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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Here is Thanksgiving, the first of the season's holidays and in some ways the most American of any of them.

But Thanksgiving need not be merely exercise for the stomach. It can be a day of thanksgiving, of looking back over the twelve months just passed to remember how many nice things happened during that period.

Not a one of us has lived the year without joy and pleasure and this is the day to remember it.

COMING EVENT

The other day we were reading an advertisement of an article about pelleted feed; that told how feed was ground in exactly the right balance and pressed into pellets that when fed to an animal gave him all the necessities of life in just the correct quantity so that he gained more and better.

We couldn't help but wonder how long it would be before we would be getting a ration like that. Army cooks in the good old days used to say that they fed the boys a balanced diet and most of them did put on weight whether it was for that reason or not we never knew.

That gets us down to the point. What is a correct diet for a man? Nutritionists have been arguing about it for 100 years in our memory, and all that's new is some pills. How come, we are able to figure out a diet to make steers fat and can't tell how to feed Uncle Mike to keep him from having pains in his heart or stomach? Maybe it is because the steer can't say he doesn't like it and is in a position where he has to eat it or do without.

But we'll bet it won't be long before cooks can buy prepared pellets containing pressed meat, vegetables, fruit, nuts and whatever other gimmicks the advertisers have made popular. Season mine with arsenic.

INTERNATIONALIST TREND

Within a few days President Eisenhower will embark on a trip that will take him to a dozen nations or more and he will be feted and listened to by thousands of people in all sorts of economic conditions, all varieties of garb and with every possible notion about this country.

John Foster Dulles started it and, despite criticism that depicted him as running the state department from a plane, kept it up until he could go no longer. His idea was that this nation just had to get around and visit. The story is that he persuaded Eisenhower to follow his example.

This is definitely the end of isolation. Our officials could stay home in their own parlors and have no truck with neighbors as long as we were an isolated country. We didn't need to be acquainted with the rulers of other lands for what they did or thought didn't affect us materially.

Now we are mixed up in every deal all over the world, we loan money to every nation whose leader can speak the word "friend"; we send agricultural goods anywhere and take any currency in exchange. It costs like thunder and the gold at Fort Knox is decreasing. Maybe we can't be the world's rich uncle forever and if we can't we'll have to persuade others to help or do a lot of explaining to the hungry countries about why it can't go on.

Perhaps we need a dozen international ambassadors with commanding presence, big planes, fine speeches and pleasant manners. One man may be all too small a delegation to cover the territory and it's entirely possible that the president has enough to do at home. We are an important country now and are trying to act like it.

NEW TAX PROPOSALS

The federal government committees and tax experts are talking about lowering the rates of federal income and corporate tax. But that isn't all. It is talking about doing this by cutting out nearly all exemptions.

Basically that would be a good move. Present tax programs are too complicated and smaller taxpayers do not have enough information to take full advantage of them. People do cherish their little deductions, however.

The corporation tax of 52 per cent is too high and is, in fact, almost a manufacturers sales tax. Corporations have to pay dividends to stay in business so they hike prices to get the money. The customer pays. It is a poor tax and any reduction of it would be helpful.

Taxation in European countries is so filled with exemptions and other means of evasion that tax collection is no more than half efficient. It is getting more like that in this country and some simplification is needed.

There are some very good political reasons why the new proposals will remain only that. Removing a tax deduction loses votes, taxpayers will fear that lowered rates would not remain lowered.

Really the only way taxes can be lowered is for government to spend less money. Whatever minor adjustments in the rates and the rules will be mere temporizing until that is accomplished.

HEALTH RESIGNATION

Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, has resigned to accept a better paid position in California. There is nothing remarkable that a competent official should leave a small state like Oregon when he has an opportunity to move to a larger field where the pay is better.

What is somewhat remarkable is that Dr. Erickson should have taken the trouble to ascribe his resignation to the lack of financial support given the health department by the legislature and most county courts.

It is, we think, generally known that no government can support any bureaucrat in the style to which he would like to become accustomed. We could spend all our income on health if we desired; or we could spend it on education; or on roads. The imagination of those who are hired to spend the public's money is easily greater than the public's purse.

Although Oregon may feel regret at losing the good doctor we think regret includes no shame. We have fed the doctor well, listened to his plans, given him support within our means. Because we do not feel that a plaster of dollar bills is a panacea for physical ills he has left us and we are appropriately sorry and expect to remain reasonably healthy.

