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DON'T ROCK THE BOAT

Probably no observer at meetings of wheat growers has come away without being impressed with the complacency that pervades the meetings. It was particularly apparent at Pendleton.

Well, why not. Wheat growers are doing well, even with acreage reduction of 40 per cent; fertilizer has made it possible to produce as many bushels as before. The price is good and the government seems in no mood or political position to let the price drop or exports cease. Wheat growers are well satisfied with things as they are and suggestions for change are not welcomed.

Among the more thoughtful of them, however, there is growing fear that without some effort toward a better and more reasonable program the whole house of cards will fall down some day with serious results for wheat growers. These men foresee that the political stalemate that keeps the price controls at present levels may suddenly end. As long as both political parties are trying for the wheat grower's vote the wheat grower is in clover. But some day the politicians are going to read the census figures from wheat counties, say these thinkers, and discover that there are not many wheat growers.

There is certainly an effort on the part of some wheat men to establish a farm program based on reality, on the actual need of the United States for a healthy and productive agriculture that will be responsive to the national demand and not produce surpluses of easily grown crops. Such a program will give more attention to soil use and to long range planning for the nation's food in future years.

One reading the reports of wheat league committees will note that most of the recommendations are pointed to some one else than wheat growers. The reports request the government to do this or that, the legislature to take certain action. Few of them recommend that wheat growers do something to improve their own situation. Not a one suggests that Oregon wheat men improve their income by growing more livestock to fill the northwest void, not a one asks that grass replace wheat or barley or soil bank acres.

Wheat growers are being human beings in wanting others to solve their problems and on one can be blamed for being a human being. A more realistic attitude would be to study ways and means of self-help after it is discovered—as it will be—that no one else is going to solve them.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

This week both President Eisenhower and Vice-President Nixon on both had something to say about the growing number of traffic accidents and to warn that unless local government could do something to reduce them the central government would have to take steps. State governors have been talking about traffic accidents for some time and each state has a few committees appointed for their reduction.

So far none of the measures have been successful as accidents increase with each holiday and each attempt at cure.

Perhaps the reason they go right on up is that the government is the force trying to stop them. As long as the reduction of motor accidents is considered something for the government to worry about the people who drive the cars will keep on having accidents. When the reduction of such accidents becomes the worry of drivers there will be curtailment in numbers.

Highways are getting better and especially getting wider, which is of most importance. Cars are getting faster and are also getting easier to handle with better brakes and power enough to pass quickly when desired. On the other side, more persons are driving. An observer from Mars might wonder how we Americans travel so many miles with so few accidents, which is marvelous in itself, as remarkable as the number of deaths.

The financial security of insurance, the slowness of the law in damage suits, the almost complete certainty of being able to continue

driving help the driver remain careless. If every driver knew that an accident meant walking and that accidents were his responsibility — not governments — there would be a change.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This week we received our first Christmas card of the season and it came with something of a shock to one still laboring with Thanksgiving turkey. Besides the Christmas season seems to come with more of a rush than it did when we finagled for a toy train or an exciting book weeks before the season for giving had started.

And we must say it brought us pleasure, as much, we are sure, as it did the sender and that was the intention, we are sure of that. So, here we sit cogitating about what a Christmas card means.

We know the usual argument to the effect that one gets on a list and remains with barely a thought on the part of the sender and are not impressed. We are not going to be cynical about it. We prefer to think that whoever sends us a Christmas card does it because (for a moment, at least) he—or even she—was thinking favorably of us and wanted to be remembered by us; maybe to revive temporarily some old social experience or recall an old escapade in politics or athletics we shared in other days.

We are going to be happy about them as they pile up on the desk and crowd the already limited working space and hope that we will be able to find the ambition to send some of our own to give notice to friend or acquaintance that we think of them occasionally and are glad to do so.

PREJUDICE

It requires a deep knowledge of human nature to understand the power situation in the northwest. In fact, a knowledge of human motivation is more important than a knowledge of engineering.

For years the private power companies in this area were small and not very well financed because there wasn't much business. Although the use of electricity was greater per home here than elsewhere it did not add up to big figures because of small population and little industrial demand.

Then the federal government decided to build Bonneville dam mostly to keep men busy and contractors occupied. It was basically a work project like Timberline lodge. About time it was finished a big war came along and ship building and timber cutting and plane building in the northwest boosted electricity demand into figures beyond the wildest estimates of the most optimistic.

Private power companies grew stronger and more aggressive and decided that they could build big dams if given a chance. Of late years the federal government has had expenses enough without building dams although it still has several projects going in the northwest.

