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MIGHTY BIG INDIAN

To the people of Turkey, the prize Pacific Coast turkey exhibit bird was a mighty big "Indian," McMinnville is told.

As relayed by the TELEPHONE REGISTER, the story on "Unity", by which the bird was known, was one of excited comments, public display and an honored future home with fellow inmates of the government poultry farm there.

To the Turks, the turkey was an Indian—if you can figure that out! In other words, in Turkey, where the turkey is known as an Indian, it is a much smaller bird, about the size of an American chicken. There were 4,000 citizens on hand to receive the plane bearing Unity and the manager of the Pacific Coast turkey exhibit who was the attendant. The bird enjoyed a triumphal tour, to the accompaniment of photographers' flash bulbs and the persistent questioning of newspaper reporters—saying nothing of the dignitaries who got in on the act.

SEMI-PRECIOUS GEMS

Rock hounds and gem fans are having a field week at Oswego. The Review tells of a local hobbyist who has cut and polished a number of interesting stones, which he put on display at the local library.

There is a large piece of green, Russian malachite; opals from Australia; plume agates from Central Oregon and other agates from Montana and the Oregon beaches. In addition, two large pieces of quartz crystal, that look somewhat like agates and are called "thunder eggs" by the Indians, are included.

WRITE-INS UPSET VOTE

The fullest exercise of the voting franchise sort of upset the apple cart in Gresham.

According to the OUTLOOK, the issue at state was the election of two rural fire district commissioners.

In one of them, a write in candidate received 22 votes, another who had not filed earned 13 and the only candidate whose name appeared on the ballot collected but 12 votes.

The same pattern was approximated in another district, where 77 write-in votes elected a commissioner while the listed candidate seeking a return to office had but 26 votes to his credit.

Which only goes to show you can never be sure of an outcome in politics and—

GARBAGE AND "SLOTS"

The city fathers of Vernonia had a double feature on the agenda recently.

By way of the EAGLE comes the word that the city council were asked to consider the operation of slot machines within the city the coming year. The amount of revenue expected is one of the attractive angles of the proposal.

Also, the city G-man appeared and expressed disinterest in collecting any more garbage unless and until the council provides a little help in correcting the problem of the dumping site. A decision on this matter was said to be forthcoming at the next meeting.

NO CRYING TOWEL

Credit the coach of the recently shellacked La Grande high school Tigers with great fortitude in not resorting to the crying towel in a talk regarding the football fiasco.

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NIXES SAFETY PATROLS

The school superintendent at Forest Grove declares his opposition to formation of a safety patrol system.

As clarified in the NEWS TIMES, the educator said the local approach to the problem of the pupils' safety is one of education rather than policing. The conduct

of the youngsters to and from school is blasted as a "form of regimentation."

The school attempts to educate the youngsters on safety precautions whereby the child is able to take on the responsibilities of his own wellbeing at all times, without dependence on a junior police escort.

EASTERN OREGON REVIEW

reports a speech made before a local club wherein the coach said that if his boys could play Grant high school under the same conditions for a dozen times, the results would probably be the same.

"Every player put forth every effort to win," the coach said, "and I'm just as proud of them as if they had won the state championship. As a matter of fact, they are champions in my book."

ELECTRIC RATE SHOCK

Newspaper readers in Oregon City were exposed to a shocking development in the electric rate department.

The BANNER COURIER caused it all with a little story to the effect that nearby Canby has been requested to even further reduce its municipally owned electric utility rates.

At present, Canby has next to the lowest electricity rate in the nation being only bested by Monmouth. Average user pays .92 cents per kilowatt and the national low is 85 cents per kilowatt.

Petitioner argues that profits of the utility should be returned to power users in the form of rate reductions. But the superintendent counters this with an allegation that the profits must of necessity be used to expand facilities.

Enterprise Gets Hearty Welcome At Panama Canal

Please renew our subscription to the Enterprise. Now that my husband is stationed so far from home the paper is doubly interesting to us. We enjoy reading the many familiar names, as well as keeping track of progress made in Beaverton.

Panama is certainly different from Oregon, and has been very interesting so far. The many new stores in Beaverton offer pleasant contrast to the commissaries in the zone or the native stalls and tiny, dark, and often dirty stores in Panama.

The wide sidewalks and streets of home are something to remember while one is using the three to five foot sidewalks and narrow, winding "Calles" and "Avenidas" in most of Panama. Balboa's streets resemble those in cities in the states, but usually the resemblance ends abruptly at the zone limits.

The differences between old and new are amazing! Dim, ancient churches, many dating back two hundred years, equipped with electric fans present one of the sharpest contrasts, I believe.

We have done quite a bit of sight seeing, but have barely begun to see all that is here for sight-seers and short-term residents.

History dates backwards to the fifteenth century and even earlier in this area, and there are reminders of the olden days intermingled with the present in almost every section on the Isthmus.

Man-made marvels like the canal share tourist interest with natural wonders such as the San Blas islands.

We are looking forward to receiving our Enterprise each week, and retaining contact with Beaverton and Oregon until our return two years from now.

Sincerely yours,
Glenna Fleskes, Safford
(Mrs. Robert H. Safford)
Balboa, Canal Zone

ON SATURDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sheets, of Farmington road were Saturday evening visitors at the Herman Jenne home on Cornell road.

REBEKAH NEEDLE CLUB

The Beaverton Rebekah Needle and Social club held their regular meeting, at the home of Mrs. Raymond Heard, on Highland road, Friday Dec. 9, with a twelve-thirty pot luck lunch, followed by a business meeting and Christmas party.

Mrs. Hazel Maly and Thelma Barron, were co-hostesses.



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