

Society and Clubs

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HUTCHINSONS HONORED ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

ELKTON—A surprise potluck dinner was held at the Kellogg Grange hall Mother's day, honoring County Commissioner and Mrs. J. Ross Hutchinson on their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. The dinner was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson's daughters, Mrs. Franklin Haines and Mrs. Milo Bullock, of Kellogg, and Mrs. Vernon LaRaut, of Wilbur, assisted by Mrs. Hutchinson's sister, Mrs. Reed Moore, of Elkton.

After the dinner a short program was presented. It included a piano solo by Mrs. Anna Bauer, a reading by Mrs. Edith Gates, a solo by Mrs. Franklin Haines, a duet by Mrs. Haines and Mrs. Bauer, and an original poem by Mrs. Boyd Rader.

At the end of the program Mr. Hutchinson told incidents of their life in the community, and gifts were presented to the couple. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Rader, Mrs. Rosabelle Hager, Mrs. Mary Ann Minter, Herbert Roadman, Mrs. Vernon LaRaut and daughter, Verna Lee, Mrs. Ralph Loomis and son Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bartrum and daughter Charlotte, Mrs. Gladys Peters, Miss Patricia Peters, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Anderson, Harry Anderson, Sr., Harry Anderson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Myers and daughter Beverly Ann, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Minter, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dyringer and children Ronald and Joan, Mrs. Bessie Haines, Mrs. Milo Bullock and children, Barbara and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Haines and children Bobbie, Gerald, Bettie and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Fisher, Arthur Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Minter, Harold Minter, Helen Swearingen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Madison, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rydell, Miss Donna Rydell, Mrs. Clara Cheever, Mrs. Edith Gates, Miss Erma Gates, Miss Elma Gates, Mrs. James Gates, Mr. Max Bauer, Bobbie Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Minter and son Larry, Mrs. Sidney Gates and children, Terry and David, Miss Mabel George, Mrs. Maude Goodman, Mrs. Mary Goodman, James Trimboth, and the guests of honor.

BASKET DINNER HELD AFTER CHURCH SERVICE

ELKTON—A basket dinner was held after the Mother's day service at the Methodist church, Sunday, May 14. In the afternoon the quarterly conference met, presided over by Dr. Silas E. Fairham, district superintendent. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Trustees, Reed Moore, Mrs. Fanny Clemo, Mrs. Mary Beckley; disbursing steward, Mrs. Erda Chestnut; financial secretary, Mrs. Ida Thomas; communion steward, Mrs. Effa Moore; recording steward, Mrs. Myrtle Wells. The following committees were elected: Membership, Mrs. Edith Adams, Mrs. Effa Moore, Mrs. Ida Thomas; music, Mrs. Erda Chestnut, Mrs. Ida Thomas, Mrs. Mary Beckley; religious education, Mrs. Fanny

Clemo, Mrs. S. S. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Robert Warnock; finance, board of Stewards; foreign missions, Mrs. Grace Beckley; temperance, Mrs. Ida Thomas; auditing, Miss Iris Haines, Frank Binder; church records, Mrs. Edith Adams; parsonage, Mrs. Ida Thomas, Mrs. R. R. Wells; pastoral relations, Mrs. Mary Beckley, Mrs. Flora Stratford, Mrs. Evelyn Binder; nominating, Mrs. Grace Beckley, Mrs. Fanny Clemo, B. S. Adams; church board of education, Sunday school superintendent, all teachers, W. S. C. S. representative, Mrs. Mary Grubbe, church representative, Mrs. Effa Moore.

The treasurer's report, and reports from the Sunday school, W. S. C. S. and pastor were read. The formation of a Young Adult Sunday school class was discussed. Rev. Frank Brown, of Cottage Grove, was present and made some suggestions concerning young people's work.

The delegate to the general conference at Portland was elected from Gardiner and Mrs. Grace Beckley was elected alternate.

ANNUAL CLUB DINNER HELD AT CLOUGH HOME

CANYONVILLE—The Canyonville Women's Study club members were guests of the hostess, Miss Bess Clough at her country home in rural Days Creek, Wednesday evening on the occasion of the club's annual dinner.

The banquet table was arranged for eighteen guests, who were the Study club members and their husbands, the honored guests. A delicious chicken dinner was followed by the dessert course after which the place cards were opened by each dinner guest and informal speeches of an impromptu nature were given on the surprise subject written on the card. These speeches proved to be highly entertaining and added much to the enjoyment of the dinner.