Now we are all tied up so no one can start a new dam because some want the federal government to build the dams or do without and some want to let the private companies do it. A compromise has been proposed that would set up a regional corporation to build the dams. It would be a government corporation but managed in this region—the northwest. Presumably it would sell revenue bonds for financing and be backed by the states.

There is merit to the suggestion, especially for those who have been advocating federal power which doesn't seem likely at present. It would be simpler to let the private companies go ahead with their plans if it wasn't for the prejudice that exists and the costs would be about the same. In any event dams will cost more now than when built with relief labor and cheap materials. A regional dam, we presume, would sell power to whoever wanted it, public or private, would pay no taxes. A privately built dam would pay taxes most likely and while private industry would build a dam cheaper than a public agency could do it, the taxes would make somewhat higher electricity later.

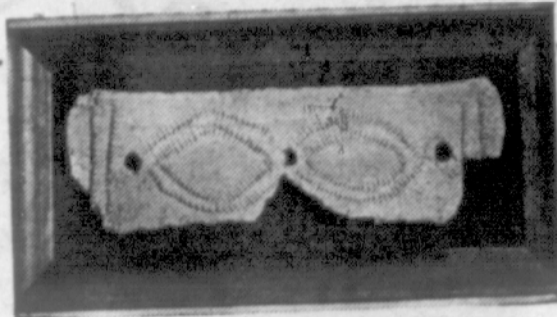
The main point is that while we are fighting we are getting no new starts on dams.

CONGRESS GAITERS

We suppose no one wears them anymore and in this day when ease and comfort are paramount considerations, it is odd, they should be forgotten. For the younger set it may be well to explain that the congress gaiter was a soft, leather shoe with a gore in the sides. They were all made alike and it made no difference which foot went into one of them.

When men arose in the dark and dressed without artificial light it was very handy to have shoes like that. They fit into overshoes handily having light soles. And they were comfortable, could be pulled on or off without bothering with strings or buttons. Well, kids, grandpa had his comforts, too.

This Week's HISTORY MYSTERY



Can You Identify This Object?

CLUE: William Campbell, of the Oregon Territorial Volunteers, confiscated this historical item after an Indian battle in the Yakima Valley in 1856. The holes are for carrying purposes and the design served no useful function.

ANSWER: It is a piece of Indian "bread" made of corn meal and camas root. The use of corn meal in bread was introduced in the northwest by the white man although the eastern and southern Indians had known of its existence previously. An interesting parallel is the use by the Nez Percé of corn husk as a decorative material in their soft, woven bags.

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The world's second-highest such structure, is nearing completion and assembly of the turbines for the project's four 90,100-kilowatt generating units will begin soon. Nearly as high as a 14-story building, the graceful concrete spillway will require almost 115,700 cubic yards of concrete, or enough to build 66 miles of two-lane highway.

Final major phase of work to get under way—sent Brownlee into the homestretch, toward its goal of producing the first of 360,000 kilowatts of electricity for the power-hungry Pacific Northwest by October, 1958. The downstream rock-fill section of the dam's embankment, which will be

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Rufus Personal

Mrs. George Fox

The Rufus Grange met Thursday evening with Master Harland McDonald presiding after the grangers enjoyed together a potluck dinner at 7 p. m. The members cast their ballots for the new candidates for state office.

Mrs. Sadie Rich on agriculture told of a deer repellent spray now available. The grange voted to not have a potluck dinner at the next meeting December 19 which will be the Christmas party. A lunch will be served later in the evening. Each member to have gifts for an exchange.

Installation of officers for Rufus Grange will be December 22 with a potluck dinner at 1 p. m.

For the lecturer's program Mrs. Will Huck asked all for good rules for keeping healthy. Everyone sang "Because He Joined the Grange". There were questions pertaining to grange work asked by the lecturer. Mrs. Huck displayed a dish of Willow ware pattern and read a story about the origin of the picture. A reading "The Size of Your Heart" by Geo. Fox.

The Home Ec club which was to have met Thursday afternoon was postponed until Wednesday, December 18, and will be at the home of Mrs. Rolland Johnson with Mrs. George Drinkard as co-hostess. Gifts for the state mental hospital to be brought. Also the members will have a gift exchange. The reason for the different date was that our Sherman County Sheriff Norman E. Fields' funeral is to be held this Thursday.

"Christmas at the Children's Home" will be December 22 during the morning service at the Rufus church of the Nazarene, it was announced by those in charge. A heavy fog blanketed this area Sunday and Monday night making visibility very poor. The fog was just above the Columbia river and the rest of the county enjoyed sunshine. Sunshine was what these parts enjoyed too Wednesday. The highs were in the freezing area of the thermometer. Bill O'Conner had the misfortune to cut his wrist severely Sunday night when his arm went through the window of the John Day Cafe. It was found some of the tendons were severed, so The Dalles doctors recommended he go to Portland to a specialist it was reported here.

