

Younger Generation, Cracking Atoms, Bewildering to Present-Day Adult

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—The younger generation makes me nervous. It's too radio-active. Every generation tends to think the next one is going to be the dogs or the devil. But the one coming up isn't going to either. It's going to science. And that gives me the willies.

The reluctant schoolboy of yore, full of callow puppy love and fear of the adult world, is as out-of-date as a Currier and Ives print. Today each schoolboy is his own Marco Polo and stuffed with a terrible sophistication.

Any superiority I ever felt over the younger generation was dissipated by reading of the exploit of the two Oklahoma kids who took a successful joyride in airplane. Their teacher, a comics book.

At their age I was trying to learn how to swim and wondering how to make a hound like an eagle. I wanted to be a member of the Eagle Patrol, and the Boy Scout's handbook said an eagle went "kree!" but when I said "kree," it didn't sound much like an eagle to me. And when I went to the zoo to check with an eagle, it wouldn't say "kree" or anything else.

Yesteryear and Now
What a simple, bare-footed world youth lived in then—only 25 years ago. It was some fun to paint signs like "Oh, You Kid" on your slickers. The high school hero was the boy who could repair a broken down jalopy, rescued from a junkyard, and make it run.

And today? Well, out in El Cerrito, Calif., four high school boys have built the 25th cyclotron ever constructed in the United States. The magazine, "Physics Today," estimates that before the war it cost \$50,000 to build one of these atom-smash-

a chance meeting that ended with fistclaps on the shoulders. There was an automobile collision at a downtown intersection, and both drivers climbed out, heated even beyond the warm temperature of the day.

Then Lieut. Frank A. Hens and Master Sgt. Lennart Harrison, each 29, grinned sheepishly. They were old schoolmates and hadn't seen each other for 18 years. Both are now in the air forces. Lieutenant Hens is at Salina, Kan., and Sergeant Harrison at Milwaukee.

Nine Deaths On Farms in Oregon '47 Mishap Toll

If every Oregon farm family accepts the responsibility for the elimination of a least one hazard for every member of the family this week, then the national goal for National Farm Safety Week—the removal of 30,000,000 farm hazards—will be accomplished, states M. G. Huber, O. S. C. extension agricultural engineer.

Nine fatalities of Oregon farm workers were reported to James E. Wiles, farm safety division of the State Industrial Accident Commission, during the calendar year 1947. Not all farm workers in Oregon are covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act, however, which the accident commission administers.

From the 10,474 accounts relating to farms carried during 1947, there were 1,792 accident claims filed by farm workers. Of these, 1,271 involved "time loss." This represents 71 per cent of the claims filed, Wiles points out.

Included in the summary of the 1947 year is one death that occurred in an orchard. The fatality was the result of a fall from a tree. The remaining cases were classified under "general farm." These fatal mishaps include a fall from a hay loft, struck by lightning, overturned tractor, burning, dragged to death by a team of horses, stabbed with pitchfork, crushed, and a car accident.

Small hand tools, such as knives, axes pitchforks and hoes accounted for a good share of the time lost as the result of accidents resulting from their use, reports indicate.

From the national standpoint farm work is not a particularly safe occupation. Figures from the National Safety Council indicate that 4,300 farm workers lost their lives in accidents last year. Approximately 300,000 farm workers were injured during the same period. This was 200 fewer deaths and 20,000 fewer injuries than in 1946.

None of these figures include accidents that are considered "of the farm," Huber adds.

Lumber Company Strike Over Waitress Settled

WESTFIR, Ore., Aug. 2—(AP)—A three-week-old strike ended at the Hines Lumber Company today—and the waitress who started it all was not around.

The walkout began in protest of the discharge of a mess hall waitress. The company insisted she had failed to report to work.

The 500 employees finally voted to end the strike, and terms provided that the waitress would not be rehired.

Crude petroleum and natural gas supply almost 30 per cent of the energy used by the world's engines and machines.

Production Cost For Pole Beans In Oregon Found

Oregon pole bean growers used an average of 104 hours of man labor plus \$21 in costs other than labor in producing a ton of ungraded beans in 1946, according to figures obtained in a cost-of-production study carried on by the farm crops department of the O. S. C. experiment station.

Oregon ranked second among all states in the total tonnage of green beans produced in 1946, and first in yield obtained per acre. Oregon's average yield was

three times that of the national average.

Cost of production averaged \$104.60 per ton for the 67 growers surveyed. The range was from a low of \$87.50 per ton for the 10 lowest to a high of \$151.40 for the 10 least efficient producers.

The study revealed that good management as evidenced by high yields and economical use of labor was the chief factor in low costs. High yields alone did not bring economical production if labor costs, exclusive of picking, were excessive.

The low cost producers had about average sized fields of around 10 acres, and obtained yields of about 10 tons per acre compared with an overall average of 7.9 tons of ungraded beans. The high cost producers

had fields only about half average size and obtained yields of only 5 tons per acre. The efficient operators used 40 per cent less labor, excluding picking, than the high cost operators, in producing twice as big yields. The average investment in farm property used in producing an acre of beans was \$784, including land valued at \$431 an acre in 1946. Growers estimated that "normal" value of the land would be about \$241 per acre.

EYE FOR SALE

WENATCHEE, Wash.—(AP)—At what price do you value your eyes?

Tommy Carter is asking \$25,000 for one of his.

Carter, 34-year-old Wenatchee carpenter, has offered his left

eye for sale at that figure. The ex-serviceman, veteran of a year in the navy, would give no reason except that he needed the money. He said his wife

and two children, age 11 and 12, left him recently.

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