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IS TRAFFIC ONE OF OUR PROBLEMS?

Agitation for the removal of the parking meters installed about seven weeks ago culminated in the merchants meeting at the city hall Friday. Without knowing whether or not they are generally approved, to remove them might be as ill advised as to install the meters without knowing whether they were acceptable in the first place.

We are of the opinion that it is too early to tell whether the meters are to serve as they should in providing parking space. We believe that improvement of the administration of the meters will stop most of the "beefs", at least a good many people seem to think so.

Parking meters may not be the answer to whatever problem we have here or anticipate, but there is no use kidding ourselves; we will see more and more automobiles as time goes on and these automobiles will be hunting a place to park when they are driven into town. In the absence of anything better more small communities are turning to the parking meter as an answer to the parking problem.

Perhaps the communities that have put meters in are not so free with the traffic tickets, at least until the public has gotten used to them.

A REMARKABLE TOWN

During our residence here we have heard it remarked a time or two that Cottage Grove was a remarkable town with a remarkable trade territory considering the fact so few people take interest in the affairs of the city, that up to a short time ago, no city planning had been undertaken and there is less public spirit among the citizens than found most anywhere in the west or southwest.

After living here ten years we have to agree with this thought, even though it is a bit unpleasant. In spite of and not because of some people, the town has grown. If a census could be taken of Cottage Grove and the surrounding communities, there would be a number of surprises develop because we doubt if those of us who live here realize just how many new people and new houses are among us. Even now most of the expansion we are afraid has been done without much planning which may mean headaches for lots of people in the future.

We have found for instance that our narrow streets are a definite traffic hazard and on some, notably Whittaker just north of us, if you approach them at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour you are taking your life in your hands. There have been at least a half dozen auto accidents on this street the past year, but fortunately nobody involved was hurt.

There are fire traps in the business district which are a hazard to the better built buildings, but the owners have thus far refused to remedy the situation. Only a few Sundays ago a church fire might have wiped out several blocks but for the help of the weather.

Old timers here remember the time when we had a so called Chambers of Commerce, which developed into a weekly bull session. It was supposed to be operated on the basis of a community service club, but since it rendered little or no community service and most of the membership attended to be entertained it failed just as any service club fails when it quits rendering service. If the Chamber of Commerce is ever revived we hope the sponsors won't attempt it as a weekly dinner club.

The one remaining service club has backed away from several community projects, the last of these being to help clean up the river road. We hope the officers don't let too much "horse feathers" kill this organization.

It looks like the most logical step for this community to take at the present time in the way of getting things done is to hold an open forum something on the order of the recent hospital meetings or like the protest meeting against the parking meters, held Friday evening. But unless we can get a few people mad or hurt we are afraid the open forums will be like some of our elections, most of the people will stay at home.

Another suggestion we might make is that if some of the people and more especially the business men could travel more and see what's being done in other places, this would be very helpful. A visit to other communities would reveal that town leaders don't shirk responsibility in community affairs for fear of losing a nickel, but instead have rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to help build a better community. In doing so they have not lost money, they have made money by helping to build a better trading point.

WHAT YOU OWE

The U. S. Government ends its fiscal year this month. And as near as anyone can figure, the government spent \$42.5 billion over the past year. Now that kind of money is beyond the comprehension of the average person. So the Cleveland Trust Co. performs a public service by reducing the figure to everyday sums. If every man, woman and child in the U. S. paid his or her share of that sum, says the bank, it would require \$300 apiece. This \$300 would be spent as follows: \$104 would go for defense; \$54 for veterans aid; \$45 for international finance (foreign loans and such); \$35 for interest; \$15 for refunds; \$11 for general government expense; and \$36 for all other expenses such as housing, highways, merchant marine and agricultural programs. Stated that way, the enormous government budget becomes understandable. Also, stated that way, you get some idea of the difficulties facing those who try to cut government spending, to say nothing of the difficulties facing the taxpayers who have to dig down in their jeans and pay their share — or more — of the \$300 per capita expense.

