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## All Out For Farm Safety

Makers of farm equipment always have put safety high on their list of goals. All manner of important safety features have been incorporated in the machines as soon as proven. A great mass of literature stressing the rules of safe operation has been distributed. Years ago, working through the Farm Equipment Institute, the manufacturers decided to open all patents to the industry which furthered safety in equipment design, and this has been the practice ever since.

Now Farm Safety Week will soon be here—it is to be observed July 20-26. And the Institute and its manufacturer members, in cooperation with the National Safety Council, are undertaking a new and vital safety promotional program.

This program emphasizes that "modern farm machinery is designed for safe and efficient operation", and that if the operators follow the rules they will be safe. A new leaflet, "Tips for Safe Tractor Operation", will be given free to all who want it by local farm equipment dealers. Special safety promotional material will be released to thousands of newspapers and magazines. TV spot announcements will be distributed on film to 500 stations.

Here is a real opportunity for farmers everywhere. The equipment industry is going all out in this comprehensive safety drive. Now it is up to the users to devote a little time and attention to a program that is designed to save life and limb.

## Guest Editorial

FROM THE NORTHBEND NEWS

### Unemployment Law Needs Study

As Oregon business struggles to keep its head above water during the current recession, it now gets another body blow in the form of increased

payments for unemployment insurance. The politicians are going to have to do more about unemployment policies than just to dream up new pie-in-the-sky campaign promises.

The News has consistently advocated broad and purposeful unemployment compensation, and will continue to do so, but like drinking, it must be controlled.

Our unemployment system is beginning to lose all relationship with actuarial studies and is becoming another excise tax on business, which is already surfeit with all kinds of burdens.

We like the idea of a sound payment plan for people who are out of work, and we like the idea that this payment be large enough to meet the needs of the day. But we don't like the chiseling; and we don't like the idea that the employee pays nothing into the fund.

We know one family in which the husband is working and earning a good salary. His wife is drawing unemployment compensation.

We know of one merchant in North Bend who was asked for a job the other day and when he replied he didn't have one right at present, the applicant sighed relief and said, "Good, I didn't want to go to work anyway."

As far as the local office is concerned, it does a fine job of trying to prevent chiseling. Very likely it is one of the best offices in the state, both from the standpoint of the worker and the employer. But the present law provides built-in abuses.

The entire unemployment compensation program needs close scrutiny by the next legislature.

### ODD ENDS...

We're pretty well convinced now that before very long women are going to look like women again. For proof we offer: Even the women are beginning to make fun of the "chemise, bag and sack" styles.

## TO THE EDITOR...

To The Editor:

I'm concerned, genuinely concerned, for the future of agriculture and its young farmers. The occupation and its ownership has been the foundation and backbone of this country, as the losing of it has been the downfall of almost all other countries.

Pride of ownership, rural improvement, broadening of the tax base, thinking voters, conservation minded, and good solid citizens against absentee landlords is our strength. Oppressed renters, mined out soil (wind and water eroded), destroyed buildings, anything to lower the taxes and increase the immediate revenues. That is what we are faced with on the other hand.

Truly the saying is true "a young farmer has to be a farmer's son (or his daughter) to get started farming". It's impossible for a farmer to buy a farm and pay for it off that farm. The

investment of city capital wanting only 6% on its investment enables it to pay 250% more than a farmer can. Why? Because a farmer has to pay the 6% interest, 6% on the principal and 3% income taxes on the principal's payments, so it can readily be seen that if urban capital can pay \$1000.00 per acre, a young beginner can't pay more than \$40.00 or \$50.00 and live.

Then, too, these absentee landlords do not rent to young farmers, no matter how good a reputation they might have. Neither is character any longer much of an asset when applying for loans from the modern big chain banks.

Now we've been fighting a losing battle trying to save the world from communism where the above ownership trend has taken place. The land in great estates is owned in town, the farmers are tenants with an income which makes them mere serfs. The business houses in small towns are broke and mostly gone because their customers have no money. In Japan the farmer pays 80% of his income in rent, Kowloon 80%; Johore (Rubber) the big estates can't be rented; Thailand good, home owned farmers, people are happy; Jordan 90% rent; the Holy Land and Egypt 95% in rent; France and Germany and other parts of Europe 70% to 89% is rent. The young people have no hope and want to leave or if they stay they become more and more communistic. Hunger is the result of soils eroded and gone.

