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Forgotten Laws!

A popular cartoon feature appearing currently in a monthly magazine reveals humorous and obsolete laws which are buried in local and state law books. These provide many a chuckle; however, it is less amusing to find recent and apparently worthwhile regulations also buried and forgotten.

The seemingly forgotten rule brought to mind is that of the bicycle ordinance which two business men reported to have seen violated five times in as many minutes one morning last week. The main offense seems to be that of driving on the sidewalks. With these experienced young cyclists, it may not be a hazard to maneuver about the downtown sidewalks, but if the car and tire shortage forces some of us old birds to resort to a bike again, there will really be a hazard to threaten Ashland's safety record.

Aside from the safety angle, it does seem that these bike riders with their operator's licenses should feel some responsibility towards maintaining the regulations governing their driving.

Waiting, Waiting, And Waiting!

The January 28 issue of the Grants Pass Courier pays high tribute to the hundreds of civilian aircraft observers who have been giving freely of their time since the first weeks of the war.

Herein we quote part of that editorial entitled "Waiting, and Waiting, and Waiting":

"As their eyes sweep empty skies by day, and their ears strain through the nights for the sound of distant motors, our aircraft observers here in southern Oregon may be forgiven if they wonder now and then what's the use of it all.

"A patriotic duty is no task when it brings thrill and action; but when it affords only waiting and watching and listening in the rain or the cold and little results to show for it, then it's all duty and no fun, and the men and women who perform this task have earned the thanks of every one of us.

"They, with our Pacific Fleet presumably in far distant waters, are the vital outposts which must function first, before the warplanes which are our chief defense can rise from their bases and attempt to contact the invading bombers which one day will attempt to make a holocaust of our forests and factories.

"If they fail to detect the first sign from that invasion, when it comes, then our Pacific coast defenses will be powerless to prevent scenes here that we once thought could only come to England. It is for that moment that the observation post waits.

"Do they think it is useless? Perhaps many of them do, but the Army does not.

"The air force has its bases ready, and its formation of pursuit ships poised for the summons. It has its bombers assembled here on this coast, and its stores of bombs prepared.

"The army is waiting, and working while it waits. Our civilian observers are waiting and watching.

"Theirs is the duty to see that we, that all of us are placed on the alert when the moment of danger comes. "Theirs is the necessity, more than anyone's, to 'Remember Pearl Harbor'."

CLUB MET LAST WEEK

Mrs. Gareth Goddard assisted by Mrs. Frank O'Neil entertained the Faculty Wives club Thursday afternoon of last week. Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Theo J. Norby, B. C. Forsythe, Earl Rogers, Gerald Gastineau, C. L. Weaver and Kenneth Wood. Mrs. Gastineau, president, conducted the business meeting. Plans were made for Red Cross sewing and other forms of patriotic service.

WHO DO CLASS MEETS

Mrs. George W. Bruce assisted by Mrs. Warren Cook, Mrs. W. A. Stratton and Mrs. H. J. Carter entertained the Who Do class at the parsonage Friday afternoon. Mrs. Mabel Russell Lowther conducted the devotions and Mrs. Chamberlin presided over the business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brown and daughter of McMinnville called on Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Erwin the first of the week.



WATER POWER ON THE FARM

When most of us think of water power, we think of something that goes a step or two beyond the old-fashioned mill wheel—something that uses the weight of impounded water to turn a wheel and develop usable power. But there is another form of water power that must be present on every farm, and it is much more vital than the kind of water power that can turn wheels and generate electricity.

And that is the power that water has to promote the growth of plants. Without it, we have desert, no matter how fertile the soil may be, or how favorable the climate.

The agricultural engineer has shown us a good many ways to use natural water to the best advantage in farming.

He has developed irrigation projects that have made flourishing garden spots out of deserts, merely by bringing water onto the dry soil.

He has shown us how to do "contour" farming, where natural rainfall is held in the soil instead of being permitted to run off by force of gravity, carrying most of the fertility of the soil with it.

We are learning how to do "trash" farming—retaining the stubble on the surface of the ground, to help hold water in the soil, instead of turning the trash under, which for many generations has been the test of a good plowman.

