

Letter From Geo. Pierce In England

When Julius Rubie was here from Sutherlin Saturday, he handed us the following letter from George Pierce, a boy who lived for a couple of years at the Rubie home here and who is now an aviation mechanic, based somewhere in England.

Limey Land, 11-10-44

Dear Folks:—I have a little time to spare so I'll let you know everything is going o.k. here. I'm still working on B-24's. I think I told you before that my plane is called "Belle." We have a picture of a girl about to drop a bomb on the side of it. She is a good plane—haven't had much trouble with it. Had a little bad luck a while back and had to change three of her four engines. But everything is in good shape now and going pretty smooth.

Did I tell you about the seven-day pass I had about a month ago? Another boy and I went to northern England and Scotland. We really had a swell time. We went through the castle at Edinburgh, Scotland, where Mary, Queen of Scots, lived for a long time. She gave birth to a son there. It's a big stone castle on a solid rock hill that over looks the whole city of Edinburgh. We had a guide with us that told us a lot of interesting things about it.

We tried to get some souvenirs and presents in Scotland but it's just like England. Everything is rationed and you need points to buy anything.

I did get a few trout flies that I hope to use back in good ol' Oregon, one of these days before too long.

I sure like to travel around and see the different things over here. Only trouble is a fellow don't get much time off. But, I guess, we don't live to go sight-seeing any way—but get this ol' war over and in a hurry.

Thanks a lot for those pictures. I liked the one with the puppies. They really were cute. Hope you have good luck with this dog. The clippings were interesting, too. I used to work with one of the Gilbert boys at the Plywood Factory. I know some of the others, too, that were mentioned in the paper.

I sure was sorry to hear of that plane crash. It really must have done a lot of damage. It's too bad when things like that happen. But as long as they have planes I guess there will be accidents. Being around planes like I have, I've seen some crashes. But not so awful many at that. Anyway they aren't very nice things.

It's sure been bad weather to work in the last few days. The wind just blows something awful. Yesterday it rained, snowed and hailed all at the same time. The snow didn't last though—all it is today is cold and windy. I suppose you're having Oregon's winter rain back there now.

Hope this finds you all well and happy. I've got to hurry and eat—"Belle" is flying again this afternoon.

As ever yours, George.

46 Coos County Farm Products

Three different farm commodities accounted for three-fourths of the value of farm marketings in Coos county for the five-year period 1936-1940, and 43 additional products accounted for the balance of 25 per cent, the Oregon State College extension service reports in a recent bulletin on Oregon's farm products for market.

Milk production ranked first as Coos county's principal agricultural products. Following were cattle and calves in second place, and farm forest products, third.

Coos county had forty-six different commodities or groups of commodities. Marion, Linn, Lane and Yamhill ranked first in the state in diversity of products with 72 different commodities each.

The bulletin, prepared in co-operation with the federal bureau of agricultural economics, points out that the relative importance of farm sales was somewhat different before and since the 1936-1940 period and that further shifts are likely in the postwar period. Nevertheless, it says, the principal commodities sold by farmers during the 1936-1940 period will probably continue to be among the top income producers.

"In general, the present war period has resulted in relative increases in Coos county in livestock, eggs and poultry, and small fruits," says County Agent Geo. H. Jenkins. "It does not necessarily follow, however, that wartime shifts will be carried into the postwar period."

Commodities produced in Coos county that accounted for the remaining twenty-five per cent of the average value of farm marketings, listed in approximate order of their importance, follow: sheep, lambs, and wool; chicken eggs; hay; hogs; cranberries; potatoes; chickens; greenhouse products; apples; fur and game; turkeys; truck crops; benigrass seed; strawberries; pears; horses; reed canary grass seed; lily bulbs; mohair; cherries; corn; walnuts; barley; apary products; oats; red raspberries; mules; gladiolus bulbs; nursery crops; cut flowers; prunes; dairy vetch seed; narcissus bulbs; wheat; dry edible beans; peaches; grapes; gooseberries; tame blackberries; loganberries; young berries; and boysenberries; black raspberries; and sudan grass seed.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 14—One of the surprising developments in the national capital is the appointing of scions of Wall street and big business as assistant secretaries of state, following the retirement of Cordell Hull as secretary.

Under other than a new deal administration this would probably not have attracted more than passing attention. In the past there have been Wall street representatives in the cabinet, but usually in the treasury department. Now they are moving in on the state department. When new dealers such as Senator Wagner of New York and Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania, Kentucky's Chandler, etc., express their opposition to the Wall street "gang" it is a reflection upon someone, and not upon Ed Stettinius, the new secretary of state, who had very little to say in their selection.

