

'Got a pencil?'

## You can get here from there

The charm of country-living is not comprehended by the lifelong urban dweller stuck with the job of delivering outside the city limits.

Many stores will not send their trucks beyond the boundaries of the city because they know their drivers will spend countless hours looking for addresses even the locals have trouble with. The territory outside the confines of the metropolitan area seems to parallel the uncharted lands of Christopher Columbus.

I let my fingers do the walking through the yellow pages to find a furniture store that would deliver into the



Margaret Schmale's

Bits  
and pieces

void and put in my order for a box spring and mattress. I always expect the clerk to say, "Where's Eagle Creek?" after I give the address so I was quite surprised when no questions followed the pertinent information. He was just starting to say, "Thank you for calling" when I interrupted to make sure he knew where he would be going.

"Oh sure," he said confidently, "East of Gresham, out there by the river. No problem lady, I know right where it is. I'll call you when I get to Eagle Creek and you can give me more specific directions then."

It was nice to talk to somebody who knew the world was larger than the East County area.

The same day a semi driver called, hauling a caterpillar tractor in to be repaired. He sounded like a friendly chap when he asked for directions from Hillsboro, so I told him there was nothing to it. All he needed was a sharp pencil and a legal note pad. His voiced cooled a might so I told him a piece of paper would be ample.

"Folks usually just tell me how to find their place, I

don't take notes. I drive truck," he informed me.

I said to him, "You'd better take down a few in this case, since you're coming so far. Have you got anything to write on?"

"Look lady," he growled, "all I've got is a grocery receipt, a match book cover, and a broken pencil in my pocket."

"Oh," I said despondently, "you'll never find our place." I don't know how to talk to hostile drivers so I turned the call over to my husband. The first thing I heard him say was, "Ya got a pencil?"

The phone rang immediately after the trucker hung up. It was my confident delivery man from the furniture store asking for more directions. "Great," I said, "Are you down at the Eagle Creek Store? I can come down and meet you."

"No," he answered, "I'm calling from the fish hatchery."

"What are you doing way up there?" I asked. "You're way past the store and no where near our place."

He said he couldn't find any store on the highway so he drove down to the hatchery to use the phone and see if anyone there knew us. He said nobody even heard of the street we were on. I asked which hatchery he was at and he said the one next to the dam.

"River Mill Dam?" I asked, trying to pin him down.

"No," he said, getting frustrated, "Bonneville Dam!"

"I hate to tell you this," I continued, "but you're at the wrong Eagle Creek, and at least 35 miles out of your way."

"You mean there's two?" he responded weakly.

"Yep," I said. "Got a pencil?"

I was beginning to feel like the theme of the day should be Rosemary Clooney's old song, "Come On A My House, My House A Come On." An old school chum had requested directions to my home in her Christmas card and picked the same day as the others to journey out. When she got here that afternoon I asked her if she had any trouble finding the place.

"No," she said. "It was a snap! I got stuck behind a semi and a moving van and I couldn't pass either one. I was doing a real slow burn when I realized they were making the same turns I wanted to. The guy in the van kept waving me to pass, but I thought, 'what the heck, we're all going the same way, so why rush.' I had a great ride out and it was the oddest thing, those trucks turned in your driveway right in front of me."

It's a good thing those boys found a pencil.

## "Gasohol" may damage gas engines

"Gasohol", a mix of 10 percent ethyl alcohol and 90 percent gasoline, has proved itself as an auto fuel but the use of low proof alcohol fuels alone may pose danger to gasoline engines.

Performance tests, done for the U.S. Department of Energy, indicate that "the use of low proof alcohol fuels may result in degradation of the engine crankcase oil by dilution with water and/or alcohol."

The laboratory studies were conducted by professors John G. Mingle and Richard W. Boubel of Oregon State University's department of mechanical engineering.

"Our findings add a not of precaution to the use of straight low proof alcohol as

an internal combustion engine fuel," Mingle emphasized.

"No alcohol was found in any of the samples of crankcase oil after engine tests with various levels of alcohol fuels," Mingle reported.

"That we did not expect."

"And no water was found in the oil when the test engine (a 4-cylinder Ford engine mounted in the laboratory) was operated with 180 proof alcohol — that is 90 percent alcohol and 10 percent water."

Trace amounts of water were found when 160 proof alcohol was the fuel and significant amounts (12-20 percent water) were found after one hour of operation with 130 proof alcohol fuel.

"An engine can not

tolerate much water in the crankcase," Mingle explained. "Water prevents proper lubrication, particularly of parts that rub against one another under the extreme pressures of operation."

Based on the findings, Mingle made two recommendations:

"If you're making alcohol fuel to operate vehicles, strive to make the highest proof (pure alcohol) possible. This means you have to have good distillation equipment."

"And lower proof alcohol fuels are used, be sure to continually monitor the oil for water content."

With water in suspension, the oil changes color and

assumes a mustard appearance, it was found. Increases in oil level on the crankcase dipstick is another good indicator of the presence of water.

The use of alcohol fuels as a supplement to, or replacement for, liquid fossil fuels in the transportation and agricultural sectors has received significant national attention. Research centers have shown that, in general, a mix of 10 percent ethyl alcohol with 90 percent gasoline on a volumetric basis (gasohol) can be satisfactorily used in gasoline internal combustion engines.

But using low proof alcohol fuels as the total fuel has possible hazards.

## County crops set sales mark

The sale of agricultural products in Clackamas County topped the \$100 million mark for the first time ever in 1980.

Clackamas ranked fourth in the state in total sales of livestock and crops behind Marion, Umatilla and Malheur counties.

Although gross sales were up considerably, the increase in profits was negligible due to a 12 percent increase in farm goods used and a 22 percent increase in fuel costs.

Higher gross returns resulted from higher yields and generally higher prices, especially in grains, hay and forage, nuts and vegetables. Other major increases were recorded in dairy products, broilers and eggs.

Two products showing significant drops were berries and turkey production. A generally low price contributed to the poor year for berry growers who were hurt by large imports from Canada. Turkey production decreased in Oregon because of high feed costs and generally low prices, especially in Clackamas County. Most of Oregon's turkeys come from Yamhill County.

Clackamas County is in a good position to maintain its role as a major agricultural producer, according to county Extension officials. Transportation is playing a key role in all production and the county's close proximity to the metropolitan area will become increasingly important.

The area provides a ready market for the crops and

livestock produced and is a handy source of fuel, fertilizer and other necessary materials.

The county is also blessed with various unique soil types suited for specialty crop production and has a population of farmers well suited to producing for an urban area. The farmers expect 1981 to be even better.

Grain sales rose from \$4.4 million in 1979 to \$5.7 million in 1980. Hay and forage went from \$1.1 million to \$1.2 million; field crops from \$3.7 million to \$4.1 million; tree fruits and nuts from \$1.6 million to \$2 million; and specialty crops from \$27 million to \$35 million. Included in specialty crops

are timber and Christmas trees.

Other major increases came from dairy products, \$6

million to \$6.8 million; broilers, \$7 million to \$7.8 million; and chicken eggs, \$9.7 million to \$11 million.

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