



'ONE-FAMILY TOWN' NOW . . . Millican, Ore., had an astounding population gain of 400 per cent when Mr. and Mrs. William A. Mellin and their two daughters, shown above, "bought" the town, which for years had a "one-man town" tag. Inset shows one of the three buildings comprising the town.

IN THESE UNITED STATES

Oregon Town Loses 'One-man' Tag; Now 'One-family' Affair

MILLICAN, Ore.—When the census taker comes to Millican, he's due for a surprise because he'll discover that the population of this little town has increased by 400 per cent.

On the census taker's last visit, this was a "one-man town" with Billy Rahn as the sole resident. Now that Mr. and Mrs. William A. Mellin have bought the town, it's a "one-family town." The Mellins and their two daughters, Michela Lee, 3½, and Tina Ann, 6 months, make the population total four.

Millican's chief claim to fame for years lay in the fact that it was a "one-man town." That was in the days of Rahn, who was postmaster and everything else connected with the town. But retirement age for postmasters forced Rahn's retirement in 1942, and the postoffice died with his departure.

'Buys' Entire Town

Now the "one-man town" tag on Millican has been lost, probably for good, with the advent of the Mellins. Mellin, 28-year-old navy veteran, now owns—lock, stock and barrel—the entire town, a desert community located 26 miles east of Bend. He bought the town from George T. Petry, successor to Rahn. "Buying" the town consisted solely of the purchase of the three buildings located here.

The Mellins operate the town grocery store, gas pump, tourist camp—two small cabins—handle repairs on tourists' cars and Mrs. Mellin furnishes hot lunches upon request.

"There's nothing like owning your own town to boost your faith in human nature," the Mellins insist on the basis of their venture.

Faith in Humanity

As evidence of that faith, Mel-

lin admits that he leaves gas in the tank when he goes to bed at night "just in case anybody coming down the road is short." In the morning, he adds, he always finds the money shoved under the door. "We haven't lost a gallon yet," he says.

As evidence of his enthusiasm for building up his town, Mellin has petitioned to have the postoffice restored. The postoffice, he explains, would benefit ranchers in the area who occasionally stop at the Mellin store.

Boys Find Dynamite Cache, Sell at Penny

PORTLAND, Ore.—Dynamite, stolen from a cache at a rock quarry, was being sold for a penny a stick by a local juvenile ring, police reported in warning Portland parents that some of it may have been stored in homes.

The police broke up the ring after Patrolman Earl Shinn had found a 17-year-old boy with six sticks of dynamite, for which he had paid six cents. The boy led police to a rock quarry where the teen-agers had broken into a cache and scattered the explosives about the area.

Some of the dynamite, the boy told police, had been thrown against rocks in hopes of an explosion.



MUTUAL ASSISTANCE . . . This is a daily brother and sister act at the Israel Orphan home at Far Rockaway, L. I., N. Y. The seven children from the same family, ranging from 3 to 8½ years of age, help each other to dress in a hurry in their own version of the assembly line.

Women and Rat Provide Lively Trolley Drama

DETROIT, Mich.—The combination of women and a rat always makes news. This little drama was played against a metropolitan backdrop, with a Detroit trolley car as the setting.

The characters were Motorman Walter Williams, his near-capacity load of female passengers, Tom Woodishec and an unidentified rat.

Williams stopped his trolley to pick up Woodishec. At that mo-

ment a rat ran at Woodishec. A timely kick sent the rat sailing through the air and through the trolley's front window.

The rodent landed beside a woman in the front of the car. She promptly took off for the rear of the car. So did the rat. Terror-stricken women screamed, jammed the aisle and performed trapeze acts on the straps.

Williams came back on stage with a broom. Exit the rat.

Star Dust STAGE SCREEN RADIO

By INEZ GERHARD

DICK HAYMES likes working on his Thursday night CBS radio show ("We all sort of lend a hand in writing it") and in movies, but his real enthusiasm comes out when he talks about his plane and the palomino horses he raises on his ranch. He has taught his children to ride the full-grown horses; doesn't believe in starting them on ponies. And he flew his plane to New York recently ("Saw more of this wonderful country than ever before") when he, Martha Tilton and the musical director felt they had to see the new shows and talk business at the fountain head; that was why the whole show moved east for two weeks.

