

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

State Grangermaster Elmer McClure writes in the Oregon Grange Bulletin that the "family-size farm—and the way of life it created, are threatened with extinction." He regrets this, thinks America cannot afford to make the transition and says: "The Grange feels that the time has come when we must make a more concerted effort to save the family-size farm—and the American rural community."

That threat is real, but the means of salvation do not seem to be at hand. Mechanical power applied to agriculture is reducing the need for human labor, making large-scale farming profitable and by increasing the capital requirement for farming decreasing the opportunity for small farm operators.

McClure cites census figures to show that two per cent of the country's farms produce more than 25 per cent of farm produce marketed. The so-called family-size farms which are about 50 per cent of the total number produce only about 25 per cent of produce sold. Farming is fast becoming big business from the standpoint of acreage, capital investment and volume of output.

There is a counter-current, however, such as we have in the Willamette Valley and other areas of intensified farming. Certain crops, like berries, are grown usually on small tracts. Also part-time farming is coming in, where persons divide their time between farming and jobs or businesses. The aggregate marketed production of these enterprises, however, is relatively small.

It is regrettable to see the decline of the old-time rural community, which was the spring which nurtured civic, political

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Parents to Take Home 2-Headed Son

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hartley decided Sunday to take their two-headed son into their home near Petersburg with their three other children as soon as Riley Hospital releases him.

Sunday was the first time the 27-year-old mother, Margaret Hartley, had seen her 5-day-old son. Hospital officials indicated the baby could be released before long.

The Hartleys were left alone in the room with their malformed child. They remained a short time and showed no emotion when they came out.

A doctor assured them the child's condition remains satisfactory. However, the baby has been given oxygen treatments periodically since he was brought here immediately after his birth in a Washington, Ind., hospital Dec. 13.

The hospital said the oxygen has been administered because blood circulation hasn't been normal on the left side.

The mother was unconscious when the baby was delivered by Caesarean section. Until Sunday, she had seen only a photograph of the baby.

Dr. J. W. Elbert, the Hartley family physician at Petersburg, Ind., said Mrs. Hartley has recovered from the birth.

Dr. Elbert said he will come to the Indiana University Medical Center here "some time this week" to discuss the baby's case with Riley Hospital doctors. The hospital said its examination of the baby has been completed.

Throng Pays Final Respects To Sen. Walker

Scores of persons paid final respects Sunday to State Sen. Dean H. Walker, prominent Oregon legislator who died early Thursday, as his body lay in state at Clough-Barrick Funeral Chapel.

Filing by the casket between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. were many of Walker's legislative associates and prominent officials including Sec. of Interior Douglas McKay, Gov. Paul L. Patterson and Rep. Walter Norblad.

Private services were held later at the Walker family residence, in Independence with the Rev. Charles S. Neville officiating. Private committal services were in Mt. Crest Abbey Mausoleum.

Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH

"Never mind."

Ryan Reports on U.S.S.R. Russian People Restless Due to Broken Pledges

Editor's note: William L. Ryan is a native New Yorker who for several years has made an intensive study of Pravda and other Russian publications, analyzing their contents for The Associated Press. He has traveled along the Iron Curtain from Finland to Iran, and this fall he went into the Soviet Union itself.

He spent three months in Moscow and traveling 6,000 miles to eight of the Soviet republics. Back in the United States and free from censorship, he now writes of the things he observed and heard in the U. S. S. R. This is the first of six articles to appear this week.

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Foreign News Analyst
The anger of Russian housewives set wheels in motion in the fastnesses of the Kremlin itself. Last spring was a bad time for potatoes and beets and cucumbers to disappear from the city's markets — just after Stalin's death and on the edge of a struggle for power.

When the Secret Police of Lavrenty Beria gripped the country, housewife Natasha Ivanovna's muttered comments could be ignored. But Stalin is gone now, and the Secret Police were no longer the reliable instrument of control they had been.

Red People Restless
Something new was happening. And the Soviet people, more and more openly, were beginning to show signs of restless annoyance. The government of Premier Georgi Malenkov needed every ounce of loyalty and support it could muster. And so the new consumer program was born, to promise more and better goods for the public.

Even today, Natasha Ivanovna's anger keeps lights burning late in Communist Party headquarters throughout the Soviet republics. Moscow is angry and anxious. The agriculture program, the basis of Premier Malenkov's promise of better living standards in two to three years, has gotten off to a slow and faltering start.

Weary of Promises
The Communist Party Central Committee is building fires under its party branches throughout the Soviet empire, to get the program moving, to avoid failure for Moscow's promises. People of the Soviet Union give evidence that they are weary of broken promises.

But the job ahead is one of appalling magnitude and disheartening contradictions. In September party Secretary Nikita S. Khrushchev admitted that some areas had livestock below 1917 levels. The party demands a 20 per cent increase in livestock by next October.

