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OUR FLYING FARMERS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Thirty members of the Oregon Flying Farmers Association visited Pendleton recently. The farmers, owning and flying their own planes, were doing little out of the ordinary in making a mass flight to Pendleton, where their real objective was an inspection of frozen food plants and canneries. After making their inspection, they took off in their planes and flew to their respective homes.

The Pendleton East Oregonian, commenting on the trip, said:

The alarmed farmers of Oregon would have started people much more had they made their trip over some country other than the land of the Stars and Stripes. We doubt if any farm group ever made such a trip in any other country. The European peasants have no private planes and few of them have automobiles. If the Oregon group had descended on a Sunday morning in some other land and had told people who they were, their story would have seemed incredible. Just as amazing was the sight of hundreds of motor cars near an American factory. They belonged to workers at the plant but a foreigner who saw them refused to believe it. In his country only a few of the rich had cars of their own and he was sure the average American had no motor car he could use going to and from his daily job.

We accept as commonplace the fact that farmers lead the list of private plane owners and that virtually every workman has some sort of automobile for transportation. To the comparison could be added the number of bathtubs, radios, washing machines and telephones to be found in the great majority of American homes. How many European farmers and laborers do you suppose have such things?

When the American way of life has brought about such an advanced standard of living, compared with the rest of the world, why should we be hearing so much demand for changes?

It is hard for us to understand how the Oregon State Grange, composed of farmers who can afford private planes, automobiles, farm machinery, etc., could in their convention show indulgence of Socialist trends.

It is particularly hard to understand how the Grange could endorse a "purge" of legislators who proposed a needed tonic for the Grange's sacred cow, the Initiative and Referendum. But Socialism and intolerance are bedfellows and always go hand-in-hand.

Getting back to our subject, however, the East Oregonian continues:

The fact is that the United States has more motor cars and more improved highways than all other countries combined. There must be a good reason for that because our people are mainly of European stock and our country is not richer in natural resources than many other lands.

We have a free country and methods of operating that allow the people to get the benefits from what we have. The door is open for advancement; hence our advanced way of life. At times we have setbacks and move slowly but usually the pace is fast—much faster than is commonly realized.

Had 30 Oregon farmers visited Russia by air or even Europe or Germany, they would have created a real sensation. They would have had to explain themselves and it would have taken a lot of talk to get people to believe what they said.

No form of government is perfect. We would not want political science to be static. But when we have a system that has set the average farmer and worker on a higher level than in any other country in the world, at the same time giving everyone a greater measure of freedom than known in any other land, why should we even consider changing our pattern to provide similarity with those countries so lagging in general welfare of populations?

June Bridegroom Offered Guidance On Details Of Matrimonial Plunge

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — (AP) — To the poor man's philosopher: "Dear sir, "I am 25 years old. I will become a June bridegroom the last day of the month. As this is my first marriage, I am anxious to make a good impression. Is there anything I ought to know? Should I look for a job now—or later?"

(Signed)—Bashful."

Your anxiety is quite natural, Bashful. But you must be your own man. After all you soon will be worrying for two, and that takes strength. You show a lot of character in your desire to make a good impression at your first wedding. So many boys these days go into matrimony thoughtlessly—they just take it as another light-hearted adventure. Sometimes I wonder what the world is coming to, or has it?

Yes, there are many things you ought to know. A wedding is indeed a serious matter, but if it is prepared for properly there is no reason why it can't be fun for everybody. Naturally, my boy, there are a few business details to be straightened out. And it is better that they be arranged in advance so that there will be no hard feelings afterward.

The first thing, of course, is the dowry. You simply mustn't let any affection for your bride influence you in this important matter. More and more parents are finding themselves with daughters on their hands these days, and a good man is getting harder to find. So drive a fair but sharp bargain.

Many fathers-in-law still dislike making cash settlements, and it is perhaps wise to respect this old-fashioned prejudice. However, if your bride's dad is any man at all he probably will be only too glad to present you and his daughter with a newly-furnished

apartment, rent-paid for three years. If he isn't able to buy you a new car, too, be big about it—take his old car.

Single Ring Will Suffice Now there is the matter of the wedding itself. Too much stress has been laid on the importance of the ring. After all it is only a symbol. Buy a simple ring. Just be sure the gold won't wear off until at least three days after the ceremony.

What to wear? My boy, they wouldn't notice what you were wearing if you showed up in bathing trunks. Don't do it, however—even as a gag. Better arrive in a neat blue serge, freshly pressed if possible. And it is still in good taste—no matter how hot the day—to wear a necktie, preferably one with no hula girls painted on it.

Authorities differ as to whether you should invite your old girl friends to the ceremony. For my part I believe you should. The sight of, say, half a dozen of your ex-flames weeping in despair will give your bride a feeling of quiet victory. And, after all, she is the one you want to make happy.

Economy Suggestions But once she has said "I do" you must begin at once teaching her how two can live as cheaply as two. Give her a little lesson in thrift. When the guests shower you with old shoes, pick up a pair and murmur, "Humm, my size."

Parleys May Come and Parleys May Go, but---



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

What price Oregon? What price in labor, in suffering, in lives, in partings with loved ones? Or what was even worse, seeing them tortured by the Indians.