THREE BED ROOM HOUSE

Large kitchen and dining room, parlor, bath and one bed room down stairs, two bed rooms up, large utility room connecting woodshed with house, garage, house has been newly decorated and has new linoleum on all floors except parlor, large lot 60 x 152 feet, large shade trees in front of house, large royal anne cherry tree, walnut tree, apple and pear trees, shrubs and flowers, fine garden spot, on macadam street, immediate possession, price \$4850.00 with

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Double Corn Yield By Soil Management
 Illinois Tests Prove Value of New Methods

Farmers can double the present 50-bushel-per-acre state average corn yields through good soil management, declares Prof. A. L. Lang, University of Illinois. Corn yields above 100 bushels per acre are repeatedly harvested by research workers from high fertility plots at the experiment stations. At Illinois, Lang points out, the high fertility plots have averaged above 100 bushels since the use of hybrid seed.

The No. 1 problem in getting these high yields is the rebuilding of the organic matter supply of the soils. Years of "soil mining" have run down this supply, even on the

rich black soil of the state. In addition, the soil supply of phosphorus and potash, vital to the growth of legumes, is badly depleted in most Corn Belt soils.

Lang outlines four steps toward rebuilding the soil:

1. Test your soil to determine the needs for lime and plant food.
2. Use of lime and fertilizers according to test to build the fertility level for the growth of legumes in the rotation.
3. Use of deep-rooted legumes, crop residues and manure to rebuild the organic matter supply. This organic matter will help aerate the soil and furnish the bulk of the nitrogen needed for crop rotation.
4. Supplementing the increased fertility of the soils with fertilizers carrying nitrogen, phosphorus and potash to permit the raising of 100-bushel-corn crops.

Root Rot Resistant Oats Increase Yield

Because a disease called helminthosporium is affecting older varieties of oats in many grain states, farmers are turning to new introductions, such as Bonda and Mindo, which have proven resistant to this form of root rot.

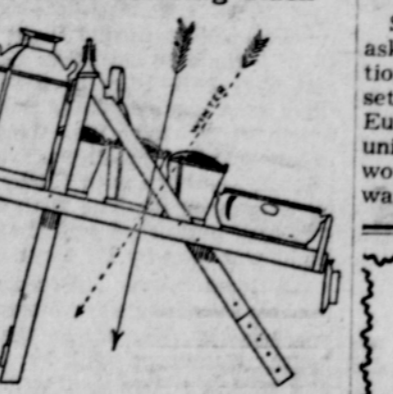
In Minnesota the Minnesota Crop Improvement association is furnishing seed of these varieties to farmers who agree to retain only half of the crop for their own use, selling



Rhoda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lawson, Albert Lea, Minn., beside a typical shock of Bonda oats on her father's farm. The yield last year was 86 bushels to the acre.

the balance to farmers who will agree to grow it for certification as pure seed. Those who have received the seed of these two varieties report excellent yields and no crinkling down of the straw from disease.

Utensil Sunning Rack



Adjustable sunning rack for milk utensils may be constructed to permit adjusting the angle of the slope so that the sun, summer or winter, will enter into the milk pails, cans or other utensils. The device shown was designed by Kansas board of agriculture.

Rules for Good Milk Insuring Top Profit

In order to make money with dairy cows not only must volume milk production be secured, but also it must be of good quality. To secure good milk, milk only clean, healthy cows and keep them in a well-ventilated barn. Use of only clean sterile utensils, prompt cooling of the milk and proper handling until it is used or delivered will assure good quality milk. Men handling cows also should be clean.

More love is the great need of mankind. A pure affection, concentric, forgetting self, forgiving wrongs, and forestalling them, should swell the lyre of human love.—Mary Baker Eddy

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT



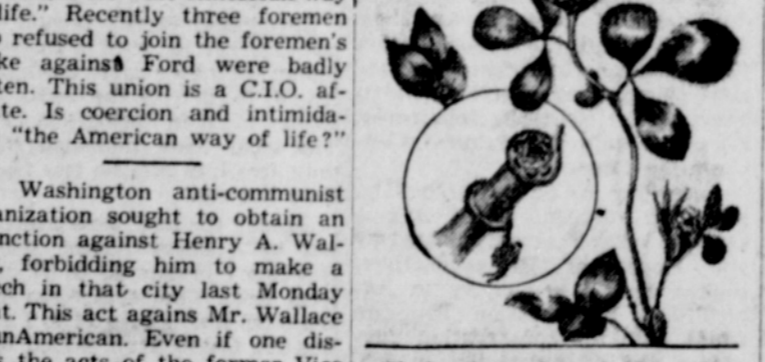
Parasite Dodder May Be Killed by 2, 4-D

Selection of Clean Seed Also Essential

By W. J. DRYDEN

Field dodder is an annual parasitic vine, growing on lespedeza, alfalfa, clover and various members of the dandelion family. It attaches itself to other plants and sends small growth into their tissue to absorb the sap.

