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A Change For the Better

A much needed change in the method of handling fire calls was worked out this week by members of the fire department, Pacific Telephone company and the city council. In effect, the new plan will eliminate the possibility of the general public calling the telephone operator to find out where the fire is—a practice which has caused firemen considerable delay in the past.

We know there is nothing that will cause as much interest as a fire, and that it is only natural for a person to want to know where it is, but when the flood of telephone calls keep firemen from being able to find out where to go, there is definite need for a change—that change has now been made.

The new method is simple, yet we believe it will be effective, for no one except authorized firemen will be able to obtain the location from the operator. The exact method must of course be kept a secret for the plan to be effective, but should the general public forget at some future time and try to call, they will be greeted with "I'm sorry, we can't give out that information."

If you try and get such an answer, don't get mad at the telephone girl—she is just doing her best to handle an emergency situation in the best possible manner. Remember, you would be much more unhappy should it be your house that is on fire and the firemen didn't come—because they couldn't find out the location.

Minutes—even just one or two—very frequently can mean the difference between saving or

losing a house or building, and sometimes even a life. Your Heppner firemen are trained to handle fires—that is their job, but if they are delayed even so much as a minute or two it could mean the loss of a house—possibly yours. Let's give them our help instead of starting them out on each call under a handicap.

Now We Know

Hindsight is a great thing . . . and it is something that is usually better left unsaid after an event happens, but this week's announcement that General Eisenhower has in effect tossed his cap into the political ring bears out a feeling we have had since early November that it would happen—and frankly we're glad.

Being of Republican temperament, we naturally looked forward to being able to vote for a man who at least had a fighting chance to come out on top. Robert Taft didn't seem to us to be the man to fill that category. Beyond our personal hope that we might be able to vote for a winner for a change, is a firm belief that Ike is a bigger man than Taft—and America needs the biggest man it can find.

In the strict sense of the word, any person who is directly involved in politics is a politician, yet the meaning that has been given to the word in America is a little different. Perhaps the best way to define the word, in our mind, is to call Taft a politician and Eisenhower a statesman.

We're in favor of a little statesmanship in our government.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

With the cold blustery days we have been having the past two or three weeks, the minds of our farmers might not be receptive to think about seeding alfalfa. However, since we have been having many questions asked on various alfalfas lately, I am sure it will be of interest to many to discuss the varieties you may have to choose from when buying seed this spring.

There have been so many new varieties of Alfalfa that it is hard to keep up with them. E. R. Jackson, Oregon State College Farm Crop Specialist, says that in the last year or two it has been a pretty poor week when someone didn't come forth with a new variety. It might not be quite that bad, there are a lot of old and new ones. In fact, I have descriptions of 30 varieties in this office. I will discuss the ones I have seen listed by seed companies who sell seed in this area. **Buffalo:** This variety is from an Old Turkistan field in Kansas seeded some time before 1907. Very wilt resistant. Purple bloom, upright, only moderately leafy like all Turkistans. Rapid recovery, no advantage except wilt resistance. The states using this variety say they will need eight million pounds yearly, no advantage in Oregon.

Cossack: This variety is a new variety from California. Chilean type; wilt resistant, also resistant to leaf spot and mildew. (Letter two are likely to be pretty bad on Chilean.)

Grimm: This was found in Minnesota, 1905. No wilt resistance at all. Hardy, variegated bloom. Alfalfa began to spread after Grimm was found. It is responsible for seed certification in the U. S., due to the enormous demand for it about the time of the first World War. It is leafy, dark-colored, vigorous, high yielding. Still one of the best in

Western Oregon. Topped in eastern Oregon by Orestan, Ranger, Ladak. **Hardistan:** Nebraska origin from the old Turkistan field. The first on the market of the wilt resistant strains. Like all Turkistans, it is upright, not too leafy, only moderate yielder. Resemble Orestan, but inferior to it in all counts.

