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## Reapportionment

Someone on the Oregonian appropriately put quote marks around the word "dead" in the headline over its editorial calling the federal plan of legislative apportionment dead. It is not dead. Upstate readers will find it a little pitiful that the Oregonian insists on being merely the Multnomah County Journal when, with its title, it indicates a statewide interest. But there are other papers with the name of Oregonian.

The editorial in question raises the old argument against federal apportionment that a county is not a state. In the concept of the founding fathers of this country, a state isn't a state either since they have given away their responsibilities, but let that pass. A county is a unit of government by approval of higher government.

Certainly our form of government under the federal constitution is not so limited that it could apply to no other relationship than that between federal government and states. It is the contention of the sponsors of the federal plan that it would work in Oregon and that is a more sensible concept than that it would not.

There is certainly a difference in population of counties just as there is a difference in the population of states. The compromise that made the federal constitution acceptable, and that has made the development of the west possible, was that

one house of the congress should be based on population and one on area. Other republics have found it workable. Oregon would also find it workable.

The Oregonian's editorial writer fears that the city would not be able to get what it required if rural people had equal representation in the legislature. That we deny. Upstate people are much better informed about the problems of the city than city people are of the problems of the country. That is not difficult to understand because upstate people read the Oregonian or the Oregon Journal, and certainly get the city viewpoint from that reading.

The contention of the federal plan advocates is that development of the state of Oregon will be from its natural resources. Those resources are timber, power, land, fish. All are upstate. When they are developed Portland will profit but the upstate will have to have enough authority in the legislature to insist on development or it will not happen.

The group that is interested in putting the federal plan on the ballot is interested in all of Oregon, not just the city which is but the part that does the service work for the producers. The services the city performs are important; it ships, it banks, it wholesales. But it is the producing upstate that is most important for without that there would be nothing to ship or bank or wholesale.—(Giles French of the Sherman County Journal.)

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Considerable interest continues in grasshopper spraying as grasshoppers migrate and grow larger each day. Bob Flynn, bureau of entomology, has assisted this office the past month with surveys of the infestation of grasshoppers.

As grasshoppers grow and migrate into growing crops, these infestations are becoming more evident. During the past week, several hundred acres have been sprayed for immediate control from damage to crops. Last Friday, Gar Leyva Aviation, Lexington, flew on a comparison application of Aldrin on the Bernard Doherty and Mrs. Lora Moyer farms in Blackhorse. Infestations on these farms ran as high as 1000 grasshoppers per square yard. The applications were made in early morning and by

mid-afternoon when checked by the agent accompanied by Bob Flynn and Bob Every, extension entomologist, Oregon State College, heavy kills were found. During the past few days, Mr. Leyva has made arrangements with the concern mixing the Aldrin-Oil preparation for the Grant county control program. The material is provided by a contractor for that project and cuts the price of the application about 15c per acre, putting the cost of grasshopper control down where more farmers are interested in spraying.

During the month of June 1955, 330 cattle were tested for Bangs disease in Morrow county. Of the 16 herds containing the 330 cattle, 4 were reactor herds with 10

reactors. This brought the percent of reactors up to a little over 3% the highest percentage of reactors that we have had in Morrow county for several years. This proves that testing must be carried out on all herds consistently cleaning them up completely as long as reactors and suspects are found. Many small herds were tested during that month that had not been tested for some time which might account for the large number of reactors. Farmers with farm herds that able to test during the slack summer months are urged to contact Dr. Norene at Heppner so that a date could be made for testing your herd. Dr. Norene's phone number is 6-9656.

While Morrow county is not dependent on poultry and egg as one of its major sources of income it was interesting to note that a quarter of a million dollars was derived from that source last year. How this source of income might be raised considerably is indicated by a farm survey in New Jersey that showed that the average poultry man loses from \$250 to \$300 per year on cracked or broken eggs. The survey showed an average of 25 out of 1000 eggs laid are cracked or broken before the poultry man touches them. Over crowding on nests, insufficient nesting material, and frightening hens on the nests were among the causes of breakage in the nests. About 14 eggs out of every 1000 laid are cracked while being gathered and carried to the grading room. Another item on keeping profits from your egg producing flock is watching feed waste. Two of the most common losses with feed is that consumed by rats and the amounts spilled by overflowing feed carts, pails, and feed troughs. It is estimated that 25% of the feed may be wasted if feed troughs are constantly filled too full. The birds bill it out in the litter and the producer never notices it. Three rats will consume as much feed as two laying hens. Two or three good cats or some Warfarin rat bait can be a

From Files of the Gazette Times June 30, 1925.

