

# Gifts for Farmer Fathers

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Farmers' wives and daughters, attention! Father's Day is almost upon you and along with a couple million other women in this country you're going shopping.

The Father's Sons haven't been forgotten. They've been left out on purpose. They'll know just what to buy father—a tie they can borrow when stepping out this summer, a new gadget for the car—any way, they'll know.

But you—if you haven't been in a farm gadget store (they refer to it as equipment) in some time, you'll get your eyes opened. Things have certainly improved.

For instance, you might buy the man of the house one of the new electrically propelled "old-fashioned" ice cream freezers. They'd be useful around the house when no man is there to turn the old hand freezer.

**Many Popular Items**

Or if your lawn is not set with automatic sprinklers, a 50-foot length of plastic hose would be good. It's much lighter for you to lug around than the old heavy rubber hose lengths. There are also rubber-lined robes or rugs for lawn sitting—if you have time to sit. And there are very comfortable lawn chairs. Too, there are fine portable outdoor lights under which you can work longer in the garden in the cool of the summer evening.

A silhouetted name plate for the top of the mail box, or a post near the entrance to the farm, should be nice. They come in prices from around \$3 to \$8, depending upon how much you want on the sign and how elaborate the horse, sheep, cow or dog, which decorates it, is to be.

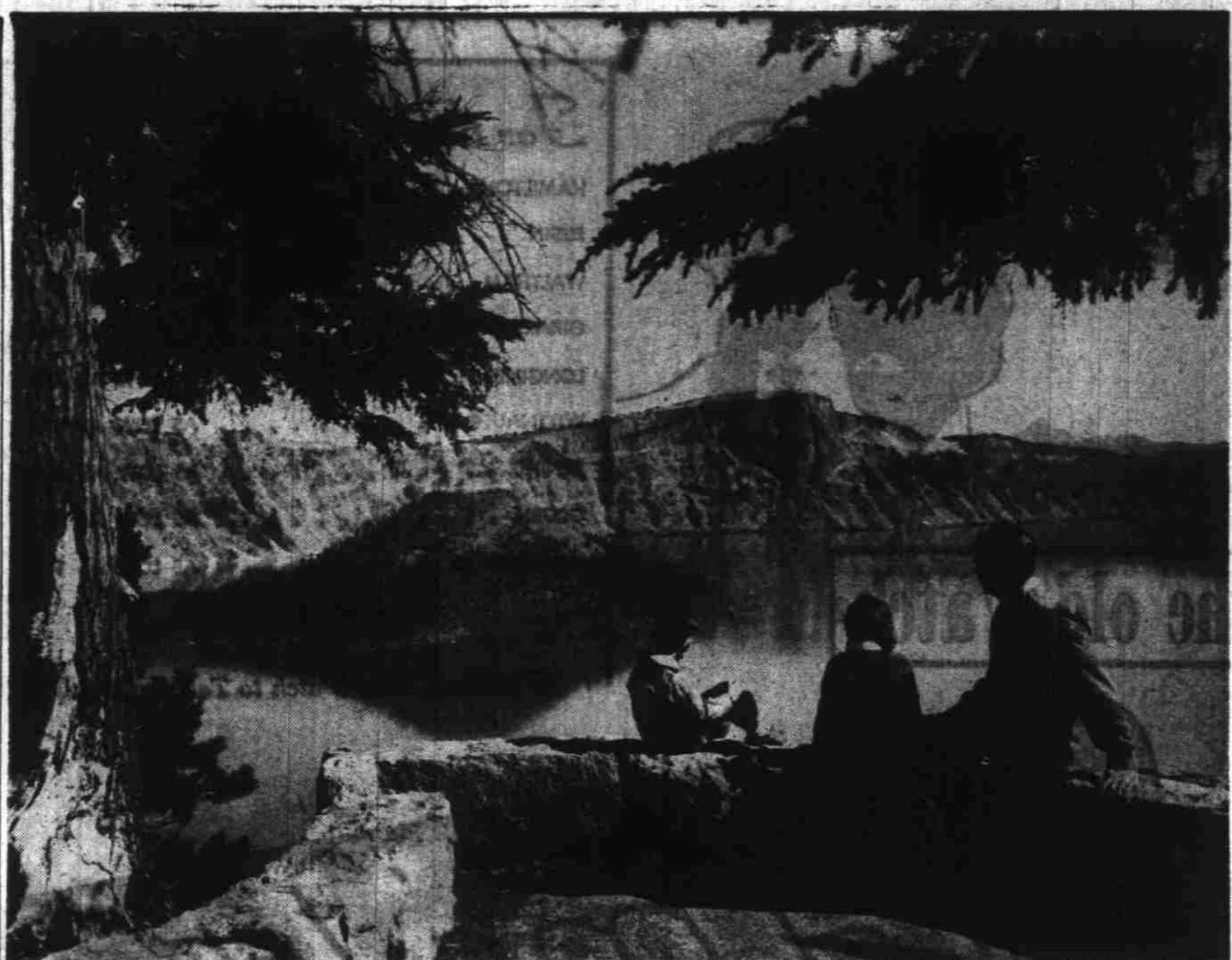
In case you have hunted around for something to measure a distance with, and failed to find a handy gadget, there are very fine steel tapes—50-foot ones for \$4.25 to \$5, and wooden folding rules for around \$2.25. Of course, you can get both cheaper, but so long as it's Father's Day, just as well buy him a good one. They are a little smoother to use. I did see a nice steel 10-foot rule for \$1.75. It would fold up to fit into the pocket of your garden jeans.