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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. Paul Alley, W.M.

Joyde Gilkner, Secretary Moro Lodge No. 113 L.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited.

Orlow Martin, N.G. Leo Watkins, Secretary Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Meets every second Thursday each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon Genevieve Powell, W. M. Gwen Rosa, Secretary

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. L. Grabenhorst, NG Vada DeMoss, Sec. LAPINE Rebekah Lodge No. 116

HARLANDVIEW GRANGE Meets First and Third Mondays each month at 8 p. m. Orlow Martin, Master Agnes Benson, Secretary

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE Bids will be received by the undersigned up until Jan. 15, 1958, for miscellaneous personal property of the Estate of Earl J. Lyons. All sales will be for cash. The right to accept or reject any or all bids is reserved. Included in the listing is a 1951 GMC 3/4 ton pick-up and other items. The complete listing may be examined by contacting the undersigned at Moro. Clair Balzer Adm. Estate of Earl J. Lyons. 6-9c

PUBLIC NOTICE

That all of the area of Sherman county subject to state laws is a livestock district wherein it is unlawful for livestock, including cattle, horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats and swine, to be permitted to run at large.

The State Department of Agriculture has made this determination after a public hearing held November 26, 1957 in the County Court House at Moro, as provided by Chapter 604, Oregon Laws 1957.

No livestock districts exist in public roads passing through federal lands or in land subject to Oregon laws but entirely inclosed by federal land, unless otherwise provided by federal laws and regulations.

Further information may be had by consulting the records of Sherman County Clerk at Moro, or the State Department of Agriculture at Salem.

This order became effective on the date approved and signed: December 6, 1957. M. E. Knickerbocker, Chief Division of Animal Industry State Department of Agriculture

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

AUDREY MAE SCHAFFER, Plaintiff, vs. GILBERT L. SCHAFFER, Defendant.

SUMMONS

To Gilbert L. Schaffer, Defendant: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and if you fail to so appear, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, to-wit, for a decree of this Court dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and the defendant.

This summons is served upon you pursuant to an order made by the judge of the above entitled court on the 25th day of November, 1957, which order prescribes the time for the publishing of this summons as once a week for four successive and consecutive weeks and requires you to appear and answer the complaint herein within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons. The date of the first publication is the 29th day of November, 1957.

BROWN & VAN VACTOR The Dalles, Oregon Attorneys for Plaintiff 4-7c

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MODIFY NATURAL PRECIPITATION BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS

Notice is hereby given that Water Resources Development Corporation, 460 S. Broadway, Denver 9, Colo., duly licensed in the State of Oregon to engage in operations to modify natural precipitation by artificial means for and on behalf of the Morrow County Weather Research Association, located at Echo, Oregon, will conduct a program of weather modification to increase natural rainfall in the area described below:

1.) The area to be affected is described as beginning at the east county line of Morrow County, midway of Section 4, Township 3N, Range 27E, thence WSW along the county road to the SW corner of Section 35, Township 3N, Range 27E, thence west to County line between Morrow and Gilliam Counties, thence SSW along State Highway 74 to SW corner of Section 31, Township 15, Range 26E, thence east to the Umatilla County line, thence N and W along the Morrow, Umatilla County boundary to the point of beginning all within Morrow County, Oregon.

In Umatilla County, Oregon, beginning at the NW corner of Section 3, Township 4N, Range 27E, thence E to NE corner of Township 4N, Range 29E, thence S to SE corner of Township 1N, Range 29E, thence W to SW corner of Township 1N, Range 29E, thence W to SW corner of Section 34, Township 2N, Range 27E, thence N to the point of beginning.

1.) Ground based silver iodide generators will be located in Grant, Wheeler, Wasco, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, and Sherman Counties.

3.) The period of operation will be from on or before December 1, 1957 to on or before June 1, 1958.

4.) November 18, 1957. Patrick F. King Water Resources Development Corp., W. 1017 Riverside, Spokane 1, Washington 4-6c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, their Final Account as Executors of the Estate of T. J. Coyle, deceased, and that Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Harold D. Eakin Norris Gilkison Executors

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Executors 3-6c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Dell H. Wright, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix, with Will Annexed, of the Last Will and Testament of Dell H. Wright, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at Law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this Notice, to-wit: November 22, 1957.

Sally A. Wright Administratrix, with Will Annexed T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administratrix. 3-6c