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What Kind?

There will be federal legislation dealing with the problem of the medical needs of the aged. The question is what kind.

One proposal, which seems to have developed considerable support, particularly in political circles, would give medical, hospital and nursing home benefits to everyone drawing Social Security payments, whether or not they are in need. The dangers in this have been pinpointed by Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Fleming.

The proposal calls for a 1 per cent increase in the Social Security tax to meet the added costs. But this, the Secretary says, would be inadequate. In addition, there would be insistent pressure for improving the schedule of benefits and lowering age requirements. So the project, in his words, "...

could easily lead to an addition of 4 to 5 per cent to the presently scheduled 9 per cent rate. This increase, plus the increase that will be required under the retirement, survivorship, and disability features of the program, could very well bring the payroll tax up to somewhere between 15 per cent and 20 per cent. That, coming on top of all our other taxes, would certainly approach if not reach an unbearable point.

The best solution to the problem so far proposed is found in the Mills bill, which passed the house by voice vote. It is a voluntary plan. It would provide medical aid for the actual needy—not everyone who has reached a certain age, regardless of his financial status. And it is based on federal-state cooperation, with heavy emphasis on local responsibility and administration. It deserves Senate approval, and the President's signature. —Industrial News Review

From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

Several farmers have dropped by the office since harvest time to discuss variety and the experiences of themselves and others in yield, test weight and other characteristics of a good variety. Some have asked about sources of seed and in most cases we have been able to direct them to a source. A number have asked about Alpine barley. We do not have a definite source of Alpine and this office would appreciate very much if there were farmers who had Alpine to sell if they would let us know. Alpine has gained in popularity in the short while it has been grown in Oregon as a winter variety. It is by far, the most winter hardy variety we have and has yielded quite well in those areas where it is best suited. Through our experiences and in visiting with various ones in neighboring counties we find that it appears to do best when seeded after October 1st. At least, we have heard of better yields and more people satisfied with the variety when seeded at a later date.

Kenneth Smouse, Ione topped the market last week with his group of 32 market hogs shipped through the Pendleton Grain Growers swine marketing dept. with a gross price weight per hundred of \$20.64. Kenneth Peck, Lexington was close behind with \$20.47. Smouses' hogs yielded 70.2% while Peck's yielded 69.2%. Most all graded U S No 1. These hog growers along with others in Morrow county are doing a fine job in producing good meat type hogs. Improvement in type as well as gaining ability, size of litter and those things that make for higher profits are not being overlooked by those who intend to stay in the hog business for any length of time. As an example, Kenneth Smouse recently in farrowing some sows, had an average of 12 pigs each. While a 3 pound pig at birth is a very large pig, at least one of the sows farrowed pigs weighing from 3.1 to 3.9 pounds with a 3.5 pound average. With this weight, these little pigs can get off to a good start and reach market weight at an early date. In order to farrow these kind of litters, sow nutrition is important. Research has shown that the litter that the sow farrows is definitely affected by her nutrition during the gestation period. They have found that as many as twenty eggs may be shed by the sow at the time of ovulation, and these eggs may be fertilized. But if the nutrition of a sow during the gestation per-

iod is not up to standard, the sow may have five, six, seven or eight pigs. Two important things in a sow's ration are vitamin A and animal protein. Vitamin A is normally supplied to the sow through alfalfa hay, either ground or long, or supplied by pasture. The animal protein may be supplied from powdered milk, fish meal, tankage, meat scrap, or a combination of these materials. Most of our good hog growers have learned that they must mix a balanced ration not only for the sows but for getting the little pigs off to a good start as well as growing and finishing them.

As the summer continues there has been a number of people ask what causes brown areas in their lawn. While these areas may be diseased, we have found few of them to be such. Often you will find hard compacted dry soil if you dig down into such a spot. Spiking such areas will be of help in getting water to penetrate. Sometimes holes are punched and sand or sandy loam added to maintain a more open soil condition and a continued penetration of water. Brown areas or a uniform lack of green color can also be a need for more fertility as well as moisture. An application of one of the nitrogen fertilizers at this time of the year will generally perk up the lawn and prolong the growing season into late fall with a nice even green color.

