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AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

An important conference is to be held next week in Corvallis.

Agricultural leaders from all sections of Oregon will meet to do some long-range planning for the industry. The plans will be based upon studies conducted at local levels. Reports from heads of 11 committees are scheduled to form the skeleton of the program.

State chairmen were named for each committee. County committees then were organized. Each sub committee has been working in its own area. Reports are being assembled by the state chairmen. Findings will be presented at the conference. Future policies will be designed. Topics listed include farm crops, livestock, dairying, rural life, poultry, farm forestry, fur farming, horticulture, specialty crops, soil and water resources, land economics.

Plans for the conference were started early in 1950. Committees were named during the winter of 1950-51. Approximately 500 people in Oregon head committees. College staff members are working as secretaries. Consultants from state, federal and private agencies and organizations have been made available to help with the surveys. They will take part in the forthcoming conference. The end result is expected to be a program to guide rural development for the next 10 to 25 years.

Changing Conditions Noted

Sponsored by the Extension Service, the conference will be the second of its kind. The first was held in 1924. Great success marked the former program. Douglas County, in particular, received many benefits. We discovered our advantages in various lines of agricultural production. Poultry raising was one of the projects suggested as being most suitable. The recommendations caused rapid growth of the poultry industry. A few persons lacking experience went into the poultry production field on a large scale and lost their shirts. The failures hurt. Some interested farmers backed off. Eventually, however, the industry began successful growth and today ranks high in revenue. Further expansion is justified. It is one industry for which we are peculiarly adapted through mild climate, favorable exposures, land values, etc.

But the agricultural picture has undergone many changes since 1924. Our agricultural products at that time sought their markets on the East Coast. There was little highway transportation. Nearly everything moved by rail. Transportation costs absorbed profits. Our population was largely rural. We had a very small local market.

Improved Market Outlook

Since 1924 Oregon has become a manufacturing state. Our population has more than doubled, the increase being almost entirely urban. Thus we have created a home market for farm products.

California's population in the same period has tripled. Growth of population and industry in California has removed thousands of acres from agricultural production. California must import much of its food. So we find our neighboring state offering a major outlet for Oregon's farm produce. We move much of this produce by truck rather than by rail. Transportation costs are taking a smaller slice of profits.

In 1924 food processing was limited. Fruits and vegetables were canned or dried. Today we have a far different picture. Fruits and vegetables may be transported for long distances in fresh condition through use of refrigerated trucks. Frozen foods are in demand. Bulk packaging has yielded to packaging in small lots.

What will the next few years bring forth? It is this question agriculturists will try to answer at their forthcoming conference.

What products will find the most ready market? What crops will yield the best financial returns? What about soil conservation, water use, farm forestry, pest control?

From the answers to these questions farm leaders hope to outline a program which agriculturists will find useful as a guide in planning future operations.

We are glad that Douglas County farmers are taking an active part in this planning program. We believe our agricultural industry will find the meeting extremely profitable.



Scraps From the MENDING BASKET

Vahnett Martin—P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

"O, wad some pow'r the giftie gie us
That we might see the back o' our hae!"
Recently the Drain Study Club enjoyed a jaunt to the U. of O's Museum of Oriental Art, where a room is devoted to oriental paintings of "Foreigners." In that room they had a good laugh as they saw themselves "as others see us"—at least in the nineteenth century!

There were, for instance, two street scenes in Washington, one of an Army officer, mounted, puffing out clouds of smoke, American interiors showing lots of food, a nursing mother, a defeated Indian on a horse, and I don't know what else. All as the oriental saw us, or thought he saw us.

The visiting club was guided through the rooms by Mrs. Evelyn Street, whose lively and often witty comments added no little to the entertainment, and often opened the eyes of her listeners to points of interest which might otherwise have been missed. I was particularly interested in the carved glass which was made, said Mrs. Street, of one piece being blown right over the other; then the outer layer was cut out into intricate designs. We brought a pair of so-

called "lustres" from England. I wondered if that was the way the inner deep blue and the outer milky white was fashioned? Can anyone tell me anything about lustre vases—the kind with pendant prisms, and very odd.

