

Independence Area Hopyard Notes Change in Ownership

Independence, Dec. 10—Howard Eismann, Oregon representative of the Steiner Golden Gate Farms with headquarters in New York City, made public this week the sale of the Golden Gate hop ranch to Herman Moritz of route 1, Shedd. The Oregon ranch is a subsidiary of Steiner holdings.

Located four miles south of Independence, the Golden Gate ranch comprises 810 acres with over 300 acres in hops. It is the second largest hop ranch in this district, being second only to the E. Clemens Horst Company ranch, which is four miles north of Independence.

The ranch was originally known as the Kreba ranch but was owned by the Wigans & Richardson company of London, England for many years until it was sold in 1941 to the Steiner company.

Cornoyer & Durbin of Salem managed the ranch for the Wigans & Richardson company and it was known as the Wigrich ranch. The reported price of the sale was given as \$150,000 including machinery and equipment.

Moritz, the new owner, has been operating a large small-seed farm at Shedd and far as can be learned he intends to continue the operation of the farm as in the past. Sib Kelley, who has been resident manager for the Steiner company, is in Idaho at present and it was not known whether or not he would continue in his same capacity.

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Liberty Forms Church Council

Liberty—The women of the Liberty Christian Church of Christ met Thursday evening at the church for the Christmas meeting. It was voted to call the club the Ladies Council and that one-half of the offering would stay in the club and the rest going to missionaries.

Committee chairman named were Mrs. Harry Staggs, communion, Mrs. Fred Robertson, benevolence, Mrs. Ralph Robertson, decorating, and Mrs. Henry Paulson, baptism, with Rev. Elery Parrish as committee chairman advisor. It was voted to spend the money from donations from the kitchen shower for silverware.

On the program was the Christmas Story, with Rev. Parrish reading the passages, and Mrs. Ted Hughes sang Christmas hymns, accompanied by Mrs. Elery Parrish at the piano. Edith Parrish sang, and Mrs. Ted Hughes gave a recitation. Mary Ann Walls played a number on the violin, and Mrs. Harry Staggs gave a reading. On the refreshment committee were Mrs. Wayne Sipe, Mrs. Paul Scharn and Mrs. Ted Hughes.

Guests were Mrs. Arthur McClellan, Mrs. Gerald Knepper, Mrs. Wilbert Kurth, Mrs. Louis Kurth, Mrs. Paul Scharn, Mrs. Julius Gregory, Mrs. Gus Plenge, Mrs. Henry Paulson, Mrs. Emil Marx, Mrs. Fred Robertson, Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Mrs. Milton Stephens, Mrs. Elery Parrish, Mrs. Rex Shelton, Mrs. Harry Staggs, Mrs. Ted Hughes, Mrs. P. B. Wall, Mrs. Charles Moore, Mrs. Wayne Sipe, Mrs. Carl Bell and Mrs. Annie Connors.

This is the only meeting for December but the council will meet the second and fourth Thursdays at the church hereafter.

Everyone is asked to bring food parcels wrapped in white tissue for the white Christmas. These gifts will be distributed to the needy families, and to old peoples' homes. These parcels may be brought to the church on the next two Sundays.

Western Oregon Wins in Hybrid Corn

Ontario, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP)—Oregon's best corn grower was crowned today at the 8th annual Oregon State Corn show.

Sweepstakes winner in the hybrid yield contest was Robert Reffert of Nyssa, whose yield was 186.9 bushels per acre. He was 26 bushels higher than the nearest competitor, Ralph Richards, Hermiston, at 160.7 per acre.

Judges said Reffert's winning yield was the highest corn yield ever computed in Oregon. The variety was Idahybrid 5-4-4.

The western Oregon division winner in the hybrid corn yield contest was Peter Bischoff of Silverton, with a mark of 96.5 bushels per acre for Oregon hybrid 3-5-5. Second place among western Oregon entries went to Lyle Landsem, Woodburn, and third to S. L. Eymann, Canby.

Square Dance Club Will Frolic Tuesday

Salem Heights—The Salem Heights Square Dance club will hold its first get-together Tuesday, December 13, at the Salem Heights Community hall on Liberty road at 8:15 o'clock.

Plans have been made for a big evening, with a good orchestra and a caller. The club has been limited to 32 couples, due to floor space. Anyone wishing yet to come into the club may contact Mrs. Clark Lethin for openings at a later date.

The Community club will be in charge of the cold drinks. The late time set for the dance is due to the election of the rural fire district which will be held that day at the Liberty hall.

