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SOIL CONSERVATION

The men who man the several soil conservation offices in Oregon have met in convention, a custom long accepted as standard conduct in social minded America. The spiritual value of conventions is perhaps worth the cost in time or money; everyone needs to be told how important they are once a year.

But soil conservation is important for anyone who has lived as little as twenty years can note a change in the soil and a deterioration. Constant cropping takes valuable nutrients out of the soil and constant tillage causes it to wash away when unprotected by crops. If we are going to expect descendants to live on this earth we must leave them a soil to do it on. The probable fate of mankind is starvation at best but forethought can postpone that almost indefinitely.

When the soil conservation program started in its national phase it was an outfit with a wonderful set of directives and almost no scientific information. It asked for no cooperation, just obedience. Consequently the SCS got off on the wrong foot and has only recently been getting back in the public's good graces and that only because of its undeniable argument about the value of soil.

The soil conservationists have a problem in public relations. They assume that one generation will rally whole heartedly to adopt practices that theoretically will help a coming generation. That is yet to be proven. If often appears that a majority will do that which will bring the greatest profit and convenience today—and let the next generation take care of itself. Very likely the hardest job the conservationists have is to combat that attitude which makes the work of the SCS to be social as well as physical.

Man not only has trouble looking into the future, he has trouble putting his mind to such theoretical goings on. Many of them refuse to plan a week ahead, to make up their minds, to even know how they will vote until confronted with the necessity. Soil conservation demands a look ahead of at least one whole generation. But it seems to be gaining.

CLOSE ELECTION

Nearly everyone has an idea about what won the election—and so do we. However we are going to try to restrain ourselves about expressing ours. Certainly it was so close that almost a single word could have changed it.

Americans, and especially rural Americans, must realize that they have a different set of problems than ever before although the condition has been growing for years. The cities dominate the elections. If we permit the elimination of the electoral college they will do so to a greater extent. City people are more emotional, more inclined to mass voting, those who like to follow the crowd flock to cities.

For farmers this means that cities will control legislatures and the congress. That means that in the long run farmers will be helped if they get rid of government programs for agriculture—for eventually they will be dominated by city votes whose constituents are desirous of cheap food.

It is easy to say that the election was so close it means nothing. Like other elections the voters were motivated by so many desires and concepts no one can tell what they wanted. Probably it makes no difference. Voters pick conservatives and radicals, spenders and savers, all at the same time until it is possible for an elected official to interpret an election any way he chooses and find arguments to indicate it.

After all that is what politicians are best at—finding arguments for their own theories.

Profits are the measure of demand—of need. That is why government seldom knows whether its acts are valued or not. Something given away is not respected. Private business makes a profit—or tires to—and it can tell whether it is performing a needed service or not.

PAPER MONEY

One who gets many paper bills to handle—mostly, of course the smaller variety—must have noted how weak and sleazy the material seems. Maybe the dollar is getting so cheap the government has to make it of poorer paper or whatever it is.

There is a temptation to wad a handful of bills up in a ball and stuff them into a pocket instead of trying to neatly stack them in a bill fold.

We hate to think what will happen when and if the dollar goes down in value another half. It might be possible to reduce the size and that would be better than to permit the dollar to become any more limber. A dollar bill looks to dis-spirited already.

PROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS

From here it looks as if the professionals have taken over the good old game of politics. More and more the people who win elections are those most adept at promising the voters additional cumshaw from the public purse. They do not even try to find out what sort of gift would be most desired; they just promise every thing and more of it.

This is certainly to be expected in a country that elects its rulers by popular vote; but before very long the nation's resources would be dissipated to the indigent.

It was not long ago, however—say 35 years—when politicians often ran on a platform, when they expressed belief in policies and were elected or defeated on public acceptance of them or rejection. Under that system the nation's voters could decide some serious public questions. Nowadays the voters only determine which has the most attractive gift box.

In Oregon we have the perpetual Wayne Morse an experienced and adept table thumper who tries to be all things to all men but the avowed minority of responsible business. He oratorically thrusts such minorities aside. He has been consistently for labor and probably will so continue as long as it pays off at the polls but without any but the necessary conviction.

Oregon's newly elected senator, Mrs. Maurine Neuberger is a charming woman and none but the most ungentlemanly boor will expect her to make serious decisions. She will decorate the job graciously.

Of our congressmen perhaps the defeated Charles Porter had ideas he was willing to defend more than the others. They were the wrong ideas but Porter did stand for something other than bigger hands in the public grab bag. Norblad is an experienced appraiser of the public's pulse who has developed a questionnaire that tells him what he needs to know. Mrs. Green is a Democrat and in Multnomah that is the only qualification needed. Al Ulman started adult life as a conservative Republican. That was before he had forgotten the economics learned at college. Now he is a studied politician with a successful list of well tried giveaways.

