

Wise or Otherwise

By Ethan Grant

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—There's an old saying I used to resent: "You can get the boy out of the country but you can never get the country out of the boy."

For a long time after I left the country, I didn't believe it. But after all these many years trying to become civilized, I've finally given up. I'm still a hick and a hayseed, and there's no use pretending any longer.

I think what broke the camel's back was that banquet the other night. Stanley Krueger, Dick Meyer, Ike Bacon and I found seats near the northwest corner of the big banquet hall. Each of the four long tables seated approximately 100 guests. They began serving the diners first way over in the opposite corner. Stan and I, trying hard to be gentlemen, waited patiently.

But it was literally hours before they finally got around to us. Two waitresses brought six huge plates containing sizzling steaks and all the trimmings. They served Ike and Dick on one side of us, and four guests on the other side, leaving Stan and I sitting there, the only two guests in the house who had not been served. And the waitresses said, "Sorry, but there isn't any more."

What I said wasn't nice, and I'll deny I said it if Stan ever accuses me. But, you see, we'd waited just one hour and 45 minutes. Moreover, we'd paid the price asked, \$2 each. And it was so long after supper time we could have called it breakfast—if we could have eaten it.

I'm sure banquets were thought up by some city feller, and when it comes to a question of economics and plain utility, I'll take my meals somewhere else hereafter.

Now that I'm through trying to be an urbanite, I can think of many city practices I've never cared for. I never could get used to drinking out of a fountain. I always wonder what I'm probably drinking besides water. I like to see what I drink. On the farm we drank pure water from a spring out of a long handled gourd. You could not only see it, but it tasted better. Even out of a tin cup, it tastes better than out of a crockery fountain.

When I go to a theater, I prefer to sit in the balcony. Sitting downstairs, with a balcony hanging over my head, gives me a heavy, uncomfortable feeling.

Which reminds me of a remark made by a woman sitting behind me at a movie the other night. She and another woman were taking a mutual friend apart. She said, "She's one of those drips that fall all over each other in public." I don't know who she meant, but I think I've known the type.

Something else I never liked about the city is all this so-called formality. For instance, waiting for an invitation before calling on your best friend. In the country, you just dropped in, and you were always welcome.

But you do bump into some interesting things in a city like Portland. A drunk sat next to me in one of those lunch-counter restaurants the other night. He seemed to have money without appearing very prosperous. He'd ordered a big steak, which he wasn't eating. He called the middle-aged waitress "Sis," and she called him "Honey." She was being extremely affectionate in an embarrassed sort of way. Others were watching and listening, including me.

It seemed he owed her a debt, but wanted her to say whether it was for \$50 or \$60. You could tell it was probably \$60, but she said

she thought it was probably only an old saying I used to resent: "You can get the boy out of the country but you can never get the country out of the boy."

She was busy, but he kept talking to her, and she went out of her way to be nice to him. Finally, he left, saying he'd be back before she got through work. Then, with a hint of embarrassment and emotion which she couldn't hide, she explained, to nobody in particular, "He's my brother," she said, "and he drinks something awful. He started drinking right after he got back from France the last war. We kept harping about it, so he finally got mad and cleared out. We never heard a word from him for 15 years. Then one day about three weeks ago, he suddenly showed up. He still drinks, worse than ever, but we're not saying a word now. We just figure it's better to have him around drunk than dead somewhere, like we thought."

Week's Health Slate Listed

The week's activities for the Marion county health department will be held mostly in the health office in Masonic building. The schedule includes:

Tuesday—2:30, mothers' class at YWCA, bathing and care of infant.

Wednesday—4 to 5 p.m., adult polyclinic, health department office.

Thursday—10 to 11, infant clinic; 2 to 4, pre-school and school clinic; and 4 to 5, adult polyclinic. All at office.

Friday—9:30 to 11 and 2 to 4, milk and food handlers' clinic, health department.

Saturday—9 to 11:30 a.m., vaccination, immunization, tuberculin tests and miscellaneous, at health department office.

New World Calendar Protested by Adventists

Protest against the proposed new World Calendar advocated by the World Calendar Association, Inc., was made Saturday by the Salem Seventh-day Adventist church in a special service devoted.

The speaker, G. T. Dickinson, declared the movement for the new calendar antireligious, and said that its adoption "would bring great confusion and perplexity to the people of all religions who conscientiously worship on definitely fixed days of the weekly cycle, whether it be Sunday, Saturday, Friday, or any other day."

The protest said the change in the calendar to adjust a 365 1/4-day year to 364 days, to be divided into equal quarters of 91 days each, would "irrevocably disturb and set aside fixed religious days of the world's great faiths, Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish."

