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CHRISTMAS "BUG" OR GREMLIN?

We hope that most of our readers took the time to read our front page editorial feature last week that we titled, "Shopping Can Be Fun . . ." We tried to point out how confusing and discouraging it can be to travel quite a number of miles to a "Faraway City" to do some Christmas Shopping when you can do better right at home.

The way our story appeared in print is definite proof that such an excursion can be really "a mess." That's the way it finally came out, anyway, and if we can't get even a story about such things straight, just think how much trouble the actual shopping can be.

Don't know whether it was the "Christmas Shopping Bug" or our own Heppner GT Gremlin that mixed up the lines of type last week but something certainly tangled things up. Hope you got the idea, anyway.

Just goes to prove—don't even THINK about shopping anywhere else.

OFF TO A FLYING START . . .

Our congratulations to Pat Clement who last week published the first issue of the PRAIRIE COURIER, a newspaper at Prairie City. He's got the makings of a good newspaperman. Volume 1, No. 1 carried a front page story and picture that was a dandy. The headline read, "Prairie gets new depository," and the story started out . . . "October 31 marked the opening of the new Prairie City 'Depository.' Erected on the site next to the lower Pastime, where the BANK was to have been completed last April, the new edifice, once the decision was made, just seemed to spring up overnight . . ."

The picture accompanying the story showed a small building of a type which most older residents of Prairie City have certainly had some contact with in past years. To the best of our recollection it was known as a "one holer."

TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Mr. Penland:
Seventy three years ago, my father, J. L. Yeager, and my mother and two little sisters landed in Heppner. The little city was wild and woolly then and things were pretty rough for the people of that day. There were no telephones, no electric lights, no sewers, no state highways, no paved streets and very few sidewalks. In the summer time the streets were two feet deep in dust and in the winter time, two feet of mud. Eight to sixteen and twenty horse team freight wagons was a daily sight on Main street then and cattle and sheep were driven by the hundreds down main street and bedded down for the night either in the Vincon or Morgan feed yards down in the lower part of town. There was not even a court house here then and Heppner was still in Umatilla county. Everything in the stores was sold in bulk and their displays were on the old wooden walk in front of the stores. Twenty-five cent pieces was about the smallest money spent here. My father brought out from the east when he came about 20 ten cent pieces and sold them for five dollars apiece. Mr. Briggs told me a short time before his death that he bought one of them from my father.

I think it was about the first of April or the last of March of that year that the Gazette was first published. My father was one of the very first subscribers of the new paper, and never missed a copy until his death a few years ago. Since that time I took up where he left off and have never missed a copy since and I know when I am gone in a few years, Jack will keep up the old family tradition of never missing a copy of the old family newspaper. He will be the fourth generation of the Yeager family to subscribe and read this historic

AN ILLUMINATING DISCUSSION ON STREET LIGHTS

Our week isn't complete until our copy of the Fossil Journal has arrived and we can see what, in the eyes of that paper's prize correspondent Ned Norton, has happened during the past seven days in Mitchell. Last week his interpretation of the lighting problem in that Wheeler county town was, to say the least, 'illuminating'. We offer no solution, but we think his story might be of interest to some of our readers. In his words . . .

"The City Fathers are having trouble with the street lighting problem. The lights, most of them, don't burn, and when the lights don't burn the city fathers and numerous citizens do. Since, argues Alderman Smith, the ratio of crime committed in the dark as compared to crime committed in the light is very high indeed, the absence of light is an invitation to all kinds of evil doing. That no wrongdoing has been reported whether the lights have been off or on, in his opinion, no reason to take it easy in regard to lights. Says the word just hasn't circulated yet and when it does it will be an open invitation to such shadow haunting characters as, say, Prineville's Battles, Donnelly and Kinkston to move in. They might even bring Keyes Hyde along and that would be a major disaster. Then there is the matter of Bugs. It is a fact known to one and all that the illuminated area furnished by street and other lamps has been, since time immemorial, the social gathering place and courting area of bugs of many kinds. Without such facilities the bug population will dwindle to token force, such as the U. N. has in Egypt, with the bug population gone next summer's song birds would starve to death, without their cheering music we would grow morose and vicious and probably fall upon and destroy each other. Gentlemen, this is a serious situation. Also the city is being called upon to pay for those lights whether they glow or do not glow, and this is a damnsight more serious situation."

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

The 4th annual Round-Up Pooled Hereford sale is scheduled to be held at the Round-Up sale pavilion in Pendleton this Saturday, December 8. The show will begin at 10:00 a. m. with the sale at 1:00 p. m. There will be 38 bulls and 11 heifers offered for sale. Consignors include Bernard Doherty and Kirk and Robinson of Heppner. This should be a good sale to pick up bulls that be needed for next spring.

