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Our good friend Ray McKay, of the Coos Bay district, relates the folowing story. In the past we have published many stories from readers of this column and all of them interesting and we are always glad to receive anything of interest pertain-ing to the out of doors. Mr. McKay's story is of unusual interest and we extend him our grateful thanks for same. Well, here it is; we quote:

"At one time I used to do the plowing and planting on our ranch, and in congress labored for months to being interested in Nature, I always induce war production board to recogplow, picking up the worms that were extraction plant at an elevation of unearthed. And I'm telling you that 7,500 feet in the Montana Rockies. an old crow is plenty smart. He is Not only was a complete plant innot you are carrying a gun. If a gun modern hospital, recreation center, you happen to be unarmed he does prospective workers. It was a com-

and was astonished to observe that is a watchman. forth an angry caw and hopped to its doors to supply an anticipated the object he had discarded, and population of many hundreds.

him.

"The following morning he was again this essential alloy. he always beat me to it.



Washington, D. C., Feb. 3-While members of the northwest delegations Fern.

observed the wildlife I chanced upon nize the value of chrome deposits in with interest. As I plowed, the southwestern Oregon, \$23,000,000 was crows used to occasionally follow the being spent to construct a chrome aware of the fact as to whether or stalled but there was also built a is in evidence he is very shy, but if business structures and houses for the not express much fear, especially in plete city on a small scale—a city a district where he is not warred that has no occupants and from which not a single pound of chrome is being

"One day, while plowing, I observed shipped. The only person to enjoy a large crow flying low over the field the luxury of this costly installation

he had a snow-white bill, for as you The modern hospital has never know, crows possess black bills. I been entered by a single nurse or centered my attention on this par- doctor; it has never had a single paticular bird and watched him as he tient. The recreation center has a alighted some distance behind the large bowling alley in which workers plow. And imagine my amazement in the chrome plant were presumed when he deposited what I supposed to amuse themselves, but it has never was his bill, upon the ground and resounded to the booming of balls or started picking up worms. I dropped the crash of pins. Its alleys are as the reins and started for him to see smooth and glistening as the day they what object he was carrying about, were completed. No store or other When he spotted me coming, he gave business enterprise has ever opened

picking it up flew away. But within Almost before the "city" had been a short time he circled about and completed, other sources of chrome alighted again, layed down the white ore had been made available and exobject and went about gathering traction of chrome from the granite worms. I made another dash for the formation of the Montana Rockies was white object, but again he beat me found to be altogether too costly for to it. All day long I sought to get a continued operation. The whole plan hold of that white object, but "Mis- was abandoned and, so far as present ter" Crow was too smart for me. He prospects indicate, the venture will be beat me to it every time and at the a total loss to the government. end of the day he was still in posses- Chrome ore is now being produced sion of the object and I was more de- in quantity in southwestern Oregon termined than ever to secure it from and steel mills are having no difficulty in supplying their needs for

back on the worm seeking job and In the investigation of war spending still carrying his "white bill," and this example of hasty undertaking again I sought to get it from him, but is regarded as a prime illustration of the snap judgment which caused

"For several days that crow and I waste of money and manpower imwent 'round and 'round, but he al- mediately following the treacherous ways out-foxed me. But my perser- attack upon Pearl Harbor and ranks vance finally won out, for one day, with the Canol oil field development as he paused too long, evidently in the Fort Norman district of Canagloating over an unusually fat, juicy da. The total investment of governworm, I made a mad dash and was ment funds is less, but the ultimate almost upon him-in fact, so close, loss may be even greater, in the that he hadn't time to pick up his opinion of those who still defend the treasure and I beat him to it. The Fort Norman adventure as supplying

Slaughter Of The Innocents

Right now forest officials are trywhich go up in smoke along about Markets for new homes, amounting

In most fern patches, young Douglas-fir trees find a friendly haven until they are big enough to withstand the strong, burning sun, and stick their heads above the protecting fern cover. But in the early spring of the year, after the winter rains stop and before the ferns start growing, these dry fern patches are a dangerous tinderbox. Dry fern burns like celluloid and when fire once gets a toe-hold it rushes pell-mell on its destructive path. Fern makes a flash fire, hot enough to kill a young tree instantly, but not hot enough to kill out the deep-rooted fern.