Don McNeill finds it hard to believe, but his "Breakfast Club" has



DON McNEILL

a 15th anniversary coming up in June. The show started in 1933 as "The Pepper Pot," without an audience; nobody dreamed that it would assume its present form.

One of the bright spots on the air last summer was that of Tex and Jinks, replacing "Duffy's Tavern." So it's good news that the most entertaining married couple on the air will replace "Duffy's" again this summer.

Perhaps we had to wait too long for "Arch of Triumph"; perhaps extensive cutting was too much for it. Maybe we expected too much of Ingrid Bergman, Charles Boyer and the rest of the distinguished cast. The picture is good; it will make money. Boyer's performance is excellent, as are Charles Laughton's and Louis Calhern's. Go to see it—but don't expect too much!

Crew members of "My Dream Is Yours" surprised Doris Day by stopping work suddenly the other day, then surprised her again by producing a huge white cake topped by 24 red candles to celebrate her 24th birthday anniversary. Their gift topped it all—a gold slave bracelet. "My Dream" is her second picture for Michael Curtiz productions—or for anybody, for that matter!

The Andrews sisters have sung some rapid tongue twisters in their time, but Patty Andrews says "Sabre Dance" is the hardest yet. Merely humming it is a task because of the tempo and melodic range. The vocal velocity is seven syllables a second and the breathing intervals are especially hard to master; hours of rehearsal are needed. But "Club 15" listeners love it.

Clifton Webb may be getting a lot of publicity as a baby sitter on the screen, but Danny Thomas recalls that one of his earliest cash-paying jobs was as a baby sitter, in Toledo, Ohio. Danny, aged 11, took care of a vigorous little five-year-old who since has made a name for himself—Mickey Rooney, star of the movies and the radio series, "Shorty Bell."

The home of Bette Davis, at Wood's Cove, Laguna Beach, Calif., directly faces the stretch of beach where Lana Turner frolicked in that famous white bathing suit for scenes in "The Postman Always Rings Twice." Speaking of Bette, it's nice news that she will be teamed with Robert Montgomery in "June Bride."

Odds and Ends . . . Producer Jerry Wald didn't get off the set fast enough when a man-made hurricane was turned on in "Key Largo" and he was blown into a sizable mud puddle . . . It took two seamstresses two weeks to sew 40,000 sequins onto a party dress Evelyn Keyes wears for two minutes in "The Mating of Millie" . . . Burgess Meredith gave Paulette Goddard Meredith two monkeys when she finished "Hazard"; she named them Bing and Bob . . . Ray Milland has had hundreds of requests for the earrings he wore in "Golden Earrings," which he unfortunately lost in the Columbia river on the last day before the cameras.

Jack Paar, who probably will be acclaimed some day as one of the best of radio comedians, (Jack Benny firmly believes he will) will make his screen debut in a featured role with Joseph Cotten and Valli in RKO's "Weep No More."

Rogers and Hammerstein are preparing a new musical, with Jo Stafford in mind for the leading role. They wanted her for the road version of "Annie Get Your Gun," but radio commitments made that impossible.

Farm Topics

New Strain of Corn Withstands Drouth Guatemala Crossbreed Also Resists Root Rot

Possibility of producing corn that would withstand root rot and other diseases as well as prolonged dry spells appealed to Earl E. May and Iowa State college officials.

Knowing that Guatemala had been producing corn for more than 2,000 years in an isolated region, which had resulted in a highly inbred strain which could withstand dry spells as well as certain diseases and pests, Iowa research workers collected



Jim Moore, KMA, and Enrique Salas inspecting Guatemala corn field.

1,200 varieties of corn from Central America.

New Guatemala-U.S. crossbreed corn has been tested at Ames, Iowa. The new corn outyielded three commonly used U.S. hybrids as much as 25 bushels to the acre. While the Midwest varieties withered and died during hot weather, the Guatemala-U.S. crossbreed remain in full ears. College officials believe that early results give promise of a new strain that will withstand long dry and hot spells in any part of the United States. James Moore, K.M.A. station, reports that work in Guatemala has proven entirely successful and he believes that the new corn soon will be grown on many farms in the United States.