These new ideas, and many others, such as the proper use of "cover crops," and modern methods of erosion control, are helping farmers to conserve and make best use of their greatest asset—the fertility of the soil which causes plants to grow and produce.

In America, we hardly know what it means to be short of food as a nation. We have had, for generations, nothing more serious than local shortages, due to localized weather conditions, or to economic causes. They could all be corrected by better methods of distribution.

But now, our farmers have a new and greater responsibility—that of feeding the people of the other nations who are our allies in the war. And after the war is over our generosity with food may even have to be extended to some of our enemies, for that will be one of the surest ways to insure world peace.

It is therefore fortunate, for America and for the world, that our agriculture has made so much progress toward a more scientific method of operation—a method which conserves more than it uses up.

This column urges every farm operator to study his own farm, to see that his own water supply is being used to best advantage. State departments of agriculture, as well as the federal government, have studied this problem, and have devised procedures which have proved themselves to be effective. The services of these organizations are available to every farmer, and fortunately, most of the things they recommend can be accomplished without too great an expenditure of time, effort or money.

The new thinking, and the new engineering that are available, together with modern machinery that makes it so much easier and quicker to get work done, are going to translate into serious fact that often-repeated statement that "Food will win the war and write the peace."

NEWS FROM

Washington School By SCHOOL PUPILS

Room 2 is much smaller than it was, for five boys and girls have been transferred to the second grade in Room 3.

We were very sorry to have Carolyn Kelts move away from Ashland. She has gone to live in Lakeview. We miss her and hope she comes back here some day.

Donald Hodgen has moved from Terrace street to Indiana street up back of the college. Now he goes to Lincoln school and we miss him. We still have 32 children in Room 2.

In our little dish garden in Room 2 we have a carrot, a beet, a parsnip and a turnip growing in water. The leaves are showing green and it looks like spring.

Room 4 is enjoying the study of Eskimos. Among some of the interesting things we have learned about the Eskimos are: 1. Eskimo children help their parents perhaps more than any other children in the world. They enjoy it. 2. When the Eskimo dogs are very little, the Eskimo boys train the dogs to pull a sled. 3. They use their bodies as a measure. From the joint to the tip of the thumb is one inch. From the tip of the fingers to the elbow is 18 inches, and from the tip of one's nose to the fingers of his outstretched arm is one yard. 4. For a necklace, the witchwoman uses different colored bird bills, beads, and also one string of crab claws.

Peggie Taylor of Room 4 brot a poison bug to school. She found it at her home. It is a scorpion.

Marylou Pearson brought a spider plant to Room 4. It looks like a spider. We have it hanging in a half of a coconut that Miss Hitchcock had.

Rooms 4 and 5 know that their teachers are taking first aid work, for there is quite an epidemic of bandaging, of tying square knots in those rooms.

Verna Rae Snyder is absent from Room 6 and under the doctor's care. Esther Fowler's condition remains about the same.

Francis Mayfield, with his brothers and parents went to Klamath Falls last week-end to visit with relatives. They had a pleasant time.

Room 3 is studying about Eskimos. Some of the things they do seem queer to us. They made a big Eskimo picture.

Xerrell Clifton and Jessie Mackie have been absent for two weeks. We will be glad when they can enjoy our new Room 3 with us.

Miss Mitchell's room has 26 pupils. Marlene Snyder, Lloyd Haynie, Ronald Hotchkiss, Willard Newman and Gene Renfro came into our room from Mrs. Willitts' room. Norma Baker entered from Lincoln school.

John Baker entered the fifth grade from Lincoln school. We are still the largest room, with 39 pupils.

The transfer men moved a piano into the music room from the first floor. The art tables still are not ready.

Joyce Reinbold has been absent the past week visiting her father in Portland.

Washington school has been having a defense stamp drive for the last two weeks. The first week we sold \$10 worth of stamps. So far this week we have sold \$15 worth. We are proud that we can sell defense stamps to help our government.