The 7th annual Washington Sattle college stockmen's short course will be held there on December 10th through the 14th and promises another fine program. I have arranged to attend and at State college stockmen's short course, at least one Morrow county Stockman, Eb Hughes has enrolled for the course. This year the course includes a general program on up-to-the-minute information for stockmen, a livestock marketing margins and cost program which is designed to determine the amount of, and what accounts for, the spread between what the stockman receives for animals on foot and what the consumer pays for meat, and a horsemen's course. A total of 80 different instructors will participate with over 100 different lectures and/or

paper. long may it be published and read by future generations, but inclosed you will find my check for another year of good reading and if I am not mistaken this will be the 74th yearly subscription to the Gazette for the Yeager family.

Sincerely,
O. M. Yeager,
Castle Rock, Wn.

laboratories being arranged. Feature of a stockmen's course is F. B. Morrison, who is known the world over as "Mr. Feeds and Feeding". Other guest instructors from Washington and neighboring states are many. While it is getting close to the time for this short course, there is still time for other Morrow county stockmen to attend.

Jim Elings, Farm Advisor in Sacramento County, California, who many of our livestock men know as former Livestock Specialist at Oregon State College has recently completed some rather extensive Silbestrol trials with suckling calves which were followed through a pasture and feed lot period and finally to market. The results of Jim's trial showed the best use of Silbestrol is on steers being fattened for market. He found that there is no apparent advantage to repeated implants throughout the lifetime of the steer. The test started February 12, 1955 with 50 head of nursing calves. He found that steers making the best gain were those that were implanted for the first time with 15 milligrams of Silbestrol. Their average daily gain was 2.71 pounds. From these results he found that there is no advantage in early implantation over a single treatment at the time steers go in the feed lot, in fact animals implanted as suckling calves may be actually depressed in over all growth rate.

During the past week two of the 4-H livestock clubs have organized for the new club year. These clubs are the Rhea Creek livestock club led by Wilbur

From Files of the Gazette Times December 9, 1926

At the annual business meeting and election of officers of Heppner Post No. 87 American Legion, Monday evening, the election resulted as follows: Commander, Spencer Crawford; vice Commander, Andrew Olson; finance officer, Alva Jones; adjutant, Paul Gemmill.

Letters were given out to members of the grammar school football team, for the first time, on Wednesday. Those earning them were Alex Ulrich, James McNamee, Roy Gentry, Orrin Furlong, Elmer Hake, Gay Anderson, Bruce Gibb, James Farley, Gordon Bucknum, Faye Prock and Oral Wright.

Clarence Bauman and Jack Smith will mix it in a fistic encounter as the headliner for a smoker to be staged at the Burgoyne store in Lexington Friday evening.

Showing at the Star Theater, Greta Garbo in the Temptress.

Van Blokland and Frank Anderson and the Butter Creek Junction club led by Delwin Nelson and Carl Rhea. Officers for the Rhea Creek livestock club for 1957 are president, Kenneth Wright; vice president, Dale Van Blokland; news reporter, William Rill. Other members are Eric Anderson, Gary Van Blokland are new members. Nat Webb, Archie Ball and Dale Can Blokland are new members. In the Butter Creek Junction club Mitchell Ashbeck is a new 4-H member. Officers of this club are president, Sandra Rhea; vice president, Carlene Rhea; secretary, Bill Doherty; and news reporter, Phyllis Nelson. Other members are Eugene and Larry Campbell and Bernard Doherty. In these two clubs beef, sheep and swine are the projects carried.

From now until spring cattle will be thinner but the lice they are wearing are bound to get fatter unless something is done to get rid of them this fall, says the University of California. There may be a lot we don't know yet about cattle lice but we do know that they don't do cattle any good and we do know how to kill them. Fortunately for the lice however, they don't kill cattle but perhaps more serious losses might cause cattle owners to kill more lice. Field trials have shown that a normal crop of cattle lice held down the gain of feedlot steers by one-third of a pound per day as compared to treated cattle. On a 50 day basis this amounted to about 17 lbs. per head. At 20 cents per lb. this extra gain was worth \$5.10 as

Health Is The Best Gift



Bee Contributions To Oregon Legume Seed Crops Given

Soil bank demands for alfalfa and other soil-conserving legumes have opened speculation on the Oregon bee population, chief pollinators of the state's four to five million dollar legume seed crop industry.

Beset by insecticides and other chemicals used for modern farming, bees are waging an uphill battle to keep full-staffed for the essential pollination job, Oregon State college scientists report.

Importance of bees in pollinating alfalfa, clovers, and similar seed crops is outlined in a new circular of information published by the OSC agricultural experiment station. The circular, "Bees

compared to 30 cents or less per head for spraying. Like bank robbers, cattle lice are worth more dead than alive. There are a number of good sprays on the market which control cattle lice. DDT, Methoxychloride Hexaphene, Lindane and preparations of mixtures of these have been doing a good job when used according to the manufacturer's directions. Animals should be thoroughly wet to the hide all over. Three or more gallons of spray applied at 300 pounds pressure should be used for mature animals. Regardless of what you use now is the time to use it.

for Legume Seed Production," was prepared by H. A. Scullen, professor emeritus of entomology, who retired from OSC in 1953 after 33 years of service to Oregon's bee industry and other fields of entomology.

