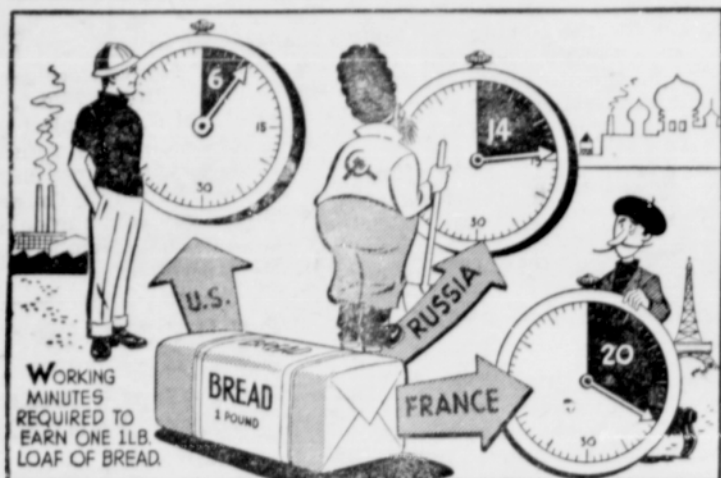


AS TIME GOES B(U)Y!



Ivan Skavinsky Skavar, the average Russian industrial worker, labors five times as long to fill his family's market basket as does Joe Smith, the typical American laborer.

In a talk before the National Food Conference, held recently in Washington, D. C., Vice President Nixon pointed out that Joe Smith can buy a pound loaf of enriched bread with six minutes of labor, according to figure: compiled by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Ivan works 14 minutes for the same amount of bread which does not equal the U. S. loaf nutritionally.

Ivan works 132 minutes for a pound of beef. Joe Smith buys it with 31 minutes of labor. Joe works 25 minutes to add a pound of sliced bacon to the family larder; Ivan has to stay on the job 351 minutes to buy the same amount from a Moscow State store.

A grouping of 11 foreign countries, according to the work time required to buy food, indicates that the American worker spent less than one-fifth as much time to pay for a given quantity of food as the Soviet worker. He (the American) spent from 20 to 30 per cent as much as the Italian, Austrian, or French workers; from 39 to 48 per cent as much time as the Dutch, West Germans, Irish or Swiss; and from 62 to 71 per cent as much time as the Danish, British, or Norwegian workers.

Joe Smith works 4 minutes for a pound of flour. Irishmen and Norwegians are runners-up. They work six minutes for their pound of flour. Again, tops in the flour field is Russia, where 27 minutes of work are necessary.

French bread is in demand in many countries, but not-so-lucky Pierre works 20 minutes for a pound of it.

Other Factors Cut Power Advantage

Although the Pacific northwest has been the leading center of aluminum production in the United States, this position is now being threatened by narrowing cost advantages. The main activity in aluminum production in the Pacific northwest is smelting alumina ingot, a process which requires more power than any other stage in the production of this metal, observes the Federal Reserve bank's bulletin.

Power costs, therefore, have traditionally been a major factor determining the location of these smelting plants; and, up to now, the Pacific northwest has provided the largest block of low-cost electric power to the industry.

The article points out that new improvements in the efficiency of coal fueled steam plants together with increasing cost of new hydroelectric power development are shrinking the power cost differences in aluminum smelting between the Pacific northwest and coal producing areas. Also, transportation costs incurred in delivering aluminum to industrial centers, which are primarily in the east and midwest, further handicap the Pacific as a smelting plant location. This area will continue to supply an impressive fraction of the national aluminum output as total smelting capacity expands in the United States; however, it will not share proportionately in the increase.

wildlife. Then he read a poem for April 2 in order that they may attend visitation at Chenoweth April 3.

Rufus Grange held another card party at the hall Saturday night. Winning high score at pinochle were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake, while S. A. Wilson and Mrs. Dolph Baker received low. The grange women served refreshments.

Fern Jewell, Pete Macnab together with his brother Rod and sister Georgia all from Gresham were visitors at the Will Huck home Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett of Vancouver, Wn., were guests Sunday at the T. L. Fields home. Barnett said he lived in Rufus from 1903 and Mrs. Ben Dodson of Wamie moved away. Barnett's sister married Willie Dingle, who was a brother of Mrs. T. L. Fields.

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Grass Production Held Measure of Ranch Values Now Days

True value of a ranch depends on the pounds of grass it can produce rather than the number of acres or livestock on it, according to a new bulletin published by the Oregon State college extension service.

A livestock operation is one that turns grass and other forage into something that can be sold for cash, the bulletin points out. And since a hundred pounds of forage can produce only so many pounds of beef or mutton or wool, it's really the amount of grass and other forage a ranch can produce that determines its value.