After the dinner, the remainder of the evening was spent in parlor stunts and informal group singing. The evening was one to be long cherished in the memories of those who attended and closed the year's work of the Study club until the fall season in September.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Guy McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, Miss Clough, Mr. Huron Clough, Mrs. Tison, Mrs. Manuel, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Shaw.

ALL-BOY CLASS TO PRESENT PROGRAM

The "All-Boy" class of the First Christian church will present their annual "All-Boy" novelty program of songs, stunts, humorous readings and two one-act plays Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church. The public has been invited to enjoy the program.

PAST PRESIDENTS CLUB ANNOUNCES MEETING

The Past Presidents club of George Starmer auxiliary to United Spanish War Veterans will meet Wednesday at one-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. W. Starmer on Winchester street. All members are requested to be present.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUB TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The Navy Mothers club will meet Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Elks temple. Wives, mothers and sisters of men in the navy, coast guard and marines are invited as well as mothers and sisters of women of the navy.

DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON ENJOYED AT BAILEY HOME

Miss Marie Martens and Miss Estelle V. Conover, of Roseburg, and Mrs. C. H. Bailey of South Deer creek, were guests Thursday of Miss Olive Walker, who resides on the Dixonville road. Bridge whist was enjoyed and at the tea hour, the hostess served delicious refreshments.

PATCH AND CHAT CLUB TO MEET

The Patch and Chat club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cliff Dunham in Edenbower. All members are most cordially invited to be present.

THETA RHO CLUB TO HOLD SKATING PARTY

Alpha Zeta Theta Rho girls club members and their invited guests will hold a skating party Wednesday evening at the Rainbow rink.

NEW IDEA CLUB TO MEET AT LUNCHEON

The New Idea club will meet Wednesday at a one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Anna Rainwater. All members are urged to attend.

F. S. CLUB TO HOLD MEETING WEDNESDAY

The F. S. club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. W. Thomason at 1146 North Jackson street. All members are cordially invited to be present.

POET'S CORNER

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Sunrise over the mountain;
Sheep upon the hill;
Chickens scratching in the grass;
Music of murmuring rill.
The far off bark of a dog;
The crash of a falling tree;
All this is a sort of orchestra,
To an old hill-dweller like me.
I like to look at the smiling moon,
A gem in the azure sky.
And the hoot of an owl at twilight
Is a kind of lullaby.
So I am content in my hill-top home,
Where tall trees pierce the sky.
And I have no yen for the haunts of men,
But shall stay here till I die.
Lyman A. Fritz.

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ANSWERS, EXPLANATIONS AND PROMISES

If the guy who coined the slogan "Honesty is the best policy" were in the feed business today, he might have some misgivings about its truth. OF COURSE, he meant it over the long stretch, and we agree with him. But there are certainly times when an honest business man gets a royal roasting for trying to be honest.

During the past few weeks we have visited a lot of successful turkey growers, and looked over their coming flock of poults. Most of these growers have used Umpqua turkey feeds all most exclusively for years, and have proved time after time that they can grow a pound of turkey cheaper on Umpqua than any other brand of feed.

This year, however, we find a lot of them using other brands of turkey starter. They PROVE that they are still friends, because they are still very frankly why they are not using Umpqua Feed. And they further state that they are "GOING TO SWITCH BACK TO UMPQUA FEED AS SOON AS THE CHICKEN FEEDS GO OFF TO A GOOD START."

We can't blame these good friends of ours for their action, since they have good grounds for their line of reasoning. We even thank them for bringing this to our attention. But these facts call for some explanations, and we are going to give them to you.

The accepted belief, is that if poults have the best of feed and conditions up to two months of age, and are thrifty and growing well at that time, they can finish the balance of their growing period under less favorable conditions and feed. There has been lots of talk of feed shortages, and last year a serious shortage of protein concentrates did occur. There have also been the usual reports that the "independent" mills would be unable to get their portion of concentrates this year. So many Douglas County growers have stored car lots of turkey feed against such emergency. This may be good insurance against famine, but it should be remembered that feeds stored for such a long time definitely lose vitamins and palatability, and therefore value.

During the concentrate fam-

ine last year, the Douglas County Flour Mill made a few batches of poor turkey feed and egg mash. Why? Well, definitely not because we like to make poor feed. We never did it before, and hope we won't ever have to do it again. But if we hadn't done that, many of our customers and many customers of other feed companies would have had some starving birds.

