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SOME QUESTIONS
How many TV viewers really thought that the shows could be honest with \$64,000 or \$129,000 at stake?
Certainly anyone who accepted money under the now widely publicized circumstances was morally at fault. Yet, is it fair to judge him by persons whose opinions could be bought for a \$100 bill?
Morality is a nice varnish and we think civilization cannot work without such a varnish. Nevertheless \$129,000 yields a tremendous blow to any such film and we assume that the normal attitude would be that it was wiser to take the cash and let the morality go.
True, Mr. Van Doren was found wanting. We can criticize him or we can criticize those who tempted him for personal gain. Neither were honest although they did put on a show that attracted millions.

We have increased our love of money, and the quantity of money without increasing the moral values that make it possible for us to spend money. Our morality has not been inflated as has our money. More's the pity. But we are inclined to object to the crucifixion of Mr. Van Doren by a people whose price is much less than he received.

POPULATION

The report of the state bureau of census was recently released and it shows that things may be changing in Oregon. Seven counties have lost population, that is if the census men are correct, and they are not all in eastern Oregon. Clatsop county has lost 11.0 percent, Grant 4.0, Malheur 0.4, Polk 4.6, Union 2.6, Wheeler 22.7 and Yamhill 7.4.

In the lower Willamette valley the big timber has been cut and the loggers are leaving, farms are being consolidated and no new industry is coming in. The same applies to Clatsop county. Grant's mills were down last year for a long time. Union county is logged out and many mills closed in Wheeler, now the least populous county of the state, a distinction long held by Sherman.

Generally the unincorporated areas have lost while the cities and towns have gained or else the unincorporated areas have gained less than the towns. Families are still moving to town, a trend long recognized. What they are doing in the smaller towns we do not know but it seems probable they will have to move unless new industry is started to occupy them. Sherman county is one of the exceptions for the towns have increased 5.4 percent while the rural area has grown by 20 percent. Grass Valley has 200 according to the estimate, Moro 385 and Wasco 320. All are increases but the rural area has grown from 1412 to 1695 to give the county 2600 residents.

The average growth west of the mountains is 22.9 percent and on the east side is 8.2. Without the big growth in Curry, caused no doubt by an extensive road building project that gave it a

131.5 percent boost and in Washington, which gets the Portland overflow, the growth of counties in eastern Oregon can match that in western Oregon.
Certainly it had to start sometime. Eastern Oregon is much bigger, has more resources outside of the big fir timber, and is a better place to live. Eastern Oregon has the electricity, a much superior soil, sufficient water, more recreational facilities and space for industry when and if it comes to Oregon.

MONOPOLY

About 60 sterootypers are preventing a million newspaper readers from their accustomed perusal of their favorite news and features in Oregon and adjoining areas. Backing them are some hundreds of other newspaper employees who have no quarrel with the publishers. But, if the troubles of the '60 were settled, the strike would be over.
That seems like a mighty small tail to be wagging the big dog. Certainly if the two newspapers find that they can print enough papers in one plant they are not likely to go back to operating two plants, and that will mean the eradication of a lot of jobs for all workers in newspapers. A good part of the news is duplication because both papers set wire dispatches in almost identical form and the use of one plant could eliminate that.

Then there is the fear that the two papers may combine which would put a lot of reporters, photographers and others out of work permanently. We think that would not be a desirable solution but perhaps it is ultimately foregone when it is considered that under similar conditions it has happened in other cities.

But the point of this editorial is that so small a number of workers, attempting to prevent the possible elimination of jobs through improved techniques, are able to hamper the normal flow of a service to which people are accustomed and which they apparently enjoy. We do not think the American people like a monopoly and we do not think they will long permit it.

Rufus Personal

By Mrs. Geo. L. Fox

The Home Ec club of Rufus Grange met November 12 at the home of Mrs. Harland McDonald beginning with a dessert luncheon served by the hostess.