An organization meeting for the 1925 Rodeo will be held at the council chambers in Heppner on Monday evening August 3 at 8:00 o'clock.

On the occasion of his 21st birthday Wednesday of this week, Austin Smith was honored by a surprise party arranged by his mother, Mrs. Mack Smith, and given at their home in this city last evening.

Last Sunday a party of friends and neighbors gathered at the R. H. Quackenbush place on Rhea creek and spent a pleasant day that will long be remembered by all present. The occasion was the 15th birthday of Letha Hiatt of this city. Harry and Roy had fixed up an ideal picnic ground.

A very pleasant surprise party, planned by her mother, Mrs. Eph Eskelson, was given at the Eskelson country home on Thursday afternoon last, in honor of Miss Gladys Bengte.

Lotus Robison, ranchman and stock raiser of Rock Creek, was doing business in Heppner on Wednesday.

big help in controlling rats.

Harvesting of wheat fertilizer plots got under way this week. While they were scheduled to start Tuesday morning, rain of that day delayed harvesting till later in the week. Wheat variety nurseries at the John Proudfoot and Frank Anderson farms are scheduled to be harvested this week too. Results of both the wheat varieties and fertilizer plots will be made available to farmers as soon as they can be computed.

From the production, price and cost review report issued recently by Oregon State College, some interesting trends are noted. The report showed that American people have bigger and better appetites and that each person is eating about an eighth more food than he did before the war. There has been quite an accent on processing. Each person is eating about the same amount of fresh vegetables this year as before the war but he is eating nearly half again as many canned vegetables and 1400% more frozen vegetables. Each of us is eating about one fourth less fresh fruit but 10 times as much frozen fruit. We are each eating twice as much ready-to-cook turkey, 70% more ready-to-cook chicken, and

about one fourth more red meat. At the same time we've cut our corn meal consumption in half, and we are using about a fifth less wheat flour per person and eating a fifth fewer potatoes. One study made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture estimated that the daily time needs to feed a family of four using ready-to-serve foods took a little better than an hour and half and that partially prepared foods took double that time. They found that if all the foods had been prepared in the kitchen either at the time of cooking or at preserving time, 5 1/2 hours would be needed. The home prepared meals cost about a fourth less than the ready to serve meals.

Last week Cal Carson, county weed sprayer operator, gathered 11 colonies of Chryslina or goat weed beetles for release in goat weed patches in Morrow county. The goat weed beetles were gathered on Cabbage Hill in Umatilla county and released in the southeastern part of Morrow county where goat weed infestations have spread rapidly during the past few years. With the releasing of these 11 colonies it brings to 26 the number of colonies which have been released in the past 3 years. W. W. Weatherford, rancher in the Lena community, was the first to bring a colony of goat weed beetles into the county and release them in an infested area of goat weed on his ranch. During the 3 years these beetles have been very active, have spread rapidly and are fast killing the goat weed on Weatherford's ranch. The goat weed beetles have moved from their original heavy infested area to small scattering patches as the original area is controlled. The beetle which is relatively new to this area was at first thought to be unsuited for our climate. However, we have found that the beetle is the most effective way of controlling this weed which is found only on ranch land and areas where cost of control by spraying or cultural methods are prohibited. Many times the cost of a chemical control program in goat weed is more than the land is valued at.

With harvest here it will not be too long until it is again time for seeding the 1956 crop. Wheat fertilizer trial plots will be harvested this next week and new cooperators will be sought after fertilizer plots as we have had the past two years. Approximately 10 sites are needed in all communities throughout the county. We are now interested in selecting these sites and would appreciate any farmer who is interested in cooperating if they would let us know. Harold Evans is the

first farmer to volunteer as a co-operator.

An area, approximately 120 x 200 feet is needed where 15 different rates of nitrogen are ap-

plied and yield determined. The farmer cooperator will seed the plot as a part of his field. Fertilizer applications are made, the

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

## Modern Science Finally Catches Up With Grandpa

I got put in my place the other night. Deserved it, too. My father-in-law said we were due for bad weather. "Birds are flying low," he reported. "That means a storm."