**"Fence Plier" Handy**

One of the handiest little affairs I found seemed to answer the purpose for a lot of things. The man in the store called it a "fence plier." You could pull staples with it, you could cut fence wire with it, and one end was equipped for hammering. Any farm wife could find a multitude of uses for this. It would make a fine Father's Day gift for only \$3.25—although a few ran higher.

Often times, it's handy to have something besides the paring knife with which to cut off a bit of the porch box or a corner from a new shelf that doesn't fit just right. There were some lovely chisels on the market, both wood and steel, varying in price from 50 cents to \$2.25 (and higher). One with a 1/4 inch blade, for only \$1, the store man told me, was about the handiest rig if you only had one.

If there's been an argument



**CRATER LAKE**—Three Crater Lake National Park visitors rest on a rim parapet as they gaze toward Liao Rock, massive lava formation, rising nearly 2000 feet out of deep blue waters. At the left is Wizard Island, a volcano which developed on the floor of the crater of Mt. Mazama, the upper portions of which were destroyed in a cataclysmic eruption unknown centuries ago.

over whether the kitchen stove stands even or not, get the man a hand level for around \$4.25. Undoubtedly, there'll be a lot of times this can be used to settle a husband-wife argument around the farm. The same goes for a hand square, and I found a nice one for \$3.50.

**Jack Planes Nice to Have**

Jack planes could be had at all prices and in all sizes. But again, the man in the store said the 10 or 12 inch ones were most handy and could be had for \$4.50 to \$6.

One wrench which didn't particularly appeal to me as being useful, but which the clerk said was "indispensable" around the farm was a 24-inch pipe wrench selling for \$4.75. He indicated that no man could get along without it, if he didn't have one. That could be—still it didn't look like anything we women would have much use for—But there was a set of crescent wrenches, in different sizes, that appealed to me very much more. They'd be useful to fix the lawnmower, the metal wheelbarrow (which if your husband hasn't one, you'll find much lighter to run than the old wooden ones). These wrenches sold for around \$6 and there were three and four in a set. A good handy saw was only \$4.50.

While almost every farm has at least one hammer, it isn't always just where you want it. Frequently it's been left on a fence post in the far field. I saw some nice steel hammers for \$3.75.

**Jackets Always Good**

And if you wanted to be very unselfish, there are some fine

zippered waist jackets in the men's stores. Some have knitted collars and cuffs and waist bands and some are very light, of nylon. They range in price from \$4.99 to \$15 and \$16—and they would be useful to slip on on a cool day when you have just a little more garden work to do. If the sleeves are too long (and men, the clerk said, didn't like short sleeves) you can always roll them up.

## Peterson Rock Gardens Well Worth Viewing

Those traveling U. S. 97 north of Bend, should take time to see Petersen's rock gardens located a few miles west of the highway. The view of the gardens is free

and is like walking through a fair-land of miniature structures and castles. The children have fun, too, riding on the canals in swan-like paddle boats.

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## Crater Lake Park Has 100th Anniversary

The 100th anniversary of Crater Lake in Crater Lake National Park is being observed this year. John B. Wosky, park superintendent, said no separate event is planned though a special exhibit is in the park information building for the information of visitors.