County Ramblings

County Agricultural Agent: The 1959 Yearbook of Agriculture, entitled "Food" is packed with information on how to eat better and cheaper. "FOOD" was published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Distribution is mainly by members of Congress. Copies can be bought at \$2.25 each from the Superintendent.

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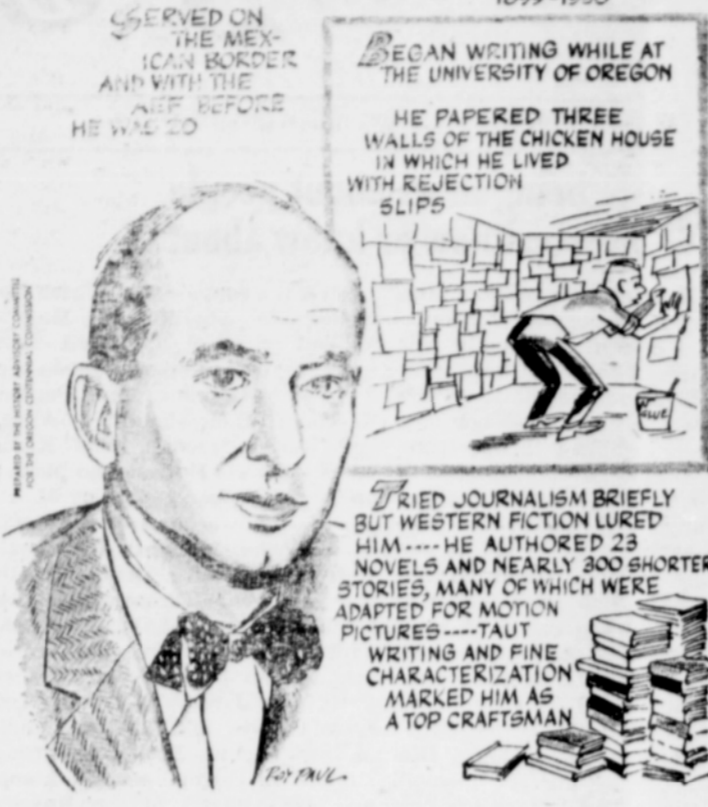
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conducted in the Klamath Falls area where heavy crop damage occurred.

Excellent progress is being made in ascertaining ecological factors contributing to fluctuation in mouse numbers, life history information, physiological and disease conditions associated with increases and decreases of mouse numbers.

Wide spread meadow mouse (Microtus) infestation is not expected anywhere in Oregon this year.

Interest Rate on Savings Bonds In the last-minute flurry before adjournment, Congress passed some important legislation, but none perhaps that directly affects more people than the bill to increase the interest rate on U. S.

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Saving Bonds. It was signed by the President on September 22, and made retroactive to all bonds bought since June 1. Farmers especially will be interested in the higher interest rate—now 3 3/4 per cent when held to maturity, as compared with the previous 3 1/4. No change was made in the purchase price. E bonds now mature in seven years and nine months, 14 months sooner than before. H bonds continue to have a ten-year maturity. In both cases, Savings Bonds now earn about 2 1/2 per cent in the first year and a half, and then 4 per cent from that point to maturity. The one out of four of us who owns bonds bought prior to June 1 also gets a windfall from the new legislation. But more about this in another column.

Tree Seedlings Orders for tree seedlings should be placed any time up to January 1. Early ordering will provide opportunity for better selection of tree seedlings desired. The state forestry department produces tree seedlings for sale to farmers and private landowners. Seedlings are for reforestation, windbreak, or shelterbelt plantings. Estimated production this year is 7,500,000 tree seedlings.

Confers for distribution and adaptable to the area include Scotch and Austrian Pines, Chinese Arborvitae and Norway Spruce. Broadleaves include black locust, caragana and Chinese Elm. Order blanks for these seedlings are available at the Sherman County Agent's office. Prices range from \$7 to \$12 per thousand seedlings. Shipments in Eastern Oregon will be made next spring.

Several private nurseries exist over the Northwest where various size trees can be obtained. List of nurseries over the state can be secured at the County Agent's office, Courthouse, Moro.