The big mills in Portland, Seattle and Spokane didn't make very much really poor feed. No; they closed down their plants, "due to inability to get concentrates." Sitting behind their roll top desks they didn't have to listen to turkey growers beg for a few sacks of feed to "last them over Sunday". But you could get to us, so we did the best we could for you. Even though you were not a regular customer, you never had to leave empty handed.

BUT we sure got a reputation for making poor feed, and our competitors, whose customers we helped, have never forgotten that.

QUESTION:

"Why can 'So-and-so' get more protein for his turkey starter than the Douglas Flour Mill?" AND: "Why can he sell his feed for the same, and even less sometimes, when he has to ship it in and give an extra weight to his dealer?" Both fair questions, and we are glad you ask them.

Last year, knowing that a concentrate famine was inevitable, feed men, feeders and Government officials had a meeting. Plans were laid to conserve and store feed, and feed manufacturers signed an agreement to limit protein in feeds to NOT OVER 16%. The agreement was NOT COMPULSORY, but Government threatened to make it so, unless all manufacturers complied. The Douglas County Flour Mill did comply; but a few manufacturers, even after signing the agreement, for SOME REASON, failed to live up to it. Result: poults on Umpqua Starter did not grow as well as on competitive feeds.

Some manufacturers advertised that they had sufficient concentrates, (an admission of hoarding), and would make prewar turkey feeds in defiance

of government requests and in violation of their own agreements. The Douglas County Flour Mill played ball with the Government and now we are taking the rap.

Feed manufacturers in the large cities are now retelling turkey starter mash in Roseburg from \$4.05 per sack up, 24% protein at that! How? Well, with large Government contracts for flour, they have unlimited high protein millrun. (The Government calls for the best high protein wheat for flour for the armed services.)

Their millrun is a by-product, and comparatively cheap. We pay a ceiling price on millrun, and our supply is limited.

With a thousand pounds of high protein millrun to the ton of feed, not much animal protein has to be added to bring the feed up to 24% protein. We use 400 lbs. of millrun, and the other 600 lbs. is high-priced corn, wheat, oats and barley. We have to add a lot of meat scrap and fish meal to get our protein. And you know enough about feeds to know that animal proteins are superior to vegetable for turkeys.

We limited ourselves to 16% protein in turkey feeds last year, to co-operate with the Government. We are supposed to use no more this year than last. But if Portland, Seattle and Spokane manufacturers can use 24%, it seems only fair that we should be allowed to increase just a tiny bit.

Maybe we will land in the calaboose, but we are going to make Umpqua Turkey Starter from right now—carry 22% protein. This protein will be largely animal protein, and your birds will thrive on it. It will continue to cost you \$4.15 per sack, even though ceiling prices will force us to sell it at a slight loss. But we are just getting tired of being pushed around, and having our customers pushed around.

Turkey Grow will also be boosted to 20% protein. And we promise you it won't be all millrun, too. Umpqua HiProtein Turkey Grow will sell at \$3.60 a sack, unless ceiling prices on ingredients are revised by some Federal Bureau.

If you hear of us being up in the jail house, please "Come up and see us some time."

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Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

That the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto an article to be numbered and known as Article XIX, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIX

Section 1. This article shall be known as "The Oregon Employment and Retirement Mutual Insurance Plan."

Section 2. The purpose of this article is to provide for the establishment, financing, operation, and administration of a state retirement and disability annuity fund which will parallel the rise and fall of the collective individual and business incomes of the citizens of the state and, through the monthly collection, distribution, and immediate circulatory expense, act as a stabilizer and stimulator of employment and trade within the state; eliminate and replace present and former old-age and disability assistance benefits heretofore provided; in whole or in part, by the state; release for other uses the revenues formerly applied to such purpose; and to make retirement and disability insurance the right and heritage of every citizen.

Section 3. In addition to all other state taxes and excises there shall be levied, collected, and paid each month beginning with the month of January, 1945, a tax of three per centum of all of the gross income of every person, firm, association, co-partnership, or corporation, residing or doing business in Oregon, derived from any and all sources excepting such income as is exempted from state taxation by the constitution or laws of the United States; and except such income as is specifically exempted in section 4 of this article.

