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## Pickling Problems

The results of a recent research study into the problems of producing perfect pickles were published by an Oregon State College expert who earned his doctorate in this field. When a pickle professor presents pickle problems you can be sure that they are the real McCoy.

Until we read this pickle pamphlet we hadn't realized that the pickle people were having so many problems. Now we know that perfect pickles come only from precise processes and that is something.

Poor processes may produce soft or slippery pickles, shriveled pickles, pink pickles, pale pickles and other pickle perplexities. We were particularly impressed and astounded to find out that hollow pickles are the result of hollow cukes. This research discovery is one of the last things which would have occurred to us.

Our main concern about pickles has occurred

after we have partaken of peach pie and pickles, and similar combinations. In some instances these products have produced a sort of pickle palsy in us which we wish some precocious professor could tell us how to prevent.

We assume that the pickle professor, having produced a very popular paper on pickle packing will soon turn his talents to the study of other pickle peculiarities and perplexities and will come up with some prescription for cucumber cramps and similar sicknesses. Anyone with a passion for pickles knows that these are not pickling problems.

We hope that there will be enough money in the college budget to pursue pickling problems further with a view to providing some popular prescription for pickle palsy so people won't have to be so particular about the pickles they partake.

We confidently leave this project in the laps of the pickle professors handling the college cucumber curriculum.

—Willow County Chieftain, Enterprise

## TO THE EDITOR...

To The Editor:

From some of the records collected on Flood Control on Willow Creek by Government Agencies I find are quite interesting and fact revealing. I have been able to look into some of these records and am pleased to pass some of this along to you as Editor of our Morrow county paper and the many readers.

Summer storms are sudden and violent with intensely heavy rainfall over the upper portion of the Willow Creek Basin. This is in the form of cloudbursts and occurs generally in June. The earliest of major floods of which there are historical records occurred in 1883. This flood destroyed a large part of the early improvements and drowned livestock but there was no known loss of human life. The reported highwater marks of the 1883 flood exceed any other flood stages known in the valley. Another major flood occurred in 1888. This flood appears to have been lower than the floods of 1883 and 1903, but together with improvements, livestock, etc. along the way, two lives were reported lost.

The flood of June 14, 1903 was the most destructive flood that has occurred in the Willow Creek basin. This storm centered in the headquarters region of Balm Fork and Willow Creek above Heppner. The precipitation of this storm was one and one-half inches in 20 minutes. The steepness and bareness of the watershed resulted in an immediate run-off of approximately two-thirds of the total rainfall. The

flood caused the loss of 247 lives, and property damage of \$350,000. All this is, of course, more or less history, but it is factual. Two other floods of major proportions have also occurred, one in 1905 and the other in 1934. In the 1905 flood, five lives were lost and there was considerable property damage. Also in addition to the 5 disastrous floods of major proportions which have occurred during the 60 year period of historical flood record, there has been about 10 minor floods resulting from lesser storms but which caused considerable damage in particular sections. However, the probable occurrence of the cloudburst type of storm causing major floods in any definite period of years is dependent on so many unrelated factors that reliable forecasting is impossible. Two major floods could occur in one summer or even within one week. And it is possible for floods even greater than those of 1883 or 1903 to occur. This because the center band and outer perimeter of this type of storm might easily cover a wider area.

Now, according to the "308" report prepared by the North Pacific division of the Corps of Engineers, Oct 1, 1948, the most practical solution of the flood problem appears to be the construction of detention reservoirs to halt the first precipitous rush of flood waters by making adequate flood control storage available. A plan as recommended consists of a multiple purpose dam and reservoir on Willow Creek immediately above Heppner, and improvements to increase the channel capacity through the city. The dam would be a straight concrete gravity structure (some have suggested earth filled dam) with a crest length of 1,275 feet, including 1000 feet of overflow spillway section. The spillway crest would be 96 feet above the present stream bed and providing a reservoir of 5000 acre feet capacity. Of this storage there would be 1300 feet for flood control.

As said, Willow Creek is subject to short duration storms of the cloudburst type. The proposed improvement would eliminate nearly all the potential flood damages in Heppner and about 90 percent of the damages in Willow Creek Basin below Heppner. Benefits from increased land use of stream frontage properties all along the creek would be realized. Total annual benefits occurring to the project are estimated at more than \$200,000. The benefits comprise prevention of the probable loss of life during major storms, allaying the fear of floods, enlargement of the local tax base, and increased security for the residents of Heppner and sections in the flood plain.

