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THE POST'S WEEKLY SHORT STORY

"HEEL FLIES"

By Francis W. Hilton

FINAL INSTALLMENT

Continued from last week

Within earshot of the camp, Bruce Madigan sprawled in a coulee. Inch by inch he had belied his way toward the mess-wagon where, by the light of the camp fire he could see the cook putting about. But before he could attract the cook's attention the sheriff had put in his inopportune appearance. Fretting under the delay, yet with no alternative but to wait, Bruce listened to the conversation. The officer's announcement that Mason had sent him on a hunt for rustlers made him more positive than ever that Beavers somehow was mixed up in it; convinced him more firmly that the brindle calf he had run on to with the fresh Bridle Bit, and which Beavers had admitted branding, was the same animal Amos Stewart had branded a Frying Pan the day before. But he had no time to ponder the sheriff's words. A sound at his elbow startled him. He shifted to peer behind, his hand on his gun.

"That you, Bruce?" came Donny's voice in a whisper.

"Yes," the puncher returned under his breath. "But what the hell in them brakes till I got back."

"You doin' here? I told you to stay 'I know it," the boy said contritely, crawling up to stretch himself alongside the cowboy, "but I was so scared you'd get caught."

"They ain't got nothin' on me!" Bruce growled. "It's you've got to think about."

"It's you I'm thinkin' about," Donny whispered. "I want to help you if I can."

"Help me?" Madigan muttered. "Hell, I don't need no help."

"Like to know why not," Donny demanded in a whisper. "You're riskin' gettin' caught. Knowin' you killed—"

"I didn't kill Amos," Madigan cut in in an undertone. "I just took the blame to give you a break fer a get-away."

"You—didn't—kill—Amos?" The boy gasped.

"Don't be a fool, kid," Bruce growled. "How could I when you done it. I'm any tryin' to help you."

"But I didn't kill him neither!" Donny whispered excitedly. "I only said I had 'cause I figured you had an I was takin' the blame to shield you."

"You—didn't—kill—Amos?" Bruce repeated blankly. "Don't lie to me, kid. I'm your friend. I seen you out yonder on circle behind him."

"Sure I was behind him on circle. Danny returned. "I seen him. An' I seen you too. But that ain't no sign I killed him. I wouldn't lie to you Bruce. I'm tellin' you straight. I didn't kill Amos."

"Hell, if I'd just knowed before," Madigan groaned. "Cause I didn't neither. But now we've made ourselves look guilty by runnin' away. We'd have a hard time convincin' a court we was innocent after both admitted it."

"Reckon we would," Donny agreed. "But there's some way out. Who did kill him?"

"We was the two who had the most cause to do it," Bruce reasoned. "That's why it'd go so danged hard with us. There's somethin' behind the thing I can't figure out."

"Bruce," the boy whispered after a time. "I was thinkin' about that brindle calf while I was trailin' you. Did you ever step to figure that it only takes one slap of a

spread ridin' where you claimed the heel flies was swarmin'. But you can't fool me on the way heel flies work, Jasper. I've seen critters roll their tails an' run from 'em too danged many times!"

"Here, here," the sheriff barked. "Let's get this thing straightened out. No use of goin' off half-cocked. There's been one killed already. Let's find out who done it then."

"I'm tryin' to tell you," Bruce cried. "Amos caught Beavers brandin' that brindle calf. Amos knowed it was a Fryin' Pan just like I did. Barry seen Amos. He knowed that Stewart would either kill Beavers or make him squeal. He was ridin' behind. Budge Barry's the jasper who killed Amos Stewart! Budge Barry's the devil who thought up the heel fly scare to get the she-stuff away from their calves. An' I'll lay money that he's the double-crosser who owns the Bridle Bit!"

THE END

OLD RANCH SOLD

The old Cedar Miller place on Middle Elk was sold this week to Charles R. Frazier of Hawaii, who already has started repairs on the property. The purchase was made by Frazier after scouring the nation for a place to locate. He finally decided on Curry county as the most ideal spot he had seen in months of travel.

LOST: Glen Mayea's bifold containing his student body ticket, driver's license, and \$3.

Friday, November 11, at 1:30, Mr. and Mrs. Redenbaugh showed their moving pictures in the high school gym. Ten cents admission was charged, the proceeds going to the high school student body. The pictures were in color, and showed scenes of many places in the United States. An Iowa corn field's development was pictured; from preparation of the soil to the dead stalks in the snow.

PIRATES WEEKLY

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INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLASS

The Industrial Arts class has been installing new blackboards in the gymnasium the past few days. They are also learning how to make different kinds of joints.