Now, take a look where we are going! One large ranch contract farmed this year for about 1/4 the crop, another good ranch rented for 1/2 and the tenant pays the taxes. So who cares how high the taxes go! 14 offered to rent one ranch in one week. WHY? The landlord's money in most cases isn't spent in local business, its the hard pressed tenant who will owe the bills.

Now, I'm offering no solution here, but as goes the home owned farm, so goes the home owned business and the content-

ment of its people. This problem deserves the best thinking of all of us or, the history of the rest of the world is ours.

O W Cutsforth

## "Chats With Your Home Agent"

By ESTHER KIRMIS

This week I meet with the program planners of our Morrow county home extension groups to plan our year's club program. In looking over some background material preparatory to this meeting I came across an interesting booklet put out by the Federal Cooperative Extension Service which gives in capsule form some of the changes, trends, and influences which are a part of modern living.

Our population continues to rise rapidly, with Oregon's growth coming at a faster rate than that of many other parts of the country. Migration into the state is largely responsible for its rapid growth. (Yours truly is one of these migrants.)

What Do We Know About People Today?

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## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times July 26, 1928

A number of Heppner people enjoyed the shade and swimming tank at Hiway Springs Sunday. Among those going over were the families of L. Van Marter, David Wilson, Spencer Crawford, W. V. Crawford and Alva Jones, Mrs. Paul Gemmill and children and Miss Bernice Sigbee.

J. G. Thomson and sons, James and Roderjek returned Wednesday from an outing to Desolation creek and Olive lake in Grant county.

The heat wave passing over the state the last few days is presumed to have reached its peak at Heppner between 2 and 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when the mercury tipped the 108 mark, the highest temperature so far recorded during the spell.

C. W. McNamer, president of the Heppner Rodeo association, has announced the dates for the 1928 performance to be September 27, 28 and 29.

They are living longer. This means that a higher proportion of the people are in the "over 65" age group. They have special interests and needs.

Women are living longer than men. As family bonds are broken by death, these women find it necessary to adjust to a new mode of living. Frequently they are ill-prepared to make this adjustment.

Young people are marrying earlier. Youth is assuming adult responsibilities at an early age. Over half of the first marriages today take place by the time the young man is 22 and the girl is 20. Over half of the mothers are 26 or younger when their last child is born. It follows that at the age of 48 well over half of these women will, in turn, have "married off" their last child.

Families are having more children. Young couples today are averaging two to three children, which they tend to have close together and early in married life. Because of the trend toward larger families, there is a higher proportion of youngsters in our society.

But, households today are small in size, averaging 3.39 persons. The larger households of the past were composed of aunts, uncles, and unattached persons, as well as the immediate family. Many hands were needed to produce the things that were needed. Today, households are largely consuming units.

More single and widowed persons are living alone. These people are setting up separate living situations rather than living with families.

Folks are moving around more. In the country as a whole about 20% of our population moves each year. There is a marked tendency for movement of people from sparsely settled regions to suburban and large metropolitan areas. In addition, fewer and fewer persons spend their lives in the communities in which

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

With only four weeks left before county fair time, now is a good time for everyone to be thinking about the exhibits which they can and will make at the fair which opens on August 26. Premium lists are being mailed this week from this office. We suggest that everyone look it over carefully and note the many different divisions and classes in which you can exhibit. While premium lists are being mailed to our farm mailing list, 1927 exhibitors and all 4-H members there will no doubt be some who are missed. You can have a copy by calling at our office in the First National Bank building or by dropping a card to us. Organizations are reminded also that it is time to reserve their booth and draft a plan which will be followed. The 1928 theme is "Songs". Those who are planning booths no doubt will be interested in a new bulletin available from this office which is designed to help folks plan community booths at fairs. The name of this bulletin is "Planning a Community Fair Booth." It suggests how a fringe

they were born. This lends strength to the concept of a "national community."