Titled, "Grass is the Wealth," the new bulletin opens by explaining eight simple facts about grass that are said to be the first steps toward planning a range improvement program. Value of perennial grasses over annuals, how top growth depends on root systems, amount of moisture needed to produce a pound of grass, and how pasturing affects grasses are just some of the facts covered.

Range grass growth is seasonal, but livestock eat every day, the bulletin also points out. This creates a real problem for ranchers who need forage the year-around. The bulletin helps solve this problem by listing seven ways ranchers can even out the productive seasons of their pastures.

It then goes on to suggest ways to improve range lands east of the Cascades. Balancing feed consumption with production, use of water holes and salt to spread grazing, tricks with fencing, and range clearing methods are among the seven ways listed.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews just returned from spending a few days in Portland.

WASCO NEWS

The annual WSCS Spring tea was held last week with a profusion of spring flowers gracing the tables. Mrs. Estrella Hailey and Mrs. Martin Pshigola as program committee presented Linda Marden and Mary Lou Griffith who played piano solos and Rev. Richard Bruner who sang "Were You There?". Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg played parts of a record by Edward R. Murrow entitled "I Can Hear It Now", featuring different events from 1919 to 1932. Mrs. Ernest Goodenberger from Moro showed colored slides and gave an interesting talk on her work as a missionary in China. Hostesses were Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder, Mrs. Jack Rothery and Mrs. Harry Allen.

Gary Royse, son of Mr and Mrs O. G. Royse of Portland, and grandson of Mrs. John Royse of Wasco, was married March 21 to Janice Benson also of Portland.

The Wasco grade school volleyball team will participate in the volleyball tournament which will be held at Rufus Saturday afternoon.

BANK SHOWS GAIN

Loans and discounts at The United States National Bank of Portland have increased more than 36 million dollars since the end of 1937, James L. Johnson, manager of The Dalles branch, stated.

During the same period, deposits showed an increase of better than three million dollars.

The Dalles branch reported deposits of \$15,891,377.58, according to Johnson, and loans and discounts were \$5,444,434.98. The Dufur branch reported deposits of \$1,937,671.43, and loans and discounts of \$222,341.68, according to Rodney Cooper, manager.

Total resources for the U. S. National system were reported as \$830,551,761, an increase of more than five million dollars since the year end 1937.

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

Rufus Grange was host Thursday evening to a 141 grange members from Sherman, Wasco and Hood River counties for the tri-county visitation program. Cherry Park presented the seating drill and opened the grange. The following grangers were presented to the masters station, Mrs. Rolland Johnson, State Grange lecturer, Rolland Johnson, county deputy of Sherman county, Mr. Elliott, master of Chenoweth Grange, Earl Moore, county deputy of Hood River, Walter Wells Pomona master of Hood River, Hay Hughes, Pomona master of Wasco county, George Fox, master of Rufus Grange, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, master of Harlandview Grange and Mrs. Elwood Adkisson, district home economics chairman. After the Rufus officers, Arthur Means, master of Cherry Park was presented to the master's station also.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shaffer were to become members of Rufus Grange by initiation. William Huck on legislation says the president has approved more money for the John Day dam. He told of the new school laws pertaining to the tax system. Rolland Johnson on agriculture said there's a new way to save high moisture in hay. He told of a method to make cut flowers last longer. He also said there's a double morning glory found. This county has too much trouble fighting the morning glory in the wheat fields to be interested in bringing any more of the plants to this area. Mrs. Walter Morris, Home Ec chairman, said the next meeting will be April 10 at which time the ladies will model hats of original ideas at the home of Mrs. George Fox. Secret pals will be revealed that day. Bill Huck, insurance agent, says he has the new rate sheet on hail and grain insurance.

For the lecturer's program Mrs. Huck had the following "Can't You Take It Back and Change It for a Boy" by Donna, Darlene and Janet Stehlik, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Robert Byrd. "Farm Policy in Verse" by Rolland Johnson. A tap dance number by Maxine Dormaier. Sherman county agent, T. W. Thompson talked on the conservation of

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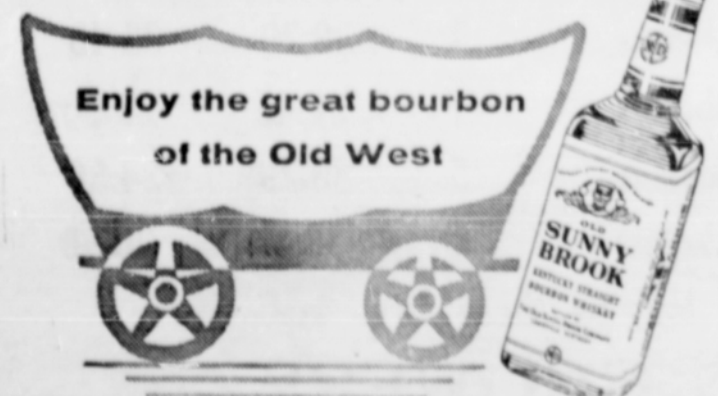
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