To Increase Slaughter
But at the same time, the party calls for a 37 per cent increase in meat available to the public. Can even the Communist Party attempt to increase the slaughter of herds and still increase the number of livestock?

Can it kill calves and still increase the output of milk? Can it produce more leather and more herds at the same time? A Western agricultural expert estimates, on the basis of figures presented at the September meeting, that at least 2 1/2 million head of cattle died in the Soviet Union in the winter of 1952-53 because of lack of fodder and shelter, overcrowding in winter shelter and disease. He estimates that the same number are doomed this winter.

Personal observations in a half dozen Soviet republics indicates the Kremlin's troubles are far from over in this respect.

Animal Shelters Bad
In mountainous Kazakhstan, swept by icy winds from the Siberian steppes, the few animal shelters are fantastically bad and fodder bases inadequate.

The livestock-fodder program already seems to be falling behind, to the concern of the central party and government.

Recently leading agricultural workers, farm chairman, machine specialists, heads of departments, Communist Party members and "guests" from Moscow were called into conference in Alma Ata, Kazakhstan's capital, to hear the agricultural situation get a thorough going over.

Herd on Decline
They were told the number of head of cattle, sheep and goats.

It occurred early in March, 1917, just before Congress was due to adjourn, as was then automatically determined by the calendar. Wilson, in desperation to protect American merchant fleets against the Kaiser's U-boats, had asked Congress at the last minute for approval of a bill permitting merchant ships to be armed.

Isolationism was then more prevalent than today, especially in the heartland of America whence came Bob LaFollette to lead the duel on foreign policy with Wilson. LaFollette argued that the armed ship bill would only lead the United States inevitably into outright participation in the Great War that had engulfed all Europe. He vowed to filibuster the bill to death by obstructing a vote until the hour of adjournment was high. Shakes Mame

As LaFollette stood in the chamber, shaking his great mane for emphasis, seeking recognition by the vice president, Sen. James moved menacingly

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Burglar



MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Trim 17-year-old Patricia Ann Trainick was arraigned in Milwaukee, Wis., district court on a burglary charge. Detective Lieutenant Charles Nowakowski said she admitted 18 burglaries since April with total loot of about \$1,000. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Holiday Fatality Pace Cut

By The Associated Press
Christmastide's violent death toll in the U. S. mounted to 648 Sunday night as the clock ticked away final hours of 1953's 3-day holiday period.

Since 6 p.m. local time Thursday 473 persons died in traffic crashes across the nation. Another 76 lives were lost in fires and 99 persons perished in miscellaneous mishaps.

California with 35 and New York with 34 led the slaughter on the streets and highways.

The National Safety Council had predicted at least 510 would die in traffic mishaps before the holiday period closed at midnight Sunday.

Death Pace Slows
As the traffic fatality death-pace slackened, however, the council said it appeared as though the total toll "may stay well within the original estimate of 510, instead of setting a new all-time record."

The record death toll for a similar 3-day holiday was set at Christmas time in 1950 when traffic deaths numbered 545. That figure was only 11 short of the all-time 4-day high of 556 for the Christmas holiday in 1952.

No Fatalities
As the holiday period neared its expiration, Nevada, North Dakota and Wyoming reported no fatalities of any kind.

In one Ohio traffic tragedy five Toledoans perished when their auto — which police said was traveling at a 75-mile an hour clip — plunged off a Toledo bridge into the Maumee River.

4-Way Wreck Near Silverton Hospitalizes 5

A four-way wreck, including a crushing head-on collision between two cars, sent five persons to Silverton hospital and dumped a truck load of cattle north of Silverton Sunday morning.

Soupy fog which covered nearly all of Western Oregon Sunday morning was blamed by police for the mishap about a half mile north of Silverton on the Silverton-Oregon City Highway.

Taken to Silverton Hospital were driver Charles Earls, 35, Brooks Route 1, his wife, June Earls, 34, son David Earls, 16, father Dave Earls, 70, and Gene Eby, 16, Scotts Mills, Route 1, operator of the second car. All suffered cuts and bruises and Earls and Eby were released after treatment. A second Earls son was uninjured.

James D. Painter of the Silverton police department who was an estimated 150 yards from the collision when it occurred said Earls, heading toward Silverton, was attempting to pass another car.

A stock truck, carrying 17 head of cattle and driven by D. G. Duchet, Sublimity, braked to avoid the pileup and skidded into a roadside ditch, dumping the cattle into an orchard. None of the animals, enroute to Stayton, was apparently injured. A third car also went into the ditch behind the truck but was only slightly damaged.

The pileup blocked the route for nearly an hour. Both cars in the collision were demolished.

