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LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT OUR COUNTY ROADS

About 100 of the several thousand Lane county taxpayers, who are facing the annual headache of scraping enough money together to meet their current taxes, Sunday took occasion to inspect some 130 miles of county roads. The majority perhaps came home with a better knowledge of the condition of some of the county roads and perhaps a deeper appreciation of the problems of the county commissioners. We regret to report however that those of us from south Lane county could share neither the enthusiasm nor praise for the road builders in the same degree some of our northern neighbors did for the reason that this road inspection confirmed what we have suspected for a long time and this was that the building of good roads has been centered in the Eugene-Springfield area. As a matter of fact with the exception of the Blackbutte or Sixth street road, which has recently been repaired there isn't a mile of county road in south Lane county as good as the numerous road projects we drive over. We also overheard a conversation in which it is alleged that the best rural roads recently constructed in the Coburg-Springfield-Eugene area led past two homes of the county court.

We also had occasion to inspect the two pieces of concrete road built in that area; conceived and constructed as an experiment. From what we saw of the two concrete strips, we will admit without arguing that this concrete road program is the most costly ever undertaken in the history of Lane county roads and possibly the most foolhardy.

We saw the newly constructed concrete road, built on top of an old grade with its shoulders standing nine inches above the old road bed, along what appeared to be a forty foot right of way. (One commissioner did not know the exact width of the right of way, but said he thought it was forty feet.) At any rate a twenty foot strip of concrete straddled the forty foot right of way, leaving as best we could figure, a ten foot strip for the road shoulder and ditch or drainage. How the county will manage to keep the concrete edges abutting the shoulder if the road has any, from sluffing in rainy weather is a question we never heard answered and one which no doubt will be bothersome and quite expensive.

Building a twenty foot road bed on a forty foot right of way is just one of the minor technicalities connected with the experiment, the sticker is finding funds to build even a test road. One commissioner stated the concrete road completed would cost \$40,000 per mile; another said the two miles already built cost \$140,000, so there appears a diversity of opinion which will leave the taxpayer a little more befuddled as to just how expensive the experiment will be.

Lane county we are told has about 1,400 miles of road. Even to build a third of the total mileage out of concrete would run into an investment which would take years to build without a bond issue and at the neglect of the remaining 1,000 miles or more. Time is running out for most of us who have to use the outmoded roads; improvements would be welcomed now and not in the next century.

CAMPAIGNS RUNNING INTO DIFFICULTIES

If we could just have one big campaign for every conceivable public need and have the fund raising over for at least 12 months, those who are called on to "carry the ball" might meet with more success. It seems to us that the general public has grown tired of so many campaigns that good causes are suffering along with some possibly classed as not so good. Perhaps the public indifference to the various drives is due in a large measure to the stress and strain of the post-war period; at any rate the people do not accept the responsibilities connected with efforts of this sort as they once did.

While this particular section raised its assigned quota in the recent Lane county community chest campaign, other sections of the county did not do so well, which was somewhat disturbing to those in charge of the campaign. In fact the prospect was disturbing enough that chest leaders were talking of community wide meetings to see what the trouble was.

There was no quarrel with the aims of the county chest which was set up to eliminate other campaigns by combining a lot of community institutions into one organization.

PUBLIC INDIFFERENCE

Public indifference is probably the great alley of corrupt governments, just as it is the bane of worthwhile institutions and enterprises. The chance for lasting peace in future years might be considerably enhanced if the peoples of the world sought a more intelligent approach to the world's problems instead of leaving all of this up to some one else.

Bringing the problem of understanding some of our difficulties closer home, it seems to us that we have been dilatory about many of our individual and community problems in not trying to promote a better understanding. One organization we know of, the Alcoholics Anonymous, has tried on two occasions to hold educational meetings here to attempt to explain some of the work the organization is doing and how it is helping to rehabilitate the chronic alcoholic. There is no doubt that this organization has done a great work in assisting the drunkard to return to a normal life and yet the public has not even been curious enough to attend a public meeting to find out what this is all about or how the organization accomplishes its aims.

