



Woodburn—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kaup of 1283 East Lincoln street, Woodburn, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary December 25 at their home. They were married in Oklahoma December 17, 1899, and came to Oregon in 1914 and have lived in Woodburn since 1942. Their five sons and daughters who attended the celebration are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kaup of Oregon City; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Kaup of Klamath Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Laird Kaup, Paul Kaup of Gervais; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kaup of Waterman, Calif.; Mrs. Edgar Horswell of Sheridan. (Alyce Studio, Woodburn)

Fine Old Syrup of Corncob Variety—No Maple in It

By HARMON W. NICHOLS

Romney, W. Va., Jan. 25 (AP)—I'm here to tell you about some fine old syrup which doesn't have any maple in it. It's made out of corn cobs. The man who told me about it is George Williams, who used to be a senator in the West Virginia state legislature. Williams, who is the sixth generation of his family to live in the quaint old farm house near here, says that the recipe for syrup-a-la-cob has been handed down by mouth in his family for many, many years. "And why," he asks with some reason, "should a body pay \$5 a gallon for maple syrup when you can make your own for a few cents?"

The senator, as everybody in Romney, a town of 2,000, still calls him, has this recipe for "corn-cob syrup." You go out in the cob house, if you have a cob house, and pick out eight or 10 nice, clean red corn cobs. You wash them and break them into little pieces, either with a knife—or if you're strong enough with your hands—and put a half gallon of water on the stove to boil; cobs in. Watch the water and when it simmers to one quarter, strain it off and throw the cobs away. "I call that cob liquor," said Williams.

You take this stuff, which by this time is a dark amber color, and add to it two pounds of white sugar and one pound of brown sugar. You boil this until you have a syrup. "That's all there is to it," the former state senator said. "When you get through you have about the finest maple syrup you'd ever want to find." The "senator" is sure right. On hot biscuits, it was fine. Williams' production is strictly private. At one time he had thought of going into commercial output. He thought he had some fine connections with the food and drug administration in Washington, but he ran into difficulties. The F.D.A. follows all accepted gallon samples of his homemade product and reported back that it was well stuff, but they wouldn't put their conclusions on paper. Finally he wormed a written report out of the administration. It said, in effect, that the syrup tasted fine on buckwheat cakes and the like but the food and drug people couldn't under the law go along with calling anything made out of corn cobs "maple syrup."

That made Williams pretty sore. He got madder as he read along in the dispatch from the F.D.A. The administration suggested that he call his delicious concoction "imitation maple syrup." That was when the former state senator of West Virginia popped his roof. He said that he wasn't making imitation maple syrup, but corn-cob syrup, and would the maple people, if they felt that way about it, maybe like to have their product called "imitation corn-cob syrup?" "Something like," he told me, "a maker of a fine corn-cob pipe having the patent office dub it an imitation briar." Just that silly.

Nitrocellulose is another name for gun-cotton.

Bullet Victim Considered Fair

Silverton—Reports from the local hospital are that eight-year-old Ruby Ann Briggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Briggs, was considered in fair condition providing no complications develop. The child was in the home of her parents, Sunday, shortly after noon when a stray bullet from a high powered "Japanese" rifle crashed the room where several other children were and entered the fleshy part of the hip of Ruby Ann who was at the time sitting in a chair. The injury is diagnosed as an entirely flesh wound, described as plowing from the hip muscles into the leg and in some indescribable fashion leaving the leg and re-entering the muscles. Ruby Ann was entered into the local hospital Monday evening.

George Alexander Peters, Silverton, and Nuberg Delbert Davis, Portland, both in early '20s were apprehended late Monday by Constable Emery Jackson and plead "guilty" to a charge of firing across a public highway when hawk hunting. The young men assumed all responsibility for the child and her treatment and will be recalled for sentence by Judge Alf O. Nelson early in February as soon as the outcome of the accident is fully determined.

Report Chinese Reds Move Into Indo China

Taipei, Formosa, Jan. 25 (AP)—Nationalist reports said today that Chinese communist troops have crossed the border into Indo-China and are cooperating with communist forces there. These reports, distributed by the nationalist central news agency and the central China command headquarters, said the joint communist forces are considering armed action against some 30,000 nationalist troops who fled China and took refuge in Indo-China. It was understood a request for money and supplies has been received by the National defense ministry from Gen. Huang Chieh, commander of one of the army groups interned by the French. The request was turned over to the Nationalist foreign office.

Man Admits Trying To Run Down Wife

Boise, Ida., Jan. 25 (AP)—Police Chief George Haskin said Tuesday that Carl Cannaday, 29, Boise, admitted in a signed statement that he tried to kill his wife by running her down with an automobile. Cannaday's wife Rose, 21, was in St. Luke's hospital here. Hospital authorities said X-rays would be taken to determine the extent of the young woman's injuries. She was reported in "satisfactory" condition.



Woodburn—Mr. and Mrs. John Stecklein of Mt. Angel, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. They were married in Austria-Hungary January 14, 1900, and have lived in Mt. Angel since 1903. Six of their nine children are living and attended the anniversary. They are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Medina (Anna) of Oswego; Miss Mary Stecklein at home; Miss Theresa Stecklein of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stecklein of West Fir, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. John Stecklein, Jr., of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lauby (Louise) of Lebanon. Four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren were also present. (Alyce Studio, Woodburn)

Websters Honored Guests On 35th Wed Anniversary

Four Corners, Jan. 25 — Honored at dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kroll when Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Webster entertained in honor of the Kroll's 35th wedding anniversary. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kroll Jr., of Portland, Mrs. Milo DeRosia and Sandra DeRosia of Turner.