Storm Center on Way to Valley
A storm center, reported about 200 miles northwest of here early this morning, is expected to bring rain and gusty winds to the Salem area by early afternoon, weathermen at McNary Field predicted.

High temperature today is expected to range near 45 degrees and a cool 37 is forecast for tonight. Some patches of light fog are possible early this morning, weathermen added.

QUAKE RECORDED
BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The University of California seismograph recorded a sharp local quake in the vicinity of Holister, 80 miles south of Berkeley at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. No damage was reported.

Truce Board Tells Allies, Reds to Decide PWs' Fate

Mother, 4 Children Die in Fire



FLATROCK, Mich.—Only the brick walls stand where Mrs. Mary Hurst, 25, and her four small children perished in the flames of their home in Flatrock, Mich., on Christmas day. Townspeople inspect the gutted home. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

Panel Split on Blame for PW 'Influencing'

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
PANUNJOM (AP) — The Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission told the Allies and Communists Monday to decide the fate of more than 22,000 prisoners of the Korean War who have refused to go home.

An Indian spokesman said that if the two sides do not get together "we do not appear to have any legal right to hold the prisoners after Jan. 22."

Under the armistice time table all war prisoners in Korea become civilians on that date.

Both Sides Must Agree
An Indian spokesman said the period for explanations to prisoners on why they should go home would not be extended unless both sides agreed. Explanations ended Dec. 23.

He said the report asked whether Indian custodial troops should use force if the prisoners attempt a breakout after Jan. 22. That is the date the armistice says the prisoners shall become civilians.

But the armistice also provided that a Korean peace conference should discuss the prisoners' situation for 30 days. There is virtually no chance that such a conference will be convened before Jan. 22.

May Screen PWs
The spokesman indicated the Indians might conduct their own screening of prisoners to learn their desires. He said that would depend on reaction of the two compounds to the majority report.

The recommendation was made in a majority report.

Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya of India, chairman, signed the report along with the Communist Polish and Czech members.

The majority report accused the Allied side and South Korea in particular of influencing anti-Communist prisoners in Indian custody.

"Not Free of Influence"
"The commission cannot record a finding that the prisoners of war in its custody (anti-Communists) were completely freed from the influence of the former detainee side, and in particular the authorities of the Republic of Korea whose incursions made it impossible for the commission to come to any other conclusion."

The Swiss and Swedish members entered a minority report.

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As to activities among prisoners in the pro-Communist camp, the majority report said "the commission had no evidence of any activity of the former detainee side (Communist) in respect of the prisoners in that camp."

While these prisoners appeared to be well disciplined the commission again had no evidence which might have thrown any light on the existence of any organization, its character or objectives.

There is almost no possibility of agreement by the U.N. and Communist commands on further disposition of the captives.

Censors, Jane Russell Agree Film Needs Cut; RKO Adamant

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Jane Russell in 3D is the subject for Howard Hughes' latest assault against the movie industry's self-censorship code.

RKO, which is operated by the Texas millionaire, has announced it will open "French Line" in St. Louis next Tuesday although the film of approval from the Production Code Administration. The 3D musical stars Jane Russell and Gilbert Roland.

The Breen office, which must see all Hollywood films before the seal is given, has asked Hughes to make certain cuts.

An office spokesman was quoted as saying there were "some glaring breast shots of Jane Russell and a dance sequence by that lady during her rendition of 'I Want a Man... that will certainly bring the cops to any theater where it is shown.'"

Miss Russell sided with the censors. Marking her first break in a 13-year association with Hughes, she said:

"I thoroughly agree with the Breen office. It is the public's safeguard and the actor's too. I certainly do not want to be associated with any picture, either for my own company or any other, that is denied the seal."

Reservations on southbound Southern Pacific coaches are sold out through Jan. 5, the passenger agent reported, and added that about the same situation exists with Pullman space. Coach space is still available on northbound trains, he said.

Only one United Air Lines flight left Salem Sunday because of poor flying weather here and in the southern part of the valley. The one flight, which left at 3:45 p.m. northbound, was carrying a full load of passengers, United officials said.

One flight bypassed Salem Sunday because of fog and three flights were cancelled. A northbound flight, originating at Medford and due at Salem this morning has also been cancelled.

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Tarzan's Roars Said Scaring Russian Pigs

By RICHARD R. KASISCHKE
MOSCOW (AP) — Pravda has blasted Soviet movie distributors for sending out old American pictures featuring Tarzan, whose jungle roars are scaring the chickens and pigs on collective farms.

The official newspaper of the Russian Communist Party demanded that Soviet peasants, instead of being required to watch "trashy" stuff like Tarzan and American cowboy and pirate films, be shown serious films about Russian scientists, doctors, and teachers.