Ladak: Still a superior variety from Maine to Washington. More winter hardy than Ranger, will stand tougher conditions. At Saskatoon, Canada, Ranger winter-killed 54%, Ladak 9%. Some of the good points:

A. Seeding vigor. Gets its roots down faster.

B. Extremely leafy.

C. Frost resistance. At Fort Rock, frosts that ruin first cuttings of other varieties leave it unharmed.

D. Can go dormant more completely than other varieties, hence more suitable for dryland or areas where water may be short in any year (run-off irrigation).

E. Has some wilt resistance.

F. Has a bigger first cutting. This is important in high elevations or for use where only one cutting is obtained.

G. Resistant to leaf spot.

Brought from India in 1910. Is more variegated than Grimm, more leafy, more hardy, recovers slowly after cutting. Is recommended for Eastern Oregon for: A. dryland; B. Run-off irrigation areas; C. High altitude or frosty places.

Montana Common: Not a true variety. Much of it is Grimm, some old strains of Turkistan and most everything else. In Oregon tests it has averaged better than Orestan or Idaho Common. Markedly superior to California or Utah Common.

Modoc Common: From Modoc County, California. Although this is adjacent to Klamath, this var-

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



It's Slim's For An "Honest" Meal

Most people thought Slim Benson would probably go broke when he first started his system of letting customers figure out their own checks over at his big diner on the highway.

Slim trusts them to pay for as much as they eat—you simply tell your cashier, the amount of your bill, it works, too. Take the other day when Buck Harris told Sally his bill was 35¢.

Now I was right there with Buck and I knew all he had was coffee and pie which comes to a quarter. "How come thirty-five

cents?" I asked Buck. "Had an extra cup of java the other day, Joe, and forgot all about it—'til now," he says.

From where I sit, most people are basically honest—and that goes for their opinions, too, even though they may be different than our own. I like a glass of beer with my dinner; you may prefer something else . . . but we all ought to be allowed to "figure it out" ourselves.

Joe Marsh

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need lots of trials for pasture before we can know its exact limitation. We will have many in Morrow County in 1952.

Orestan: Selected in Malheur County from one of the several Turkistans that went into Ranger. Superior to Ranger in wilt resistance. Better than most Turkistans in leafiness, lack of leaf spot damage, and yield. Recommend it in Oregon for:

A. Farms at low elevations where they want to seed alfalfa, and not plow it up. In other words, livestock farms or eroding fields where rotation isn't a factor.

B. Areas where wilt is exceptionally bad; Hermiston, Milton, Ontario.

Ranger: This is a synthetic made up by selecting good plants of: Cossack, Ladak, Orestan and two others like Orestan. The whole force of USDA is behind this alfalfa, so for a good seed grower it has advantages. It has variegated bloom, dark rich green colored leaves, leafiness, dependable high yield over a wide area, wilt resistance, hardiness. It's a good variety, but for special conditions, better use the other varieties. (See Ladak, Orestan, Talent). It is less aggressive in resisting grass than some varieties. Certain states, mostly middle west, want 12 million pounds yearly.

Sevelra: Name is from the 7L Ranch in Idaho where it originated. The former owner took a lot of planting stock from Dr. Hansen of North Dakota. He seeded or planted numerous rows of Dr. Hansen's introductions and other hardy types. Years later most of these had thinned, but there remained Semipalatinsk, Orenberg, and Grimm. These so far as known, were lumped together. Variegated, lower in yield than most, the variety may have promise from dryland or for pasture. It is being pushed by Albert Dickinson Seed Co.

Talent: From Talent, Oregon. Selected as the best of the nematode resistant varieties. It is from France Originally. Merits: a. nematode resistance; b. quick recovery; c. high yield, especially in the later cuttings; d. prevents grass and weed encroachment. Superior in southern Oregon and worth trying in all long season areas. We will have at least one rather large seeding in Morrow County in 1952.

Turkistan: Characterized by upright growth; sparse leaves; extremely susceptibility to leaf spot and leaf drop when weather is humid; quick recovery; resistance to wilt; only moderate yield. Inferior to Orestan. Not recommended.