Section 4. The provisions of section 3 shall not apply to the following:

(a) Moneys received by persons, banks, trust companies, savings and loan institutions, or brokerage offices and held on deposit or in custody for others or for investment for clients.

(b) Fraternal benefit societies, orders, or associations operating under the lodge system, or for the exclusive benefit of the members thereof and providing payment of death, sickness or accident benefits to said members.

(c) Corporations, associations or societies operating exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes.

(d) Business leagues, chambers of commerce, labor organizations, boards of trade, civic leagues, and other similar organizations operated exclusively for the benefit of the trade, craft, profession, class, group or community, and not for commercial trading or practice.

(e) Hospitals, infirmaries and sanitariums.

Provided, that all of the above exemptions shall apply only to the gross income received from non-profit activities.

Section 5. The administration of the collection of the tax, the apportionment and distribution of this insurance fund, and of the execution of the purpose and provisions of this article, is hereby made the duty and responsibility of the State Tax Commission. The commission is hereby empowered to make such rules and regulations, and prepare and print such forms and instructions, as may be necessary, and to employ necessary office help, including one retirement insurance deputy, and set the amount of their compensation consistent with economy and efficiency of operation. All moneys received from the collection of taxes and penalties under the provisions of this article shall be transmitted by the commission to the state treasurer and by him placed in the Retirement and Disability Insurance Fund. The commission shall draw and issue warrants on the treasurer against this fund for the actual expenses of administration and for annuity insurance payments hereinafter provided.

Section 6. Willful violation of the requirement to make tax returns and payments herein provided shall constitute a misdemeanor and be punishable by a penalty of double the amount of tax due for each such offense.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal process shall ever issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State Tax Commission, or any member or officer thereof, to prevent or enjoin the collection of any tax levied under the provisions of this article, but after payment thereof action may be maintained to recover as provided by law, any tax money claimed to have been illegally collected.

Willful filing of a false tax return by the taxpayer, or of false affidavits by a recipient of or applicant for retirement insurance payments, with intent to defraud, shall constitute a felony and be punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the court based on the amount involved and the established precedents.

All penalties shall be remitted to the state treasurer to the credit of the Retirement and Disability Insurance Fund by the officials receiving same.

Section 7. Beginning three days prior to March 1st, 1945, and monthly thereafter, the commission shall issue and mail to all eligible insurance annuitants warrants which shall be honored and paid without discount on presentation. To the state treasurer directly or through any bank, banker, or other agent or endorser, from the moneys in the Retirement and Disability Insurance Fund herein provided for; the face amount of the warrants to be determined as follows: After deducting the actual cost of collection and administration for the period, (and any other deductions hereinafter authorized) the balance of the tax money collected for the second preceding month shall be equally divided by the number of annuitants approved as eligible, and so remaining up to the 15th day of the next preceding month, and this sum shall be the face amount of each warrant issued for any given month, but provided that no annuity warrant for one month shall be less than \$60.00. And if the sum received from the gross income tax of three per centum is insufficient to pay the minimum monthly annuity of \$60.00, then the State Tax Commission shall, and hereby is empowered, to increase the rate of tax to raise the additional money required to pay the minimum annuities, provided, that the total rate of gross income tax under this article shall not exceed five per centum.

Section 8. Every citizen of the state of Oregon whose application and sworn statement, accompanied by a reasonable amount of supporting evidence, shows that he or she is 60 years of age or over; or is totally and permanently disabled, or blind, to an extent preventing the earning of a normal income, and is 18 years of age or over; is eligible to receive the annuity provided under this article as long as he or she shall live, provided:

(a) That, if a resident of the state on March 1, 1944, he or she must also have resided in the state for five years next preceding date of application.

(b) That, if he or she has become a citizen of the state since March 1, 1944, he or she has been a legal resident

during six of the last ten years, with one of the six years immediately preceding date of application.

(c) That as long as he or she continues to receive the annuity, he or she will not engage in any occupation, business, or other activity from which a profit, wage, commission or other compensation is realized or attempted, except that this does not prohibit an annuitant from collecting interest, dividends or rentals from his or her investments made prior to retirement, provided he or she does not physically contribute to management or operation of same.

(d) That he or she agrees to spend each monthly annuity within 30 days after receipt of same for goods and services of a legitimate character, only, and within the United States, its territories and possessions.