The group seemed charmed by a lifelike, very pretty figure of an oriental bride with three kimono's cleverly arranged so a bit of each one showed. "The crease along the top of the obi (sash)," said Mrs. Street, "is used as a pocket." A tiny court scene in perfect detail was fascinating; dolls brought the scene to life.

There was a palanquin in which an emperor had ridden, carried on the shoulders of six bearers. The emperor could be invisible yet through tiny shutters he could have air and a view. The palanquin was swung by a single pole and aft, resting on the bearers' shoulders, not by double poles like shafts.

Have you visited the Museum of Oriental Art on the U. of O. campus lately? It's a delightful thing for a group to do.

We Hope He Gets Along With the Rest of the Family



SALVATION ARMY CADETS from the organization's college at San Francisco, will be in Roseburg March 22 to 30 to conduct revival meetings and carry out the regular Salvation Army program as part of their training prior to graduation in June. Pictured are, left to right: John Horgen, David Allen, Vernon Boseman, Edward Pierce, Brig. William Parkhouse, officer in charge; Bob Tabin, Rune Olsson and Oscar Youngquist.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued from Page One)

trol. Yet food prices have gone steadily up.
Paste this in your hat:
It isn't politics and politicians that keep prices down.
It's PRODUCTION.

In New York last night, General MacArthur said in a statement issued by his aide, General Courtney Whitney, that there is no inconsistency whatever between his statement in 1948 that he would not shrink from any public call to duty and his present unwillingness to allow his name to be used in party primaries.

He added:
"I neither directly nor indirectly approved any move to put my name forward for the Republican presidential nomination in the April 1 Wisconsin primary."

General Whitney was immediately asked by newsmen if MacArthur's reference to his 1948 principle could be interpreted as an announcement that he now would be willing to accept a call from the people to be President.

He replied:
"I won't interpret the statement, but anyone else is free to interpret it for himself."

That recalls a bit of luncheon and cocktail gossip that has been current in Washington recently—and which, I'm told, is rather WIDELY BELIEVED there.

The tale goes like this:
IF a deadlock develops in the Republican convention between Eisenhower and the Taft forces and IF it appears that the deadlock can't be broken in favor of either Taft or Eisenhower, then—

At the psychological moment, a band will strike up "An Old Soldier Never Dies" and MacArthur's friends in the convention will begin to march and chant.

Emotional excitement, strung as intensely as a banjo string, will be depended on to do the rest.

Well, it might work. And worse things could happen.
I'm for Eisenhower—for two reasons:

1. I have FAITH in him.

2. I think he can be elected.

But—
Douglas MacArthur as President of the United States would be no calamity.

Personally, as a citizen I'm as

much interested in the Republican party's platform as in its candidate. In times like these, we need PRINCIPLES as well as men. I keep coming back to the thought that the Republican party's platform in this year of decision should contain a statement something like this:

"We can promise you only blood, sweat and tears for the immediate future, with national solvency and perpetuation of the American way of life as the ultimate reward for the sacrifices we shall call upon you to make."

A political party's platform is its DECLARATION OF FAITH. With a declaration of faith such as that, the Republican party could approach the task of restoring the nation's solvency and rehabilitating its moral character in the same spirit of fighting faith in which it approached in 1860 the problem of abolishing human slavery and saving the Union.

Lookingglass PTA To Show Cancer Films

By HAZEL S. MARSH

The cancer research films for civilian education, being shown currently under the direction of Miss Patricia Mayo, will be shown at the Lookingglass Church Sunday evening, March 23, in conjunction with the evening services. The youth fellowship meeting and adult Bible study class will be held preceding the service including the films. Miss Mayo will be in charge of the latter program which will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be assisted by a Roseburg physician who will answer questions from the audience.

This program is designed to assist the average individual in detecting early symptoms of cancer. The public is invited to take advantage of this opportunity to receive the benefits of the research. Lookingglass News Briefs
Mrs. Carlton Kerr, who has charge of the school lunch program, has been confined to her home the past week with the flu. Her condition is reported improved.

Tom Ollivant, one of the pioneer residents of the valley, is reported seriously ill at his home.

