

DUCK TRACKS

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Old uncle Jethro isn't doing at all well back on the farm near Running Widow. Aunt Aggie wrote us the word, since Jethro went to Oregon State and never was much for writing by hand. Uncle's not much with a pen but that man's got a mighty strong back—from lugging dynamite up Skinner's Butte.

Anyway, Jethro manages a farm for a guy back there in Running Widow. Seems that Uncle's gone and fired the foreman, who was right popular with the help on the place. Up to now, the farm has been turning out pretty good crops. The casabas haven't been so good the last few seasons but Jethro has a good idea as to what's wrong.

Now just the other day Uncle claims he found out for the first time that his foreman had been rather loose in keeping time for the other men. Shucks, his foreman wasn't much better with figures than he was, for the poor guy had become a good ranch foreman by learning how to farm—not add. On top of that, Uncle should realize that good help with the strange-sounding names has to be hired in from far-away places, for there's not much right around there close.

Maybe the foreman padded the time in order to get past the local bums who would work for lower-than-union wages. The local granges around there are pretty tough about hiring in strangers. They're a lot more strict than in other parts of the country, a fact which has contributed to poor showings from that section in the yearly rose show at Pasadena.

Husky Wages at Seattle

If the boys don't get good wages when they're brought in, why they just saddle up and head for some other spread. You can get real high wages around Seattle now, with hog men wanted most. Hear they're expecting some good pigskin crops around the Puget Sound next fall.

Getting back to Uncle Jethro's foreman, Uncle suddenly ties the can on him. Jethro isn't one to talk much, so we really don't know all the reasons for his actions.

The other hands are down on poor Unk, and so are a lot of the folks around Running Widow. They want the foreman back. Makes us wonder if they're hurling their abuse in the right manner. They ought to remember that Uncle Jethro was hired to manage the farm as he saw fit. If the folks don't like the way he's doing things, they should get the ranch owner to kick him out. Knowing old Uncle, it's certain he feels responsible only to the man who hired him. So, if the critics think they can get a better man on the job, give Unk the boot, but let him do his own work for what it's worth.

Poor Uncle Jethro. Sometimes fear that he'll end up teaching ag at OSC, although he believes the world is round, as do the Communists. Besides that, he wears red longies.

Buck Bailey Says

Speaking of things agricultural, Buck Bailey, a promising young and shy baseball coach, has come up with a little ditty called "Fence Me In."

There are some who may question the originality of the title but they'll have to respect the lines. Let's ignore the verse and see what Buck has on his mind.

"Intercollegiate baseball could be as popular as major league baseball if they'd cut down the size of college playing fields," he says.

Bailey believes that colleges should play on fields approximately the same size as major league diamonds. Too many college athletes hit long balls of 400 feet and are robbed of home runs because the outfields are too large, he claims.

The Washington State coach says that colleges could create a new interest in their ball programs by adopting a regulation field with fences out no further than 350 feet on the foul lines and 400 feet in center field. This, Buck points out, would compare favorably with major league parks.

Maybe Bailey has in mind the long clout Ted Tappe lofted over the hedge during the conference opener here on the lower field. Ground rules reduced the blow to a double, although it would have been a bleacher-reacher in Yankee Stadium. Whatever his motive, Bailey has a good idea. It isn't just talk, either, for the Cougar park at Pullman will have a fence before long.

College baseball certainly needs more of these promotion pills, just as track at Oregon needed Bill Bowerman.

1950 Pulitzer Award Given To Hit Show 'South Pacific'

NEW YORK —(UP— The top musical "South Pacific" won the 1950 Pulitzer prize for drama Monday. It was the second musical comedy to win the award.

The show, Broadway's biggest financial success, was adopted from a 1948 Pulitzer prize winning novel—"Tales of the South Pacific" by James A. Michener.

The Chicago Daily News and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch won the award for "the most disinterested and meritorious public service" in journalism for their articles exposing the presence of Illinois newsmen on the state payroll.

Top honors in fiction went to ex-newspaperman A. B. Guthrie, Jr., for his novel, "The Way West."

"South Pacific," starring Mary Martin and Ezio Pinza, was adapted from Michener's prize novel by Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan. The play, a sellout since it opened on Apr. 7, 1949, took in more money in its first year — approximately \$2,700,000—than any other show in Broadway history.

Airline Jobs To Be Explained

Prospective stewardesses may meet with Pete Mitchell, United Airlines representative, here Friday.

Mitchell will be on campus all day to interview qualified women. Personal interviews will follow a 10 a.m. general meeting. Interview appointments may be made through the Graduate Placement Office, 216 Emerald Hall.

To meet United Airlines stewardess requirements, a woman must have two years of college, or one year of college plus a year of business experience, or be a registered nurse.

Candidates must be single, from 5 feet 2 inches to 5 feet 7 inches tall, and weigh from 100 to 135 pounds. Vision of 20-30 without glasses is required.

Further information is available from the Graduate Placement Office.

Forgetfulness is a virtue only if you can remember the right things to forget.

The announcement of the Pulitzer awards praised the series of articles by the Chicago Daily News and the St. Louis Post Dispatch and pointed out that the expose aroused nationwide attention and caused several newspapers throughout the country to undertake similar investigations in their own areas.

Special Book Sale Featured by Co-op

Fiction, non-fiction and special-interest books are available in the book department of the Co-op at prices from 49 cents and up in a book sale this week.

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