In the two open meetings held here within the last year or two only two or three local people outside of the membership showed sufficient interest to attend each meeting and this is something we have no explanation for.

FOR THE COMMON GOOD

In this complex modern world almost no one is self sufficient. The intelligent cooperation of many groups is necessary to achieve success in any field.

Sam R. McKelvie, president of the Sandhills Cattle Association, touched on a specific illustration of that fact when he said, "We, as ranchers, are not sufficient unto ourselves. In fact, we are only the beginning of the beef line. Of equal importance are the feeder, the processor, the distributor, and the consumer. Disregard the rights or welfare of any of these, and sooner or later we suffer."

NEHRU LAYS WREATH ON FDR GRAVE



INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER Jawaharlal Nehru places a wreath on the grave of President Roosevelt at Hyde Park, N. Y. In the background (l. to r.), are: Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Nehru's daughter; Mme. Vilaya Lakshmi Pandit, his sister, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. (International)

TWENTIETH CENTURY ATLAS



Some Quickly-Made Desserts

By ALICE DENHOFF

WHILE "store" ice cream and cake are pretty wonderful as desserts, there's nothing like a home-made sweet, often using cake and ice cream as an ingredient. Offered today is a fine group of desserts, all easily and quickly made, so that there's no excuse to forego a pleasing sweet just because time is of the essence.

For an easily-made but delicious dessert, nice enough for a company meal, spread slices of pound cake generously with apple butter. Cover with sweetened whipped cream and sprinkle with chopped pecan meats. For a more elaborate recipe spread the apple butter on the cake, cover with a thick meringue and then top with the pecans. Slip in the oven, under the gas flame, watching constantly until meringue is a delicate brown, only a moment or two. But don't leave it or it may burn.

The Meringue
For the meringue, use 2 tsp. sugar for every egg white beaten stiff. Flavor with ¼ tsp. vanilla. Same meringue formula for another nice tidbit that may be made in individual portions or in one large dessert to be sliced at table. For the individual portions use any kind of unfrosted cake. For the larger dessert use a slice cut lengthwise of the cake, or if the cake is round, cut across it. Pile the cake with ice cream, at least 1½ inches thick. Slip under flame for a moment until delicate brown, then serve at once.

For a wonderful Whip, break 4 pieces of Angel Food Cake into small pieces with a fork. Whip ¼ pint cream with tsp. grapefruit marmalade. Mix with the Angel Food. Pipe into sherbert glasses. Decorate the top with a spoonful of quince preserves. Place in refrigerator during dinner. If desired, substitute lady fingers or macaroons for the cake.

If the dessert is to be just vanilla or chocolate ice cream, give it a lift. Just melt chocolate peppermints in a double boiler over hot water. Melt while preparing the meal, stirring to blend as it melts, and leave in double boiler until ready to use.

For an easy but quite sophisticated dessert, cut slices of bread into rounds with a large round cutter. Heat butter in frying pan, and saute the bread. Spread with ginger marmalade or preserved ginger and syrup. Place a slice of rich American cheese on top. Soften under broiler flame. For a variation, use mince meat instead of marmalade or ginger, spreading the mince meat ¼ inch thick. Use the cheese or some whipped cream for the top.

BABY SITTING FOR TWO MORE YEARS



With the Granges

Creswell Grange
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd S. Moon and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Perini were obligated in the third and fourth degrees at Creswell Grange Thursday evening and three applications for membership were presented. Plans were made for the Pomona Grange meeting to be held at Creswell November 26. The building committee announced that more gravel had been put on the parking area and that lights would be installed on the parking soon. Permission was given the Presbyterian Ladies Aid to hold their annual dinner and bazaar in the hall on December 9. Ellsworth Huffman played several trumpet solos and was accompanied by Miss Jeanne Tiedje, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Chase of Eugene were guests and Chase spoke on gardening methods.

Dorena Grange
The Home Economics club of Dorena Grange will hold a food sale and bazaar on Saturday, November 5th at McLaughlin's Furniture Store across the street from J. C. Penney's. Please bring your donations in early or make arrangements with another Granger for delivery.

