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STRYCHNINE BAIITS DO NOT HARM GAME BIRDS

The assumption that game birds may be killed by grain poisoned with strychnine and distributed to kill rodent pests has been found by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture to be without foundation. Feeding tests have shown conclusively that the gallinaceous birds as a group, including quail, the prairie hen, sharp-tailed grouse, and sage grouse, possess a certain immunity from strychnine poisoning.

A striking test made several years ago in California definitely proved that barley, poisoned according to the bureau's standard ground-squirrel formula in use in that state, had no effect on the abundance of the valley quail. These birds were plentiful and remained so in areas which were heavily poisoned. Not a single dead quail was found, nor were any observed showing symptoms of strychnine poisoning. Quail subsequently shot showed that they had been eating the barley to a limited extent. Some of the birds were captured and fed a poisoned mixture of barley. One adult quail ate 125 kernels of this poisoned barley in 24 hours with no sign of ill effects. This grain would have killed 12 ground squirrels.

More recent tests conducted substantiate the earlier experiments. Birds have eaten as much as 300 kernels of poisoned wheat without the slightest evidence of ill effect. They did, however, indicate a strong dislike for the poisoned grain. Grain

poisoned to kill rabbits had no effect on sage hens feeding in great numbers in corn and bean fields in Wyoming. It seems evident, therefore, that fears for the safety of game birds from strychnine-poisoned baits are not well founded.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

During the last week County Clerk R. S. Bryson issued marriage licenses to the following: Almont Smith and Beatrice Howard, both of Portland; Jack Wesley Wright and Laura Walker, both of Brownsville; Harry D. McNair, Ashland, and Agnes Jaunita Bowers, Eugene; Charles Elmer Mitchell and Nina Opal Lewis, both of Crow; Tunis D. Both, Eugene, and Dorothy White, both of Eugene; Charles Wigans, Eugene, and Dorothy Middleton, Junction City; Aubrey Kabbe, Ashland, and Netta Adair, Salem; Austin Farrington and Charlotte Axley, both of Eugene; Leslie M. Morford, Creswell, and Lily McNeil, Eugene.

Men Are Injured.

A freak accident repeated itself at the Fisher Lumber company's Marcola mill this week. On Saturday, William McKay of Marcola was struck in the right eye by a knot flying from the saw, and was brought to a local physician's office for treatment Monday morning. Floyd Kennedy was struck in the eye while working at the same place, and was rushed to Springfield for treatment. Neither accident was serious, although painful.

Community News

By Special Correspondent

THURSTON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fountain and two children, also Mrs. White and two children from Bend drove over the summit last Friday afternoon, leaving Bend between 3 and 4 o'clock and arrived at John Price's at 9 p. m. where they spent the night.

Thurston baseball team played Pleasant Hill team last Friday afternoon where they met their first defeat of this season.

There was a meeting at the hall last Thursday evening to see about getting electric light in our neighborhood. J. W. McArthur, engineer from Eugene, was out to explain everything. Ivan Rickard from Wendling spent the week end at John Edmiston.

Rev. Turner from Eugene preached his farewell sermon here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Sparks from McKenzie bridge spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holden from Portland spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Sheng.

Herold Baughman spent Saturday night with Loren Edmiston.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yarnell and daughter, Edna June, also Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gray motored to Belknap springs.

Maude Edmiston, who is ill and had to quit teaching, spent the week end with Mildred Price.

Mrs. Genevive Beatman and daughter, Zora who has taught at Gardiner the past year, has finished her school and arrived here to visit her mother last Monday.

William Weaver received a telegram Saturday telling him of the death of his brother, John Weaver, in Portland. He met his death accidentally, but Mr. Weaver did not receive the particulars.

Mrs. Louis Rizel, who spent the past winter in Phoenix, Arizona, arrived here Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edmiston.

Mrs. Jennie Edmiston from Eugene is spending this week visiting her children here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hastings returned Monday from Washington where they went to see Mrs. Hastings' brother, James Randall, who is seriously ill.

WILLAMETTE

Paul Pengra, who has been visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pengra, has returned to his home in Corvallis. Mr. Pengra's health is much improved. He is established in the hardware business in Corvallis.

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Bailey and children of Toledo, arrived Monday for a day's visit at the Jay Fish home.

Mrs. G. de Brookert of Eugene spent Tuesday at the T. J. Maxwell home.

Mr. Chas. Bailey made a trip to Clatskanie Wednesday, returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Bowers of Toledo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Fish Monday and Tuesday.

Richard Maxwell returned to school after an absence of ten days on account of measles.

Florence Bell and Charline Fish were week end guests of their aunt, Mrs. A. C. Wilson of Eugene.

Mrs. Jay Fish, accompanied by Miss Alma and Mrs. G. R. Fish, drove to Junction City, Wednesday for a

visit at the A. C. Bogart home. Mrs. G. R. Fish returned Friday and Miss Alma Saturday.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Sunshine club was held at the home of Mrs. Anderson, the secretary, Friday afternoon.

