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RAIN MAKING

The rain makers are with us; the shades of Hatfield and his like are joyful. Wheat farmers of Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow have signed a contract with a company of "cloud seeders" to bring double the September rain with payment promised if successful. This comes as news at the same time as it is announced that the Pacific Northwest is going to be the only wet spot on the continent this fall. We wonder if the "rain makers" could have read the announcement first. But at any rate the payment promised seems small in comparison with the benefit that would come from additional rainfall in this growing area. Even the top estimate of \$55,000 when spread over the 350,000 acres of wheat annually grown in the three counties is a mere drop in the bucket. Moisture has long been our limiting factor in this district. It seems possible that nitrates may soon be an additional limiting factor but this can be remedied by fertilization. Now if moisture can be obtained from some of the clouds that go rolling over without giving us anything but hope, we will have the problem of wheat growing pretty well solved. Farmers who have stood consolately in their barnyards while the wind hustled the dark clouds along over the dry earth will take especial pleasure in watching the machines seed them with silver iodide and make them drop their precious load. It will be a thrill long prayed for. There are those, and this includes the U. S. Weather Bureau, who do not think rain making possible but New York's reservoirs are full after a trial and Medford is sure that cloud seeding brings results. It will cost us little and the experiment may be sufficiently interesting to be justified even if not entirely successful.

OPPOSING COMMUNISM

The argument made by MacArthur in his "suppressed" letter to the Veterans of Foreign Wars is that if we are to oppose communism successfully we must do so by a show of force, that we must prove ourselves the stronger at arms. Furthermore we must do so in Asia. Therefore we have to retain Korea and to protect Formosa and Indo-China. It must be remembered that MacArthur has lived long in the fringes of Asia and that he is well acquainted with conditions there; and it must also be remembered that he is a military man with the natural opinion that military force can do almost everything. Human nature, Asian, European or American, is such that humans are inclined to rush to join the side that seems likely to win. We find reasons to absolve the victor of his sins. Morality too often runs second to power despite our reiteration of the dogma that right makes might. The reverse is too often true. This gives strength to the MacArthur contention. But history does not prove that an idea can be defeated by force. Communism is an idea. So is democracy. The communists have been wise to promise to the downtrodden of Asia and Europe that they will be given land. And desire for land is an age old sentiment of the crowded people of Asia and other parts of the world as well. In Russia, itself, the peasants were given parts of huge estates. The fact that the normal advantages from the use of land were taken away seems to be forgotten or not mentioned at all. One time the idea of the personal freedoms of our representative government was the most popular political ideal in the world. It spread to Europe and South America and Africa and even made an impression on Asia. Too often we followed it with sharp business practices that cast a cloud on the ideal.

Yet, the doctrine that men have a right to think, to be individuals, to personal security is still worthy of preaching to a downtrodden people. We can only win Asia over by having and advocating a theory of life that is the idea of communism. Force may help us get the attention of the audience; we may have to have and use force to exist at all—probably will have to. But to make our way of life successful will require the teaching and the living of it all over the world.

ABOUT MR. PINSON

Almost no one wishes Mr. Pinson well; no one would be saddened were he to meet with violent disaster on his trip back to the Oregon prison. Furthermore it appears that Mr. Pinson wishes no one well. He has pretty well proven that he doesn't hold the ambitions, the aims or the very life of anyone very high. We don't know how Mr. Pinson got that way. Probably he doesn't know either. The psychologists might tell us that he was spanked too much at the age of four inasmuch as it is out of style to say that maybe he wasn't spanked enough at such an age. He might have been frustrated in adolescence and certainly a practical version would be that he hasn't been frustrated enough. He is without many of the inhibitions of a social being. Regardless of what the psychologists say about the behavior of people, everyone who has handled stock knows that every now and then without much rhyme or reason there comes an individual that is onery to get along with. It may be a bad colt or a surly pup or a fighting bull. The methods of society in treating such characters in the human family are not very successful. We shut them up in prisons and the worst of them in solitary. And we believe that solitary confinement ruins any living being. Probably no one would defend it except that it keeps the remainder of society from the necessity of association with the outlaw. The problem of teaching Mr. Pinson a new philosophy of life at the age of thirty some is one we have never solved. Some we hang as a dramatic end of our attempts at reformation; some we keep around for life. Maybe if we knew what to do with Mr. Pinson we would also know what to do with thousands of others whose respect for decent morals is not as strong as their selfishness. But we do not.

