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Curry Adapted to Agriculture; Homemaker's Opportunity

The opening up of the Last Frontier—the Curry country—by the scenic Oregon Coast highway is affording opportunities for the homemaker, agriculturally inclined, to become financially independent.

With some 103,000 acres of agricultural lands in the county, of which but a small percentage is tilled, a large portion of the area being cutover lands, the raising of agricultural products for the enormous tourist traffic that is destined to travel via the Oregon Coast—owing to its beautiful scenery and equable all-year-round climate—will become of vital importance, the market being at home, and a cash one at that.

All vegetables, berries, fruits, grasses and flowers thrive on the slopes reaching from the ocean to the mountains to the east—without irrigation at that—while stock-raising and dairying are profitable enterprises on account of green feed for the full 12 months of the year.

Flowers grow in profusion and during the spring months the wonderful rhododendron and the azaleas are in bloom everywhere.

It's the Last Frontier in all that the name implies, and it is wonderfully endowed with rich natural resources awaiting the hand of the experienced man to be turned into profitable commercial channels.

MUSEUM MAY GET INDIAN RELICS

Ohio Institution Negotiating With Mrs. Charles Fox of Langlois for Collection.

Langlois, April 11.—One of the finest collections of Indian relics of any resident in the state is said to be owned by Mrs. Charles Fox, who with her husband, lives on a ranch near here, writes Helen McCracken. Her collection is so well known that a museum in Ohio has been negotiating for the prize articles, and has indicated that it will obtain them within a few months.

The collection, which includes arrowheads, war clubs, beads, wampum, and many other such relics, was begun by Mrs. Fox soon after she and Mr. Fox moved here from New Jersey 22 years ago. Mrs. Fox first became interested in collecting the relics while on a camping trip when she found a number of arrowheads which had been unearthed by digger squirrels or by the wind blowing over the sand. Soon after, she became an ardent collector, and has continued with her explorations of regions known to possess such treasures.

People both in Coos and Curry counties are familiar with the collections, and many have visited the Fox ranch to view them, while others have seen them at the Coos and Curry fairs.

Of particular beauty are the five arrowhead-shaped boards, covered with velvet white buckskin, on which are mounted many of the treasures. The boards are in the shape of arrowheads, and are 36 by 28 inches in dimension. On them are mounted arrowheads of flint, agate, jade, Jasper and obsidian.

The obsidian is a relic of the past when volcanoes emitted molten lava. It is thought that the Modoc Indians made the arrows of obsidian and traded them to the Digger Indians on the coast.

Wampum made from the seed of the digger pine also are mounted on the board. The seed was extracted from the seed by the Indians, and the remaining hull used as a means of exchange, as money today is used. Arrowheads also were used as a means of exchange, and by such means was the wealth of an Indian measured.

The Indians wore their various types of beads around their necks or carried them about with their treasures in a little buckskin pouch around the neck. The first beads are thought to have come to the coast from Germany, being shipped around Cape Horn by boat. Long, white horn-shaped beads also are mounted on the boards.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 26, 1931. Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching Service, 11 a. m. Forum, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Choir Practice at Roy Corson home at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Forum Practice at Church at 7:30 p. m.

Notes "Why was Christ so long in coming?" was the topic chosen by Rev. McVicker for his sermon Sunday morning. Several of the most frequent questions asked on this subject were discussed by Rev. McVicker. The Young Peoples choir assisted by Mrs. Sweet at the organ. A. B. Hoggatt and Roy Corson sang "Now the Day is Over." The church had been prettily decorated by Lois Warner and Faye Tribbey.

Forty-eight attended Sunday school. Mrs. Forty acted as superintendent in the absence of Mrs. Corson.

Forum Notes A most enjoyable party was given Friday night in the Woodman hall, several of the members of the forum attending. "Must I Always Fight?" was the topic of Sunday night's discussion. Faye Tribbey was leader and several responded with quotations. "What do Missionaries Do?" is the subject for next Sunday night. Gerald Tichenor will lead.

Ladies Aid Mrs. W. T. White, Sr., and Mrs. Bernal Forty were hostesses at the Ladies Aid Wednesday. Plans for the coming "all county club" meeting were discussed.

Langlois Community Church Sunday School Sunday 10:30 a. m. Superintendent Prof. I. B. Sevy. Christian Endeavor Sunday 7:15 p. m., President Lilla Dement. Preaching service Sunday at 8:00 p. m., by the pastor.

This is a Community Church and the entire community is a part of it and all are urged to attend all the services.