Don Babel is working on a new first aid kit for the boys' basketball team.

Many improvements have been made in the manual training room on the work benches and tables.

Several beautiful sunsets brought exclamations from the audience, and pictures taken at, or near, Port Orford were immediately recognized.

The student body appreciates Mr. and Mrs. Redenbaugh's kindness and wishes to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to them.

HIGH WATER

Glen and Carl Hale have been absent from school this week due to the recent high water.

The Upper Sixes road has delayed bus travel and a swinging bride across the Sixes river was washed out.

Bruce Zumwalt says "The recent high water is said to be the highest in twenty-four years. We could not go into our house without boots, and even then it was up to our knees."

Bobbie McKenzie says "Elk river was higher than it has been in the last four years. It covered most of Elk river valley from the bridge to the mouth on the north side of the river and all of Knapp's bottom land on the south side of the river."

Howdy, Neighbor

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collector of arrow heads. He wanted to find a nice specimen to take back to California. But . . . Wyman found the nice one. Walt wanted to get some trout—Wyman got 'em.

In the face of the almost unbeatable opposition offered by son Wyman, Walt really placed in but one event. He was given full credit for the motor trouble that put the Olds on the grief rack down at Weaver's Associated for a couple of days.

Fine neighbors, those Stackhouses, who made many friends in Port Orford, and who are real boosters for scenic Curry county. Hasta la vista, amigos.

So-long.

Needless loss of life and property is hampering National Defense, so President Roosevelt has asked the National Safety Council to lead a nation-wide campaign against accidents on the highway, on the job or at home.

THANKSGIVING VACATION

The high school enjoyed a two-day Thanksgiving vacation Thursday and Friday.

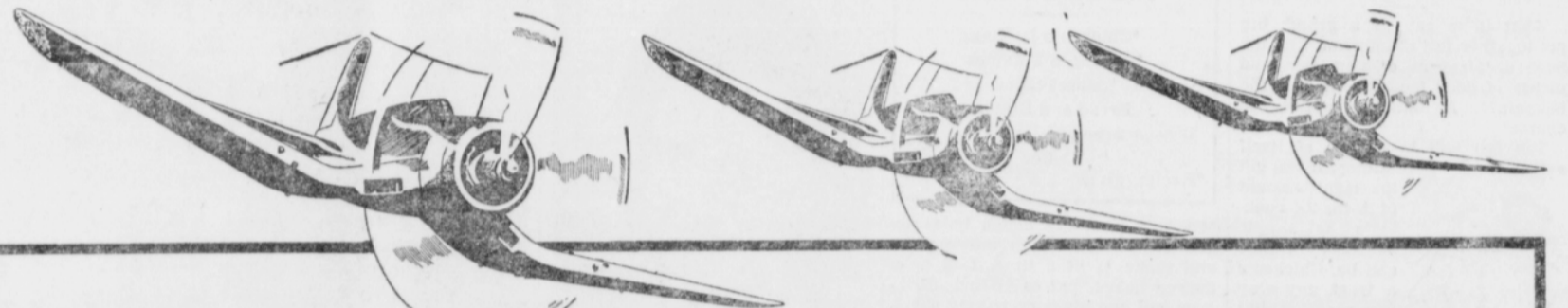
VISITORS FROM SOUTH

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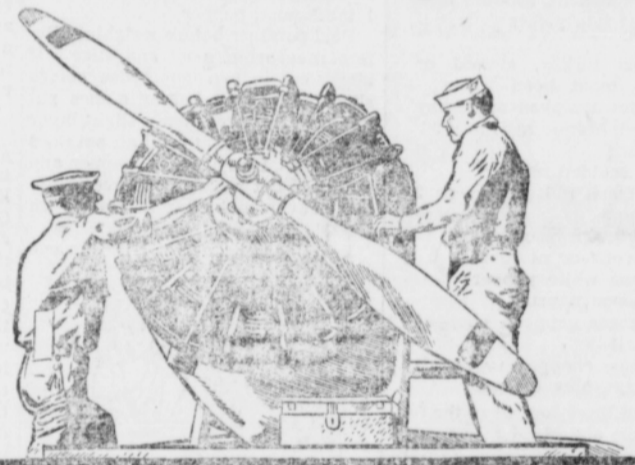


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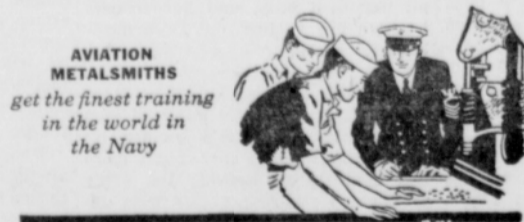
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