A few of the others that we might rarely run into are Arizona Chilean, Atlantic, Baltic, Calverde, DuPints, Falcata, Ferax, Hardigan, Kansas Common, Meeker Baltic, Nerragansett, Nema-stan, Oklahoma Common; Rhizoma, Utah Common, Viking and Williamsburg.



4-H members Patricia Peck and Ned Clark of the South Heppner Livestock Club have recently received Jersey dairy heifers from the Tillamook Dairy Herd Improvement Association. The heifers are from dams with at least a 350 pound butterfat production record.

These, with four other dairy heifers ordered from the Tillamook association, will be carried as 4-H projects by that many club members. Others ordering calves are Patsy and Janet Wright, Sally Palmer and Carole Anne Anderson.

Two 4-H members carrying sheep projects have reported additions to their flock since the new year. Mardine Baker, Ione has three Southdown-Hampshire cross lambs from two ewes while Eddie Brosnan, Hepper, has a ewe lamb from one of the registered Rambouillet ewes he purchased last summer. This ewe lamb will be kept as part of Eddie's registered flock while Mardine is planning to fatten her lambs for the Oregon Wheat Growers League Fat Stock Show and Sale to be held at The Dalles on June 2, 3, and 4.

Meetings of the county 4-H Councils will be held next week with all North Morrow Leaders meeting at the Irrigon School on Wednesday evening, January 16; the South Morrow 4-H leaders meeting at the County Agent's office on Thursday evening, January 17.

Programs for the year will be planned, officers elected and plans made for the Eastern Oregon 4-H Club Leaders Conference being held at Lagrande on January 29, 30 and 31.

The Ione Trail Trotters met at the home of Mrs. Ida Coleman on January 2nd.

We elected Mary Emert as our vice-president because Shirley McCabe dropped out. Sue Coleman is now our president.

We had a general discussion and picked different topics for discussion and reports each meeting.

Our meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month until the weather gets warmer so we can ride.

The next meeting will be the 6th of February at the Noel Dobyns residence. Sue Coleman and Dorothy Dobyns are going to report on the care and parts of the saddle and bridle.

Reporter Janet Howton.

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CHURCHES

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL CHURCH (Episcopal)

Holy Communion 8:00 a. m. Church School 9:45 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon 11:00 a. m.

Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10:00 a. m.

Junior Choir Practices on Wednesday afternoon.

Boys from 2:45 to 4:00. Girls from 4:00 to 5:00.

No Adult Choir practice this week.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Nels Fast, Pastor 9:45 Sunday School with classes for all ages.

11:00 Morning Worship.

7:45 p. m. Evening Evangelistic Service. There will be special singing and music by our 10 piece orchestra.

7:45 p. m. Thurs. prayer meeting and a short message from the

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

R. Knauff, Pastor: Phone 3452. Services at Chapel of Prophecy: Sabbath School, 10:00 a. m.

Sermon, 11:00 a. m. W. L. Goffar of Glendale, California, as speaker.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at Pastor's home.

Dorgas Society meets 2:00 p. m. on Tuesday.

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County School News Notes

March of Dimes material has been distributed to all county schools and administrators feel that very little promotion will be necessary to put the drive over. County school superintendent Leslie Grant has a Pollo film which is available to any school or organization upon request, but he advises that scheduling will be necessary to get it.

A special meeting of the Eastern Oregon Educational Association will be held at LaGrande on Saturday Jan. 12. Policies and general nature of the September 1952 institute will be set up at this meeting. Grant will represent Morrow county schools at the meeting.

Secretary of state Earl T. Newberry official speaker at the dedication of the new Umatilla grade school building January 9. Open house was held at the new plant, a 6 class room building that cost \$310,000.

Next week's Meetings: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7:30, Lexington, salary committee of the Morrow county teachers association.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2 p. m., county school administrators will meet at the court house to discuss budgeting for the 1952-53 year.

Thursday, Jan. 17, rural district school board will meet at the courthouse to make up statement of policy for coming year.

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