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## An Important Decision!

The members of the chamber of commerce are faced with a real responsibility this week since it will be their decision which will determine the future of the organization in Ashland—in other words, whether it will continue as an active community-building force or revert to an expensive information bureau.

Since the loss of registration fees of out-of-state cars, the chamber has been operating with a considerable monthly deficit even though working upon a drastically reduced budget. So after much study, the board of directors has placed the decision in the hands of the members upon whose support the success of any plan depends.

In view of the proposed military and commercial expansion in this area it is hoped that the membership will be unanimously in favor of continuing an active organization which will be capable of paying real dividends in the way of community improvement.

It is true that much of the chamber of commerce work falls upon members themselves, but success is largely due to the leadership and research of the office. So considering value received it is difficult to see any economy in reducing the present set-up to a second-rate information bureau whose contribution to civic betterment would be the enlightenment of tourists as to the height of Mt. Ashland or whether or not Crater Lake is as blue as advertised.

## Why No Daylight Saving?

With public interest turned to conservation by the just completed aluminum drive, it might be an opportune time to appeal for public support to a painless yet important contribution to national defense—saving daylight which in turn would mean a big saving in electrical energy.

While there is no real shortage of electricity in most sections of the country to date, the prospects have appeared serious enough for President Roosevelt to recommend that congress give him authority to proclaim daylight saving time either regionally or nationally for part or all the year.

Although it has become a national habit to waste several hours of morning daylight there seems to be no sound reason for opposing daylight saving time, particularly if it were established throughout the country which would avoid the confusion of changing timetables and conflict between rural and city clocks.

Daylight saving has proved its workability in many cities and states for more than 20 years and seems by far the most agreeable means of conserving resources yet suggested.

## Miner Subscribers Not Included!

The Yreka Journal resurrected an old timer recently that bears repeating:

A certain subscriber got mad at the editor, and stopped his paper.

Next week he sold his wheat (this was before the AAA) at four cents below published market price; then some of his farm was sold for taxes because he didn't read the sheriff's sale; he lost \$10 betting on a horse ten days after the race was won by another nag; he was arrested and fined \$25 for fishing in a stream the newspaper had reported closed; he was blacklisted for not going to church on Sunday because he didn't know what day was Sunday and finally he paid \$300 for some forged notes that the newspaper had warned everybody against.

Well, sir, this fellow hired a big colored boy with a foot like a derrick to kick him all the way to the newspaper office, where he paid up four years subscription in advance, and made the editor sign an agreement to knock him down and rob him if he ever stopped his paper again.



Upper left is George Riddle, Grants Pass, who has just returned from the American Jersey Cattle club meeting in New York; Frank Schutzwahl, Grants Pass, whose herd of Jerseys led the nation last year in production, and C. J. Hunter, whose herd was not far behind.  
Upper right is Loree Brennesholtz of Table Rock community (background) at Central Point with her heifer "Trouble" as Mr. Lytle observes. The calf was so named because her mother's name was "Nuisance" said Loree. Above Jackie Steele of Medford put his arms around his heifer's neck as the committee looked on, much as he did previously at the county fair, when after several tries he did not win a thing. Said Jackie then in true 4-H spirit, "Come on Pet, we'll keep on coming back here until we get a ribbon out of this outfit somehow," according to L. E. Francis, county leader. Left to right are J. R. McCracken, Bob Lytle, C. J. Hunter, Jackie Steele and Bill Bigham, Jackie's 4-H leader. Bigham's club membership owns 32 calves.



Director, National Farm Youth Foundation

ROGER M. KYES

PAYING TOO MUCH TO EAT

A leading farm journal recently printed some very interesting and very significant figures. It made the statement—and backed it by evidence—that out of every dollar farmers spend for consumer goods, 41 cents is spent for food.

Consumer goods of course means things that are used up—food, clothing, drugs, toilet preparations, household supplies and the like.

We all look upon the farm as the place where food is raised. Of course we do not expect any single farm to produce every kind of food its people might like to eat, but it does seem that a well-run family farm should be able to feed its operator and his family on a well-rounded diet, without the need of buying 41 per cent of its food in the market.

Perhaps this figure points to a bad habit that too many American farmers have acquired—the habit of growing only a single crop, or a few crops, and depending upon others for the diversification that means healthy living and profits.

These one-crop farmers are always at the mercy of the market for their specialty. They are very likely to be in the position of selling their own crop at a low price, and being compelled to buy what they need at a high price. At the very time they are asking for economic changes that will bring them more cash, they are actually wasting some of the cash they have, by spending it for food they could raise.

● Lawrence Manning of The Dalles visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Manning Wednesday.