I started to josh with the old gentleman about being superstitious. Then my nephew Jim, on vacation from college, pipes up. "Grandad's right," he says.

"At least, that's what they say at school," Jim goes on. "The heavy air you get before a storm forces insects down low—so high-flying birds have to swoop along the ground if they want to eat."

From where I sit, there's probably sound reasoning back of most old sayings... back of anything people have learned to believe in. Take the idea of a stitch in time saving nine—sparing rods and spoiling children—of drinking hot milk, or a refreshing glass of beer, at bedtime. You may not hold with any of these beliefs yourself... but it's not smart to give them the "bird."

Joe Marsh

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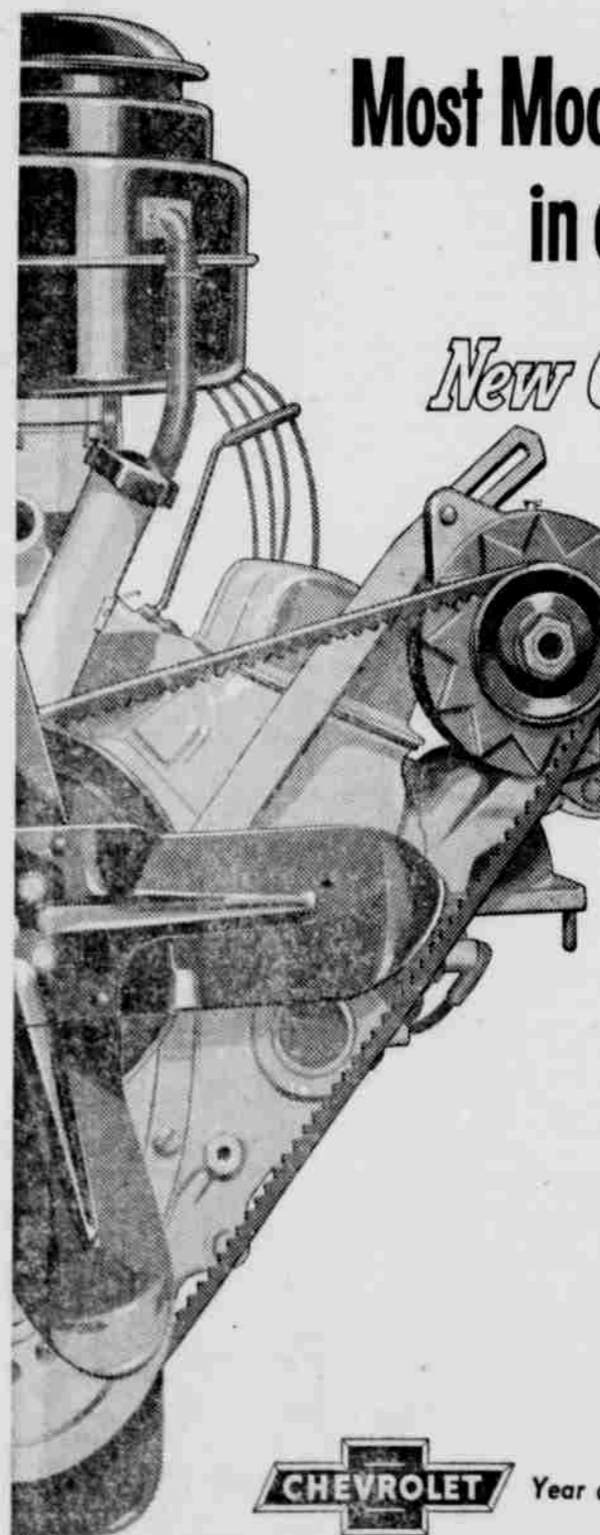
Marjorie Main, Percy Kilbride, Lori Nelson, Byron Palmer, Hilo Hattie, Alo-haha, they've gone native. He's a pineapple king, she's a hula queen and their antics drive Waikiki wacky!

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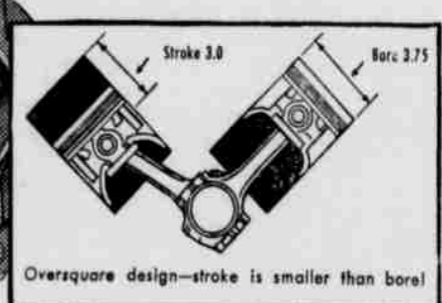
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