Research findings on increased seed production through use of bees show, for example, that alfalfa clover seed yield was multiplied 300-fold when bees had access to clover in contrast to plots where bees were excluded. Increases for other seed crops ranged downward to hairy vetch, where yields were still tripled by use of bees.

Work habits of bees and suggestions to persons who provide bees as pollinators are discussed in the 16 page circular. Copies may be obtained from county extension agents or the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Churches to Join "Great Decisions" Study in Oregon

An opportunity for Oregon churches to participate in "Great Decisions . . . 1957" was announced this week with background material sent to pastors of the churches throughout the state.

The eight-weeks' Great Decisions program, scheduled to start January 20, is aimed at building informed public opinion on key foreign policy issues through participation of small, informal dis-

cussion groups in Oregon communities.

Started in 1955 in a few urban centers of Oregon, the program is offered state-wide this year through sponsorship of Oregon State college extension service cooperating with the Foreign Policy association and interested groups.

Mrs. Mabel Mack, assistant director of OSC extension service, says ministers of some 30 Oregon churches in 17 counties have already indicated interest in participating this year, following announcement of the program at the Oregon Town and Country Church conference at Corvallis in mid-October.

Dr. Mark A. Tainey, Portland, executive director of the Oregon Council of Churches, this week commended Great Decisions to all member churches as a guide for reaching Christian decisions "for the preservation of mankind, as tensions mount throughout the world." A special article on the possible role of churches in Great Decisions will go out to 1100 Oregon churches in the December issue of the Council's "Oregon Church News."

Church participation in world affairs discussions will be sought through young adult and teenage groups, Sunday school classes, and church study groups. Other examples of how churches might want to participate, Mrs. Mack said, would include sponsorship of public meetings to examine moral implications of certain Great Decisions issues.

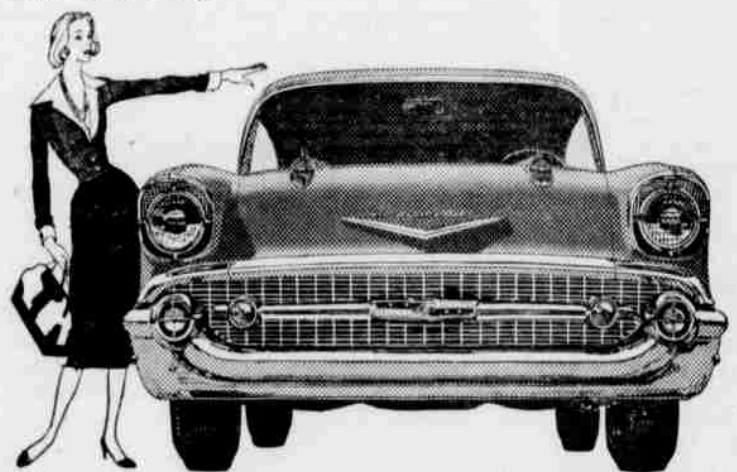
Details on how any citizen of Oregon may participate in Great Decisions may be obtained from county extension agents or Mrs. Maud Walker, group development specialist at Oregon State college.

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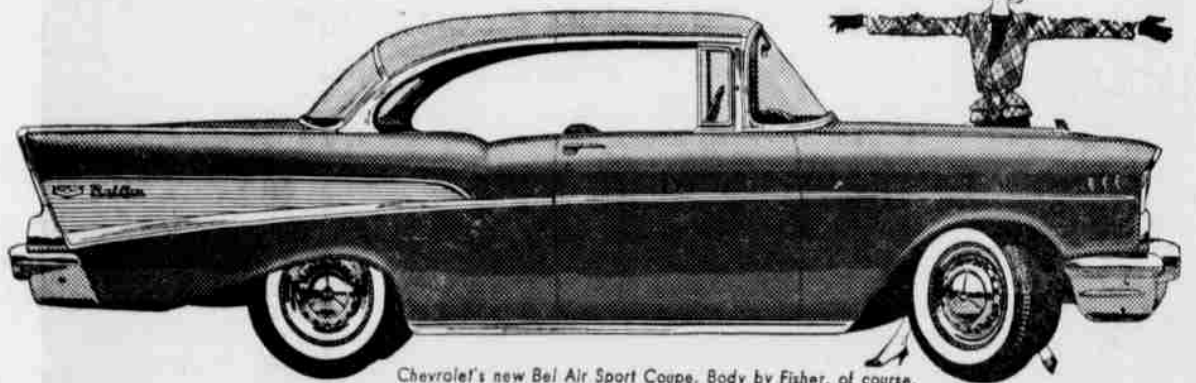
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