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### A DANGEROUS MOVE

What promises to become a nation-wide problem is being uncovered in a number of states. It is the growing determination of many factory owners to discharge all workers who have reached the age of 45 years.

The seriousness of this new move is readily apparent. There are in the industries of this country thousands of men and women over 45 who are giving service that cannot be duplicated. Yet as new and improved machinery is installed, younger workers are brought in to operate it and the cry of "fire at forty-five" is spreading among industrial leaders.

We don't need to go away from home to find out how senseless such a rule really is. Just look around and you'll quickly see what havoc would be wrought if workers were forcibly retired when they reach the age of 45. Scores of men, combining skill with the experience a younger worker cannot boast, are doing work at 45—and even 50 and 55—that those on the sunny side of 30 cannot do as well. We are glad to note that in several sections public sentiment has aroused itself against such a deplorable move as that to limit the age of industrial workers. We hope these protests grow into a perfect storm. For it's a sad state of affairs when any man or set of men falls into the belief that the experience of years counts for nothing, or that a man has lost his usefulness as a worker when he has passed the forty mark.

### THE FRUIT CROP

Reports that much fruit was killed in various sections of the country by the severe winter weather of January are sure to create wide-spread regret. There has long been an understanding with housewives that a good fruit year meant a prosperous year generally. Of course housewives in other sections have so considered it. For that reason reports that peach buds were killed through the Ohio Valley; that the entire Illinois and Missouri fruit crops will be curtailed, and that East and South cannot hope for a bumper crop come as disagreeable news. It's a little too early to definitely determine the extent of damage, and reports may be somewhat exaggerated. Mother Nature has a way of working miracles when we are least expecting them, however, so it seems that the best we can do is hope that she'll work one in such a way that every part of the nation will be blessed with an abundance of fruit.

### Rural Electrification Becomes Problem of Itself

"When a power line is run to a farmer's yard, it is a mistake to assume that particular farm is electrified. I believe it should be laid down as a basic principle that no farm can be designated as electrified until every possible operation in the house and out of it, in the barn and around it, which can best use electric power, is using it," says E. W. Hamilton, editor of "The American Thresherman," in an address on rural electrification. Farmers, as a whole, are not getting the most out of their power line service, according to Mr. Hamilton, chiefly through lack of proper auxiliary equipment.

"I do not believe that any power company that wishes to improve conditions as they now exist can do so without specializing in this particular field. It is a field by itself, which must be studied from every possible angle. No two farms

### THE AUTO-RADIO WAR

Motorists who keep posted on the new wrinkles in the auto world, and who have noted the move to equip cars with radio sets, will be interested to know that this latest bit of equipment is about to open up a nation-wide argument. Already New Hampshire and Massachusetts are refusing to issue license tags to those whose cars are equipped with radio sets. They go on the theory that radio might divert attention from driving and cause accidents; they argue the driver needs to give his entire attention to his car, instead of dividing it between the road and a radio set on the instrument board. On the other hand, Connecticut has refused to endorse such a ruling. Other states are expected to take up the subject in short order, and then the Auto Clubs may be counted on to get into it. So it looks as though motorists are going to have something to talk about this season besides body designs, horsepower and mileage.

Congress seems to think the Eighteenth Amendment was passed for the purpose of giving its members a chance to put on a vaudeville show.

About the only sign of success that a lot of people can recognize is the \$ sign.

If you monkey with a buzz-saw you may be compelled to write shorthand the rest of your days.

It has always been our belief that too much sympathy is wasted on early birds and hen-pecked husbands.

A well informed man, is one who knows just what stage the Senate has reached in its discussion of the tariff.

You can't wonder at the dumbness of kids if they have parents dumb enough to blame it on the teacher.

It isn't hard to tell the denomination of currency in the dark. Only the one-dollar bills are fully coated with automobile grease.

There's another advantage in being poor. If you die suddenly nobody howls to have the estate audited.

About the best thing to do, it seems, would be to give Chicago back to the Indians. But not without an apology to the Indians.

are alike either in equipment or personnel, and these are two fundamentals that must be dealt with.

"If the business of rural electrification is to expand as it should, and be profitable both to the farmer and the company, it must be conducted as a business by itself and not as something merely tacked on to the larger business of producing power.

"Because rural electrification has been more or less in the process of feeling its way, the power companies have not exerted strenuous efforts to push this auxiliary equipment out in the rural field, but have rather left it to the farmer to think such things out in his own good time.

"The result is that there are many dead or underloaded end on our rural power lines, the power companies are not enjoying the loads they should, and the farmers are not getting the most out of what ought to be a mechanized farm."

### Telephone Company Changes Method of Billing Invoices

A new method of issuing telephone bills, known as "Rotation Billing," will be introduced to customers of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company during March and April, according to Patrick Bacon, district manager for the company.

Under the new plan telephone users will be divided into six different groups, each to receive its telephone bill on a different date thru out the month, instead of the 1st of the month as is now the practice.

The new plan will be inaugurated March 21st, Mr. Bacon said, when BEacon and UNIVERSITY customers will receive their bills. The other new billing dates will be as follows: March 26, ATwater, SUNset and WALnut customers; April 1, GARfield, BRoadway and LANcaster customers; April 6, EAST customers; April 11, TABOR customers; April 16, MURdock, SELlwood and TRINITY customers. Bills, which will be issued on the same dates each succeeding month, will be received approximately five days after the date of issuance.