Memorial Stadium Tea Benefit Set

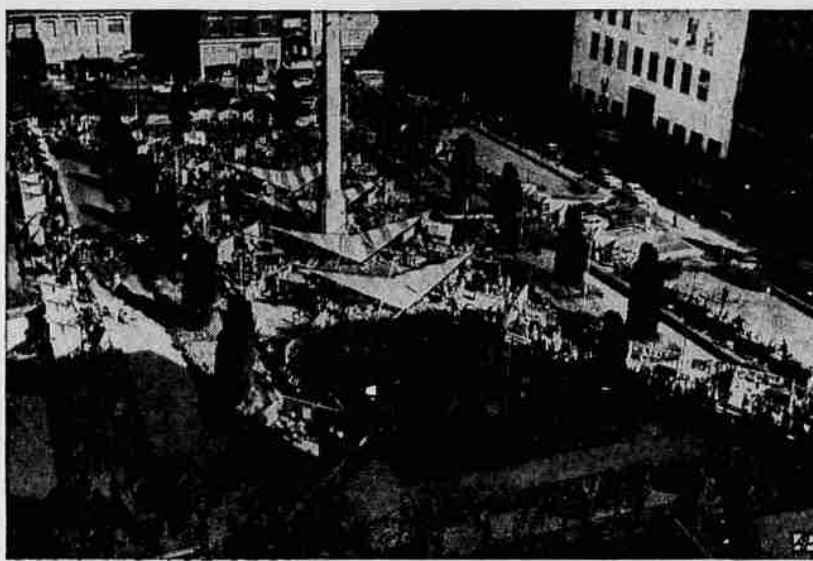
Albany—Albany's living war Memorial Stadium will benefit from an "autographing tea," Tuesday to honor Ardyth Kennelly, Portland author of "The Peaceable Kingdom," at the Veterans' Memorial hall, it was announced by Mrs. R. A. Talbot, general chairman, and president of the Albany Woman's club, sponsors of the event. All Albany women's clubs are cooperating in the tea.

Miss Kennelly, a former Albany resident, will be here to autograph her books, which will be sold at the tea.

Mayor Jess Savage has designated Tuesday, December 13, as "Ardyth Kennelly" day. Besides the tea, the Albany Chamber of Commerce board of directors will give a luncheon in her honor at noon at the Hub. She will be presented a box of Albany made products by the chamber.

Ahre Taking Office

Woodburn—G. E. Ahre of Springfield has been named as secretary of the Farmers' Fire Relief and Hop Growers Fire Relief associations with the head office at Woodburn and will take over his duties Monday. He succeeds the late Lyman H. Shorey, who held the position for 15 years up until his death October 24.



Open Air Art Show—Overhead view of San Francisco Art Commission's outdoor art show held in city's Union Square. Among exhibits was display of paintings by Alcatraz convicts.

DREW PEARSON WRITES: Policy to Appease Russ Helps Explain Hot Exposés

By DREW PEARSON

One of the things you have to remember about the wartime shipment of supplies to Russia—now under such hot discussion—is the then official policy to keep Russia appeased.

The late Wendell Willkie, returning from Russia in 1942, told this columnist in graphic detail how he had attended an official banquet at the Kremlin where various toasts were proposed to allied solidarity and where the atmosphere seemed completely friendly, when, suddenly, Stalin rose to his feet.

Willkie said that he almost fell off his chair when Stalin began shaking his finger at the British ambassador and scolding him.

Relations between the United States and Russia were excellent, Stalin said, but he wanted Willkie to go back and make sure that no more supplies were sent to Russia by way of England. Because, he added, the last time an American ship stopped in England, America fighter planes promised to Russia had been taken off by the British and used for themselves.

Willkie said that the British ambassador sat stunned while this torrent of abuse poured about his ears.

Later investigation showed that the fighter planes had been taken off at Scotland because General Eisenhower and Gen. Carl "Toughy" Spaatz had asked the British to do so. However, the incident illustrates the constant strain which existed between the allies over the shipment of supplies and the desire of American officials to please Russia as far as possible.

There was also an occasion in 1942, when the British might pull out of the war unless she got sufficient support from the allies.

In 1942, Averell Harriman, then ambassador for lend-lease, visited Moscow and persuaded Stalin that U. S. supplies should enter Russia through the Gulf of Persia and Teheran. Stalin was much opposed to this because of the long overland journey and the fact that there was no railroad connecting the Caucasus with Basra, the Gulf of Persia port.

To win Stalin's acquiescence, Harriman promised that the United States would also inaugurate an air route via Alaska to Siberia for the shipment of nonbulk goods.

The Alaskan base, accordingly, was set up almost exactly the way the Russians wanted it. They decreed that they would take delivery of all American goods in Fairbanks, Alaska, not in Siberia. They then sent their own personnel to Fairbanks, including aviators, women clerks, etc.