Spring vacation in the local school is being observed this week. It is wondered if the snow-clad

hills which greeted the residents on the second morning of vacation had any connection with the freedom of the youngsters. The contrast between the chill of the hills and the glow of the daffodils in full bloom on the floor of the valley was definitely "unusual."

Tuesday Bond Election

Tuesday, March 25, the \$35,000 bond election will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. in the school lunchroom. The funds are needed to install adequate heating facilities for the upper grade rooms and the gymnasium and to further modernize present equipment to meet their requirements for a standard school. All voters are asked to attend.

Russian Forces Threaten Japan, Ridgway Warns

TOKYO, Saturday (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway declared Friday Japan's "greatest problem" was the threat of strong Russian military forces already assembled north of this island nation.

The Supreme Allied Commander told a group of Japanese newspaper executives the Russians had completed the stationing of strong forces "including many fighter planes" at two points facing Japan.

One massing point was given as near Vladivostok, the big port and base in the Siberian maritime province. The other was on Southern Sakhalin, formerly held by the Japanese. Sakhalin lies north of Japan.

Ridgway was quoted as saying the purpose of the Russian concentration was to generate fear, but adding that when fear is not enough the Communists use power.

The general then referred editors to the case of China, where the Communists have organized a powerful military machine. Yet 30 years ago China had no real military force.

Methods Repeated in Japan
Ridgway said there was evidence of the same methods in Japan. He pointed to Communist infiltration into various organs of public opinion, and to the party cells organized for violence.

Ridgway said the Communists by these methods succeeded in building up the equivalent of a military organization.

"The sole purpose," Ridgway concluded, "of maintaining American garrison forces in Japan is nothing more nor less than to check the Russian threat to Japan."

Reader Opinions

Centennial Project Phases Are Criticized

REDSPOUT—I just can't work up any enthusiasm about Douglas County's 100th anniversary. It appears to me that the wrong gang is in charge and that they are trying to promote themselves rather than Douglas County.

It also appears that their principal backers are themselves and, instead of being county-wide, they are composed of a few would-be Roseburg boosters.

From the pioneer standpoint, we of this part of the county would enter into the spirit of the affair if, instead of selecting a young school gal as a queen, they would confer that honor upon some of the older pioneer women. At least a daughter from some old pioneer family, viz. Rose, Parrott, Hamilton, Applegate, Hedden, Hoover, Pitchford, or someone else whose ancestors were really identified with Douglas County history.

There are hundreds of descendants of pioneers from all parts of Douglas County—east, west, north and south. Were each section of the county represented on the so-called committee or organization, a real event could be made of the occasion.

I am not criticizing the promoters of the affair as individuals, but I believe they have been too self-contained or been ill-advised, if advised at all.

I read the non-whisker editorial and firmly agree.

The growing of whiskers by our forefathers was no joke with them. It was a matter of necessity. Many of these pioneers had razors and used them on occasions. Whiskers for men, like long skirts and sun bonnets for the women of the early day, were more of a necessity than a joke. Linen dusters were common wearing apparel for both men and women of those days because of the dusty dirt roads and travel by stage and other horse-drawn vehicles.

Let's not make clowns of ourselves to honor our forefathers. Let us do something more dignified and in real keeping with the occasion.

My father and uncle were pioneer stage drivers both ways out of Roseburg and Canyonville and my grandfather was one of the first blacksmiths and horseshoers for the old California Stage Company at Canyonville. My father wore a beard, not for fun nor because he liked or enjoyed it, but because there were but few barbers and, being on the road, a great deal, a razor was not easy to carry and keep in shape for use.

If we are really to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Douglas County, we should do it in a dignified manner and not as a joke. We should refrain from clowning the memory of the people who pioneered this county.

Why can we not all get together with a full county representation for this event?

FRED M. WRIGHT

Dillard Folks Return From Portland Meet

By ROSA HEINBACH
The Rev. and Mrs. Frank D. Drew, accompanied by Mrs. Rosa M. Heinbach, returned Saturday evening following a week's stay in Portland.

The Rev. Drew represented the Dillard Methodist Church as one of 80 visiting ministers from Oregon attending the Methodist Evangelistic Mission in Portland. They resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gray, while he was guest minister of the Ellis Street Methodist Church.

