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A Good Host

ONE of the nicest thoughts brought back by those attending the recent annual convention of Oregon Wool Growers convention was the genuine hospitality extended by the people of Burns. The thought has been expressed by all who attended from this district and must have been in the minds of all who made the long drive to reach the Harney county metropolis.

By nature of its setting, Burns is still a frontier town. It is the capital of a broad expanse of territory where livestock raising is the major industry. Boots and spurs and the cowboy hat are still much in evidence and life in the open breeds that type of hospitality of which the old west has boasted since the earliest settlement. It is the life the people live in that land of wide open spaces. They are set apart by great distances and when neighbor meets neighbor it is an occasion for extending genuine hospitality. Is it any wonder, then, that when their distant neighbors from out over the state assemble in their little city that they extend the hand of hospitality? It would be more to their liking to say, "help yourself, the treat's on us," but conventions are not and can not be run that way. But they did the next best thing—they maintained regular rates and extended every courtesy at their command to make their guests comfortable.

There was little in a commercial sense for the host city to gain. The big thing they did gain was a lot of good friends who will long remember the pleasant visit had in the modern town with the frontier setting.

What A Second Helping Means

IT is such a little thing, a second helping of butter, yet when indulged in by the nation at large it becomes of momentous importance. We are indebted to the bulletin of the Oregon Department of Agriculture for this thought and for the statement that a second helping of butter is the right answer to the surplus problem.

Read what the bulletin has to say: "More and more creamerymen and dairymen are learning that quality in butter means everything today. In fact, it is the right answer to the surplus problem. For who can resist a second helping of really good butter? That second helping alone will boost the annual consumption of butter in this country 200,000,000 pounds, which someone has figured would be enough to prevent a surplus for years to come. Quality cream spells fine butter and fine butter in turn means higher markets."

Continuing the plea for better quality cream the article points out some of the factors which make for poor quality: Milkers with wet, unclean hands; cows with dirty flanks and udders; milk pails not properly cleaned; not straining milk before separating; dirty separator; not cooling properly and promptly; mixing warm cream with cold cream; not keeping cream cooled from farm to market, and failure to deliver cream at least every other day.

One way to produce quality cream, states the bulletin, is to take immediate care of the situations outlined above. Quality cream will mean more money in the producer's

pocket for it commands a better price.

Educational Forum

Contributed articles from county school leaders telling the purposes of education.

Development of Student Interest in Civic Affairs

By Dorothy Guthrie,
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Young people have a great imagination and they have many useful ideas that we should listen to. Any student would be interested in civic affairs if he were taught that he, as an individual, has suggestions that are as important as those of the members of the community who run it. For if it were not for the students of today our state, our nation would lose her ideals. It is necessary to teach them that no matter how small the idea, it can be of great use to helping his community to a better government. Therefore, if he has any dislike toward the community for its actions and had not offered suggestions to make the action better, then he has nothing to complain about.

All this can not be left up to the student to acquire for himself, but he needs help from his school and from his home. These things can be shown him all through his school career. To teach the student his value to the community is a necessary but difficult task. There are so many things that the young person can do, but he fails to realize that he has any worthwhile part at all. With the help of ideas and an enthusiastic leader interest can be aroused. An important thought is to give the pupils an opportunity to find out what the community needs most. Then will come, for instance, the idea that safety is a necessity for every community. The students then can investigate the houses for fire prevention methods and then carry on a campaign to get the interest of the community. Or this interest may lead to the study of accident prevention in the home and efforts to receive the parents' cooperation. If one were living in a community where forest fire were prevalent, the boys would find the prevention of forest fires of great interest and utility.

Every one likes to see improvements in their town. Every student will always add his suggestions for the town's needs; then the next thing is to have him follow up his idea and see that it turns out the way he believes it should. Students will turn to activities such as cleaning snow from sidewalks, cleaning vacant lots for play grounds, planting shade trees, making containers for trash, or naming streets. None of these ideas are beyond any young person's accomplishment. The health of the community may be endangered, and a group could get together to find out the cause of the trouble. Together the young people would make a survey of the health conditions. This would lead to checking up on the garbage collection of the city, finding how the streets are cleaned and how the waste receptacles are provided. By obtaining this knowledge and presenting it to the higher authorities so they can begin work at the most logical point to prevent disease.

There is still another phase of civic affairs that should be brought to the notice of young people, that of making them realize how the town is governed. A splendid way to make them realize this is to give each a duty; they all meet together and take over the affairs of the town for a day. This will teach them how to appreciate and help their town. Another interest that will keep them busy is to turn over the town paper and take charge of the news for a day. They would have charge of all duties from the editor to the reporter and also the printing of the paper. That way they get a better idea of how it is handled.

All this carried up to its farthest point will teach any young person to enjoy his community that much more when he can feel that he is actually a part of his community and is helping to make it run as smoothly as possible.

Control yourself—and you'll control your car.

Book About Oregon Birds to be Printed

The first comprehensive bird book of Oregon, a state unusually rich in bird life, will soon be published at Oregon state college as a cooperative project of the United States bureau of biological survey and the college.

"The Birds of Oregon" by Ira M. Gabrielson, chief of the bureau of biological survey, and Stanley G. Jewett, superintendent of the Malheur migratory bird refuge, will contain more than 700 pages and approximately 200 illustrations. Many of these illustrations are from photographs by Dr. William L. Finley, Oregon naturalist, while most of the others are by the authors.

The book contains research and field work of approximately 36 years on the part of Superintendent Jewett, and at least 20 years on the part of Dr. Gabrielson. The actual writing was done by Gabrielson, who was located in Oregon for nearly 20 years, during which he was officially associated with the extension service at the college in connection with his work for the bureau of biological survey. Active cooperation in preparing this record of Oregon bird life has also been given by the National museum, the Oregon state game commission, the state fish commission, and many individual scientists.

The book is being published by the Oregon State college monographs committee, with the O. S. C. Co-operative Book store handling distribution and sales. It will be entirely an Oregon product, as Portland firms are making the cuts and doing the printing and binding. An expensive book to publish, it will be priced as near cost as possible.

Among the illustrations will be a zone map of Oregon showing all of the bird refuges. The text will include a history of Oregon ornithology, a description of bird life as a whole, and a complete check list of the birds of Oregon.

The authors have collaborated during the past eight years in the

final preparation of the volume. The college monographs committee has sponsored the publication in order to insure the preservation and distribution of research which could never again be duplicated, according to Dr. E. C. Gilbert, chairman of the committee.

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