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(This column's readers, along with those of practically every other newspaper in the country, have been besieged with heavy, meaty (?) editorials so regularly during the past few months of the political campaigns that we thought maybe you would appreciate this little gem we picked up from last week's Redmond Spokesman.

It concerns cats, and as you will see is a week late to give proper recognition to a special observance, but we didn't see it till last week so you will have to wait until now to get your chance. Hope the delay isn't too disastrous!

Bring on the Catnip

At long last our fetish for appropriating days, weeks, and even months of the year in commemoration of the material advantages of modern living has been enlarged to include a seven-day tribute to the cat, both house and alley variety.

And it's about time. For years now we've paid our respects to everything from teen-age foibles to tuna casserole while ignoring one of God's noblest creatures, an animal whose ancestors were consorting with kings while ours were cavorting in caves. Cat fanciers have worked long and diligently to gain this recognition and it is with unfettered ecstasy they await National Cat week, November 4 to 10.

Generally speaking, cats come in two models, boy and girl. It's a nifty arrangement, biologically, and conceded to be a factor in maintaining a balance between supply and demand.

Lady cats usually aren't. They place little importance on the benefits of marital security, and

consequently cross the threshold of motherhood out of step with custom and convention. Tomcats are mostly bachelors who display admirable alacrity in avoiding permanent liaison with the opposite sex. They devote their daylight hours to rest and reflection, an advantage not enjoyed by their human counterparts. Cats find this boy-girl relation completely equitable, although the rest of us, especially women, hold the practice in disrepute.

Your cat, according to Mr. Webster, is a carnivorous mammal (*Felis catus*) who appears to have originated in Egypt or in the east, and probably is derived from one of the wild species of North Africa (Caffre Cat). Knowing this sort of thing helps a guy better understand his pet. Maybe that lordly attitude is only fruit of a family tree firmly rooted in some kingly household. Old tom's forebears might have moused the royal realm of King Tut or cuddled Cleopatra on the barge. What you interpret as independence or indifference could be the blue blood showing.

Unlike dogs, cats won't sit up, roll over, play dead or come on command, and as a result are considered the canine's intellectual inferior. If cats are dumb, it should happen to all of us. They sleep all day, caper all night, get free board and room, free health and accident insurance, 365 paid holidays a year and a work week that would do justice to a maharaja. Yeah, cats are dumb... like foxes.

If man ever progresses to this point, he too will deserve a week in which to commemorate his intelligence.

From Files of the Gazette Times
November 18, 1926

The question of whether or not the taxpayers of School District No. 1 will in the near future endorse a movement looking to the construction of a gymnasium and auditorium for the use of the school, is one that is beginning to loom up.

The high school football squad, with a number of others, making a company of 28 or 30, was right royally banquetted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wightman on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Wightman and Mrs. R. L. Bengt were hostesses and there was set before the students a turkey feed fit for a king.

Rho Bleakman returned home to Hardman Monday from the hospital in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ferguson arrived home on Sunday from an absence of a month during which time they visited friends at Prescott and Flagstaff, Arizona and with relatives in California near Crescent City.

John Clouston, formerly in charge of the forest service office at Heppner, but now of Pomeroy, Wash., has been spending several days in the city this week.

Dr. McMurdo spent Tuesday forenoon at Lexington examining the children of the public school.

SMITH OF MARION

Last week friends of Governor Elmo Smith began circulation of a petition to gain the appointment of the Governor to the state senate seat made vacant by the election of Senator Mark Hatfield as Secretary of State.

Former Governor Charles A. Sprague, editor-publisher of the Oregon Statesman, Salem, has been pressed to consider the use of his name in what is approaching a contest with Salem Mayor Robert White, former Salem Mayor Al Loucks and Salem Attorney Bruce Williams being boosted by volunteer workers.

In 1903 there were three Senators with the name Smith. They were addressed Smith of Umatilla, Smith of Multnomah and Smith of Lincoln, Tillamook and Yamhill.

Just to get the Smiths warmed up again we recall there have been 67 Smiths in the Oregon legislature—but only one, Elmo E. Smith, within the past 15 years.

And just to cool the Smiths off—Gov. Elmo announced he would not consider becoming a senator from Marion County. If the legis-

lature is held up he would be governor for the next two years. Fifteen men in the senate could do just that and it might be a good pitch for Republicans—considering their recent tough breaks.

MILLION DOLLARS A WEEK

Approval of a budget of \$68,126,000 for 1957 was made by the State Highway Commission this week. This is 3 1/2 million dollars more than the budget for the current year and an average expenditure of \$220,085 a working day.

A resolution adopted in July by the commission to restrict advertising rights on property sold as excess-right-of-way along interstate highway routes, was rescinded at the recent meeting after a report from Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton was received.

PRELEGISLATIVE GABS

Newspaper editors and political writers have been invited to participate in discussions at a series of prelegislative meetings scheduled in various parts of the state.