They are living better. By any method of measurement that one might use, our level of living continues to rise.

People are better educated. Although they may be well educated, many folks are finding that the education of a few years ago is not enough today. A "back-to-school" movement of both an informal and formal nature is evident.

There is less drudgery in homemaking today. Although studies show that there is little change in the amount of time a homemaker is devoting to her job, there is great change in the kind of work she is doing and in the energy requirements of the job.

There are many demands on young homemakers. The greatest demands come at the time when they are least prepared to cope with them.

If you apply the trends mentioned above to yourself and your community I'm sure you'll agree that the concerns and problems they present give us a picture of modern living.

Our program planning meeting will consider these problems and try, in a small way to meet some of these needs of our Morrow county people in our extension unit program.

4-H or any group, for that matter, can plan an effective booth or exhibit for a fair. Included are tips on planning, construction, materials and color use. If your group can use one let us know.

The Willamette County Stockgrower's Association have recently announced a feeder lamb sale sponsored by this group to be held at the Enterprise Auction Yards at 1:00 PM August 18. Anyone looking for feeder lambs can be assured of a good supply at this sale. Also of interest to sheepmen should be the 32 annual Oregon Ram sale which will be held at the Pendleton Round-Up livestock sales pavilion in Pendleton on Saturday, August 16. The sale will start at 10:00 AM and offers over 200 head of Rambouillet, Lincoln-Rambouillet crosses, Hampshires, Corriedales, Columbias, and Suffolk rams. On August 2nd the 18th annual Willamette Valley Ram sale will be held at the Linn county fair grounds in Albany starting at 10:00 A. M. More than 240 head of the Willamette Valley's finest purebred yearling stud rams, range lambs, and ewes are listed including Romney, Lincoln, Corriedale, Columbia, Cheviot, Shropshire, Hampshire, Southdown and Suffolk.

This week is National Farm Safety Week. Oregon is joining with the nation in an all-out effort to halt farm accidents

which each year inflict a heavy loss to Oregon's economy. While this week is a special one to stress the importance of avoiding all types of farm accidents we should be on guard during the whole year against such losses. Even though we are ever aware of the dangers lurking on the farm, many accidents occur regardless of the many precautions taken. Not only our farm families but everyone should practice safety throughout the entire year.

Considerable interest is being shown this summer in weed control with participation in a special agricultural conservation program practice which assists in a cost sharing payment on an approved weed control program on the farm. Farmers from every community in the county have or are planning to take advantage of this assistance in an effort to control noxious weeds on their farm. Farmers have signed up for the control of Russian Knopp weed, morning glory, white top and Canadian thistles. Chemicals being used are 2-4-D, TBA, PBA, sodium chlorate and amino triazole. Harold Wright, Rhea Creek farmer, reported this

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## Dr. James Norene

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## CORRECTION --

In Our Last Week's Ad On USED APPLIANCES

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### Plunder Road

Gene Raymond Jeanne Cooper, Wayne Morris

Sun., Mon., July 27, 28

### I Married A Woman

George Gobel, Diana Dors, Adolphe Menjou. ADDED: "Dance Demons" with Les Brown and his orchestra. Sunday at 4, 6 and 8.

Tues., Wed., July 29, 30

### Jubal

Glenn Ford, Ernest Borgnine, Rod Steiger.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## Curly "Eggs" 'Em In

Well, we've had drive-in restaurants, drive-in movies, drive-in banks. Now a drive-in eggery. It was inevitable.

Curly Rice and his Missus have sold eggs retail at their place for some time. "But all that running back and forth," exclaims Mrs. Rice, "it fairly wore you out."

"So we set aside one room for the egg business. We enlarged a window about car height, and circled the driveway past it. It's efficient—but it cuts 'visiting'

with customers and you know how I love to talk!"

From where I sit, I'll go along with Curly's wife—because there's nothing like good talk between good neighbors—especially when there's a healthy difference of opinions. Now you might like some cider to help the conversation along—I happen to prefer a glass of beer. As long as we agree on our right to disagree what does it matter?

Joe Marsh

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