Mrs. Drew went to Portland for consultation regarding surgery. If conditions are favorable, Mrs. Drew will undergo surgery within six weeks.

Mrs. Heinbach was a guest of Mrs. Vesta Hamilton, Saturday morning Mrs. Heinbach, with Mrs. Norton Ferguson, formerly of Dillard, attended the morning planning session of the Centenary-Wilbur Methodist church. They renewed acquaintance with the Rev. Walter W. Appleford, former pastor of the Dillard Methodist Church.

Tuesday evening, Mrs. Drew and Mrs. Heinbach attended the first-run showing of "Quo Vadis," featuring historical-religious significance. During the week, Mrs. Heinbach was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, and with them she attended the Spring Concert, sponsored by the Portland PTA Mother's chorus held at the Cleveland High School. Twenty school groups competed for special honors. The chorus in which Mrs. Ferguson was singing won second place in the group contest.

Mrs. Heinbach was a guest several times at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woodruff, formerly of Boise, Ida. As their guest she attended the annual Spring Fashion show at Meier and Frank's. They visited with Mrs. Joan Amorde Berg, who had been featured model for the last few years. This performance she was co-ordinator. Mrs. Berg is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amorde of Winston.

The Rev. and Mrs. Drew and Mrs. Heinbach motored up the Columbia Scenic Highway Thursday afternoon to view the falls. They continued as far as the Bonneville Dam but were unable to enter because it has been closed to visitors since August, 1950.

Thursday evening Mrs. Heinbach accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff to the monthly meeting of the Portland Health Education League at the Masonic Temple.

At this meeting Dr. Emory C. Ingham spoke on the fluoridation issue that is before the people of Portland. An open discussion was then held. The people of Roseburg are soon to be faced with this issue.

Susan Hayward Goes Home, Recounts Childhood Activity

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Once upon a time a little girl named Edythe Marrener lived on a street in Brooklyn where no tree grew.

The pavements were her playground. One day when she was seven years old she darted into the street after a floating paper parachute. A car struck her. She spent the next six months in bed, wore crutches for another year.

"It wasn't so bad," she remembers. "I got a lot of presents." Later she went to a Brooklyn high school. A chum from those days recalls Edythe as "a quiet, friendly girl—but kind of on the mousey side."

Well, Edythe came back for a visit to her old home streets this week, and there wasn't the least thing mousey about her. She looked more like a gardenia petal.

The students jammed into her old high school auditorium to see her, and when she signed their autograph books she didn't write "Susan Hayward." She wrote "Edythe Marrener."

Under this name the slender, red-haired Brooklyn girl has made 31 films in Hollywood.

Her latest is "With a Song in My Heart," the life story of Singer Jane Froman.

Not Exciting
I had lunch with Miss Hayward. As she searched for oysters in a dish she loyally called "erster stew," she remarked that she was not exciting to interview.

"I'm married, and don't go out much, and I don't have any boy friends hanging around," she said. "I have two sons—twins—and we live on a small place in the San Fernando Valley."

"I had a happy childhood here, but I don't believe I ever want to live in New York any more. I like the outdoors too much. I'm anxious to get back home. My blues are

about to open, and I hate to miss that. I wait for it every year."

She talked about her pigtail days in Flatbush.

"The thing I remember most is that we didn't tell time by calendars," she said. "There was the 'immy' season when you played marbles—we called them 'immys'—there was pitch penny season, steal the ice from the ice-wagon season, ringing-on-the-stoop season, bottle top season, when everybody collected and traded bottle tops."

"Oh, and there was baseball card season, when we collected the pictures of baseball players, and chase-the-paper-parachute season, and kite flying season."

"My father—he worked in a subway station—loved to build all kinds of kites. Once we had four kites up at the same time."

But Miss Hayward's favorite was selling - old - newspapers - to - the junkman season.

"You slipped as many flat rocks as you could in between the layers of papers to make them weigh more," she laughed. "And if a rock slipped out, the junkman got mad and chased you out of his yard."

"Every once in a while some old meanie would throw down heated pennies," she said. "And when we ran to pick them up they'd burn our fingers."



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