Elmer E. McVicker, Pastor.

Port Orford May Buy Bandon Current

The hydro-electric department of the city has an inquiry for current from Port Orford. At the council meeting last evening a communication was read from Mr. Seal, recently of Montana, who plans to establish a light and power plant at Port Orford. He had planned to install a small Diesel engine, but believes he can do better by buying current from Bandon and building an extension of the line from the Bandon hydro-electric plant on Willow creek to Port Orford. The matter was referred to the hydro-electric committee.

A Mr. Shockey of North Bend inquired about electrical work in Bandon, wanting to establish an electric shop and do the wiring, etc., for the city. He was referred to hydro-electric committee.—Western World.

Sheep Club Organized

Under the leadership of R. G. McKenzie of Elk River a sheep club has been organized and enthusiastic meetings are held each Wednesday afternoon. Roderick McKenzie is president; Howard Whitman, vice president, and Edward Lindberg, secretary. Other members are Wendell Wilcox, Teddy McKenzie, Irving Jameson, Mary Shirery, John Shirery, James Malloy, Hulet Malloy and Billy Lindberg.

Other interesting articles mounted on the boards are copper beads made from sheet metal. The beads are about two and one-half inches long, and are almost geometrically perfect. It is still a mystery how the workmanship was performed with the crude tools which the Indians were known to possess.

Three-cornered stone needles, used in sewing buckskin, also are included. The needles are well formed and may be used today with as much ease as special steel needles made for the same purpose. Many other such relics of the past, including five mortars, 36 pestles, four war clubs, and a stone skinning knife are found in the collection.

Oregon Is My Home

By Charles A. Howard

Oregon Is My Home.

I believe in the brightness of her sunshine, the warmth of her showers and the greenness of her trees, for they bring comfort to those who dwell among her hills.

I believe in the beauty of her streams, the majesty of her mountains and the glory of her sunsets, for they cause the soul of man to expand.

I believe in her history, for it is the stirring epic of an heroic people.

I believe in her men and women, for they have the courage of the pioneer and fear not to try new things.

I believe in her children, for they are the sons and daughters of those who followed the rugged westward trail to the land of their dreams.

I believe in her schools, for they are not dead with tradition but are close to the life of the people.

I believe in the courage and fortitude of her pioneers, and in the ultimate fulfillment of the destiny that they visioned.

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The Lure of Southern Oregon; Wide Variety of Resources

Port Orford Local News

By A. G. JACKSON U. S. Forest Examiner

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright and baby motored to Marshfield Sunday and attended the theatre.

Dick Adams of Ilaha was the week end guest of Don McKenzie at Cloverdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leutwyler and Miss Claire Gravos motored to Gold Beach Saturday morning.

L. B. Hutton is spending several days at home from his mining property on the Middle Elk.

Dr. L. R. Pugh left Wednesday for Portland, returning Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McKenzie accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Capps of Sixes enjoyed a motor trip to Monmouth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nielsen of Riverton were week end guests at the Baker Ranch.

Mrs. Geo. W. Soranson and children and Wyman Eaton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David McKenzie at a picnic lunch Sunday on the beach.

Mrs. Bernal Forty, Mrs. Chas. Neuman and Mrs. Maud Lynch motored to Bandon Saturday.

Miss Ruth Clark visited Sunday at the Donaldson home in Denmark.

Frank Seal arrived last week from Montana and is contemplating installing electricity in Port Orford.

Mrs. Orris Knapp and Mrs. L. R. Pugh and baby motored to Gold Beach yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Knapp is starting a dancing class in Gold Beach.

George and Vic Horner spent the week end at their home in Port Orford, returned yesterday morning to their work at Dillon's camp.

Mrs. Elmer Jacobson of Bandon visited her mother, Mrs. Maude Lynch and Miss Grace Fromm the past week.

E. L. Harris of the Middle Elk was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

Thursday the Gold Beach Seniors visited the local high school on their annual "Sneak Day".

Mrs. Earl Moore and children and Mrs. Harry Starling motored to Marshfield Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Sauers, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sauers and son, Junior, of Smith River, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. West of Crescent City spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sauers at Agate Beach.

George Campbell and son, George Jr., were in town Thursday from their home in the Middle Elk.

Mrs. Ruby James of Langlois visited Thursday with Mrs. Mabel Mather.

Mrs. Vic Horner entertained Friday night at a very enjoyable party for her niece, Shirley McQuain. Games and delicious refreshments passed a happy evening. The guests were Virgie and Freda Matheny, Winifred Babel, Evelyn Rowen, Dorothy Mather, Lucile Lindberg, Kenneth Handley and Frank Sutton.