TRUCKS AND ROADS

The reaction of the ordinary citizen to the reported arrests of log haulers for overloading seems to be highly favorable. And favorable to the penalty of suspension instead of a fine. Much is being written about the damage being done to roads by huge trucks and surely much of it is true. In this county we know the breaks that come in Highway 97 when big trucks are routed this way in early spring. In dry weather the road stands up fairly well. It appears that our roads are breaking down faster than they can be rebuilt with present resources. There are many who have long felt that the use of trucks of larger size on roads originally constructed for passenger cars was an economic mistake. Nevertheless there has been insistence by truck operators that bigger tires and more axles rendered the big trucks harmless. This is now proving to be an error. We have several alternatives. We can reduce the size of the trucks. We can make the tax on them high enough to pay for the damage and wear on the highways. We can tax motorists and property owners to constantly rebuild and repair the rapidly wearing highways. The decision should be made by the people who travel the roads and who pay the taxes to make and maintain them. It should be made after full information is given. If it is delayed too long it will be too late to travel at all with safety.

MRS. KENYON DIES

Mrs. Herbert Kenyon of Perry, New York died early Thursday morning at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent following a brief illness. Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon came from New York early in August for a visit with her niece Mrs. Sargent and nephews Harry, Vernon and Darwin Van Gilder. They were planning to return home next week.



SEES SON AFTER 14 YEARS... Mrs. Mary Frans of Uniontown, Pa., who recently regained her sight after 14 years of blindness, looks lovingly at the face of her son, Christopher, whom she last saw as a child of three. He was serving in Germany when his mother came out of darkness. The Fayette county Red Cross interceded with army officials, and the boy, now 17, was granted a 30-day furlough and flown home for the reunion with his mother who had asked to see him.



WAITING FOR PETE... Charmin' Sharman Douglas, daughter of the U.S. ambassador to Britain, has her cigarette lit by the Viscount du Parc at a party. Movie star Peter Lawford, who kissed Sharman a goodbye when she left the U.S. recently, flew to London to spend a holiday with the Douglas family.

Smut Problem Serious Says Pathologist

This planting reminder is from A. P. Steenland, Oregon State college extension plant pathologist, who states that a serious smut threat is spreading in the Columbia basin wheat counties. The problem is dwarf smut, only one of 26 known smut races which cannot be controlled by seed treatment. It, too, cuts yields. Seed treatment is recommended, however, even in the case of dwarf smut, since it will prevent spores on the seed from contaminating clean soil. Spores of dwarf smut are rounder, harder, smaller and darker in color than common smut spores, Steenland states. Chief problem with this disease which effects winter wheat only is the fact that spores, once in the soil, will live eight years or longer. Common smut spores, meanwhile, seldom live beyond the first crop year. This means that planting treated seed in already contaminated soil is no insurance for a "clean" crop. Treatment which will kill existing spores on seed lots will prevent seed spread of the disease. Similar to common smut, however, dwarf smut is readily spread by wind. During the 1950 crop year, dwarf smut was identified in Elgin fields in Union, Baker, Wallowa and Wasco counties. Some fields were "smutted" as high as 75 percent. In the fight against further spread of the disease chief hope now rests in resistant or spring seeded varieties. Two resistant varieties, both of which are still in short seed supply, are Hymar and Elmar. Rex, on the miller's blacklist, is also resistant.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Marvin Howell, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary. Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Helen Kruger, N. G. Lucille May, Sec.

Cake Baking Contest Gives Girls Opportunity

Cake baking 4-H club members will demonstrate their skill during a cake baking contest to be held at the Sherman County Fair pavilion Friday, September 15. Contestants will start mixing and baking their cakes beginning at 9:00 a. m. and continue through the day. Club members will bake either sponge or angel food cakes being judged on skill of mixing and the finished product. The contest sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Commission will be participated in by Cooking II and III club members from Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley. Cakes will be baked upon stoves furnished by the Pioneer Electric Company of The Dalles. Contestants will furnish their own utensils and ingredients for the cake and be given two hours to mix and bake their cakes. Score cards for judging will be skill 60% which will include accuracy of measuring, dexterity in mixing, and neatness; the finished product 40% according to general appearance, texture, grain, color and flavor. Winners of the contest will be announced at the Style Review contest Friday evening at 8:00 p. m. and will be presented special Foley kitchen utensils awards as determined by the County Leaders Association.

