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Keep Your Eye on Morrow County

Last Monday the Oregonian made editorial comment about our last week's story of two Forest Service men who watched, and then described to us, a Flying Hat sail over them while they were working in the mountains southeast of Heppner. That paper's editorial writer said that he was heartened to hear that flying saucers were coming back after a considerable period during which there has been a decided scarcity of these unexplainable flying machines.

The Oregonian said, under the heading, "Now Flying Hats":

"Reports of flying saucers have been so scarce lately that one had almost come to the conclusion that the Martians or Venusians or whoever they are, had given us up as impossible creatures. It is heartening to read that this is not so, that apparently they merely have been getting a new model into production.

"The saucer which two Forest Service employees saw skimming over the Blue mountains the other day traveled at the customary "terrific" speed. Its sound in flight, like that of a jet plane, was not unusual either, although the sound it made as it shot out of sight had never before been so closely observed. This sound, said the observers, was a kind of "blip," like that made by a .22 bullet when it hits water.

"Design of the latest saucer, however, is what is newsworthy. It was hat-shaped, or, one might say, like a saucer complete with cup. Headroom in a flying saucer must be cramped, even for little men. A cabin on top is a logical refinement for continued, long cruises to Earth."

This newspaper goes along with its big-city neighbor's views that there has been a scarcity

of saucers, or whatever they might be called, but we can't take quite as dim a view of the gadgets as does The Oregonian. We must admit, however, that we can't offer any better explanation for them than The Oregonian can... but just wait, and keep your eye on Morrow county.

This year our county has come up with several "firsts" that were mighty newsworthy and the year isn't over yet. We fell heir to the first genuine tornado seen (and photographed) in Oregon in many a year. We also had some hail that was bigger than even our neighboring Umatilla county could brag about... and there have been others—where else but in our county has Bonneville Power Administration ever lost 15 steel towers to a thunderstorm? Now, some of our citizens sight and unidentified flying object which is the first such machine seen this year in Oregon.

Yes, great things happen in Morrow county, so it will be well if other editors keep their eyes open to what may be coming in the future.

As to the new model flying saucer, we haven't yet been fortunate enough to see one, but we wouldn't be surprised if before the year is out that one of them will land on the hill behind our Pioneer Memorial hospital so that one of its occupants can be treated there for seasickness or whatever other minor ailments a member of its crew might have. Not only would it be doggone good advertising for our hospital but it would also prove our oft-repeated statement that the reputation of Morrow county is spread far and wide... And besides, that would be a real handy place to get a good look at whatever it may prove to be.

We expect to get a couple of pictures too, and we might even send The Oregonian one just to prove our point.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

During the past several days, wheat fertilizer experiment plots were harvested with the exception of one, to determine yields with various rates of nitrogen, fall and spring applied. Rates used were 20, 40, 60 80 and 100 pounds of nitrogen alone and in comb-

ination with 50 pounds of phosphorus and 50 pounds of sulfur plus minor elements of borax, copper, zinc and manganese sulphates. Plots this year were located at the Max Barclay, Kenneth Smouse, A. E. Stefani and Oscar Peterson ranches. All were wheat with the exception of the plot at the Oscar Peterson ranch which was a fall barley plot. This is the first barley fertilizer experiment conducted in this series of experiments which has been carried on in the Columbia Basin during the past four years. In addition, two wheat fertilizer plots, established in 1955, were harvested this year to determine whether there was carry-over from the last fertilizer application. These plots were located at the D. O. Nelson and Don Heliker ranches. Plots sampled for residual effect of nitrogen last year showed that there was considerable effect in the next crop grown on fertilized land. With completely different conditions between the 1954 and 1956 crops and the 1955 and 1957 crop years, this year's sampling may show different. Yields from the plots are now being calculated by the Pendleton branch experiment station and will be available soon. With this year's plot harvest finished, this con-

cludes the Columbia Basin wheat fertilizer experiments carried over the past four years

Melvin Moyer, farming his mother's ranch in Black Horse canyon is quite well pleased with the skew treader as an implement in aiding with handling stubble in his trashy fallow program. He has found that this relatively new implement works well in moldboard or Grahams-Hoeme plowed land. In moldboard plowing he has found that following up the initial plowing job with the skew treader that straw is pulled up on top where it will not interfere with weeder rods. It is also liked by Mr. Moyer in that it levels out straw bunches if and when either moldboard or Grahame-Hoeme plows plug. The skew treader has done such a good job of killing weeds behind the plow, Melvin has done with one less rod weeding at the time he reported his experiences to this office. A number of farms in Morrow county have used the skewtreader his year and report much the same result on their farms

Horn flies at this time of the year can bother cattle so much that milk and beef production can be cut as much as 20 percent.

THIRTY YEARS AGO Boardman Notes

from the files of the Gazette Times July 21, 1927

Fire did considerable damage at the Eight Mile Center school-house on Monday evening.

Lawrence Redding who made a venture in the sheep business during the past season feels that he is entitled to be classed as a successful flockmaster. Eleven of his 14 head of ewes gave birth to twin lambs and the other three produced one each.

Misses Rubina and Violet Corrigan and Walter Moore drove to La Grande Saturday forenoon and took in the closing of the Legion convention.

With harvest just getting well under way in the Heppner section in the neighborhood of 2000 sacks a day are rolling into the local warehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwarz, Alex Cornett and Leonard Schwarz and Miss Mary Crawford made up an auto party that motored to Alderdale, Wn. on Sunday when they met the family of E. R. Merrett from Wapato and enjoyed the day along the banks of the Columbia.