Among those planning to attend the Woodcraft Rally at Coquille last night were Mrs. Bernal Forty, Mrs. Maude Lynch, Mrs. Rachael Marsh, Mrs. Eunice Jameson, Mrs. N. B. Marsh, Mrs. Roy Babel, Mrs. M. T. Wright, Mrs. O. Leneve, Mrs. Bud Post, Mrs. Mabel Mather, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lindberg, Mrs. Geo. Quigley, Mrs. C. A. Bechtell, Mrs. Fred Jameson, Mrs. Harold Johnson, Mrs. Ella Knapp, Mrs. Chas. Neuman, Mrs. Hans Adolphsen, A. May Pole drill, under the direction of Mrs. Adolphsen was given.

The Will Johnson family are now occupying the cottage recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strang.

F. W. Smith and A. B. Hoggatt were in Bandon Saturday night.

Mrs. Roy Corson returned Sunday night from Portland where she had visited her mother for a few days.

Mrs. Mabel Gillings was a business visitor in Bandon last Tuesday.

Lawrence Tichenor has returned to his studies at Linfield college. Mr. and Mrs. Orris Knapp and Mrs. Mary Rice attended the theatre in Bandon Sunday night.

E. L. White is laying a concrete floor in the David McKenzie barn at Cloverdale Stock farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Wright were guests Saturday night of Mrs. Mabel Mather.

Mother Nature planned and equipped southern Oregon to be ready to meet the diverse demands of her visitors as well as those of her permanent residents. Variety is the keynote which applies to the soil, climate, topography and natural resources of this favored region. There are soils in southern Oregon for nearly all staple crops as well as many special ones. There is broccoli soil in the Umpqua valley, tokay grape land in the Grants Pass region, orchard land along the coast, and small fruit, truck and bulb land abundant throughout the region. English walnuts and other nut crops are grown commercially in various parts of the region. However, not all the soil of southern Oregon is adapted to farm crops. In fact, embracing as it does extensive mountain areas, much of the larger part of the region is and should be maintained as timberland.

The varied soil and climate produce such a variety of timber as probably cannot be duplicated in the Pacific coast region. Port Orford cedar, which grows commercially nowhere else in the world, is the most important timber of Coos and Curry counties. Much of this timber is marketed in Japan on the other side of the globe where its peculiar qualities of color, durability and resistance to insect damage appeal to the thrifty Japanese. Oregon myrtle is another timber peculiar to the southern Oregon region. Fashioned into novelties, its beauty of grain and texture attract buyers from all parts of the world. Other important trees of the coast region include Douglas fir, Sitka spruce and redwood. Tan oak is at present sought for the tannic acid content of its bark, but its lumber is expected to prove useful also when the proper method of curing it for use has been worked out. The wood is hard and has a fine grain for flooring and other uses as soon as the seasoning problem is settled. Eucalyptus and Monterey cypress also grow on the coast. Further inland, the chief commercial timber species are sugar pine, western yellow pine and Douglas fir. Men have been cutting sugar pine in the Illinois valley for 75 years.

Some eastern hardwoods do well in the southern Oregon region. Early settlers brought in seeds and now such trees as black locust, elm, chestnut, catalpa, bass wood, tulip and other introduced species are flourishing in various parts of the region.

Sawmills are shipping their output of sugar pine to a wide market, some going as far east as New York. Port Orford cedar and the two pines, sugar and western yellow, are the species most often applied for by loggers who seek to buy timber from the national forests of the southern Oregon region. The forest reserve sells mature timber here as elsewhere under conditions which provide for close utilization of all timber cut and the leveling of seed trees to restock the areas cut over. Prevention of forest fires is also a condition of government timber sale contracts.

As might be expected in a region where farm crops and timber are varied and abundant, the climate of southern Oregon leaves little to be desired. It is neither too hot nor too cold for comfort. Severe windstorms seldom occur and there is plenty of rain during the winter season. Snow seldom falls except at the higher elevations. During the summer the coast region usually has an invigorating ocean breeze which brings in air pure and refreshing from the vast stretches of the Pacific. The coast climate is so mild that calla lilies bloom out of doors in December.