Seeks Presidency



Dr. Jose P. Laurel

NATIONALIST Party candidate, Dr. Jose P. Laurel (above) is one of three candidates seeking the Presidency of the Philippine Republic at the Nov. 8 election. The incumbent, President Elpidio Quirino is up for re-election. (International)

Odd Fact

When a motorcycle cop near Kansas City, Mo., stopped a car because it had a dirty and cracked window, the driver took a crank handle, knocked out the window and drove on.

Odd Fact

A Hollywood actress claims she lost seven pounds in seven days by eating only ice cream three times a day.

Lady Ambassador



THE WIFE of an artist and the mother of two children, Mrs. Eugenie Anderson (above), Red Wing, Minn., was nominated by President Truman as Ambassador to Denmark. She is the first woman in American history to be offered such a diplomatic rank. This country's other woman diplomat, Mrs. Perle Mesta, U.S. representative in Luxembourg, is a Minister. (International)

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Severine C. Hansen Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Severine Caroline Hansen, 76, mother of Warren Hansen, of this city, passed away Monday at her home in Eugene. She was born in Hjording, Denmark, March 1, 1873, and had lived in the Eugene community for the past 38 years. Her husband, Hans C. Hansen, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Henry Hansen of Junction City and Warren of Cottage Grove; a daughter, Mabel of Junction City; granddaughters, Mrs. John Gilbertson, Eugene; two grandsons, Craig and Lee Hansen, Cottage Grove; one sister, Mrs. Anna Moore, Spokane, and two brothers, Miller Nelson, Junction City and Chris Nelson, Great Falls, Montana.

Services were held Wednesday at Miller-Sherman-Murphy Mortuary in Junction City, with the Rev. W. B. Empey officiating. Interment was in the Junction City IOOF cemetery.

Wife Preservers



Bananas, peaches, apples or pears should not be peeled until ready to use, or they will discolor when exposed to the air. If you must peel any of them before you are going to use them, sprinkle with lemon juice.

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Groceries



By VERA WINSTON

CORDUROY is very much in accord with fashion this year, especially for college and casual wear, not to mention cherry and good looking rain wear. Grayish blue is the color of the very attractive greatest coat that has been treated to resist water. It has a high pushed up collar above the single breasted closing. The fabric rib is used vertically from the collar down to the zig-zag seaming from which point the rib is used diagonally. The slit pockets are worked into one of the slantwise points on either side. A bright red lining is an added colorful detail.

BIRTHS

HUNT — At the Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene, Saturday, October 15, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Hunt, Cottage Grove, a son.

BROWN — At the Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene, Tuesday, October 18, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, Cottage Grove, a son.

ENGLAND — At Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene, Tuesday, October 25, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon England, Route 1, Creswell, a son.

STOCKDALE — At the Butler maternity home, Thursday, October 27, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stockdale, Cottage Grove, a son, Charles Edward.

BURGESS — At the Butler maternity home, Friday, October 28, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Osmer Burgess, Cottage Grove, a son, Leon Dean.

SHEARER — At the Butler maternity home, Friday, October 28, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. William Shearer, Black Butte route, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Linda Jane.

GAUDERN — At the Butler maternity home, Friday, October 28, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. William Gaudern, Cottage Grove, a son, Stephen Lynn.

JOHNSON — At the Butler maternity home, Friday, October 28, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Melna Jane.

RIPPY — At the Butler maternity home, Sunday, October 30, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rippy, Cottage Grove, a son, Bruce Wayne.

CHAPMAN — At the Butler maternity home, Monday, October 31, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Clare Chapman, Lorane route, Cottage Grove, a son, Leslie Dale.

BAILEY — At the Butler maternity home, Tuesday, October 1, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Dyle Bailey, Cottage Grove, a daughter.

Usually when the man has the last word with a woman it's when he apologizes.

Words of the Wise

The passions may be humored till they become our masters, as a horse may be pampered till he gets the better of his rider; but early discipline will prevent nursing, and keep the helm in the hands of reason.—(Cumberland)

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