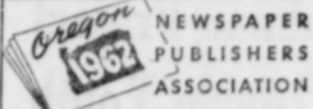


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ON BEING BURIED

No one, we think, takes very seriously the boast of Mr. Khrushchev that he will bury us. It sounds as if it came from the age group that boasts that "My Dad can lick your Dad" and probably Mr. Khrushchev himself knows he is whistling in the dark.

Neither are we excited about the optimists who say that we will quit spending before we bury ourselves in debt. Russia isn't in debt. We are in debt, and are constantly getting in deeper and without making any effort to repay a single dollar of it.

And we are very certain that we are buried in government from which we will never arise except by some excited slashing. We are governed by a bureaucracy so big that no one can change it very much, not even the president, for president's come and go while the bureaucracy stays on forever, indefinitely, smothering ability and condoning inability by the same tactics, eating up money like a goose scooping up grain, performing more services with steadily lowered efficiency.

All phases of government are engaged in a grasp for power and publicity, even legislators, who were once the direct representatives of the people, become addicts to interim committees on matters that belong in the realm of administration; the big bureaus are so enmeshed in rules that they cannot perform the simplest service. Anyone who touches government is aware of its inefficiency and although the bigger the government the worse it is, the evil runs clear down to the smallest branch.

We'll be buried all right and we won't need any help from the Russians.

EDUCATION

We find ourselves unable to forget the charming young lady from Brazil, who was a guest at the Sherman County Club in December. She was Miss Karin Zollikofer and was attending the University of Oregon on a scholarship from the Oregon Women's Clubs.

Miss Zollikofer could speak five languages as we remember our brief conversation with her and if she spoke all as well as she did English it is a credit to her education. We suggested that perhaps in Brazil none but the wealthy were educated so it was possible to give them better instruction and thus account for the knowledge of languages. Miss Zollikofer did not agree. They all learned, she said and inferred that all were taught.

Every time we note school children coming down the street in the middle of the afternoon we think of Miss Zollikofer. Our schools waste enough time to teach five languages. We do not know whether Brazilian high school pupils learn basketball, typing, home economics or farthing or how to jump on a trampoline, all of which mechanical skills are taught in our schools.

It seems that to please parents and pupils there must be almost half entertainment of some sort in American schools. That probably will not end as long as living is as easy as it is and competition so light. But we should not get the notion that it is education.

We suspect that American high school and even elementary school children could learn twice as much as they do—and we think the pupils would like it. Accomplishment is satisfying to youngsters as well as adults.

Certainly youth is going to fill the day with some activity. In good schools that activity can be directed toward education.

A new cigarette to be named Brandon. What sort of a silly rhyme can they make out of that? T T W N

This newspaper is dated on the day the celebrated groundhog is supposed by ancient fancy to come out of his winter quarters to look around for his shadow, which, if he sees, he will retire, to his seclusion for another six weeks during which the earth above will suffer the pangs of prolonged winter. Should he find the sun obscured he will stay topside and spring will be upon us.

That is a delightful little presumption told in these days to make us feel superior to grandpa who might have believed it. We doubt that. Grandpa was no dumber than grandson. But we have very recently gotten over a rather disconcerting way of thinking that confuses the modern who is overly obsessed with "science."

Like the Indians we ascribed certain meteorological events to animals. Coyotes were said to wail most appealingly by moonlight and presage a cold night; bawling cows foretold a storm; a grass eating dog was a sign of coming rain. Farther back in history the Greeks had a multitude of gods who came down to earth and mingled with humans doing all kinds of good and evil and giving wayward girls a provident excuse.

Today we have science which is our own generation's kind of black magic, some of which can be demonstrated as true and much of which is still speculative. In a hundred years the twenty-first century moderns will be laughing with superiority over some of the things we believe.

PRaise KENNEDY

A few months ago a newspaper I think it was the Oregonian—objected to a practice of "overnight" publicity men for mentioning President John F. Kennedy in every press release as if the hand-out was a promulgation of that gentleman instead of some petty bureaucrat. It was held to be a conscious effort to broadcast the name Kennedy until it became akin to that of a deity.

Everyone knew that this would likely be our most political administration but few were able to imagine the depths to which it would drop. This one week we have the example of an effort to establish a new cabinet post to be filled by a negro, not because he is the man most fitted for the job, but to get negro votes. There is also a huge appropriation for colleges.

Therefore we can look forward to unrestrained praise of Kennedy from negroes and college presidents—and of course lesser educational lights—who would be shocked to learn that it is as much a crime to take a bribe as to give one.

By the time congress adjourns there may be few groups that do not join in the doxology of praise. One would think it was his own money he is spending instead of nine—and yours.

NEWSPAPERS

Somewhere we've been reading that newspapers in the future will be more like magazines if they are to survive. For the information of the writer they are mostly magazines now. Look at the daily paper: two pages of foreign news, some articles and news about domestic troubles—always troubles—a days list of assorted deaths, four pages of sports, the ads classified and display and sometimes as much as eight or ten pages of stuff that should be in a magazine if published anywhere. How's your health, how's your morals, what's on TV and radio, how to bake a pie, who's putting on the latest party in what passes for society, some reviews of movies—seldom of books—and the thing is for the floor as the reader drops off to sleep.

The press associations have done too good a job. They bring every thing that happens in the world to every daily paper every day until the reader is surfeited with information about people and places about which he has no interest. Newspapers are too prone to take handouts without editing which has trained the reader to be wary.

We've long had a notion that newspapers would be better off if they returned to being newspapers and quit being magazines. Maybe radio and TV have rendered them less necessary for that purpose. If so, the weekly news magazine may make them unnecessary for news.