Those who have seen the awesome grandeur of Crater Lake will understand in some part the tremendous excitement experienced by John Wesley Hillman, pioneer mine seeker, who first saw the deep blueness of the lake on June 12, 1863. On his trek through the wilderness in quest of the famous "Lost Cabin Mine," Hillman wandered out of the forest and stood in wonderment on the rim of the lake. His notes on the discovery were quite indefinite and because of the excitement of the times in Southern Oregon it was several years later before two separate parties came again to rediscover the lake. Residents of Jacksonville named the lake, Crater Lake, in 1869, ten years after Oregon became a state. It was not until 1902 that the area was placed in the national park system.

Since then, many hundreds of thousands have thrilled to this wonder of the world which is set in the cauldron of an ancient volcano, Mt. Mazama.

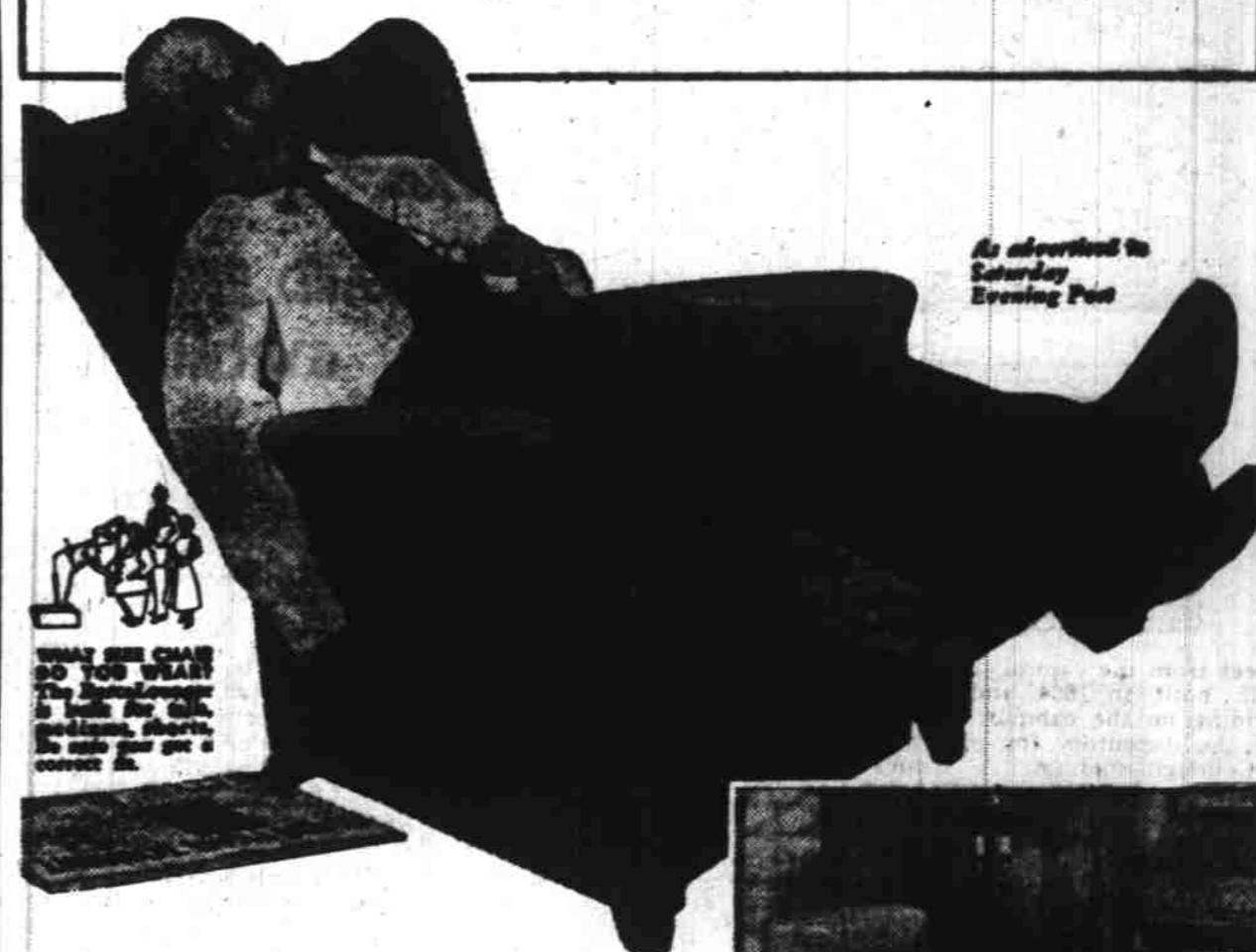


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