The expediting base for the Alaskan-Siberian air route was at Great Falls, Mont., where Maj. G. Racey Jordan was stationed.

On the whole, relations with the Russians at Fairbanks were friendly and harmonious. However, in Washington there was constant friction, not so much with the Russians, but between American officials as to what should and should not be sent to the Soviet.

For instance, in the summer of 1942, the Russians asked for and were granted permission to take delivery on two old oil refineries at Tyler and Longview, Texas.

Secretary of Interior Ickes, then in charge of the war petroleum board, OK'd the shipment of these refineries on the ground that it would save American tankers in shipping millions of gallons of oil to Russia. At that time the submarine war was at its height and anything was considered better than losing tankers at sea.

However, other American oilmen opposed the shipment of the two oil refineries and a long drawn-out argument ensued, chiefly over the question as to how much royalty the Russians would pay American oil companies for the use of their cracking process.

This type of controversy over supplies to Russia continued throughout the war.

Church Holds Dinner

Unionvale—More than 60 attended the monthly family dinner held at the social room of the Unionvale church. Twelve new members of the Boy Scouts and John Richardson, scoutmaster were present and gave first-aid demonstration for accidents.

Four Corners School Has Many Affairs During Week

Four Corners, Dec. 10—Lincoln school has been unusually busy this week. On Tuesday members of Marion Post 661 Veterans of Foreign Wars presented each room with an American flag. Mrs. C. L. Forbis, chairman of the auxiliary committee made the presentation.

Accepting the flags for the different rooms were first grades Alice Dunch and Linda Vernon; second grade Bill Grief; third grades Jarry Crabb and Howard Ediger; fourth grade Sheryl Helgerson; fifth grade Darrell Staske; sixth grade Ronald Coulter.

Thursday there was a student council meeting. Representatives from each room were first grades Philip Mitchell, Sandra Wagner, Ann Barney, Jimmy Gettis; second grades Danny Yarnell and Rita Holman; third grades Leroy Batcheller, Susan Guthrie, Connie Chambers, Howard Ediger; fourth grade Sheryl Helgerson, Leon Chartier; fifth grade Joe Wilson, Carl Hoffine; sixth grade Gary Pierpoint, Ruth Stryker.

Highlight of the week was the benefit dinner sponsored by the Lincoln Mother's club Thursday evening. Over 400 people came to inspect facilities and equipment for the education and training of children. The visual education room was filled to capacity all evening as Mr. Hillsland showed pictures that appealed to adult and youth alike.

Those who had not seen the building before were impressed as they strolled through the rooms gay in all their holiday decorations. Some of the outstanding Christmas arrangements was a scene of the Nativity, a mural of a starlit night with Santa in his sleigh and the reindeer sailing through the sky, a settlement of houses all snow-covered and everywhere a spirit of peace on earth good will toward men.

Mr. and Mrs. David Behm entertained at dinner, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Behm. Coming to extend congratulations to their hostess were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Deen, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harger and the Misses Davene and Barbara Behm.

College Professor Arbitrator in AFL Row

Portland, Dec. 10 (AP)—Dr. Philip Overmeyer, history professor at Lewis & Clark college, will be arbitrator in the state AFL Poultry Workers' dispute.

He was named yesterday to handle the dispute which led to an October strike, ended only by promise of arbitration. The AFL Egg and Poultry Workers ask a 7½-cent hourly wage increase from the Oregon Egg and Poultry Dealers' association.

To Strengthen Pacific Fleet

Washington, Dec. 10 (AP)—The navy announced plans today to strengthen its Pacific forces, altering a three-year shift of power to the Atlantic.

Within the next few weeks it plans to transfer the heavy cruiser Rochester and the anti-aircraft cruiser Juneau from the Atlantic to the Pacific fleet.

The announcement called the transfer a necessary adjustment between the fleets due to laying up of other cruisers recently, and a move to "equalize cruiser division strength."

The transfer was announced only two days after Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, had expressed concern over "weakening" of the Pacific fleet.

The balance of U. S. naval strength has been shifted in the last three years from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Whereas three years ago major ships in the Pacific numbered 165 compared with 150 in the Atlantic, today Pacific fleet strength is about 85 major combat vessels as against 160 in the Atlantic.

Reporters asked Sherman only last Wednesday whether the shift from Pacific to Atlantic would be continued. He replied: "I'm concerned over the weakness of the Pacific fleet and I've been going over ways and means of strengthening it."

Grange Opposes CVA

Idaho Falls, Idaho, Dec. 10 (AP)—A resolution opposing the proposed Columbia Valley Administration because of its three-man administrative board, was approved by the Idaho State Grange convention here last night.

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