"Tarzan travels from village to village, from settlement to settlement, from town to town on his 15-ton truck," Pravda said. "His wild shriek is even heard this month in Voronezh (290 miles southeast of Moscow)."

Planned Weeks Ahead
"His visits are planned weeks ahead of time. And when his screams die away, another trashy film will go into the villages where — from the continuous screaming and shooting — chickens are awakened from their sleep and panic is caused among the livestock in the barns and villages at night."

The old Tarzan films starring Johnny Weissmuller, made years ago in Jollywood, have been the most popular movies in the Soviet Union for several years.

Form Long Lines
The Russians have been forming long lines in front of Moscow theaters to see the four Tarzan films taken by the Russians as war booty from Berlin. No fees are paid to the American producers for use of the films.

Since the Soviet film industry makes no pictures on cowboys and pirates — also blasted by Pravda — it is clear that these also are American-made pictures.)

Supporting those who might try to defy the code is the example of "The Moon is Blue." Because it toyed with words like "pregnant" and "seduction," it was denied a seal.

It also was one of the few Hollywood films to be condemned by the Catholic Legion of Decency. But United Artists has announced that the film will gross over four million dollars in this country alone.

Wind in Sierras Snaps Off Trees
SONORA, Calif. (AP)—Shrieking winds with gusts up to 100 miles an hour struck the High Sierra skiing country Sunday, snapping off pine trees and damaging ski lift towers in the Pinecrest-Dodge Ridge area.

The Dodge Ridge ski lift was wrecked when two large trees fell across it, knocking down about 1,000 feet of cable. The wind blew the upper landing platform 50 feet off its base.

In 1917, an Oregon Senator Came Close to Being the Only Solon to Kill a Colleague on the Floor of the U.S. Senate

By A. ROBERT SMITH
WASHINGTON Correspondent
WASHINGTON — Sen. Harry Lane (D-Ore.) walked onto the Senate floor with a dagger ready for instantaneous use. His eye was rigidly trained on . . .

Sen. Ollie James (D-Ky.), whose hand was on the revolver hidden beneath the flowing tail of his frock coat. James had his eye on . . .

Sen. Robert LaFollette (R-Wis.), who was staging a dramatic fight with President Woodrow Wilson which had all the passion of today in an earlier era when politicians backed up their flaming oratory with whatever weapons they could command.

May Aid Perspective
This chapter from American history, 36 years old, may aid those who wish some perspective within and between our major parties on issues made extremely sensitive by serious international problems. As now, war or peace seemed at stake.

toward him, one hand on a revolver under his coat. The Wisconsin senator's son and aide, Bob Jr., stood in the Senate doorway watching with horror, wondering whether he had left his father dangerously defenseless by an earlier decision to remove the revolver that his father ordinarily carried in a light traveling bag which was then in the corridor for emergency use.

But James never drew his gun—not would he have had a chance to fire had he drawn. At least this is the assurance LaFollette later received from his friend and fellow isolationist, Sen. Lane of Oregon, who was alert to James from the start.

In the biography of the elder LaFollette just published by McMillan Co., and written by the senator's widow and daughter, there is recorded this passage in which Lane, a physician and graduate of Willamette University, told LaFollette how he had been set to defend the filibustering orator with a sharp

pointed rattail file: "I had this file in my office, and I slipped it into my pocket. If you slip this file inside a man's collarbone on the left side you can reach his heart with one thrust and he will never move again."

When you were trying to get recognition and Hitchcock was recognized, Ollie James, who was carrying a gun, started across the chamber toward you with his hand under his coat tails, but he would never have drawn that gun. Before he could have done so I would have stopped him with this file. I was right within reach of him, all the time."

LaFollette won the day, backed by Lane and Sens. Wesley Jones (R-Wash.), George Norris (R-Nebr.) and a handful of others. The bill died on March 4, 1917, but not without Wilson turning on a withering blast which has since become a famous Wisconsin quote: "A little group of willful men, representing no opinion but

their own, have rendered the great government of the United States helpless and contemptible."

Milk Price Cut In California

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A cent a quart price reduction for milk in Southern California and most of the Southern San Joaquin Valley will be effective Jan. 1.

The reductions were announced by the State Milk Control Bureau which said they were made possible by improved dairy feed conditions, an abundant milk supply and lower production costs.

The new price schedule, with the store price preceding that for home delivery: Fresno County, 15 1/2, 20 1/2; Imperial, 21 1/2, 22 1/2; Los Angeles, 20, 21 1/2; San Diego, 20 1/2, 21 1/2.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	47	34	.50
Portland	44	30	.05
San Francisco	70	48	.00
New York	41	25	.00
Willamette River	47	35	.00

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Mostly cloudy this morning. Cloudy with rain and gusty winds this afternoon and tonight. High today near 45 and low tonight near 35. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. was 43.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
19.16 9.87 17.58