But whether they become newspapers or magazines we are sure that the ones that contain the best writing and the most ideas will be around long after the others have gone the way of that pair of Los Angeles papers that faded with barely a crinkle.

When the engineers get all the streams dammed to suit them the country will be a lot less interesting to look at.

People's Column

A letter from Mrs. Neva Walton Johnston, now living at Friendship Manor gives some information about the old trees until recently on the main street of Moro.

To the Editor: As to the old Locust trees item in the Sherman County Journal I know when some of those Locust trees were planted. I am inclined to think the ones on the Main street may have been there before 1898, when the W. B. Johnstons including Theodore, Perry and Luke arrived in September.

Of course, everything was very strange to me fresh from a wooded part of Illinois, so I was told the Locust trees were dragged in from a timber culture behind a wagon and planted. I think the ones on Main street and others, too. After all these years I could not remember each tree. I had never heard of the process of planting trees in that manner.

Mr. George Brock told me all the details of the trees. I think I am probably the only one living likely to know about them although Mrs. Julia Woods Hansen could know, although the family of Woods was living on the farm at the time and likely went to Wasco more than to Moro. Mrs. Carrie Kaseberg Jackson more than likely could know as she and her father lived only a little way south of town.

I am sorry to know the trees are destroyed and do hope some few are left. The place is desolate enough at best and now will be stark naked.

Sincerely, Mrs. Neva Walton Johnston

MORO LOCALS

Stan Walker, the new district sales manager for Pacific Power & Light and Howard McKay of the sales office in The Dalles were here Tuesday to get acquainted with the territory and the people in it. Walker has recently succeeded Cliff Jones, coming from Yakima.

Bob Hoskinson went to Portland Thursday with Ralph Busse who attended a meeting of ASC officials there. Mr. and Mrs. G. Douma and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett drove up to Camp Sherman Sunday to look around their summer homes.

County Ramblings

Brand Inspection Proposed Change The USDA will hold a public hearing on a revised pilot brand inspection proposal at Bend January 31, at 1 p. m. Courthouse. The purpose of the hearing is to receive evidence and testimony on a proposed regulation which calls for brand inspection upon change of ownership of branded cattle.

The proposal would prohibit sale of branded animals without a brand inspection. The seller would be responsible to request and pay for the inspection. The proposal would primarily effect county sales and transfers. The spring sign-up period for the 1962 wheat stabilization and feed grain programs has been set for February 5 through March 30. This is a change from previous USDA announcements.

Sign-up may be done at the ASC office, County Courthouse, Moro. Sign-up to date for the fall-seeded crops of wheat and barley shows a potential reduction of a substantial acreage in these two crops from 1961 levels. Winter wheat acreage signed up for diversion amounts to about 11.2 million acres, which is equal to

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about 25 percent of 1961 winter wheat plantings of approximately 43.2 million acres. More than 80 percent of the U. S. wheat carry-over is hard red winter wheat.

Various barley and wheat fields have also been checked for yellow dwarf virus. The virus was present in two of about fifteen of the samples checked.

We have previously had infection of yellow dwarf virus in barley. The disease has been severe in California and western Oregon, but our climate generally is not satisfactory for the disease. The disease is transmitted by aphids from plant to plant and from field to field. Existence of the disease with a large number of aphids on some fields will be watched closely.

Several growers have requested information on the status of stripe rust prior to March 30, deadline for diverted acre sign-up. R. L. Powelson, extension plant pathologist, OSU, will assist county agents in the Columbia basin during mid-February and mid-March to ascertain any forthcoming problem.

The lack of information, as to causes of epidemic build up makes it difficult to predict with assurance whether a stripe rust outbreak will occur. The surveys as have already been done, will continue in an attempt to determine existence of fungus in the Columbia basin. Information will also be secured from the southern wheat-growing areas and also from Washington and Idaho on the situation in their states.

Any growers suspecting any rust infestation are asked to bring samples or notify the extension office. Fat and Rib Eye Measurement Recently, Stouffer, et al., Cornell University, N. Y., have completed some extensive tests where they studied the ultrasonic methods of measuring fat thickness and rib eye area.

They used 327 head of cattle and 42 hogs. We quote their conclusions. "It can be concluded from the results of these studies that at present the instrumentation and techniques are not sufficiently accurate to be used as a commercial selection tool. However the principle and sensitivity of the method warrant further refinement of the technique. Anatomical knowledge of the area to be examined ultrasonically is essential and the human element in the interpretation of the photographs is a major source of variation. More resolution of the reflected signals through development of instrumentation would greatly reduce the errors of interpretations."

The OSU animal husbandry department does not recommend ultrasonic wave device technique for determining carcass quality in live beef animals at this time. We have been advised commercial sale of this system is being made even though it is not perfected or recommended.

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Leading scientists throughout the country believe that more university researchers and others in positions of public trust should speak out and report the undeniable truth about chemicals to insure the non-scientific scare publicity which is communicated all too frequently. The University of California has taken a step in this direction with publication of "Rest Assured Your Food is Safe."

Calf Scours One of the most troublesome disease is scours in new-born calves. With calving underway we

already have reports of infection and some are due to scours. The key to control and prevention of calf scours is: sanitation, proper feeding, dispersal of cattle and treatment of navel with iodine when born. The later treatment is inexpensive and reported to be quite effective. Most scours enter the umbilical cord at time of birth and from their enter the stomach. Iodine treatment thus gets right at the organism before infection occurs.

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WANTED: Livestock for Consignment, The Dalles Livestock Commission, Inc. Sale every Saturday, 12:00 Noon. For information, Ed Coles CY 6-4672, or CY 6-4513. P. O. Box 631, The Dalles, Oregon. 13c-tfn

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