

For What It's Worth .

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Probably the most talked about activity on the American scene today is college football. Ever since the cribbing scandal at West Point which caused that institution to lose practically its entire varsity squad and the basketball point-fixing bribe furor which bobbed up hither and yon over the nation, athletics, particularly football, tops the list on the coast to coast gossip poll.

The pity of it is that so many are talking not that of which they speak. In other words, to be in the conversational spotlight today it is the fashion to knock football. As a result the game may get punishment where none is deserved.

One thing which most self-appointed pallbearers for football overlook is that for every highly paid football player in collegiate football there are thousands who are fighting for touchdowns every week-end just because they love to play football.

It was my good fortune to spend the larger share of the Thanksgiving vacation in the company of a college football squad which traveled to play in the Shrine Bowl at Medford. I would rate these fellows as typical of the majority of college football players throughout the land; and I can truthfully say that I have never before been in the company of such clean-living lads as they were. They restored to me much of my faith in the younger generation.

So any attempt to condemn a wholesome American sport for fellows such as these because a few colleges hold a winning football season to be more important than their academic program would be comparable to throwing away an entire sack of potatoes because a few rotten ones were discovered.

There is nothing wrong with football. In fact, the opportunities it provides for the development of ability to give and take and its encouragement of a philosophy of clean living, physically, mentally, and morally, will go far toward providing those qualities of character so essential to democracy.

P. M. A. Practice Data Is Now Due

GOLD BEACH — Farmers of Curry county who are planning to apply for P. M. A. assistance in carrying out any of the agricultural conservation practices in 1952, have only a short time in which to get their applications in to the county P. M. A. office, according to Clifford Jenkins, secretary. To date there are funds still remaining for every practice except lime, of the \$37,000 appropriated for Curry county this year there is \$6927 not yet allocated. Request for this assistance must be made this month or the funds will be returned to the state committee.

In setting up the county P. M. A. program this year the county committee elected to go on the prior approval system in place of the method used for a number of

years which was called the farm sign-up, however, the method for making application for P. M. A. practices is simple and merely involves contacting the county office, giving name of the practice in which the farmer wishes assistance, the estimated cost, acres involved, pounds and varieties of seed, etc., the office is then in position to set up prior approval for each farmer on each of the practices for which assistance has been requested.

Purpose of P. M. A. practice payments is to assist farmers in carrying out approved soil conservation of land use programs which not only assists the farmer but also makes possible a production of food and fibre needed to carry out civilian and military needs.

Gift Stationery with coast views at the Pilot office.

County Stockmen To Meet Dec. 20

GOLD BEACH—Curry county stockmen will meet for their annual meeting, Dec. 20, as result of action taken at two district livestock meetings last week.

Harvey Crook, president of the Curry county livestock association, has announced that the following committees will meet in the morning, starting at 10, and their reports will be submitted to the Western Oregon livestock association at the annual meeting: predatory animal control, with Joe Nielson, chairman; Weed control with Norman Chenoweth; Land use with John Donaldson and taxation with Steve Spoerl. Other committees may be set up if needed.

After lunch an interesting program has been arranged for the stockmen. E. R. Jackman, farm specialist from OSC, will speak on range and pasture management and the assistance available through local P. M. A. projects. R. A. Ward, manager of the Pacific Wool Growers Co-op, has been invited to discuss general wool situation and marketing prospects for 1952.

Dr. J. N. Shaw, head of the veterinarian department of OSC, will speak on sheep diseases and their control.

Election of officers for 1952, making plans for Curry county delegation to attend the annual Western Oregon Livestock meeting will be other activities of the meeting.

Curry county livestock association is planning to invite the Western Oregon association to hold its annual meeting in Gold Beach in 1953. This will be the first time the meeting of that group has been held here since its organization some 20 years ago. Arrangements were completed with government trappers to put out coyote bait stations in the following localities: Stone Corral Pine Flat, Red Mountain, High Prairie, Signal Butte, Saddle Mountain, Wild Horse, Bob Morral Branch, Sugar Loaf Mt., Edison Butte, Watches Butte, Salt Lick Prairie, 8-Mile Prairie and Bald Mountain.

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4-H Club Leaders Set Saturday Meet

GOLD BEACH—4-H club leaders and 4-H clubs in Curry county will meet Saturday, Dec. 8, at 12:30 at the grade school cafeteria, for an officer training meeting, says Clifford Jenkins, county agent. 4-H club leaders and officers will receive instruction in leadership and the duty of each club officer. The county agents will lead the discussion. A December meeting of the leaders as-

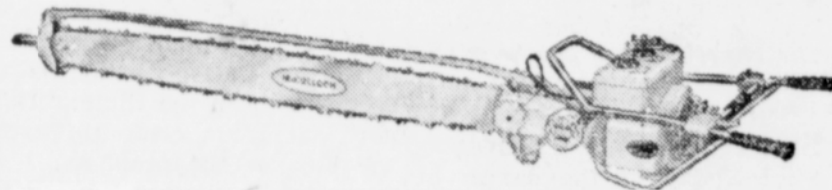
sociation will be a feature of the afternoon discussion with Mrs. Irene Brown, president of the association, presiding. Plans for attending the annual meeting of Western Oregon Leaders Association will be made.

Wilbur and Judy Jensen, now attending the national 4-H club congress, at Chicago, are expected back in time to give a report.

A pot luck supper with the Central Curry leaders acting as hosts will be held also, said Mr. Jenkins.

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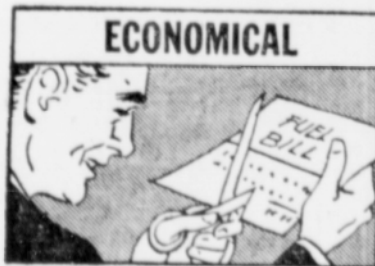
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