As preventive is easier than the cure, it is essential that only seed free from dodder be planted. Spots in fields should be eliminated. This



Circle shows how dodder wraps itself around alfalfa to absorb the sap.

is possible by the use of 2,4-D weed killer. While the 2,4-D also will kill lespedeza and other plants in the sprayed area, the loss usually will prove negligible as the dodder usually will be confined to small scattered areas.

The labor involved in cutting out dodder is excessive and it is almost impossible to remove all of the parasite by this method. Infested fields may be planted to grain or corn for several years. These crops are not attacked, but care should be taken that the dodder does not continue growing on weeds in the field.

Clark's Photo Studio

Will announce the winners of their 2nd annual baby photo contest in the next issue of the Sentinel.

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Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

Just a year ago, you may recall that the Oregon delegation in Congress carried on what finally proved to be a winning fight to obtain the release of wheat for feeding our poultry flocks. The president, through the Department of Agriculture, had denied the sale of feed on the ground that this nation's commitments to starving peoples throughout the world would not leave enough wheat to keep the Oregon poultry industry alive. Some ten or twelve days after we had confronted the President and the Department of Agriculture with the fact that there was not sufficient shipping space to remove the accumulated wheat from the Northwest, the drastic freeze order was lifted. Due to the several weeks of battling and the unwarranted ten days' delay after the facts were presented, a very large part of our poultry industry was liquidated. Many farmers lost heavily, and a number of flocks were simply destroyed, because cold storage facilities were overloaded.

Now the Department of Agriculture tells us, in one of its regular publications which is entitled, "The Wheat Situation", that we have exported almost as much wheat for the year ending June 30, 1947 as was exported during the previous twelve months, but there has been no indication of a repetition of last year's drastic and foolish action which was so costly to Oregon agriculture. The Department's statement reads as follows:

"Carry-over of wheat on July 1, 1947 is expected to be about 25 million bushels less than last year's 100 million bushels because of the very large exports during the present marketing season. Exports of wheat and flour as wheat, for the year ending June 30, 1947 may total about 375 million bushels, only slightly below last year's record of 391 million bushels."

The erratic action of the Department of Agriculture regarding wheat was brought to mind by the fact that similar unexplainable antics have been going on lately with respect to sugar. On June 7th, for example, Secretary Anderson testified before the House Committee on Banking and Currency that the removal of sugar controls at this time was not considered possible. Four days later, he removed the controls.

Many Members of Congress, including your own Representative, have lost confidence in the efficiency ability, and yes, even the integrity of many of our government departments. I have just given are but samples of administration blunders with which we are confronted constantly.

I recently appeared, along with Mr. William H. Tolbert, Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Farmers Association, before the House Committee on Agriculture, urging the inclusion of bulbs in the bill which would authorize the Department of Agriculture to bar the importation of diseased shrubs and other plant life. In fact, the hearing was called to consider a bill which I had introduced. I had thought the bill was a simple one, for the protection of our farms and gardens, and was surprised to find a roomful of witnesses anxious to protest the inclusion of bulbs in the bill. The opposition assumed (incorrectly, I believe) that, because the bill would permit the Department of Agriculture to stop the importation of diseased bulbs, the Department would construe the authorization to mean that it could limit the importation of bulbs generally. Apparently, the sheer weight of the opposition in numbers and extent may lead the committee to leave bulbs out of

the bill. Several witnesses for the opposition represented associations of gardeners and others running into the hundreds of thousands. Only two or three of us were there to plead for the purity of bulbs.

I have since talked to Honorable Clifford Hope, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, who, by the way, is one of the ablest members of the House, and am supplying him and the committee with additional data, which, I hope, may help our case.



Slobolt lettuce, developed by the USDA, is available for the first time to the gardener. Non-heading, long-standing Slobolt produces wrinkled, frilled, light green leaves. Plants are of moderate size.

If the plants are set 10 to 12 inches apart and only basal leaves used, Slobolt lettuce may be harvested over a period of several weeks. Slobolt makes a good fall crop from midsummer plantings. It produces usable leaves three weeks longer than many well-known commercial leaf lettuce varieties. It receives its name because it is slow to "bolt" seed stems in warm weather.

Atlantic Deeper
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Maternal Mortality
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