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Other Editor's Thoughts—

(With at least half of all editorials appearing in newspapers running to the political side, praising or condemning the Hell's Canyon decision, or working Morse or Neuberger over, it was a pleasant change to read the following which we found in a recent issue of the Wallawa County Chieftain of Enterprise. We reprint it here.)

EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY

Some people are never quite satisfied with the kind of creatures they find on this good earth and are constantly seeking ways and means by which they can "improve" various bird and animal species. These efforts have been directed to produce short-legged cattle, long-backed hogs, broad-breasted turkeys, boneless fish and the like, with a view to greater profits for the livestock, poultry and fish producers.

No one has ever bothered to inquire into the number of people who might prefer soup bones to sirloins, wings to wish bones or hocks to hams. The people will eat what the experimental breeders produce—even if they don't like it.

Now comes a new development in the field of experimental biology. Some Chinese communists have been crossing hen with goose eggs to see what would happen. They have injected the white of goose eggs into chicken eggs and hatched a modified chicken with a broad beak, longer

neck, bigger haunches and larger body, the reports state. It has not been announced whether the fowl will be called a chicken, a goose, or maybe a "yen" or a "hoose".

We don't know what advantage it will be to have a domestic fowl with a longer neck or a broader beak. We have been amazed for many years at the preponderance of neck in every serving of chicken. The prospects of a chicken with the neck of a goose, or maybe a swan, doesn't particularly enthruse us.

An amphibian "hoose" might be an advantage in area which are alternately suffering from drought or floods. This hybrid might be able to take to land or water as conditions should dictate.

As a matter of curiosity we have wondered whether the bird honks or cackles, quacks or crows.

Maybe the white of canary eggs could be injected into chicken eggs, along with the goose egg whites, and produce a "ceenose" which would scratch like a hen, swim like a goose and sing like a canary. They could be kept as pets in the house making it unnecessary to buy, or even to gather the eggs.

But before the Communists beat us to it, we would like to see someone try injecting the whites of alligator eggs into chicken eggs and see what would happen. We might get a chicken (or "allighen") with a breast ten feet long, no wings and no neck. Then we would really have something.

From The County Agent's Office

By John Massie

Morrow county is fortunate in having a county weed program which is actively pushing the fight against noxious weeds.

Under the direction and supervision of Nels Anderson, your county agent, now on vacation, the weed program is put into action by Cal Carson, county weed sprayer operator. Cal is the fellow you see out spraying roadsides and farmers fields with the county spray rig. You're liable to see him out anytime of the day or night as he likes to work when the air is still.

It is remarkable in recent years the advances we have seen in spray materials. We see new kinds of sprays coming on the market continually. For every weed there are at least two or three sprays that will knock it out. Much remains to be done in spray research—not only in amounts applied but the time of application and stage of growth of the weed are all vitally important to good control. Any one of these not watched closely can lead to poor results in a complete kill of the weeds.

There is another very interesting side of this problem of weed control. This is the little known field of finding an insect which will live on and eat only the

weed we are anxious to stamp out. As you could imagine, this would indeed be the lazy way for weed control.

Here in Morrow county we have an excellent example of this type of weed control program. You all probably know goatweed which is fairly widespread in this area. In 1954 Cal Carson put out five colonies of goatweed beetles which will eat only goatweed. There are 2500 insects in a colony of goatweed beetles and they attack the goatweed with a healthy appetite. Originally imported from Australia, the beetles were distributed in this area through Oregon State college and the county agent. Along with the original five colonies, an additional four colonies have been put out.

The goatweed beetle has some interesting habits. They will go at a patch of goatweed and, in a very methodical fashion like a group of soldiers, will fan out from the center working their way through the field. Once finished, they can travel from three to five miles to another patch of goatweed. Cal has observed them doing just this. When fall begins to approach, the goatweed beetle will burrow down into the roots of the goatweed and there hibernate until spring. When spring arrives they will come above the ground and start their feeding on the goatweed again. Once they exhaust their supply of goatweed they will starve to death. Every spring Cal will go out and collect enough beetles to make a colony and transport them to a new patch of goatweed. Cal says this beats spraying anytime.

Willamette Valley Ram Sale
The annual Willamette Valley ram sale will be held at the Linn county fair grounds right north of Albany. The sale starts at 10:00 a. m. Saturday, August 4, 1956. Catalogs are available by writing to O. E. Mikesell, secretary, in Albany. Mail bids will be taken if you are unable to attend the sale.

Mrs. W. C. Erther, Milton, and her sister Mrs. Claude Lane of Maumee, Ohio are spending the week with Mrs. L. D. Boulden.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times July 29, 1926

Twenty three car loads of lambs, purchased here last week, were shipped to Omaha and Chicago Sunday. The principal sellers were C. A. and Ellis Minor, Bob Thompson, Mahoney and Kelly, and Mahoney and Gentry.

Chris Brown is the proud possessor of a new Dodge sedan purchased this week through the local agency, Cohn Auto Co.

The Guy Boyer family were over from Monument the end of the week enjoying a visit with Heppner friends.

Miss Anabel Turner is spending the weekend with Miss Betty Cason at her mountain home near Black Butte.

Miss Josie Rowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rowell of Rhea creek, was severely poisoned by a bee sting on her head Sunday afternoon.