(e) That members of the armed forces of the United States in World War II who were citizens of the state on the date of the enlistment or induction will not be required to comply with clauses (a) and (b) of this section, provided they remain residents of the state after discharge date.

(f) That each annuitant shall, at the time he or she receives the monthly check or warrant sign an affidavit attached thereto to the effect that he or she has fully complied with the provisions of subdivisions (c) and (d) of this section in respect to any annuity payment previously received.

(g) That no annuitant shall be absent from the state for any period in excess of 90 days in any one year, nor without notice as prescribed by the commission.

(h) That in event of the death of the annuitant the regular monthly annuity shall continue for two months after the month in which death occurs, and the warrants for such post facto payments shall be made payable to the relative or next friend last designated by the annuitant on forms provided by the commission.

Section 9. Any person who accepts an annuity under this article shall not be entitled, during the same period, to any other old-age disability, or blind, benefit payments or aid, which is provided by the state or county or municipal subdivision thereof, in whole or in part.

However, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit receipt and acceptance of benefits due the annuitant under the provisions of this article, or under the Social Security Law, or when the annuitant has contributed to a fund set up by a state or subdivision thereof, or benefits derived from privately paid for insurance, industrial employee pension plans, lodge and union memberships, unemployment and accident compensation laws or contracts, if earned and entitled prior to becoming an annuitant under this article, nor of benefits paid in consideration of services in the armed forces of the United States.

Section 10. No annuitant under this article shall support an able-bodied person in idleness except a spouse, or children under 18 years of age, or both, nor pay any person any salary, wages, or other compensation in disproportion to the services rendered.

Section 11. To facilitate the filing of tax returns and applications of citizens desiring to qualify as annuitants under the provisions of this article, all necessary forms and instructions shall be kept constantly available by mail and through the cooperation of offices of the clerks of the counties and other field workers representing trade, commerce, labor, and civic organizations designated by the commission.

Tax returns may be filed with payments direct by mail or through the office of any county clerk, or any bank, within the state if accompanied with a handling fee of ten cents, the latter to be retained by the office receiving same for transmission.

Applications for annuities may be completed and executed before any notary or other qualified person to administer oaths, for which a fee of 25 cents only, may be charged.

The commission may make additional arrangements for the convenience of both the taxpayers and the annuitants or annuity applicants, and provide for instances in which applicants are physically incapacitated to a degree requiring appointment of a custodian of their interests. Employers may be required to report, deduct, and remit the taxes due hereunder from employees.

Section 12. Persons confined to penal institutions or having a serious criminal record are not eligible for annuities hereunder. Persons adjudged insane and within an institution for feeble-minded are not eligible for annuities.

The determination of eligibility for annuities rests with the commission, but shall be subject to review by a court of original jurisdiction.

Section 13. Annuities received, or to be received, or the right to receive them, under this article, shall not be alienated by assignment, sale, mortgage, or other hypothecation and shall be exempt from garnishment, attachment, or execution.

Section 14. The legislature is authorized to lower the residence and age requirements, including widows with minor children and or persons partially disabled who have dependants, as eligible annuitants, and or grant an exemption up to, and not over, the first \$100 of gross income per month, if and when it becomes evident that such action is justified by the receipts of the normal tax provided herein and is so recommended by the State Tax Commission.

Section 15. If and when the United States government enacts legislation making uniform grants, payments or annuities to all citizens, with similar qualifications, and finance under a similar system of taxation, closely paralleling the intent, purpose and effect of this article, and approximately equaling the amounts payable to annuitants hereunder the State Tax Commission shall, and is empowered to suspend and hold in abeyance the further collection of taxes and payment of annuities, or any part of them, after 60 days' notice widely published in all sections of the state, and to reestablish said taxes and annuities if the federal system fails to equal approximately, the amount of benefit within this state here in provided.

Section 16. Neither the legislature nor the electors of the state, nor both, shall pass any law levying and causing the payment, collection and receiving of a general retail sales tax, or of any sales tax which is directly charged to the buyer in commercial and business transactions except taxes on liquor, tobacco, cosmetics and or gasoline which is levied for a specific and single purpose, and all laws contrary to or in conflict with this section enacted before or at the same general election as this amendment, are hereby declared repealed.

Section 17. In the event that any decision or order of any court shall hold invalid or unconstitutional any provision of this article, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this article or the application thereof to any person or circumstance such decision or order shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this article, and the remaining portions of the article and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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