The topography of southern Oregon varies from broad river bottoms to narrow canyons, and from level stretches of coastal plains with light houses along the shore to precipitous mountain regions culminating in Mt. McLoughlin, 9,730 feet high with a forest fire lookout station on the very summit. The Rogue and Umpqua rivers rise in the Cascade mountains, cut their way through the Coast range and carry the interior drainage to the Pacific. Lesser streams are the Illinois river, Coquille river, Coos river, Pistol river, Chetco

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Arizona Clubs

Pacific Port

Phoenix, Ariz.—Gaining a seaport for a land bound state is a task for giants, Arizona political and business leaders have learned. Despite obstacles, however, there is no abatement in a drive to accomplish that task.

Were it a mere engineering job, Arizona would have had a deep-water outlet long ago. Tidewater is only 100 miles away but between the Arizona border and that coveted goal lies territory belonging to another nation.

The proposal involves the digging of a canal, or utilization of the Colorado river channel, from the Arizona-California-Mexico junction at Yuma to the Gulf of California.

Due to the stymie of internationalism, the matter soon passed from the hands of Arizona and became an affair between the United States and Mexico. This prompted Senator Henry F. Ashurst to introduce a resolution in the U. S. Senate asking that negotiations for title to a strip of Mexican land be acquired.

As an engineering feat, the matter is comparatively simple. Less work would be required than was necessary for the canal from the Gulf of Mexico to Houston, Texas. Dredging would be easier than that done in clearing a 35 foot channel in the Columbia from Portland, Ore., to the river's mouth at Astoria.

Maintenance Crew For Highway to be Moved

A redistribution of the maintenance department of the state highway system is said to become effective May 1 which means three employees of the state now residing in Bandon will have to move to Coquille. They are W. P. Laws, Chas. Woolley and Lester White. According to the new plans they will have charge of the section of highway from east of Myrtle Point to Fourmile, south of Bandon, with Coquille as their headquarters. Two other employees are to be dropped from the regular force.—Western World.

Tourists Laud Oregon's New Traffic Laws

Thousands of tourists who will travel Oregon's highways this season will find not only one of the finest hard-surfaced road systems in the United States, but a state traffic police squad whose members are ready at all times to aid motorists in whatever difficulty they may find themselves.

Oregon's police patrolmen truly have been turned from a strictly law-enforcing body to a group of well-trained, state-controlled motorists whose main duties consist of aiding in all safety campaigns, controlling the highways adequately, to make the roads safe for drivers, and lending any assistance which may be desired.

The new uniform coast traffic laws recently adopted from all over the nation, and already have aided greatly in expediting travel and making it safer and more enjoyable.

The expressed speed limit as designated is 45 miles an hour, but the measure is tempered by the clause making such a limit only provisional. A portion of the law reads:

"No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the traffic, surface, and width of the highway, and the hazard at intersections and any other conditions then existing."

Although the 45-mile-an-hour limit is actually a part of the measure as passed, the new speed code virtually takes the limit of miles per hour off the motorist and puts the responsibility for the safe operation of his vehicle strictly up to him.

Penalties in case of mishap, however, will be heavier for the too-speedy driver in case of equal blame otherwise.

Book Donation Day

Thursday will be "Book Donation Day" at the library. Refreshments will be served and a silver offering takes.

Club Leaders to Meet

All 4-H club local leaders in the Curry county are invited and requested to attend the conference and school to be held with H. C. Seymour in charge, Friday, April 24, at Gold Beach.

Mr. Seymour, state club leader, has a special message and a lot of new material that is of vital importance to the people interested in boys' and girls' club work.

New and old local leaders should each bring a list of the questions and problems evolving from their club activities.

The meeting will be held at the court house in Gold Beach, starting at 10 a. m. including a luncheon together and continuing through the afternoon as long as conditions justify.

Problems involving the handling of all 4-H clubs will be discussed. A county-wide program will be worked out to suit the needs of all localities. A social or recreational calendar for the whole county should be made.

Granges and other organizations interested in the progress of 4-H club work in the county should have a representative at this meeting. A list of questions should be presented by each person and round-table discussion will be the means of giving every one an opportunity to present different views.

A bigger and better 4-H club program for the county is the aim of this meeting.

U. S. Biologist to Investigate Oyster Ground

Harvey C. McMillan, biologist for the United States bureau of fisheries is making an investigation of bays along the Oregon coast that may later lead to an oyster industry to be developed somewhere in Oregon. Mr. McMillan is now at Yaquina bay and will stop at Tillamook, Netarts, Nehalem, Yachats and Winchester bays before coming to Coos Bay. McMillan is the leading authority on the oyster industry and is now studying methods of how to build up such an industry along the coast.