BOARD INSURES EXHIBITS

The Fair Board is putting in a lot of time these last days getting ready for the annual event. In addition to those previously announced as helping with the pavilion Mrs. Robert Boynton will act as clerk for the judge. The Fair Board has insured the contents of the pavilion and would appreciate those making exhibits of needlework, hobbies, etc., placing a valuation on them at the time of entering. If anyone has a hobby exhibit that will require very much space or special display will you please let the secretary or superintendent of needle work know. So everyone look over your fair book and plan an exhibit. It will be courteously received, attractively displayed and appreciated by everyone.

4-H Judging Program Given

Four-H club members will exhibit their years work at the Sherman County Fair September 15 through 17. Judging of exhibits and special contests will be held Friday the 15th. New this year to the fair will be a Livestock Judging contest, Cake Baking contest and a Girl's Style Review. The schedule of 4-H events: Friday, September 15 9:00 a. m. Entering and placing of exhibits 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. 4-H Cake Baking Contest 9:00 a. m. Livestock Judging Contest: All Sherman County 4-H Livestock club members eligible. 10:00 Judging of Home Economics exhibits. 11:15 a. m. Livestock Showmanship Contests 1:30 p. m. Judging of beef, sheep and swine classes 8:00 p. m. Girl's Style Review and announcements of winners of cake baking contest and livestock judging contest. Saturday, September 16 1:30 p. m. Participation of beef club members in pre-rodéo parade.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. C. S. Bennett, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

In Matter of the Estate of Belle B. Brown; deceased. SS. Notice of final hearing TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that the co-executors, Jas. T. Brown, Robt. B. Brown and Max H. Brown have presented and filed their final account therein in the above entitled Court and that Monday October 13, 1950 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the County Court room, in the County Court house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been appointed as a time and place for the hearing of objections, if any, to final account and for final settlement thereof. James T. Brown Robert B. Brown Max H. Brown Executors

Roy J. Baker Attorney for Executors 45-8c

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

In Matter of the Estate of Jas. E. Brown, deceased. SS. Notice of final hearing TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that the executors, the undersigned have filed and presented their final account herein for settlement, and that Monday the 13th day of October, 1950 at 10:30 o'clock A. M. of said day, in the County Court room, in the County Court house in Moro, Sherman County Oregon, have been appointed as a time and place, by the above entitled Court, for the hearing of objec-

tions, if any, to said final account and for final settlement thereon. James T. Brown Robert B. Brown Max H. Brown Executors

Roy J. Baker Attorney for Executors 45-8c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against the Estate of Soren Hansen, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator, with the will annexed, of the Estate of Soren Hansen, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice: to-wit: September 8, 1950. Ove T. Hansen Administrator, with the will annexed, of Estate of Soren Hansen, deceased. T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrator, Wasco, Oregon 45-8c

CALL FOR BIDS

The city of Grass Valley will receive sealed bids until Monday, September 18 for the improvement of Second street from Church street in Sherman addition to Market street and Market street from Second street in Rollins addition to Mill street, approximately three-quarters of a mile. Improvement is to consist of grading and surfacing and oiling with an .09 oil mat to a width of twenty feet. Glendora Smith, recorder 44-5c

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Squint's Drumming
For Fair Play!

Squint Miller's mighty proud of the lot he owns that fronts on River Road—one of the prettiest spots around here. He's been in a stew about it lately, though. Seems that trash-dumpers take one look at his property, stop their car or truck, and out goes a load of rubbish, spilling all over his place and the roadside, too. Wouldn't that make you mad? Last night Squint dropped by the house. Over a friendly glass of beer, he tells me what he's done. "I put a couple of empty oil drums out there," he says, "with a big sign reading: 'If you must dump trash—use these—I like to keep my property clean!'" From where I sit, Squint's sign should make any would-be roadside trash-dumpers pretty darned ashamed of themselves. Now and then some folks just have to be reminded that they ought to have as much regard for their neighbors' rights as they do for their own. Joe Marsh

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