Walla Walla Soil Series A research project aimed at a greater understanding of the Walla Walla soil series and its environment has been undertaken by Luther Robinson, graduate student, OSC. The Walla Walla

soil series is one of the major soils of the dryland wheat area in the Deschutes-Umatilla plateau of Oregon. It occurs in all Columbia Basin counties and in Washington. The general procedure will be to assemble and organize present information and collect new information in order to characterize more fully the soil.

Alfalfa Hay Prices Although trading was moderately light for alfalfa hay, prices moved still higher during the week ending November 9. Growers held firmly to supplies. Lower temperatures increased interest among buyers. Prices were as much as \$1 a ton higher on good top quality.

In the Hermiston, Echo, and Stanfield districts, supplies were limited. Good top quality barn stored alfalfa was quoted at \$32 a ton f.o.b. the ranch. At Madras, good quality alfalfa sold from \$30 to \$34. Grass straw was at \$18. Oat hay sold for \$30 a ton at the ranch.

Klamath Falls reported prices of \$27 to \$31 a ton at the ranch depending on quality.

FOX TRIP Continued from Page One while we were in Milwaukie, so he took us around visiting that town and seeing their museum which is in one part of the library. Their animals are in lifelike surroundings, with trees, brush and grasses, and the scenes are truly lifelike. Even the statues look like they are ready to move.

We took a day to see Chicago going on a tour of the city, in the downtown, north side, residential and business districts. Also of great interest was the Rosenwald Museum of Science and Industry. After hearing Sherrie Fraser of Moro tell of her trip to the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago last year, many of the places she showed slides of and mentioned were like seeing old friends to the writer. The guide said 900,000 negroes live in Chicago with 3000 more coming in each month, in the southside shops, schools and people on the streets were all

negroes. We left Milwaukie on Friday, Nov. 13 with three inches of snow on the ground, and snow was on the ground all the way to Chicago where we changed trains and on into Illinois. We saw a stiff wind and freezing temperatures after we left Chicago, and at Omaha the water hose froze making the train an hour late before it was ready to start again. We beat the snow into The Dalles on the way home, but it arrived soon afterwards. There was no snow in Wyoming coming home.

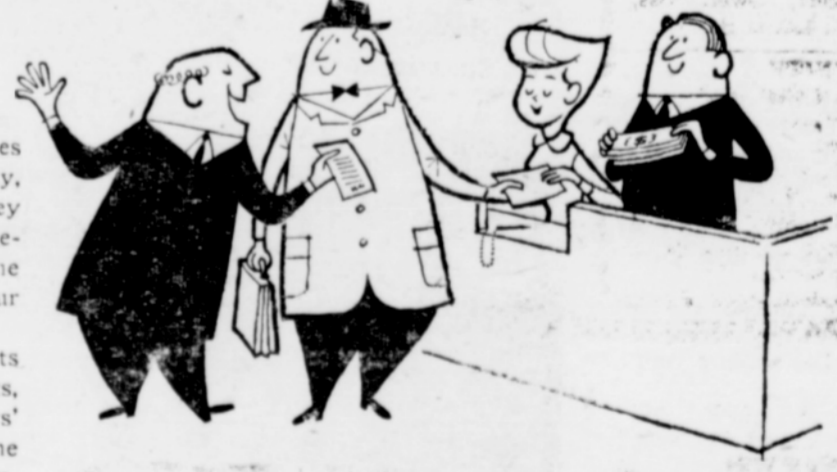
George Jr. took us for a tour of part of the huge Allis Chalmers plant in West Allis, Wisconsin. We saw No. 14 and 17 tractors (wheel) made from scratch with each man having a job of either drilling holes or adding some part until a few minutes the tractor was ready to start to see if it ran alright. Big turbines were seen, and these are made only on special order to the special job for which it is assigned. Saw the shops where skilled labor made forms in their shops for the different parts of machinery. Saw the melting and pouring of steel which is a clear red transparent liquid when it is poured. Saw electric transformers in the making. In the shops everyone must wear glasses, the workers and visitors to protect their eyes. They say the glasses save a pair of eyes at least every month. These plants are about as long as one can see with each worker knowing his job, not appearing like a man so much in such a big industry, but nevertheless a key man assigned to do his part.

We arrived home Sunday, Nov. 15, and it was very cold here in Sherman county, but we had very good weather for an eleven day vacation.

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