Secretary Stettinius has a background of the House of Morgan, and he is essentially big business. Nelson Rockefeller, nominated as an assistant secretary of state, is of the House of Rockefeller, a descendant of John D., at one time reputed to be the wealthiest man in the United States. Young Nelson has been new dealing for several years, supervising the cultural relations with countries south of the Rio Grande. These two have been performing good jobs for the administration, but they still have their Wall street connections. William C. Clayton is the biggest cotton operator in the world, which makes him big business. He was handling war property surpluses until congress decided the administrator should have a board of advisers; then Clayton quit and now bobs up as a nominee for one of the posts of assistant secretary of state. The background of these tycoons has provided a field day for a few new deal senators and 50 per cent of the Republican senators.

For more than two hours Senator Langer, of North Dakota, opposed the confirmation of Stettinius because of his former business associates. Langer's was the only vote in opposition to the confirmation. However, the North Dakota senator dug up a vast amount of material which he used in his speech to show that while Stettinius is a fine fellow personally, he was playing the in the House of Morgan, General Motors and U. S. Steel. It was Stettinius, he charged, who opposed development of the aluminum plants and did not wish to increase steel capacity. Senators who walked out on Langer while he was speaking have since found basis for opposition to Rockefeller, Clayton et al in the material Senator Langer placed in the Congressional Record.

Southern Democrats, interested in cotton, took cracks at Clayton. Archibald MacLish, librarian of congress, also nominated as an assistant secretary, hasn't been liked by anyone particularly. He has been regarded as being too much to the left; he made a botch of the office of facts and figures (since dissolved.)

No one, apparently, had an ax out for Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Tokyo, the nominee for under-secretary of state, but his name along with the others was sent back to the committee on foreign relations. Mr. Grew tipped off the threat against Pearl Harbor, as is shown by the official records of the state department. Mr. Grew also, incidentally, comes from a family of wealth, but as he has been a career diplomat, his family connection is not held against him as it is in the case of Nelson Rockefeller.

Despite the respect in which Cordell Hull has been held, the state department has been under fire for years. When Stettinius succeeded him in the cabinet post, he proceeded to clean house with the result that new appointments were necessary. However, it is not always the key men in the department who make the policies. Usually there are a few relatively unimportant subordinates who decide on policy and have their superior sign the documents. The Stettinius purge apparently has not reached into the corners and swept out these chaps.

The so-called seditionist trials have come to a dead stop after months and months of innumerable exhibits and testimony, because the presiding judge suddenly passed away. Washington observers are of the opinion that the trials will not be started again; that the whole affair will be

quashed. The 25 defendants were charged with a conspiracy to undermine the government of the United States. Hardly any two of them had ever met their fellow defendants until they were brought into court. Most of them ran little handout shops; several are crackpots and one is deranged. The Washington newspaper largely instrumental in causing the arrests became disgusted with the affair and published editorial suggesting that the whole business be dropped.

Fairview News

Mrs. Jack Cardwell, of Coquille, visited at the Rex Quenton home Friday last week.

Elvin Ewan, young son of the lower grade teacher, was ill most of last week.

Friday of last week the two rooms of children spent the afternoon practicing on the Christmas play they are to give later.

Mrs. Harry Hubbell and three children spent the week-end at the Fay Holverstott home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Noah and daughter, Bonnie Ellen, and his mother, Mrs. R. M. Noah, spent last Friday at the Don Noah home in Bangor.

Rev. M. D. Rempel, Baptist minister of Coquille, will deliver the sermon next Sunday morning at 9:30. Sunday school follows at 10:30.

Mrs. Russell Stillwell and Mrs. Robert Holverstott returned to their homes last Thursday after visiting several days in Portland.

Mrs. T. H. Benham, Mrs. L. L. Buoy and her mother, Mrs. R. M. Noah were shoppers in Marshfield Monday.

Mrs. Benham and daughter, Karen, accompanied the L. L. Buoy family to Coquille Sunday night and the women attended the Assembly of God Church.

Tuesday evening last week, a group of girls and boys met at the school house and organized a 4-H Calf club, with Ivy Frye as leader. Members

are Ruth Palmer, Alice and Rosalie Matthews, Ivylene and Duane Frye, Meris Boone, Dennis Buoy and Eula Shutt. The name of the club is Victory Dairy Calf Club. Officers are: president, Duane Frye; vice-president, Alice Matthews; secretary, Ivylene Frye; recorder, Eula Shutt.

Grange met last Saturday night for its regular meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stillwell were given the obligation. Paper bag lunches were served. Mrs. Harry Hubbell and

children were there from Coquille. Ray Deadmond was at his home over the week-end.

There were but few empty seats in the church Sunday morning for services at 9:30 o'clock. Others are urged to attend and hear the wonderful sermons being forcefully delivered by these visiting ministers from Coquille.

If it is insurance, see me.—F. R. Bull

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