In conclusion, the "308" report says: the benefits that can be evaluated, are 95 percent of the cost. The report also states, "It may be possible to include additional local flood control improvements." Today the corps not only evaluates the flood control benefits and supplemental irrigation water but is also now able to evaluate the recreation benefits.

No funds have been made available for revision of the study to bring the Heppner Flood Control Project to an authorized project. And since the people of our area are desirous of having the project properly appraised a re-study will have to be initiated to bring it in line for an authorized project. I am happy to report that our Water Development Committees are being reactivated and that a re-study will be initiated now soon. So far as the cost is concerned, we will need to rely almost 100% on an appropriation from Congress. The cost of the dam and reservoir and downstream channel improvement through Heppner are estimated at \$5,290,000. Recognizing the dire need that we have here a concluding statement in the famous "308" report makes this interesting observation: "The benefits are believed sufficient to completely justify the proposed expenditures."

Oscar E Peterson,  
County Judge

## LEXINGTON

Mr and Mrs Norman Miles have been visiting his mother, Mrs and Mr Jim Dunbar and brothers, Mr and Mrs Franklin Miles and children and Dexter Miles from his home in California.

Let's not forget the women's meeting of the Women's Fellowship group will be Sept 16, Tuesday afternoon at the church at which time we will have Rev Hugh Ferrell as speaker. This is the first meeting since the summer vacation, so let's all get started again.

Phone your news items to 6-9228.

## From The County Agent's Office

By H. C. Anderson

Several have asked what has happened to this column during the last two weeks. It is gratifying to know that there are people who miss it and our only excuse is that the activities of county fair and attendance at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in Seattle last week slowed down the output of this office, our news column being one of the

Even though our county fair is a thing of the past, it was so successful that a few words are timely, in my opinion, on the highlights. All departments had increases in the exhibits over the past years with the exception of flowers and grain and hay. Flower enthusiasts tell us that the weather was not too conducive to good exhibits. However, we don't know what happened to the grain and hay exhibitors. Surely their absence was not because of a shortage of grain or hay of top quality this year. Barn space was at a premium for the first time since barn facilities were increased a couple of years ago. The moving of the grain and hay exhibits from the barns to the fair pavilion provided more room for a better exhibit of hay and grain as well as providing additional space for hog and sheep pens. Forty additional pens were provided this year for hogs and sheep with all being filled. The additional space was necessary partly because of an exhibit of 103 pigs and 32 dairy animals. The largest dairy exhibit in past years has been 9 head; the largest hog exhibit 45. Already superintendents of the various livestock divisions are planning how they might increase facilities to take care of these increased exhibits. With 16 young boys and girls catch-

ing pigs in the annual pig scramble we know that there will be a big pig exhibit again next year. Those catching pigs must exhibit the gilt or one of its offspring at the next year's fair.

Inside exhibitors and especially the superintendents of the various home economics divisions were quite thankful of the annex completed the day before the fair started. This provided a much needed space and facilities. 4-H home economics exhibitors and participants in demonstrations and contests were very much enthused with the facilities which made it much easier for their complete program. It will do much to encourage additional activities by that group in another year. The 4-H style revue again attracted an audience over 400 and one of the largest groups yet attended the 4-H and FFA fat livestock auction on Thursday evening. 4-H and FFA members are grateful to those who supported their auction sale and for the good prices received. This year's average sale prices were: hogs, 34 cents compared to 35 cents in 1957; sheep, 33 cents compared to 30 cents in 1957; beef, 34 cents compared to an average sale price of 38 cents in 1957. Spirited bidding between the Heppner Pine Mills and Morrow County Grain Growers resulted in the grand champion beef selling for \$1.05 with the Morrow County Grain Growers making the last bid. The Heppner Pine Mills came back to purchase the reserve champion beef as well as paying 70 cents a pound for the grand champion lamb. Jim Valentine bought the reserve champion lamb for 50 cents a pound while Orville Cutsforth bid 70 cents a pound for the grand champion pig with Gene Cutsforth paying 50 cents a pound for the reserve champion.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times  
September 13, 1928

Mrs J P Cochran and daughter, Miss Dayal Cochran, recently of Canyon City, this week took over the management of the Heppner hotel with negotiations pending for purchase from Pat Foley of The Dalles, the present owner.