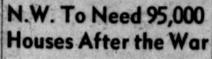
The number of fires started accidentally can be cut down in the fern season, just as they have been greatly reduced during the regular fire season in summer time. The delib-

of the fire setter.

forest areas, for this land is rightfully Extension committee. forest land and will never be profitably kept in pasture. The fight to posite of authoritative national surkeep forest land as pasture land by veys on the postwar market for burning off young growth in the end homes, and has broken it down by is disastrous

profitable pasture or a fine young

forest gone with the fern fires. This destruction of young production on forest lands every spring in bracken or fern fires takes the lives of millions of young trees. In the



Orville R. Miller, President West ng to work out a plan to save the Coast Lumbermen's Association millions of young trees and seedlings which met at Portland, Friday, Jan. 28.

this time of the year in fern fires. Many of these early spring fires and \$1,500,000,000 (1½ billion) in start from just pure carelessness. But the three Pacific Coast states alone, by far the greatest majority are will be greater in the two years folburned by ranchers and stockmen on lowing the war than in any other farms adjoining so-called "free range period of American history, accordland." It is to both of these groups ing to industry leaders who were on Eddy. that forestry officials are now di- the program of the annual meeting of recting an urgent appeal, "Don't Burn



erately set fern fires also can be the West Coast Lumbermen's As-stopped, but only through education sociation at the Multnomah Hotel. Portland, Friday, January 28. The

The real solution to this year-after- theme of the meeting, announced as, year destruction of young forest re- "While we are finishing the war, how production lies in an understanding can we best plan to fit lumber into by the general public of proper land post-war reconstruction and employuse. The annual burning of fern to ment" was discussed by Orville R. create pastures should be carefully Miller, Association president, Charles restricted to lands that are principal- L. Wheeler, president of Internaly valuable for agriculture and not tional Rotary, and Charles Snellbe done on most lands in recognized strom, chairman of the WCLA Trade

> "The Association has made a comregions and states," Mr. Snellstrom

Continual burning kills off all said in Portland today. "This yields young forest regrowth and also will a home building figure for Oregon eventually kill the old seed trees. and Washington of 95,000 units and But more important, fern burning \$430,000,000 in the first two years of doesn't kill the fern. Fern burning peace. Such figures are of course not does kill off other weeds, but the offered as precise predictions, but a deep-rooted fern comes back stronger means to visualize the pentup demand than ever after each fire. And in- for new family dwellings. Certainly stead of having pasture land the set- this will be a gigantic economic force tler has only a worthless fern and when times are peaceful again. We brush patch with all hope of either lumbermen must prepare for it."

Bulletin On Freezing Of Foods Is Available

Freezing of food can be one of the most satisfying methods of food prespring of 1943 more than 22,000 acres servation providing one is fortunate were burned over in fern fires. This enough to have a locker available, fern fire destruction is a serious has used recommended methods for threat to a sustained forest economy preparing the food, and an adequate and equally as disastrous, the land low temperature has been maintained

Gems of Thought

TIME

There are no fragments so precious as those of time, and none are so heedlessly lost by people who cannot make a moment, and yet can waste years .- Montgomery.

With each returning year, higher joys, holier aims, a purer peace and diviner energy, should freshen the fragrance of being. - Mary Baker

Regret for time wasted can become a power for good in the time that remains. And the time that remains is time enough, if we will only stop the waste and the idle, useless regretting .- Arthur Brisbane

In time there is no present, In eternity no future. In eternity no past.

-Tennyson.

Dear Land to which Desire for even flees;

Time doth no present to our grasp allow: Say in the fix'd Eternal shall w

seize At last the fleeting Now?-

-Bulwer-Lytton.

Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the

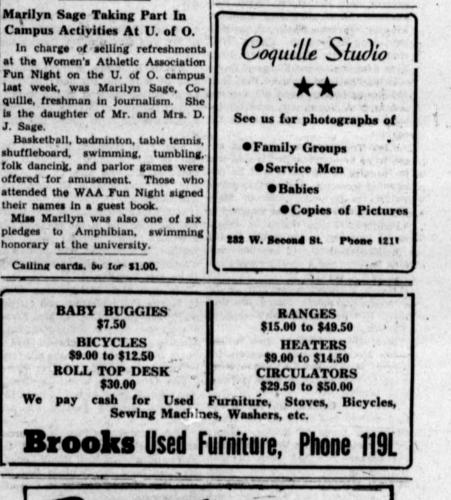
J. Sage.

4-H Leaders To Meet Feb. 7-8

Local 4-H leaders will have the opportunity of meeting together to discuss club problems in two different meetings which will be held in the county February 7 and 8. L. J. Allen. assistant state club leader, will meet

with the groups at which time the leaders association will be organized. Suggestions on organizing and coordinating leader activities will be discussed by Mr. Allen.

For leaders in the north end of the county the meeting will be held at the North Bend city hall, Monday evening at 7:30. On Tuesday evening in the Bandon city hall at 8:00 the meeting will be held for all leaders in the south end of the county. Round table discussions will be held for both home economics and agricultural projects. Leaders will be given opportunities to report what their clubs have been doing thus far in the club year and to present any problems which they may have. All former leaders as well as any one interested in the club program are urged to attend, according to Mrs. Dorothy Bishop Dunn, home demonstration agent. Transportation will be provided by the county extension agents to the meeting at Bandon for those interested in attending on Lord as a thousand years, and a Tuesday evening. Cars will leave thousand years as one day .-- II Peter from the court house in Coquille at 7:00 oclock.



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white object proved to be the handle war-time n off of a white tea cup. -0-

"While I examined it, the big, black rascal flew about the field squawking his displeasure and cussing me plenty in "crow language." So I tossed the handle back upon the ground and had only made my way a few feet, when upon outspread wings he descended and grabbed up the old handle and away he flew with it.

"He continued frequenting the field after that, but guarded his treasure so well that he would never allow me to approach near him again. Now ford the opportunity and not in one can you tell me, Lans, what he saw in that old tea-cup handle that caused him to stick with it in that manner?" Unquote.

To be perfectly frank with you, Mac, we cannot. We have known of crows picking up some bright object, flying with it a short distance and then dropping it, but never have we indeed interesting and I am sure it has proven so to the readers. And thanks again for it.

Oil Men Promise Post-War Super Product

Finer gasoline than auto owners have ever used before is the oil in-Chemists and automotive engineers the gallon.

to furnish engines geared to use it. States.

at his home on road.

Income Tax Returns prepared. Call hands full when and if it probes into 280-M for day or evening appoint- these matters. ment. George L. Maynard. 212s Ten schools are now training men appropriation.

guardsmen will be brought back to state. the United States from the South Pacific for a respite some time this year. These boys were among the first Car On Left Must Always transported to Australia and they Yield Right Of Way have been in that area so long that under the program for a rest period for men overseas, they are entitled to be brought back. They will return as means of transportation af-

body. -0-Opposition is being raised to the which vehicle is first in the intersecproposal of the state department to tion. bring into the United States some In 78 per cent of the accidents in-75,000 Italians to relieve the shortage volving angle collisions at intersec-

the invasion and that once they are on the part of many drivers to try ticular object over a period of time, admitted they may remain for many to hurry through the intersection as did your old crow. Your story is years. The situation with regard ahead of the car on the right. to Mexican labor is different. The Farrell warned drivers that they