Coming later to extend congratulations to the honored ones were Mr. and Mrs. George Gregor, Mr. and Mrs. Osie Olsen, Teddy and Roy Olsen, all of Salem. Mrs. Kroll displayed the gifts and cut the wedding cake and Mrs. Webster served the coffee. Mrs. Kroll and Mrs. Webster are sisters. The Krolls have a daughter, Mrs. Edward Smith of Anderson, Calif., and a son, Chief Petty Officer Paul Kroll of the coast guard at Tacoma, Wash., who were unable to attend the celebration.

The North Elma Sewing club entertained their husbands and families in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Gilming. Canasta was in play, followed with dessert. Members and families were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mayden, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Pankratz, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dillard, Sharon Dillard, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Harrelson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Snook, Allen, Marilyn and Sybil Snook.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Snook were hosts on Sunday at 1 o'clock dinner honoring their son, Cecil Snook upon his birthday anniversary. Covers were also laid for Mrs. Cecil Snook.

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Berry Yield of State Reported

Oregon berry production (strawberries, cane fruits and cranberries) in 1949 aggregated 78,520,000 pounds—17 per cent less than the record crop of 94,980,000 pounds in 1948, but otherwise the largest crop since 1941.

Strawberry production was 28 per cent below the large 1948 crop as a result of the severe winter and late spring freezes, followed by a dry growing season which culminated in both a reduced set and small size of fruit.

Boysen and youngberries were also seriously affected by the same adverse weather conditions resulting in a crop 18 per cent less than last year. Increased plantings of other cane fruits offset the reduced yields and consequently total production of all cane fruits (including Boysen and Youngs) equaled the crop of 1948.

The 1949 cranberry crop of 1,380,000 pounds was only 4 per cent larger than the 1,330,000 pounds produced in 1948 despite an increased bearing acreage.

Due to the decreased production and sharply lowered level of prices for most kinds, total value of the 1949 berry crops was 40 per cent below 1948. Nevertheless, the aggregate value of the 1949 berry crops has been exceeded only by 1948 and 1946.

The Pacific northwest (Oregon and Washington), important in the production of berries for processing, produced a total of 148,890,000 pounds of berries during the 1949 season or 84 per cent of the 177,890,000

pounds produced during the 1948 season.

The reduced production is due entirely to reduced yields brought about by 1948-49 winter damage and a dry growing season. Estimated value of the harvested crop (fresh and processing sales plus farm consumption) amounted to \$19,512,000 or 66 per cent of the 1948 value of \$29,591,000 because of low prices.

An early measurement was the "hand,"—the distance across the palm—and is still used in determining the height of horses.

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CHAOS AND FAMINE REIGN

Poor Crops in Shantung Will Bring Starvation to Millions

By WAYNE RICHARDSON

Aboard Flying Arrow En Route to Kobe, Japan, Jan. 25 (AP)—A black picture of chaos and famine in communist North China was given to me during the four days I spent ashore on Shantung peninsula while the Flying Arrow unloaded cargo at Tsingtao, once the base of the American Asiatic fleet. My informant was a well-informed source. His name cannot be used.

He said: "Poor crops in Shantung (one of China's richest agricultural areas) will make impossible any surplus for export. Consequently many millions of people will starve before next year's harvest, despite anything the communist government could do even if it was willing. Even now in various areas people are eating herbs and leaves.

"The administrative picture is absolutely a mess, because of lack of trained personnel and communist reluctance to utilize available experienced professional men. "The average Shantungese thinks even less of the Reds than he did of the Kuomintang (Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist party) but will remain apathetic. Consequently, by resorting to gestapo methods, there appears no reason to believe the armed communists cannot maintain effective control."

My informant said there was no more behind the communist money than was behind Kuomintang currency.

"That is why their exchange is going to hell," he said bitterly. (The exchange rate in Tsingtao was 21,000 communist dollars to \$1.)

"The Kuomintang through sheer corruption and robbery of the people by their financial measures lost any remaining prestige they might have had in Shantung," he said. "Having lost to the Reds politically, their (the Kuomintang's) military defeat was a foregone conclusion. Such American military aid, which was considerable, as was rendered the Nationalist military authorities in Shantung directly or indirectly might just as well have been given the Reds directly."

He said the communists present policy of taxation indicates they intend to drive out all private trade.

This man said that since last year's withdrawal of U. S. Marines from Tsingtao the people would welcome back the Japanese to reestablish law and order and reasonable taxation. "Despite the publicity given in the communist controlled press concerning friendship with Russia and the formation in

Tsingtao of a branch of the Sino-Soviet friendship society, the average Soviet citizen is accorded no better treatment than any other foreigner," he said.

All U. S. government property in Tsingtao has been taken over by the Reds.

One oldtime resident of Tsingtao, who also desires anonymity, commented:

"The rich are getting poor, and the poor still poorer." He told me of the ruse the communists used to obliterate robbers and beggars.

"They arrested one robber," he said, "and convinced him that he would not be molested if he registered his trade. He registered, told his colleagues about it and they registered, too. Then the police cracked down and arrested all of them. Since then, there have been no more robbers."

The same trick, he said, was played on beggars. After they all registered, they were arrested and sent to the "salt mines" to labor.

This source said the communist government gained control of all food in the city through informers.

Mrs. Dixon Home
Fairview—Mrs. Robert Dixon has returned home after one week spent at the McMinnville hospital. Her Sunday guests included Mr. and Mrs. Marion John Stoutenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Giesler of Salem. Mrs. Lester Holt of Unionvale was her Monday guest.

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