The first meeting of the series will be at noon November 26 at Southern Oregon College of Education for representatives of

Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Curry counties. On Dec. 6 at 4:30 p. m. at the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth legislators from Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook counties and others will assemble.

TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR AGED

Recommendations for a \$7,500 home tax exemption for persons 65 years of age or older with a

yearly income of \$2,500 or under was adopted at the Capitol this week by the Legislative Interim Tax Committee.

This is the first local reaction to a program publicized by Republican leaders in Washington, D. C. who have decided that the recent election trend away from the GOP has been sparked by too

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All Saints' Episcopal Women's Auxiliary

ANNUAL BAZAAR

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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Congratulations to Herbert Ekstrom of Ione who exhibited the champion Hereford bull at the Midco sale held at Moro week before last. The bull was of excellent type and had lots of competition at this show and sale. The grand champion and other four bulls consigned to the sale by Herb were of the excellent quality that is being bred into this herd by strict selection and culling.

We also might mention that the opportunity to see the new herd sire purchased by Delbert Emert last week along with the four helpers purchased by him and the two by Herb Ekstrom. I am sure that anyone who has seen these animals would agree that they are outstanding and will add much to the quality of beef in Morrow county.

We have copies of the new tri-state publication to help farmers combat insect problems in stored grain. The publication is an excellent one containing descriptions and drawings of major pests of stored grain along with control methods with the new type regulations on grain and the possibility of it being reduced from human food to livestock feed grade by insect infestation, farmers would do well to acquaint themselves with stored grain insect infestation possibilities.

A selected number of livestock men in Morrow county were mailed, on November 1, a questionnaire aimed at helping the extension service of Oregon State college in keeping abreast with country sales of livestock. The questionnaire asked for answers which would enable the college to perform the best service in reporting all country sales. A country sales report was included as a regular part of the meat animals and wool review issued by the college. The country sales report was started on May 17 with the trial run it has had it is felt that producers might help them to do a better job or

discontinue it if it is of no value. Your assistance in filling out the questionnaire you received will be helpful.

Oregon State College announced this week that Karmex DW has been approved for control of weed control in established stands of alfalfa. The chemical has been under test for a number of years. With this announcement comes the possibility for higher yields and longer-lived alfalfa stands through chemical weed control. The new material is applied at the rate of three pounds chemical with thirty gallons of water per acre. The best time for application is now and up till December 15. Selective controls of weeds in alfalfa knocked out 90% of the cheat grass and Canada blue grass and 100% of annual fox tail. Cost of the treatment is about \$12 an acre however, treated fields remain fairly free of weeds for three years.

Last week questionnaires for a hunters damage and loss survey was mailed to all Morrow county livestock men. This survey was felt necessary by the executive committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association. By gathering this information they will be in a better position to assist with the problems encountered this year and to provide proof to the Oregon Cattle-men's Association who have asked for information needed in dealing with the problem state wide. We hope that the questionnaire will be answered while it is still fresh in the minds of our livestock men.

We hope that everyone will participate in the Morrow county Farm-City Week dinner which will be held at the American Legion hall Monday evening November 19. The dinner begins at 6:30 p. m. An interesting program is provided and everyone will come away with a better picture of city-farmer problems.



THE PROGRAM

The first Democratic Oregon legislature in 20 years is scheduled to meet Monday, January 14 to organize, elect a presiding officer, canvas the vote for governor, and see Robert D. Holmes, the first Democratic governor in Oregon for more than a quarter of a century take the oath of office before seven Republican Supreme Court Justices.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN

The 1957 session of the legislature—if we ever have one—will consist of 54 Democrats and 36 Republicans. What may hold up the session is a condition in the senate where the count is on dead center with 15 Democrats and 15 Republicans. The fight for the presidency of the upper house may hold up organization of the senate and the inauguration of Governor Holmes.

A similar situation occurred in 1943 when Senators W. H. Steiwer and Dorothy McCullough Lee, each with 15 votes for the presidency of the senate, held up legislative progress for two days. This is mild to what happened 60 years ago when the session was held up for keeps and there was no law making from 1895 to 1899.

and solutions. Tickets for the dinner are available at this office.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

There'll Always Be An "Expert"

Drove out to see how they're getting along with the new super-highway that's going to pass through town.

While I was there a fussy little guy—a spectator, like me—came up to the foreman on the job and started making all sorts of suggestions: "Shouldn't it go a little farther left there? ... Why don't you bank the curves more? ... Those ditches are awful close" ... and so, on and on.

The foreman took it as long as he could, then asked politely, "How does she look for length?"

From where I sit, free advice is called "free" because it's usually not worth much. That little fellow was typical of the kind of "expert" who can't resist getting in digs—about how you work, what you wear, why you happen to prefer a glass of beer with your supper. People like that don't mean to be troublemakers... but the road to real intolerance is paved with their good intentions.

Joe Marsh

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