L. Van Marter returned home Sunday after the ball game at Condon the worse for wear by at least one cracked rib.



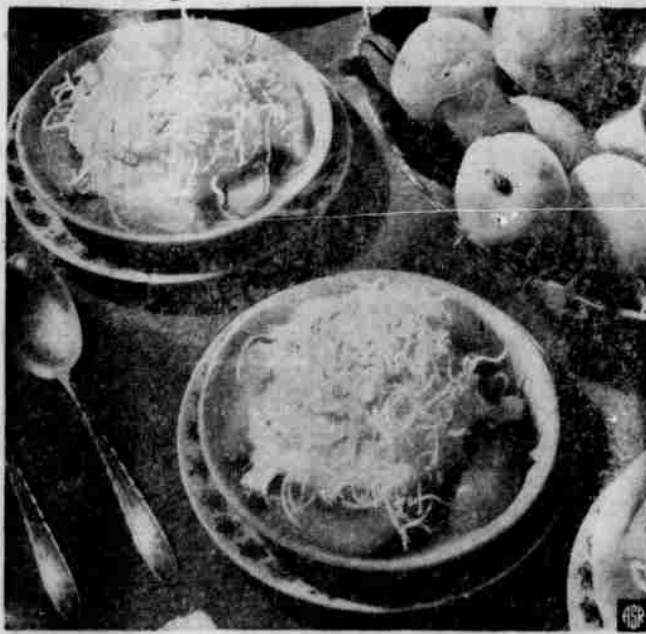
BALDOCK WILL RESIGN

Oregon's renowned highway engineer, R. H. Baldock announced Thursday that he will resign August 16 to answer a call from Iraq to head a highway commission.

He has given 41 years of continual service to the Oregon Highway Department, 24 of them as State Highway Engineer. He is 67 years old and has been recognized as one of the leading highway engineers of America, now a member of the executive committee of the American Association of State Highway Engineers and a past president of that organization.

Within days following the date of his resignation, August 16, he and Mrs. Baldock will leave for Europe where they will spend several weeks touring that continent before leaving for Iraq

Scoop A Summer Snowball!



A snowball in Summer is rare—so make one of ice cream, fluffy with tender, flaked coconut, and it's a rare treat! Serve these deliciously edible snowballs with your favorite sauce. For a particularly refreshing change, try this one of fresh apricots. The fruit is changeable, too... you can substitute peaches or pears if you like. Beauty hint: For attractive serving, spoon the sauce into dishes first... then place the coconut snowballs in the sauce. Pass more sauce... and more coconut flakes... folks love to help themselves!

Coconut Snowballs with Fresh Apricot Sauce

1 quart vanilla ice cream 1 can tender-thin flaked coconut
Scoop ice cream into 8 balls. Roll balls in coconut flakes. Place in freezing tray of refrigerator for about 1 hour. Put about a tablespoonful of apricot sauce in individual dishes. Place a Coconut Snowball on each serving. Garnish with tender-thin flaked coconut.

Fresh Apricot Sauce

1 cup sugar 2 cups cold water
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch 2 cups fresh apricots, peeled and quartered
Dash of salt

Combine sugar, cornstarch, and salt in saucepan. Add cold water and blend. Add apricots. Place over medium heat and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Then cook 3 to 5 minutes, or until clear. Cool slightly. Serve on Coconut Snowballs.

where he will take charge of a highway mission that is working under an agreement between the United States and that country, acting in an advisory capacity on highway matters to the Government of Iraq.

YELLOW STRIPE NEXT

It would not be much of a problem for the State Highway Department to find a yellow paint that would fade to white but what they would like to have now is for the white paint they now use on the center stripe of highways to turn yellow.

Two years ago the department changed from yellow to white in a move to standardize the color of highway center stripes used throughout the United States.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock has announced that white will not be used again. "It has been found," he states, "that white lines fade sooner than yellow and that Oregon drivers have expressed a preference for the yellow, even though fresh white lines are considered somewhat more visible than yellow lines."

It will take quite some time, perhaps a year to make the transition, but it will be started as soon as possible.

LOW BIDS TOO LOW

After submitting the low bid of \$496,560 for building a new dormitory at the State School for the Deaf at Salem, George Moore and Associates advised the State Board of Control Wednesday that their bid contained an error of approximately \$60,000 which would cause the firm heavy financial losses.

Seven other bids were submitted with James Hickey, Portland, the next lowest at \$518,000 which was accepted in view of the bid withdrawal.

The board ruled that because of the error in the bid and the withdrawal the Moore firm will not be eligible to submit another bid for state construction for a period of three years.

WAR BRIDE ADMITTED

The State Board of Control looked with favor on a request of an Army sergeant to get his Japanese wife transferred from

Monument News

Fred McWillis is doing some repair work on the school house. Paul Kimmel drove to Pendleton Wednesday to meet his folks who arrived from the east.

A Stanley party will be held at the Kingman home Monday afternoon at 1:30.

Lexington News

Mrs. Frances McMillan spent Sunday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Freda Slocum in Heppner. She was taken there by her granddaughter, Mrs. Clough of Arlington.

signed as executive secretary of the Republican State Central Committee to manage the campaign of Douglas McKay for United States Senator.

Vern Stephens, Portland, was named to succeed Huegll.

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