The company is giving its customers full details of the plan, which is being placed in effect throughout Oregon as well as Portland, in an announcement accompanying the regular March bills.

### A BIG POTATO YEAR

Regardless of how we may fare as to other agricultural products 1930 promises to be a big potato year. Farmers intend to plant a larger acreage than they did last year, it is indicated by the U. S. Agricultural Bureau. Intended acreage is estimated now at 3,570,000 for harvest next fall, with the average yield expected to be 118 bushels per acre. The quantity of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in the 35 late-potato states on Jan. 1, available for sale, was smaller than last year. In the 19 northern states usually having a merchantable surplus for shipment, merchantable stocks were materially below last year, except holdings in Maine and Washington, and in the 16 "deficient" states stocks were only 47 percent of the unusually heavy holdings last year, the Bureau says. So the 1930 crop is going to be heavy. All of which ought to be good news to the man who feels that if he has plenty of potatoes on the table the rest of the meal will take care of itself.

### SPRING GARDEN HINTS

No time is gained in trying to divide plants or transplant shrubs or perennials before the soil warms up as new roots will not form properly, resulting in stunting or death of the plants.

To eradicate moss from lawns rake as much out as possible with a garden rake and then add a soil dressing containing one-sixth its bulk in lime. Next resow with a good grass mixture containing considerable clover.

Synthesis, or spring queen, is a common Oregon wild flower that goes well in a wild flower garden. This plant with heart-shaped leaves and blue flowers grows from two to eight inches tall and serves well as a border plant. Many gardeners prefer selected shades of zinnias rather than a complete mixture so commonly used.

### Experimental Herd Started

The extent to which dairymen may depend on alfalfa hay alone as a feed for the producing herd is to be the chief object of study in a new experimental dairy herd established by Oregon State college at the Hermiston branch experiment station. A grade herd, dairy barn and hay storage room are among the additions to the station arranged for.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas Willett have moved to Wheatland where Mr. Willett has work on the lily farm. Everett Metzentine was on the sick list several days.

Mrs. Chas. Van Kleeck attended a Rebecca convention in Portland last Wednesday.

Miss Evelyn Hite was employed at the Tizard Bakery several days last week.

Miss Dorothea Struthers spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Metzentine and sons, Henry and Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. Chas Van Kleeck and daughter Effie attended the Double Six meeting at Wilsonville Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burns and children of Portland were callers at the Chas. Van Kleeck home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Workman former Hiteon residents have sold out their business in Marshfield and have purchased a greenhouse and florists store at Cottage Grove.

Kenneth and Elizabeth Struthers attended the birthday party of Miss Donnell Smith at Garden Home, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Metzentine were Hillsboro callers Thursday and dinner guests at the home of Mrs. L. Bierly.

Buddy Hite and Hazel Olson enjoyed the day Saturday at the Tizard Bakery with Miss Evelyn Hite. Mr. Herman Metzentine, Henry and Lloyd Metzentine were employed several days at the Floyd Bierly place.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Davies and children spent Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Sophia Olson in Portland.

Most all the members were present last Wednesday when the club met with Mrs. Amanda Carlson. Roll call was First Aid suggestions and the afternoon was spent in sewing for the Albertina Kerr Nursery home in Portland. The next meeting will be March 12 at the home of Mrs. Mildred Bacon and Mrs. Ada Caldwell will give a paper on "The Sugar Industry of Oregon."

### FARM POINTERS

When loganberries or other bramble fruits have been infected with Anthracnose, and control measures were not taken after the last harvest, or where the disease was severe enough to require additional attention, it is advisable to spray the new growth in the spring. Use bordeaux, 4-4-50 as the earliest new leaves are approaching full size, repeating just before bloom if necessary.

The time to apply dormant oil sprays is in the early spring before the bud scales separate. If applied during the critical period-between the time the buds first show green and the cluster bud stage-injury may result, it has been found.

Early spring is the best time for the first application of ammonium sulphate—probably the best single fertilizer for lawns. It is applied at the rate of about two pounds per 100 square feet. The second application comes late in the spring and is washed in by sprinkling immediately after. Ammonium sulphate is a nitrogen bearing food sold under various trade names. It is not advisable to use it to excess on lawns largely clover.

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able to use it to excess on lawns largely clover. The best time for grafting most fruit trees is about two to three weeks before the buds open, says C. E. Schuser, horticulturist of the Oregon Extension service in Extension Bulletin 384, entitled "Grafting and Budding" which is just off the press and ready for distribution.

### AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION BY COUNTIES

Only two changes in the respective ranking of the leading ten counties in the state in relation to ownership of passenger cars are noted in the totals of registrations for the year 1929 as compared to 1928, as reported by the office of the secretary of state, Hal. E. Hoss, this week.

Klamath and Coos counties have progressed in their places during the past year, Klamath now ranking in sixth position, advancing over Washington county which held sixth place in 1928, and Coos county jumping to eighth in the list, ahead of Linn and Umatilla, both of which showed greater registration than Coos county in the preceding year.

The first ten counties in the order of passenger motor-vehicle registration in 1929 were Multnomah, 84,715; Marion, 16,998; Lane, 14,374; Clackamas, 11,161; Jackson, 9,907; Klamath, 8,940; Washington, 8,087; Coos, 7,704; Linn, 7,098; and Umatilla, 6,818.

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