D A Wilson, Alva Jones, E R Schaffer and father were hunters going to the timber early to be in readiness for the opening of the deer season. They left town Saturday.

Gay M Anderson, Paul Gemmill and Dr A H Johnston were included in a party of hunters leaving town this morning.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Thompson of Willow Creek departed on Saturday for a short vacation.

Snow fell in the mountain district of Morrow county on Tuesday night.

Mr and Mrs Frank Shively and Merle and Billy Beckett, sons of Mrs Shively, returned home the first of the week from their vacation trip, having been gone from Heppner about two weeks.

mately 14,000 county agents who belong to the National Association 1067 were in attendance.

Membership is made up of county agents of all states, Alaska and Hawaii. All were represented this year. During the 5 day annual meeting much of the time was spent on professional improvement toward the objection of the cooperative extension service which is "the development of people themselves to the end that they, through their own initiative, may affectively identify and solve the various problems directly effecting their welfare." Sandwiched in with the committee meetings, talks and discussions, was a boat trip arranged by the Washington county agents to Victoria, B C on Tuesday. I enjoyed the annual meeting, not only for the professional improvement it afforded through committee meetings and reports but through the contacts with agents from other states and with visiting with them about problems and programs which they have in their respective counties. It was especially interesting to visit with some of the southern county agents as well as the representation from Hawaii and Alaska. I found that in Alaska one of the popular 4-H projects is the sled dog project. Boys and girls raise and train sled dogs as their project. In visiting about the importance of such a project we find that it could correspond quite comparable to raising and training a saddle horse or carrying a breeding project of beef, sheep, swine or dairy.

Andy Van Scholack, Heppner called at the office early this week to discuss sheep tick control and to get recommendations for spraying of their ewes in the near future. The Van Scholacks have carried out a sheep tick control program spraying at

shearing time and in the fall when conditions were such that they might. They are very much sold on the idea of treating for sheep ticks in the fall to rid the ewes of this pest before going into the winter months. Gains are much better and ewes are free of ticks at the time that the lambs are born. By eliminating ticks now there will be none to go on the young lambs next spring. Sheep ticks feed on the blood of their host causing irritation and reducing the vitality of the animal. There may be loss of wool by rubbing. Lambs

**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**  
In memory of sister Bertha Johnson who died Aug 28, 1958. Again that unwelcome yet relentless visitor, death, hath entered the portals of our lodge room and summoned a dear sister to the beautiful home beyond. Her zealous work in the interests of our beloved order and her life laden with gentleness and kind deeds, has won for her the plaudit of the Good Master and will cause her name to be cherished in the affectionate memory of our lodge.

And, whereas, the all wise Father hath called our beloved sister to the New Jerusalem, and she having been faithful and ardent worker in the teaching of Friendship, Love and Truth therefore, be it

Resolved that Mistletoe Rebekah Lodge No 25 in testimony of her loss, and to express its Rebekah love, drapes its charter in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased sister our sincere condolence and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

Ethel Robinson,  
Mildred Wright,  
Emma White  
Committee

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With Clark Gable, Doris Day

Tues., Wed., Sept. 16, 17

### Viva Zapata

With Marlon Brando, Jean Peters



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### She's Got Dad's "Number"

Dad Fowler and his Mrs. are about to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary—so I asked them if there's any "secret" to this kind of wedded bliss.

"Oh, we've had our arguments," said Dad, "but for fifty years I made it a point to count to fourteen before any argument could turn into a real quarrel. Fourteen—because that's exactly the amount of money I had the day we were married."

"From now on," smiled Mrs. Fowler, "you better count to

twelve. The two dollars for the marriage license was mine."

From where I sit, we all need some kind of formula for getting along with each other. The best one I know is "tolerance"—the business of live and let live. It has to do with little things, too, like your preference for tea, and mine for beer. Let's count to ten, twelve or fourteen—and never let our differences turn into quarrels.

Joe Marsh

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## To Those Away...



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