of Australia. This match brought the fans to their feet many times during the five round episode. Then the card also introduced to the wrestling fraternity of Spokane—one of the famous Dusek family, for Danny Dusek the youngest of the Du-

#### WIREWORMS FULL OF ACTIVITY

WALLA WALLA.—The cold late spring this year may have been a boon to orchardists in their fight against tree pests, but the same rule didn't hold good as far as gardeners and farmers are concerned. Wireworms and other garden pests are showing greater activity and doing more damage to gardens and field vegetables of this valley than for years past, it is reported.

M. C. Lane, in charge of wireworm control in this district, says the numbers may not be increasing, but their activities are.

Added to farmers' worries is a new weed known as "white top" or "hoary grass," that has gained considerable foothold in several parts of the county. The county agent, H. C. Burgess, says it spreads fast and is not easily killed by cultivation, and unless curbed will cause considerable loss.

#### WHISKER CONTROVERSY ENDS

WALLA WALLA.—A several weeks' bitter fight between pro- and anti-whisker forces ended in compromise at a meeting held here last week of the "Wagon Wheelers" organization of Whitman Centennial, Inc.

The committee settling the argument announced it found mandatory whiskers for the public undesirable, but recommended an ordinance providing licenses for those wishing to grow whiskers.

Permitting beards from time of issuance until close of the centennial, August 16, the license would provide for a \$5 fine against any holder shaving during the license period.

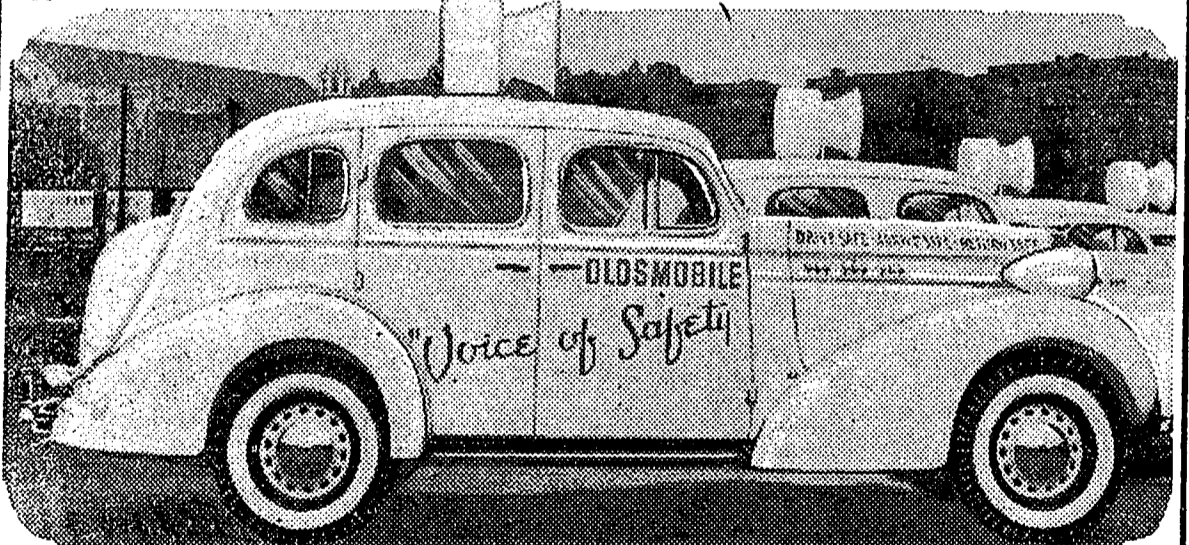
## SNAPSHOTS



SAILOR BEWARE!—These sirens on a California beach have a very naughty-call appeal!



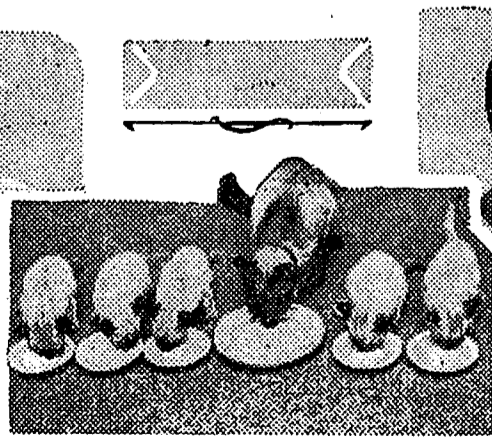
Eleanore Whitney, takes time out for a dip or at least gives the photographer an eye-ful.



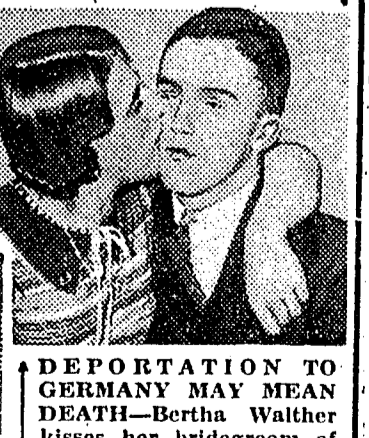
A fleet of 55 Oldsmobiles, to be used by police departments of the larger cities of the country, has been shipped from the factory at Lansing. Thirty of the cars, identical to these shown above, took a prominent part in the Safety Parade in New York. All are to be used in Safety education.



BLIND SINCE BIRTH, SURGERY GIVES HIM VISION — Afflicted with congenital cataracts over both eyes, Sammy Mydash has gained complete vision through a delicate operation.



MEET THE QUINTS (CATS THIS TIME) —A siamese cat belonging to Mrs. Walters of London is the proud mother of this litter of 5 kittens.



DEPORTATION TO GERMANY MAY MEAN DEATH—Bertha Walther kisses her bridegroom of one month, after she told immigration officials that deportation of Otto would mean death. Otto is accused of the Reichstag fire of three years ago.

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