Not only in national affairs but the drift is working on down to smaller offices, state and district.

We are inclined to think there is no cure for it other than political extinction; that some strong man with a glibber tongue than usual—some super demagogue—will come along and out-promise everyone until he is securely established in government whereupon he will seize the reins of government and stop the beggars from putting their hands in the public purse entirely.

Kent Club Makes Plans For Christmas Event

The Kent Home Extension Unit held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Max Noge Nov. 10. The demonstration on soaps and detergents was given by Mrs. Bryan Stark and Mrs. Don Maxfield.

Committees were named to handle the annual candy treats for children at the grade school Christmas program and to serve coffee, punch and cookies in the lunch room following the program.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Reckmann, December 8 at 10 a. m. Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg will demonstrate candle making.

MARGARET MOBLEY, reporter

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Rufus Personals

by Mrs. George Fox

The Home Economics club of Rufus Grange met Thursday, Nov. 10 at the home of Mrs. Harland McDonald with Mrs. Atlee Wilson as co-hostess. A 1:30 desert lunch of apple pie with whipped cream and coffee was served. Mrs. Grace Medler, chairman of the club, opened the business meeting with a flag salute. Mrs. Bill Nisbet of Wasco was a guest. Of the two sides saving White Satin sugar sacks, Mrs. Art Smith's side won and Mrs. Atlee Wilson's side lost, so her side has to do something for the winners. For the money we receive for the sugar sacks the club decided to buy a cloth for the masters table. The club is still saving M.J.B. coffee bands, Boyd lids and Betty Crocker coupons. Mrs. Medler showed two quilt tops which were given to the club and which they will make up later on.

Mrs. Carl Tuggle couldn't come this meeting, but it is hoped she can come to the Grange hall one day in November to show her variety Christmas gift items. A letter was received from the Pendleton State Hospital asking for gifts at Christmas. The club will gather items together to send at the meeting in December, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Millard Leigh. The club voted to send \$5 to Camp Columbia for the boys Christmas cheer candy. Election of officers took place with Mrs. Bert Swigart as new president; Mrs. Millard Leigh, vice-president and Mrs. Geo. Fox, secretary-treasurer. The members will have a gift exchange next time at the Christmas party. The gifts are not to exceed \$1 in value. Mrs. Leigh won the drawing.

Father Hodge, who conducted the Mission at the St. Mary's Catholic church in Wasco last week and Father Condon, the resident priest of St. Mary's, were dinner guests Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fox in Rufus.

Harlandview Grange came to Rufus Thursday night to put on the first and second degree. Those taking the degrees were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gayman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beers, Mrs. Carol McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bleakman, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sorrick, all from Sherman county and there were two boys from Cherry Park in The Dalles taking the degree. The Rufus Grange opened the meeting with Harlandview Grange doing the work. The Rufus Grange plans to put on the last two degrees at a meeting in their hall, Nov. 17. After the meeting the group enjoyed a social hour.

Weekend guests of the Fox family were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and children, Keith,

David and Kathy of Portland and a niece, Phyllis, of Mrs. Williams, who is visiting from Montana, and Mr. and Mrs. Norval Williams of Oregon City. The boys are brothers of Mrs. Fox and came up to do some hunting. Other guests at the Fox home Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weatherford and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford, who were dinner guests and also came to see the Arlington Story on television. Although no names were mentioned on TV some of the people could be recognized in the film.

Not many people from the north end of Sherman county attended the Rural Electric meeting in The Dalles Saturday. They had a very good program, meeting and lunch this year. Your reporter attended.

The Rufus Grange is having a card party at their hall this Saturday night and will continue to have card parties every two weeks during the winter.

The Teen Agers of Rufus had another dance at the Rufus Grange hall Saturday night. Not too many were out, as there was so many other things to do.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Worrell and family have moved to Wasco. They formerly lived for the past two years in the Keith Casier house. Their son, Lucky Worrell, recently joined the Navy.

Sales of United States Treasury Series E and H savings bonds in Sherman county in October came to a total of \$2,663.00, making a grand total of \$89,693.00 invested by citizens of this county so far this year.

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EDUCATION GROUP TO MEET

The Sherman County Division of the Oregon Education Association will hold its regular November meeting next Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. at the Sherman County high school.

The meeting will feature a panel discussion of the Ethics Commission of the Oregon Education Association, and also a discussion of the proposals to come before the Representative Council in December.

It is hoped that all members may attend.