Joseph Snyder recently disposed of the Heppner Soda Works to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Liqueuall who are moving the plant into town.

Horn flies are those small black flies that are so abundant on Oregon cattle during this time of year. These flies feed by sucking blood. Insecticide treated back rubbers can be helpful in controlling these flies. These self-treating devices should be put where cattle congregate or loaf, such places might be shady spots in a pasture, around salt licks, around gates leading into feeding pens or around watering places. The back rubbers may be made from cable, chain or three strands of barbed wire wrapped with burlap bags hung between two posts and treated with insecticide and oil. The chain or wire should be hung at a height of four feet on posts 15 to 20 feet apart. The device should sag in the center to about 18 inches above the ground.

For beef cattle, use a 5 percent solution of D.D.T., toxaphene, TDE or Methoxychlor in stove oil or a light grade of fuel oil. To prepare this solution, add one quart of a 25 percent emulsifiable concentrate to 4 quarts of oil. Some insecticide companies may make available a prepared 5 percent insecticide solution designed for use with home made self treating devices. Apply approximately 1 gallon of the 5 percent solution to about 15 to 20 linear feet of sacks. Pour the insecticide slowly and evenly over the sacks. Re-treat the sacks in 3 to 6 weeks or as necessary. To avoid insecticide residues in milk of dairy cattle, use only bethoxychlor or pyrethrum preparations. Methoxychlor should be used as a 5 percent solution by adding 1 quart of 25 percent emulsifiable concentrate to 4 quarts as described above. A circular entitled,

Elaine and Roger Garvison of Salem are visiting at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderegg.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carpenter have returned from a trip to Spokane and Bellingham, Wash., and Vancouver, B. C. They were accompanied by Mrs. Carpenter's sister, Mrs. Esther Emmons of La

"Home Made Self Treating Devices for Horn Fly Control" gives the directions and bill of materials for building a back rubber, as well as the recommendations on insecticides to use.

While we are visiting on cattle prices, some figures from a recent release by the Oregon State college economics department are interesting. They show that in north Portland good feeder steers are nominally 19 to 21, with good steer calves nominally 19 to 22 dollars. At the Ontario auction good grade 500 to 900 pound steers are 19.50 to 22 dollars. These prices are around three dollars above a year earlier. Kansas City's average on feeder and stocker steers was around \$20.75. This is down about 75 cents from the April peak, but fully three dollars above a year earlier. At ten midwestern markets, the average on feeder and stocker steers was near \$20, down about 50 cents from the last April peak but fully three dollars above a year earlier. In Oregon ranch sales, early contracts have ranged from 18 to 22 dollars, including immediate to fall delivery. Other deals included spayed heifers at 18 dollars; light old cows at 12 dollars; steers calves at 19 dollars and heifer calves at 17 dollars. Their outlook predicts for the near future—prices during next six months likely to decline most of the time. Low, likely, will be in late October or early November. Prices next spring are not likely to rise as much from fall low as this year. Spring 1958 peak, probably no higher than this spring.

On a longer term—prices less favorable than 1950 to 1951 but more favorable than 1955-1956 seem likely most of the time. Demand for feeder cattle will increase in the northwest if barley or feed prices is permitted on excess wheat land.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of Dan J. Way, deceased, has filed his Final Account with the Probate Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Morrow, and said Court has set Monday, the 12th day of August, 1957, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. in the County Court Room of the Morrow County Court House as the time and place for hearing on said Final Account.

All persons having objections to said Final Account are hereby required to file the same with said Court on or before the date set for said hearing. Dated and first published this 11th day of July, 1957.

Marvin D. Way, Administrator
J. O. Turner, Attorney.

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Grande. At Spokane they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gilstrap, former residents here. At Bellingham they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cook, cousins of Carpenter. On the return trip they visited in Tacoma, Wash. at the home of Mrs. Carpenter's mother, Mrs. Rosina LaChance, and her brother, Chester LaChance.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fussell and daughter Gwennie of Metolius visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armin Hug Sunday. Gwennie remained here this week to visit Irene Potts and Dorothy Rash. Larry Fussell is employed at the Hug farm this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Carpenter of La Grande were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Union visited Monday and Tuesday at the home of their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe. Monday evening they all went to Hermiston to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thorpe.

Arthur Allen and his son Clayton Allen of Sunnyside Wash. went on a fishing trip on the Grande Ronde river out from Minam last Friday. Sunday Mrs. Arthur Allen and Mrs. Clayton Allen and children Cammie and Bobbie went up to join them. They all returned that evening.

The Garden club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Rollin Bishop, with Mrs. Walter Hayes as co-hostess. There were 14 members present and Mrs. Don Downey was a visitor. Date of the fall flower show was set for Wednesday, Aug. 28. Committees will be announced later. In a guess-

ing game Mrs. Guy Ferguson won the prize. The door prize was won by Mrs. Claud Coats.

Mrs. Laura Allen, accompanied by her sister Mrs. Mary Nott of Portland, left last Friday for Hooper, Neb. to visit Mrs. Nott's son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nott. They will be gone about a month, and will also see another sister, Mrs. Vesta Nyrop, who is visiting there from Oxen Hill, Md. They will attend a reunion of five sisters and a brother at Omaha during their stay there.

This area received some rain Saturday night and Sunday morning, making it the first moisture in several weeks. The storm came about 6:30 p.m. Saturday, starting first with hard gusts of wind. A large locust tree fell across the drive at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Skoubo, striking their car, but the only damage was a broken windshield.

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