The time was spent in the demonstration of sandwich making, a community name was also discussed.

The hostess served sandwiches, cake, and coffee. Mrs. Lane assisted in serving. The following members were present: Mesdames A. W. Ferree, C. Carrie Parshall, Lester Cyr, Lane, Clarence Chase, U. G. McElhany, G. H. Neal, E. Robertson, H. E. Wylie, W. H. Anderson and W. R. Hardie.

UPPER WILLAMETTE

Pleasant Hill and Trent public schools closed Friday, May 21. The Pleasant Hill school had a club demonstration and basket dinner for the mothers and pupils.

Saturday, May 22 the members of the Pleasant Hill Cooking club and their leader, Mrs. J. A. Phelps, and the members of the sewing club and their leader, Mrs. M. E. Hays, attended the Lane County club day celebration in Eugene. Many of the mothers went too. Those who went were Mrs. Andy Olson, Emma Olson, Florence Lucile and James Jordan, Bonnie Jeanne Tinker, Mrs. Hays, Marjorie Linton Helen Carter, Ida May Woodward, Mrs. Phelps Evelyn Phelps, Robert Phelps, Rubina Lawson, Evelyn Monson, Mr. Lawson, Roberta Lawson Elbert Winner, Douglas Kabler Mildred Swift, Lucetta Baughman, Ruth Emery.

An 8-pound baby boy, Morton Parrell, was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Mason at Gallup, New Mexico, Sunday, May 23. Mrs. Mason was before her marriage Eida Bristow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bristow of Pleasant Hill.

Mildred Morningstar, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Borthing and baby, and Miss Verna Manning drove down from Monmouth last Friday to spend the week end with relatives at Pleasant Hill and Trent.

The play, Thirteen Plus, given by the students of the Pleasant Hill high school drew a good crowd both Friday and Saturday nights of last week. The different members of the cast with Russell Woodward and Don Hyland taking leading parts showed much skill in acting and interpretation. Mrs. Wimmer and Ceella Monson gave a piano duet, and Miss Violet Inman sang between acts.

Baccalaureate services for the Pleasant Hill high school were held at the Christian church Sunday night. Rev. W. A. Elkins giving the address. Seven students, all boys, comprise the graduating class this year. They are Ted Bedell, Guy Mathews, Paul Garriere, Deles Davis, Russell Harrison, Joe Walker Willard Elliott.

Commencement exercises will be held at the gymnasium Friday night.

In spite of the disagreeable weather quite a number attended the opening of the Summer Delight park which has been built on the south side of Coast Fork bridge by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jacoby.

At the regular meeting of the Woodmen at Pleasant Hill the following officers were elected: Counsel commander, Morton Bristow, past counsel, Wm. Cruzan advisor Rodney Williams, escort Harry Veatch, secretary Lawrence Laird, watchman Roy John-

manager Bert Beaver.

The Woodman will sponsor the annual Pleasant Hill picnic this year which will be held June 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Cooper and daughter, Margaret and Miss Ann Parks have returned to Pleasant Hill for the summer and will be at their ranch.

Mrs. C. E. Jordan is looking forward to a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noll and her brother and family from Iowa.

Arlo Gillet the popular athletic instructor at the Pleasant Hill high school last year, is expected to arrive some time in the near future to visit with friends at Pleasant Hill.

Principal of the high school M. E. Hays, has been confined to his bed the last two days.

THURSTON SENIORS TO GIVE TWO PROGRAMS

The graduating class of the Thurston high school will appear in two programs in connection with commencement exercises. Tomorrow evening the class night program will be held and on June 3 the class play.

The program for tomorrow night's event follows:

- Class Poem—Dale Phetteplace.
- Class History—Emma Davis and Dale Phetteplace.
- Class Prophecy—Charles Zeigler and Doris Green.
- Alumni Scandal—Emma Davis and Maude Russell.
- Class Will—Kate Baxter.
- Oration—Winnifred Endicott.
- Musie.

The play to be given June 3 is "A Poor Married Man," with the most important roles taken by Winnifred Endicott, Kate Baxter, Emma Davis and Dale Phetteplace, Maude Russell, senior, Louis Christopherson, junior and Hugh Doolittle, sophomore, complete the caste.

Resolution.

To the officers and members of Heceta Local Farmers' union No. 195. Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved brother, H. P. Larsen.

Therefore be it resolved: That we extend our sincere sympathy to his dear ones and be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our union, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

And be it resolved that our charter be draped in black for a period of thirty days.

Committee,
Mrs. CHAS. F. WALTERS
Mrs. R. R. BAY,
Mrs. RUFUS C. STONEFIELD.

Have Sixtieth Anniversary.

Their sixtieth wedding anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sylvester at their Jasper home Sunday, May 23. A number of friends and relatives surprised the couple, and remained to help them celebrate the momentous event.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hinson of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hills of Jasper; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Erickson and son Vincent and daughter, Evelyn of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. A. Matheny and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neet and sons Donald, Verlin and Albert of Winberry; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnold and Mrs. Alma Croft of Shedd.

Cars Loaded Out.

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