We drove up the Mt. Hood Loop, around by Government Camp, to Hood River, The Dalles, and home by way of Bend and the McKenzie Pass. The pioneer days are so much in one's thought as one rolls smoothly along, protected from the fog, the biting cold, the wind and the sun. One complains because a quarter of a mile is under construction and very rough; then one feels ashamed! Remembering...

About 28 miles south of the Columbia on Highway 23 one crosses Tygh Ridge (elev. 2697) and begins the descent into the Tygh Valley. One comes to a turnout—a viewpoint. A head the narrow walls of the steep-sided canyon veer sharply to the left, and across the canyon, high above the present road but parallel, are three "gashes." Old roads!

There the Indians, the first settlers with plodding ox teams, the stage coach from The Dalles to Prineville, even the first model

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

TELEPHONE INCREASE The Dalles Chronicle Oregon telephone users probably won't be too happy when they get their next bills. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company was awarded an extensive rate increase by the state public utilities commission.

The company's application for an increase required many months of hearings and consideration by the company. Difficult indeed is the determination of equitable rates, for operating statements and balance sheets of a firm as large as Pacific T. & T. are involved to say the least. Regardless of whether the increase is justified it has been apparent that the company must charge higher rates if the rate of return to investors is to continue.

Telephone users might be interested to know that 74 per cent of the rate increase will go to the

Judge Refuses To Hold Prisoner For 'Convenience'

YREKA, Calif., June 29.—(AP)—Leonard W. Evans, 57, Pilot Rock, Ore., was free of jail today because a judge ruled a prisoner could not be held for the convenience of a district attorney.

Evans, who had been held since June 8 on charges of murder, conspiracy and burglary, was released on a writ of habeas corpus. Three other persons are held in the case, resulting from the \$12,000 burglary of El Rancho Tule at Tulelake, Calif., March 4, 1946, when Night Watchman Charles Twigg was beaten to death.

Evans' attorney, J. Everett Barr, argued in superior court yesterday that no evidence of a public offense was produced at Evans' preliminary hearing before Justice George Long at Tulelake. Ellis Filem, deputy district attorney, asked Judge James M. Allen to delay acting on the habeas corpus. He said District Attorney Fred Burton was attending a convention.

In the Day's News

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General Forrest is supposed to have stated this principle in these earthy words:

"Victory goes to the side that gets their fustest with the mostest." When the atom bomb is possessed by OTHERS, the purpose of any enemy we may have in the future will be to hit us so hard with so many bombs that we won't be ABLE TO RETALIATE.

IT'S nice to pose, as Senator Flanders wants us to, as pure and lovely characters and we appreciate his altruistic sentiments, but we'd better analyze his proposal realistically before adopting it.

What we're going to want above anything else in any war of the future is to STAY ALIVE. A lot of us won't be alive if we insist on giving our enemy the first crack at us before we hit back.

HOPE you'll pardon this long dissertation on atom bombs at this time when war is the last thing any of us wants to think about. The good senator's proposal is so characteristic of so MUCH present-day thinking that I just can't help taking a swat at it.

AMONG the beautiful political thoughts that have been expressed recently is that we ought to have federal aid for education and that the BULK of the aid ought to go to the states that are least able (or willing) to provide it for themselves.

Former President Hoover, who has always been a realistic thinker, offers this thought in Washington:

"Help ONLY the REALLY BACKWARD states," he says in a letter to Representative McConnell of Pennsylvania, senior Republican member of the House Education and Labor Committee. Don't give any federal help to the states that DON'T need it, he adds. In that way we could get off for a lot less federal money and could do just as much real good.

THERE'S an odd quirk in human nature. If somebody is perfectly willing to pay your bills for you and no questions asked, you're apt to LET HIM DO IT. After somebody else has paid your bills for a long time, your fiber softens to the point where you are no longer able to pay them yourself. You come to look upon having your bills paid by somebody else as an ESTABLISHED RIGHT.

It works the same way with STATES. The prisoner could not be held, waiting the convenience of the district attorney.

Barr promised to keep Evans "around," in case new evidence appears. "I hope the authorities will redouble efforts to really solve this crime, now that they have blackened Mr. Evans' character," Barr said.

Rehabilitation Program For Veterans Stressed By Moser At Fireplace's Dedication

Dedication of the outdoor fireplace and barbecue pit in the picnic grove at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital Sunday, was marked by the presence of American Legion dignitaries from Portland. Carl Moser, past Department adjutant of the Legion and former executive officer at the local Hospital, acted as program chairman, while the dedicatory address was delivered by B. E. (Kelly) Owen, Department commander.

Moser's remarks emphasized the American Legion's program to rehabilitate the veteran—Legionnaire or not—both socially and economically, as well as physically. Construction of the fireplace, he pointed out, will be of lasting benefit to patients of the Roseburg Veterans Hospital.

He recalled that it was three years ago that a handful of Roseburg Legionnaires met to consider what they could do for the hospital's patients. Idea of the outdoor fireplace was then conceived. Moser gave full credit to Vic J. Miceli, local Legionnaire, for pushing the project to completion.

The dedication program was opened with the invocation being given the Rev. Albert S. Feller, hospital chaplain, and singing of "America" by the audience to accompaniment by the hospital patients' orchestra.

Dedication speech was given by Owen, the presentation by Miceli, and the acceptance speech by Dr. John Haskins, hospital manager.

Following the program, the Patients' All-Stars played the American Legion in a baseball game, winning 8 to 1. Owen pitched the first ball to Dr. Haskins.

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