



Destitute—While his wife watches, Charley Morgan, a one-legged farm worker who sold his blood to buy food for his children, feeds the children from a box of rations rushed in by juvenile authorities to aid families found starving to death in a farm labor camp near Phoenix, Ariz. Almost 100 children were found in a starvation condition in what one juvenile authority described as "the worst case of mass destitution I have seen." The families in the camp are destitute because a freeze spoiled the crops, throwing them out of work. (Acme Tele-photo)

Near-Starving Family Gets Food in Agricultural Camp

By RAY HERBERT

Phoenix, Ariz., March 10 (AP)—John Franklin Morgan, 44, munched a burnt biscuit oozing with apple butter today and said it "sure tastes good."

His five sisters and brothers got biscuits also, and there was goat's milk for the youngest, a 17-month-old blonde youngster who walked better than most kids his age.

Their father, Charles Morgan, 44, said it was the first food that had ever been given to him and he felt "embarrassed."

The food, including several boxes of staples and canned goods, was delivered to the Morgan's one-room metal shelter in an agricultural camp 16 miles west of Phoenix last night.

Food was distributed to other near-starving families in the huge camp after superior judge Thomas J. Croaff released a report that said the families were facing "mass destitution."

Gifts of food and medical supplies began pouring into the camp after judge Croaff's report was made public. Welfare agencies in Phoenix, civic groups in

nearby Tolleson and Avondale and private individuals were instrumental in starting the flow of urgently needed supplies. The camp, with neat rows of shacks belies the hardship and poverty most of its inhabitants are facing. So does its location near Tolleson, which calls itself "the vegetable center of the world," and Phoenix, the winter resort capital of the southwest.

Morgan, who limps around on a wooden leg, said his family wouldn't be in the "fix" if it weren't for his truck that had broken down six weeks ago.

Morgan sold a pint of blood for \$5 last week to get money to buy food for his children. "It looked more like a short quart to me," he commented.

Four Corners Volunteer Firemen Host for Group

Four Corners, March 10—The Four Corners Volunteer Firemen were hosts to the Marion County Firefighters association. Guest speaker was Roland Blantz from the Portland General Electric company. Local fire chief W. R. Gould welcomed the visitors. One hundred and ten persons enjoyed the old fashioned Medicine show put on by Bill Cartright and his troop of amateur entertainers. At the close of the evening's program the local firemen served the guests a "crab feed."

Gift Bar Planned

The Firemen's auxiliary held their March meeting in the John Fox home with Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Ray Russell as co-hostesses. A project for increasing the club funds was carried out. They will sponsor a "gift bar" at the Community Center association carnival held as a community benefit each year. Mrs. Earl Benz was a guest. There were 16 members present. Mrs. Warren Shrake and Mrs. Everett Smith will be co-hostesses for the April meeting in the Shrake home.

The "Better Dress" work shop being held in connection with the Four Corners Home Extension Unit had their second meeting Thursday in the E. E. Walker home with Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Ralph King as instructors. This was an all day meeting with luncheon at 12 o'clock. Those sewing at this meeting were Mrs. A. C. Shaw, Mrs. Jess McIlmoy, Mrs. Stan Braden, Mrs. J. H. Igleheart, Mrs. Arnold Olson, Mrs. S. H. Cable.

Knute Knutson Dies
Independence, Ore., March 10—Knute Knutson, 72, of Silverton, died here suddenly Thursday while resting after eating his lunch. Funeral services will be held in Silverton Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Livestock Men Advised to Keep Records of Production

Keeping detailed records, particularly in connection with the raising of sheep, was urged by Prof. W. G. Cadmus, Oregon State college, at a dinner meeting of the Marion County Livestock association at Union Hill Thursday night.

These records should at first be simple with a system recently developed at the college replacing them as soon as possible.

Draper to Vie With Gibson

Albany, Mar. 10—Two contests in the republican primary election of May 19 developed Thursday, one for nomination to the office of county commissioner and the other to the office of joint Linn-Lane senator in the state legislature.

Filing by Wayne Downing, Lacombe, county commissioner, for nomination to succeed himself placed him in opposition to Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Johnson, who had previously filed, and a third aspirant, J. W. Shortridge, Albany real estate broker, announced he will file for the same office.

From Sweet Home came the announcement that Ed Cardwell, mayor, will file for the office of Linn county representative in the state legislature, also in the Republican primary.

Two representatives will be elected this year and thus far Cardwell and District Attorney Melvin Goode are the only announced Republican candidates.

Another development was the filing of Jack Draper, founder of Draperville, for the office of joint senator from Linn and Lane counties. This will be Draper's second try at the joint senatorship. He gave Angus Gibson, whom he will again oppose, a surprisingly close race in the Republican primary of May, 1946.