Yet there is hardly a farm on which a good-sized kitchen garden could not be planted, and hardly a farm on which there is not enough time wasted to take care of that garden. And with modern farm machinery to do most of the work, spare time for gardening is still more available.

A thrifty farmer can raise on his own place just about everything needed to provide a healthful and adequate year-round diet, except sugar, salt, coffee, tea and perhaps fresh fruits during the winter.

And a thrifty farmer's wife can preserve enough fruits and vegetables to last a family through a long winter.

In the old days, before so many new-fangled ideas became popular, we who lived in towns used to look upon a farm dinner as just about tops in plenty of good things to eat. They didn't buy many of the good things they gave us. They raised their own fruits and vegetables, and they killed and cured their own meats. They were actually prodigal with fried chickens and luscious country ham and sausage. They baked their own bread and pies, and what pies they were!

We've lost a good deal since the arrival of the can opener and the cellophane-wrapped package. The stores sell us fine foods, clean, well-selected and well-preserved. But they cost money, because to buy them we have to pay a good many profits and expense items that are not in the picture when equally good things to eat can be produced right where they are eaten—on the family farm.

If you are one of the farmers who think a garden is too much work, why not get together with a few neighbors, and each raise enough of a few fruits and vegetables for the group.

Then let other members of the group raise a different selection, and share with you and with each other these money-saving garden crops.

Sounds like a very simple idea, but it's a very practical one that too many farmers have been overlooking as a means of conserving the cash that is sometimes so hard to accumulate.

● Among those attending the Grants Pass Shrine club picnic in Grants Pass Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Millard Grubb, Mr. and Mrs. Hal McNair and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Detrick.  
● The Miner for Quality Printing.

## 4-H Club Has Jersey Calf Inspection

Rogue River boys and girls had their 4-H Jersey calves inspected last Thursday and Friday by the local committee of the Rogue River Jersey Cattle club and by T. R. Warren, American Jersey Cattle club western fieldman, Portland and L. E. "Bing" Francis, Jackson county 4-H club leader. The local committee is composed of C. J. Hunter, president of the Rogue River Jersey Cattle club, Bob Lytle and J. R. McCracken, Jersey breeders all of Ashland.

The two-day inspection trip was preliminary to the adult tour and picnic held Saturday.

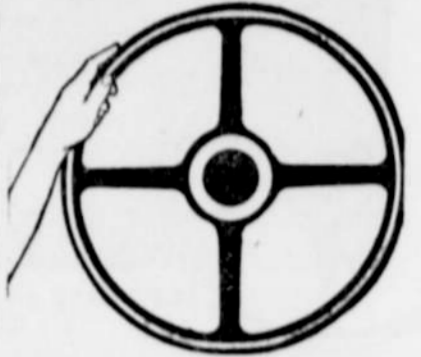
## TALENT NEWS

- Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Vannice of Mt. Vernon, Wash. are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. DeBord, who operate the Talent cafe.
- Mrs. Ed Foss, who was vacationing in southern California, suffered a broken collar bone in an auto accident.
- Teddy Welburn, who has been a patient at the Community hospital in Ashland for the past several weeks, returned home Sunday.
- Annis and Emily Norris have returned home from their vacation trip. Emily spent three weeks in Reno, Nev. and Annis in Monterey, Calif.
- Mr. and Mrs. George Phifer are having an extension built on their living quarters adjoining their store. Ben Hart is the contractor of the building.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks, Roy Estes and Fred Hodapp spent Sunday at the Ditsworth ranch near Trail visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Carrol and family.
- Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Olsen of Talent, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Newell of Berkeley, Calif., who have been guests of the Olsens, journeyed to Klamath Falls Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Keener, former residents of Talent.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hart of Oakland, Calif., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Estes Saturday evening.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tame of Dead Indian were business callers here Saturday evening.
- Mrs. Rosetta Merrick of Glendale, Calif., who has been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Anderson for the past month, left Monday for a trip to various places before returning to her home. Mrs. Merrick was called to the home of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Breese, who passed away earlier in the month.
- Mrs. Dick Morrow and daughters Benny and Betty of Wagner creek were shopping and calling on friends in Talent Friday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Will Lamb of Reese creek visited his brother, Tom Lamb, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Estes Tuesday. Tom Lamb has been very ill for the past few days but is improving at this writing.
- Mrs. Everett Bailey of Tule

Lake has been visiting relatives on Wagner creek for the past week.

● Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller and son of Tule Lake called on relatives and friends here Thursday.  
● The lawn social held at the home of Mrs. Rush Friday evening and sponsored by the ladies of the Methodist church was well attended and everyone enjoyed the evening.

● G. W. Goldy left this week for Kodiak, Alaska, where he has employment.



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