> equally large number for the 1944 section and urged drivers to observe thy Bishop Dunn, Court House, Cocrop year. Among things difficult to under-

dustry's postwar pledge to the public. stand is this: A shipment of 70,000 vehicle conservation. tons of wheat has been sent to North agree that "regular" fuel will aver- Africa (the first of many to follow) may not be familiar with the Oregon age 80 octane (against a pre-Pearl for use by the natives. At the same traffic rules and regulations, Farrell Harbor 74-76) and "premium" gas time millions of bushels of Canadian suggested that they obtain copies of around 85 (compared with 78-82). wheat are rolling into the United the Oregon Driver's Manual. These Drivers will then notice to their States to be used as feed because manuals may be obtained at police or er, but she was ill with the flu, There delight that there are fewer engine there is a shortage. Warehouses in sheriff's offices, from state driver's were nine present and routine busidelight that there are fewer engine the northwest, from Montana to the license examiners, or by writing to ness was transacted. Letters were the gallon

Actually the oil companies could in many instances, there are no supply even more powerful fuel at the transportation facilities. The ODT prepared at this stage of the game Canadian wheat into the United

The so-called Canol fiasco is only A. L. Hooton is again ready to at- one of several that will break one tend to the public's needs in elestri- of these days and there will be recal repair and wiring. His phone is percussions that will shake the Pa-222R, and for the present his shop is cific coast, and some reputations will the Fairview be blasted. The stuff is brewing and 52tfs becoming hotter every day. The

when reburned too often ceases to have value for any purpose.

Promises have been given that We must stop fern fires, for fern tages over other methods of preser-Oregon and Washington federalized fires destroy and do not build our vation; a greater quantity of essential

Failure to yield the right of way at intersections was reported in a maing angle collisions during the year 1943, according to Bob Farrell, Secretary of State, who reminds drivers that in this state, the car on the right has the right of way, regardless of

of labor. One argument is that there tions, the car on the right struck the is no manpower situation warranting car on the left, indicating a tendency

Mexicans worked in the fields of the forfeited their right of way privi- in the open to aid in freezing quickly. northwest during the harvest, where leges in the event they approached an The packages may be stacked after there was an acute shortage of help intersection at an unlawful rate of freezing. and did such a good job that plans speed. He emphasized the dangers of are now under way to bring in an trying to hurry through an inter- available upon request to Mrs. Doro-

the right of way rule in the interests quille.

of accident prevention and motor Since many new citizens in Oregon

See "spike" Leslie for the best in phone 5; residence phone 95L.

See Schroeder's Jewerry Store in was sent in October and he received Straps.

and United Nations relief and reha- with Mrs. Florence DeNoma on Feb. Truman committee will have its bilitation administration has already 10. sent agents to locate supplies to be

purchased when congress makes the

throughout the storage period. Freezing of foods has many advanvitamins can be preserved, less labor and time are required for preparation and the finished product more closely

and appearance. The efficient locker owner will plan to use his locker to capacity at all jority of the traffic accidents involv- times of the year, using it for such foods as meat, poultry, wildgame, fish, crabs, oysters, eggs, butter, fruits and vegetables and many others. Recommended methods for freezing the foods listed are contained in the bulletin No. 23 just released by the Oregon State College Extension Service.

resembles fresh food in palatability

Since all foods retain better texture, flavor and quality and are less apt to mold or spoil at 0 degrees Fahrenheit, it is especially important that this temperature be maintained at all times. Where no quick-freeze is available, packages should be spread

Copies of this new bulletin are

Townsend Club No. 2

The Ladies Auxiliary of Townsend Club, No. 2, met with Mrs. Mildred Miller on Jan. 27. Plans had been made to meet with Mrs. Esther Brin-

swer to the Christmas cards we sent them, each one telling us how gratedrop of a hat, but automakers aren't is using 200 cars a day to bring the Liability, or other Insurance. Office, ful they were to receive them Letter next door to Coquille Hospital, from the one the farthest away was ^{\$} from Carmon R. Carlson, SeaBees first class, of Kirkland, Wash. Card

> Coquille for Diamonds and Watch it Jan. 11. His answer by air mail tfs came in a short time.

and women for relief work in Europe, hostess and plans were made to meet

It will pay you to look at Bergen's befere you buy.

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