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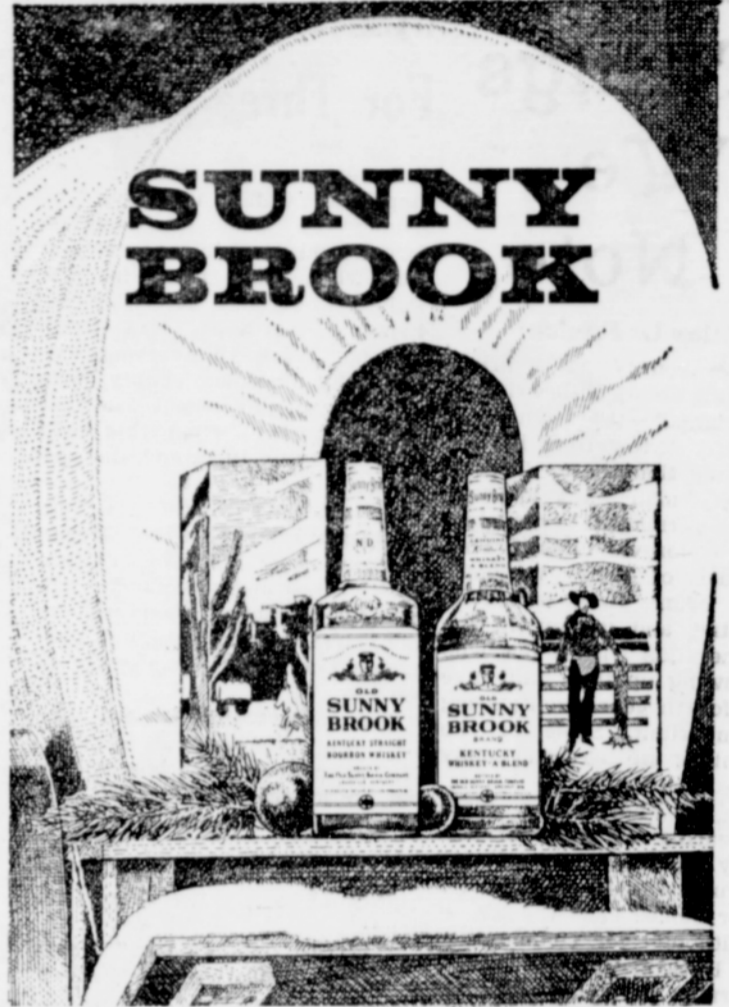
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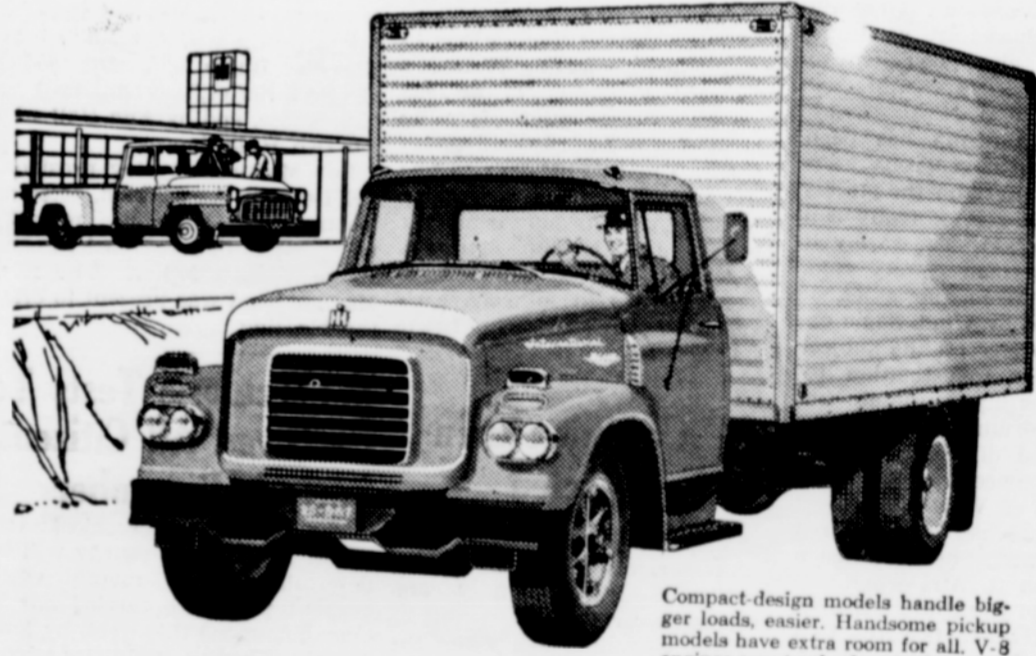
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