Air Defenses of Japan Planned

Toyko, March 10 (AP)—United States army, navy and air force officers will meet at three airbases in Japan next Tuesday for simultaneous joint conferences on the air defense of Japan, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

Strategy talks on defending southern Japan will be held at Itazuke air base on Kyushu Island. Military leaders concerned with the defense of Central Japan will meet at Johnson airbase near Tokyo.

The third conference will take place at Misawa airbase on the northern tip of Honshu Island, the nearest major American base to the Russian port of Vladivostok.

The meetings were expected to analyze the results of war games in which bombers based on Okinawa and Guam have tried to penetrate the combined army, navy and air force defense of Japan.

Meanwhile, the U.S. navy announced it is establishing a naval air base at Yokosuka, Japan's chief navy base during the war. The American navy wants to keep it after the peace treaty is signed with Japan.

Coincident with announcement of the strategy talks, was the arrival here of Lt. Gen. Henry S. Aurand, commanding general of the U. S. army in the Pacific. He was expected to take

Shelton Farm Sinking in Earth

Shelton, March 10 (AP)—A puzzled farmer watched his strawberry patch sink into the ground today and worried over the fate of his house standing nearby.

The earth began to sink 11 days ago and now Walter Cooke, who farms near here, has a water-filled pit where strawberries used to grow.

He said the disturbance was first noticed when water began bubbling out of the ground. It spread water and sand over a 100 yard stream. Then the ground crumbled and went down. The ground has continued to drop since it first began crinkling.

The pit today is about six feet deep and 50 feet in diameter. Cracks in the earth extend more than 75 feet away and go under Cooke's barn. His house is about 150 feet away. He is not too much concerned about the barn as he plans to rebuild it anyway.

Mrs. Cooke said the water in the pit was a strong blue color and usually "bubbles in fits and starts."

"I don't know where the ground is going," Cooke said, "I

don't know when it will stop." Mrs. Cooke theorized the earthquake which shook the area severely last year might be the cause of the disturbance.

She said Mason County Engineer Arthur Ward had no explanation for the phenomenon but said it might be an underground river breaking through the surface. Andrew Kruswyk, Jr., county agricultural agent said he had never seen anything like it.

Ben Newell, program chairman, announced an association sponsored sheep tour March 17-Louis Hennies, Turner, presided with music provided by J. J. Thompson and E. P. Luthy, duets and Keith Scott in accordion numbers.

Guests introduced included Charles Evans, past president of the Western Livestock association and Mrs. Evans; Floyd Bates, representing the Salem Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Bates; Henry Ahrens, chairman of the Turner fat lamb show committee; Ed Taylor, Mehama; W. M. Tate, chairman of the county PMA committee; T. R. Hobart, field man for the Ladd & Bush branch of the United States National bank; Elmer Lorence and Mrs. Sletto.

A short memorial service was held in honor of W. P. Emery, one of the older members of the county organization, who died a few weeks ago.

Royalty Wears Crown
Sublimity — The Sodality of St. Boniface high school held its regular monthly meeting recently. After the meeting Elaine DeJardin placed the laurel crowns on the heads of Edward Highberger and Catherine Steinkamp, the courtesy king and queen.

Yawn and Goodnight
Houston, March 9 (AP)—"This must be a joke," said a man who called the sheriff's office. "I've got a good boy working for me and he's got a ticket for speeding. But it was signed Yawn and Goodnight." It was no joke, he was assured. Deputy Sheriffs Sid Yawn and Steve Goodnight, working together recently, had signed the ticket.

Gale Advises on Milk Control

Need of dairy units to work toward a more unified thinking on the milk control law was advocated by John Gale, Jersey cattle breeder of Canby, at the March meeting of the board of directors of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club here Thursday.

Presidents of various county clubs comprise the board with Marlin Fox, Molalla, president, and Jens Svith, Grants Pass, secretary.

Plans were also made for a series of spring shows, the first at Rogue River, May 16, followed by Polk county May 18; Linn-Benton county May 19 and 20; Marion, May 22; Clackamas, May 23; Washington, May 24; Yamhill, May 25, and Malheur, May 26 and 27.

Svith was named one of three judges to evaluate each show and youth activities with another to be a representative of Ralph Morvan's FFA offices and the cattle judge to be named at the April meeting.

George Gentemann, Independence, president of the Polk county, stressed youth activities and said the committee he heads for this purpose is working on a program to be presented and acted upon in the near future.

Others speaking were Floyd Bates, Marion club president, urging thought be given on county herds for the state fair; W. D. Mongred, Rogue River, with an invitation from the Ashland Chamber of Commerce to hold the state Jersey picnic in Lithia park with another invitation for the picnic extended by Grants Pass. Neither invitation received action.

Episcopal Bishop To Air Sermon

The sermon at the 11 a.m. service at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday, will be a radio address by the Most Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, D.D., presiding bishop of the Episcopal church. The presiding bishop's sermon will be broadcast over 600 stations, and will be heard in Salem over KSLM from 11:30 to 11:45 a.m.

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