The Ashland schools are having a paper drive. The prize is a defense stamp for each child in the room which brings in the most paper. The person that brings the most paper will get a 50c stamp. The money that we get from the paper drive goes to buy defense bonds.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Skibby on Jan. 28, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherwood of Medford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Hal McNair and Mrs. Floyd Whittle were Medford visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Mae Russell and Mrs. M. P. O'Hara were Medford visitors yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Provost and Dom Provost spent the week-end in San Francisco.

HILT NEWS

The Ladies club met Thursday afternoon at the club house with Mrs. Fred Bayliss acting hostess. Others attending were Mesdames W. E. Tallis, Homer Vincent, Ben Ollom, Frank Ohlund, T. Quamme, Arthur Nelson, Ray Elliott, Fred Haynes, Vernal Nebeker, Russel Harris, Harry De Jarnett, Frank Ward, Walter Eastman, Loyd Luper and Frank Graves. A very pleasant afternoon of bridge was enjoyed by all present, with high prize being won by Mrs. Arthur Nelson and low by Mrs. Homer Vincent. The prizes were defense stamps. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Olive Allison motored to Sacramento Friday evening accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Calkins and daughter of Weed. Mrs. Allison spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earle Temple, former Hilt residents.

Donald Rosecrans and Earl Wall spent the past week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raybould in Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Ceccatto and children and Mrs. Joe Rossi were shopping in Yreka Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker and family were Yreka visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Purvis and son Patrick were visiting relatives in Ashland Sunday.

Mrs. Primo Favero was in Yreka on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker and family drove to Medford Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gran drove to Yreka Saturday to leave their car for repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Vieira and daughters June and Lois and Mr. and Mrs. George Vieira were shopping in Yreka Saturday.

The Women's Society of Christian Service also elected two new officers at their first meeting a week ago, due to the resignation of the president, Mrs. John De Witt and the vice president, Mrs. T. Quamme from office. Mrs. Elmer Jackson and Mrs. Bert Mitchell were unanimously elected to fill the offices of president and vice president respectively, to hold these positions until the yearly elections in June.

At the first meeting in 1942 of the Ladies club two weeks ago the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: President, Mrs. Arthur Nelson; first vice president, Mrs. Vernal Nebeker; second vice president, Mrs. Emma Ohlund; secretary, Mrs. Elma Quamme; and directors, Mrs. Florence Clark, Mrs. Fred Bayliss, Mrs. Ben Ollom, Mrs. Homer Vincent, Mrs. Frank Ward and Mrs. Arthur Pedersen. The election was the occasion for a one o'clock luncheon followed by bridge, with prize winners Mrs. Quamme and Mrs. De Witt.

Mrs. Ralph Grove of Denio, Ore. returned to her home Wednesday after a three-weeks visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton. Mrs. Grove is the mother of Mrs. Eaton.

The AVERAGE WATCH Costs \$32.50 A NEW STRAP Costs \$1.00 —why take a chance with old and worn straps. Ramsey's Jewelry Store

See Crosby Texaco Service for Free Defense Stamps

W. F. LOOMIS Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for W. F. Loomis at the J. P. Dodge and Sons Funeral home with Dr. Claude E. Sayre and the Masons in charge. Mr. Loomis was born in Iowa Dec. 18, 1863 and came to Ashland in 1887. He was active in civic affairs and fraternal orders here. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mabel Humphrey Lewis; three children by a former marriage, Mrs. Joe Harris of Ashland, Jasper Lewis and Forest V. Loomis of Klamath Falls; two grandsons, Carl Harris of Klamath Falls and Kenneth Harris of Ashland; one granddaughter, Virginia Harris of Ashland; one great granddaughter, Kay Irene Harris, and one sister, Mrs. Emily Waite of Ashland.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson.

In the Matter of the Estate of Al Hopkins, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled court of the State of Oregon for the county aforesaid, Administrator of the Estate of Al Hopkins, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said Administrator at the office of Briggs & Briggs, his attorneys, Pioneer Building, Ashland, Oregon.

ELMER HOPKINS, Administrator of the Estate of Al Hopkins, Deceased. Dated January 9, 1942.

John Murphy and Cal McClelland went to Medford Friday on business.

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