Opposes Luce

By LILLIE MADSEN



Miss Margaret E. Connors, above, 28-year-old attorney of Fairfield, Conn., was nominated by democrats of the fourth congressional district to oppose Representative Clare Booth Luce for her seat in congress in the election in November. (AP Wirephoto)

Straight-Shooting Girl Kills 400-Pound Bear With Two .22 Shells

POLARIS, Mont.—(AP)—Rose Marie Marchessault, 16, armed with a .22 caliber rifle and only two cartridges, fired one to frighten a 400-pound bear, molesting sheep, deep in the mountains. The bullet wounded the animal, maddening it. Rose's horse, frightened by the shot, ran away, leaving her stranded before the raging beast.

Rose raised the rifle, aimed carefully and fired. The bullet struck behind the right ear. The huge bear fell to the ground, trembled a few times, then was still.

Average Soldier Will Have Added Teeth

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—(AP)—The average American soldier will have more teeth when he leaves the Army than he had when he entered.

In June, 1944, Army dentists extracted 16,225 teeth and made 32,716 denture teeth in the eight states comprising the western command. They treated 40,245 soldiers, performed 190,762 operations and filled 85,973 teeth.

In Tibet, rice is a luxury, eaten only by the wealthy.

Gardening Today

By LILLIE MADSEN

Along in May you may be thinking about Oriental poppies and how nice they are looking in your friends' gardens. You will likely be planning on buying some and setting them out.

But that is in May.

August is the time you really should be thinking about this setting out of Oriental poppies if you want to be admiring them in your own garden next May. If you don't, next May will be like last May and all the Mays before that—you will still be admiring them in your friends' gardens and planning to set out a few in your own.

There is nothing more brilliantly attractive or more strikingly noticeable in any garden than a clump of Oriental poppies. But they must be set out in the right season—and the right season for these poppies is their dormant season. After becoming established in their new location, they make wonderful growth in the fall. They always grow in the fall and these newly set out plants start growth right away and make good headway. If they are old established plants, from which you wish to take root cuttings, do this also in August. Roots cut into short pieces will grow readily.

Poppies are not so particular about the soil in which they grow. They must have good drainage and prefer a soil that is sandy and a sunny location.

A number of complaints are reaching me this season about scarcity of water, of dying shrubs and dry grass. If water is actually scarce it is much better to let the grass dry up than the shrubs. Grass will revive again with the first early rains, but shrubs may

never recover. If one can, save sufficient water to give the shrubs a few good soakings during the dryest weather. This has been an exceptionally dry season, but it can't be long until we get some rain—just three or four weeks at the most. If one knows that some of the shrubs are dry, then water those thoroughly. Remember that lilacs, rhododendrons, kalmias, azaleas and camellias and many others set their flowering buds at this time. If the plants are permitted to get too dry there will not be much bloom next season. Camellias frequently drop their flower buds because of lack of moisture in late summer and early fall.

Lift your tulips and place in a shady place to dry—if you haven't done this before. Before storing, dust them with sulfur and if there has been evidence of trips in the garden, place the bulbs in a sack containing naphthalene flakes and leave them there for about a month.

Cut the seed pods from your snapdragons and water thoroughly. You should have another succession of bloom this autumn.

Do not forget the care given to your roses now will mean much to September and October bloom, and you never have finer roses—when they are fine—than those in September and October. Spray regularly. Pick up and burn diseased foliage. Cut withered bloom from the plants. Soak the ground around the bushes thoroughly just before dusting or spraying.

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WEST NEW YORK, N. J.—(AP)—A 16-year-old schoolgirl on vacation walked into a store and ordered an ice cream soda. Five minutes later she was behind the counter, lured into a waitress uniform by a fast-talking proprietor, who promised her all the sodas she could drink in addition to regular wages.

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Officials Visit 5 Community Canneries

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Five of the 14 school community canneries in operation in Oregon this season were visited Wednesday on a one-day tour sponsored by the state division of vocational education for the members of the state advisory committee for food production war training and other officials.

O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education, was in charge of the tour to visit the Corvallis, Albany, Salem, Silverton and Molalla canneries.

Expressions of approval of the canneries, neat arrangement of working space, high calibre of equipment and the efficient supervision and personnel were voiced by the committee members. Enthusiasm of the visiting group was matched by the enthusiasm of the vocational agricultural and home economics teachers in charge of each plant—and, above all, by the delight of the patrons, the town and rural women who bring their fruit and vegetables to these centers and there do their own canning.

"We hope we'll never have to go back to doing this work at home... This is the only way we can... Think of the way we used to mess around the hot stove at home to do this." These are typical expressions heard from the women working along the benches of the various centers visited.

Members of the advisory committee for food production war training program who were on the tour were Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction; Kris Vicker, Oregon State Federation of Labor; Jess Bell, Congress of Industrial Organizations; Glenn Adams, Oregon state granger; Harley Libbey, Farmers Union; G. C. Knapp, war manpower commission; Roy Carver, apprentice training service, and E. G. Sloan, United States employment service.

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