Organic Matter Will Aid Work of Soil Bacteria

A single ounce of soil contains 50 million living bacteria, according to R. C. Thomas of the Ohio agricultural experiment station.

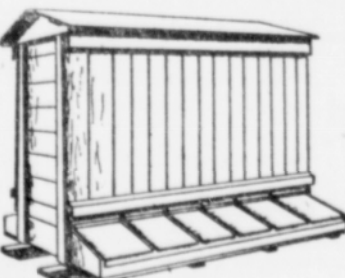
These bacteria can help or harm the crops, depending on the kind of bacteria. The good kind rot the organic matter, release plant nutrients and help build soil structure. The harmful kind cause plant diseases.

The good kind can be aided and the harmful kind eliminated by adding organic matter to the soil. To get this organic matter, according to Middle West Soil Improvement committee, return all possible animal manures to the soil; put back all crop residues and grow deep-rooted legumes regularly in the rotation and feed them generously with fertilizer carrying phosphate and potash.

Early Growth Stressed In Raising Baby Pigs

While the average weight of eight-week-old pigs is probably less than 30 pounds, a lot of pigs weigh 40 pounds or more at this age. On the contrary, many weigh as low as 20 pounds. These variations in weaning weights have a marked effect on the growth-rate of pigs up to the time they are baconers. The bigger pigs at eight weeks old are the first to reach 200 pounds liveweight.

Hog Self-Feeder

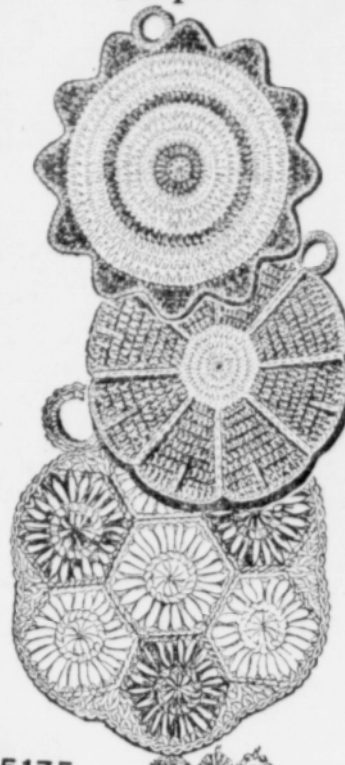


A portable hog feeder is a piece of labor saving equipment which has a place on every farm where hogs are being raised. The capacity of this feeder is 55 bushels, but it may be made of any size desired. If it is kept well painted it will remain water tight.

Culling Pays Dividends To Poultry Producers

Regular culling pays dividends, but many poultry farmers are unable to carry out the procedure because of pressure of other duties. However, as the moulting season approaches, it will be seen that a percentage of the flock commences to moult earlier than others, and it is these early moulters that should be segregated and sent off to market at first opportunity.

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Utah Judge of 90 Hopes

To Tie Holmes' Record

SALT LAKE CITY.—Observing his 90th birthday anniversary, Tillman D. Johnson, U. S. district judge, expressed the hope that he would break the longevity record of the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Judge Johnson now is the oldest federal judge in active service. Holmes was serving as a justice on the United States Supreme court bench when he retired at 91.

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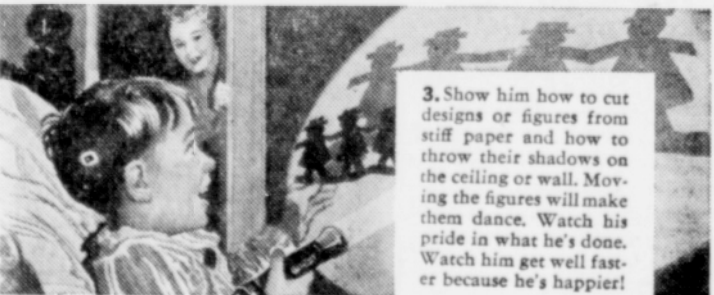
... as recommended in the interest of child welfare by ROSE G. ANDERSON, Ph.D. Director of The Psychological Service Center, New York



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