After lunch Mrs. Fred Dormaier chairman, called the business meeting to order. Roll call was answered by each telling "What they were most thankful for." The project was Christmas gift ideas. The sum of \$39.50 was made from the recent rummage sale held in The Dalles. The club voted to send \$5.00 to Camp Columbia for the boys Christmas treats. If anyone has a gift of clothing this can be left at Wernmark's shoe repair in The Dalles and he will see that it reaches the camp. Election of officers took place with the results: Grace Medler, chairman; Mrs. George Fox, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Joe Morrow, vice-chairman. Mrs. Fred Dormaier won the drawing. Mrs. Joe Sorrick was a guest. The next meeting will be December 10 at the home of Mrs. George Fox.

The Sherman County Pomona Grange met Saturday, November 14 at the Harlandview Grange hall where were the host grange sponsoring a potluck dinner at noon. Harland McDonald, master, called the meeting to order. Mr. and Mrs. Loolin of North Lincoln Oregon and who live at Ocean Park were present. Mrs. Loolin is a former member of

OREGON'S CENTENNIAL ALBUM



Harlandview Grange. Tommy Thompson gave a report on agriculture. He announced the Wheat League meeting at Pendleton the first week in December and a local wheat league meeting in Moro November 17. Walter Bruckert gave a report on Sherman agriculture and Mrs. Bruckert gave a Home Ec report. The grange decided to have the Pomona meetings to start with a noon potluck instead of the 10:30 a. m. meetings. Pomona will have a special evening set for any initiatory work. They set tentatively Sunday December 13 at 2 p. m. for the installation of officers. Delta Johnson, district youth chairman, asked for a report at each subor-

porate grange meeting. A committee was appointed to meet with the different county organizations to make up a calendar of events for the year to avoid overlapping of dates. On this committee were Mrs. Louis Sather, chairman, Mrs. George Fox and Mrs. Harland McDonald.

The next Pomona meeting will be at Rufus in February. Election of officers took place with the results: Orlo Martin, master; Atlee Wilson, overseer; Mrs. Roland Johnson, lecturer; Walter Bruckert, steward; Roland Johnson, assistant steward; Mrs. Atlee Wilson, lady assistant steward; Mrs. Louis Sather, chaplain; Mrs. Sam Brock, treasurer; Mrs. Harland McDonald, secretary; Louis Sather, gatekeeper, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Ceres; Mrs. Orlo Martin

Pomona; Mrs. George Benson, Flora; and on the executive committee were Harland McDonald, George Fox and Sam Brock.
The Rufus Grange met November 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields. The building committee reported on the work accomplished so far at the grange hall. There was no program on account of election of officers. Results as follows: George Fox, master; Roy Shafer, overseer; Mrs. Roland Johnson, lecturer; Joe Morrow, steward; Atlee Wilson, ass't. steward; Mrs. Harland McDonald, lady ass't. steward; Mrs. Millard Leigh, chaplain; Mrs. Roy Shafer, treasurer, Mrs. Atlee Wilson, secretary; Art Smith, gate keeper; Mrs. Bert Swigart, Ceres; Mrs. Joe Morrow, Pomona; Mrs. Otto Petersen, Flora; and the executive committee, Roland Johnson, Harland McDonald and Sam Brock. The next meeting will be November 19 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald. The grange women served supper at the close of the meeting.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Real "Meaty" Subject

Today I've got a tale that really hits close to home—but it's okay, I've got the wife's permission to tell it.

My Mrs. Marsh has been cooking hams—deliciously, I might add—for years. But always, just before she pops 'em into the oven, she slices an inch off one end. Reason: she said her mother always did that to make ham tastier.

Last week, though, Grandma gave the real reason. Sure, she used to slice an inch from a ham but only when her roasting pan was an inch too short.

From where I sit, all of us do things that can't be backed up by reason or fact. Most time they're pretty silly things—particularly the petty prejudices we build. For instance, some folks may resent your preference for buttermilk at dinner, or mine for a glass of beer. If they'd stop to think "why"—they'd realize they were taking a "slice" off our friendship and for no good reason at all.

Joe Marsh

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