Some time ago the Western Livestock Marketing Research committee printed a small booklet of information on livestock shrinkage. One of these was provided for each county agent's office. Showing it to a number of ranchers, several ask if there

would be a possibility of getting more. We have a few copies of this information booklet on hand on a first come-first served basis. The little booklet is full of information on shrinkage and carries a table giving the actual prices per hundred weight with shrinkage deducted for a given offer. For instance, with a \$25 offer the grower would actually receive \$24.50 with a 2% shrink; \$24.25 with a 3% shrink; \$24 with a 4% shrink; \$23.50 with a 6% shrink and \$23 with a 8% shrink. There is also a table which shows what a person would have to get in price per hundred weight to compensate for shrinkage. For instance, if he wished to net \$25 he would need \$25.51 with a 2% shrink; \$25.77 with a 3% shrink; \$26.04 with a 4% shrink; \$26.60 with a 6% shrink and \$27.17 with a 8% shrink. Using these tables the booklet points out that the highest price per pound doesn't necessarily mean the highest return per animal. It depends upon how many pounds are counted. A lower pound price on cattle as they stand on your ranch can be more profitable than a higher pound price when the buyer is allowed to subtract too many pounds for shrinkage. For instance, if cattle sold with a pencil shrink are weighed early in the morning with an over night stand, then the buyer is getting the benefit of two shrinkages in the weight. If your animals are moved off the ranch and weighed on scales away from the ranch, the weight of the cattle shrink some more. It's up to you to know how much and to allow for it.

If you are interested I am sure you will find the booklet full of information.

See you at the fair with your blue ribbon exhibits!

Nearly one-fourth of the hay grown in the United States—23% is estimated lost during field curing according to one of the leading agricultural colleges. This is

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette Times August 21, 1930

A big black horse belonging to Chris Brown was killed when struck by lightning on the Brown place in the electrical storm of last Friday evening.

Young people from Heppner who visited Hildaway spring on Sunday were Anna and Marvin Wightman, Louise Thomson, Luola Benge, Gladys Benge, Isabel Dutton, Claude Conder, John Parker and Earl Hallock.

Mrs Carl Leathers gave a bridge party Thursday night. Those present were Elvira Bleakman, Mary Saling, Marie Saling, Zetta Bleakman, Delsie Bleakman, Mabel Leathers and Mrs Carl Leathers.

A lot of hay, especially when it is selling for \$30.00 a ton or more. We would like to think that our average is lower than the rest of the country and while most of our ranchers are doing a good job in getting their hay up in good shape, there are some improvements that can be made.

One of the modern contraptions that I like very well is the swather. While this idea has been experimented and played with for many, many years, it is only recently, evidently, that satisfactory swathers for alfalfa hay are being manufactured. While I grew up in a country where all grain was swathed, I can never remember of hay being swathed—there must have been a reason. With the newer type swathers that have been invented, an excellent job of hay harvesting is being done. There are several in operation throughout the country. While visiting recently at the Krebs Brothers ranch near Cecil, we thought that Dick's enthusiasm for a swather was a bit high. However, in checking with others that are using them, we find that this is pretty much the same for all. Dick likes the ease and speediness, as well as replacing two mowers and two rakes with one ten foot propelled swather. This, of course, cuts down on needed equipment and man-power, at the same time lays the swath permanently to be picked up by the baler. We know most hay men would agree that this would be worth a lot as many leaves are lost in the raking process. While some criticized the cutting job as not being low enough, we have examined the stubble of several fields cut with the swather and cannot imagine why anyone would want to cut the one-inch or less of coarse



BUSINESS THERMOMETER

The filings of domestic and foreign corporations by the Oregon Corporation Commission furnish an accurate census of business progress in the state.

It is relied upon and used generally and widely by fiscal enumerators and publicity, sta-

Smiths To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The family of Mr and Mrs George Smith wish to extend an invitation to all friends to attend an open house in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, August 21 from 2 to 5 p m at the Carl McDaniel home.

stubs. Examining these stubs we found that the next crop was sprouting readily and would be on quicker than usual. We think the swather is one of the modern labor saving devices that are replacing many of our machines here today. Of course, nothing will replace cutting forage at the right stage of maturity if we are to avoid the rapid drop in feeding value as the crop ripens. We think the swather has a place in getting the job done quickly with a higher quality hay.

While we are talking about cattle it might be well to remind our growers that cattle grub control may be carried out any time now until the 15th of November. On Tuesday while out on some farm visits, one of our ranchers was spraying his cattle for fly control. This would have been an excellent opportunity to use one of the organic phosphate compounds which are so extremely effective in control of grubs if applied properly at the right time. This would have not only given him the grub control which is so important for the best gains and market price of cattle, but also would provide effective control for lice and flies. Research by Oregon State College entomologists indicate there is no significant difference between the results obtained from giving a bolus orally or from spraying. Work done at many of the western colleges as well as experience by cattle growers show that cattle grubs and lice can be effectively controlled with the same application of these new sprays.

GOVERNOR ON VACATION

A 10-day vacation started last weekend for Gov Mark Hatfield. Where? Top secret! Most of the 10 days will be spent in Oregon. A coffee shop bet on that? "Two will get you five," that he will not leave the state.

YOUNG OFFENDERS

In a letter to the chairman of the rules committee of the U S House of Representatives, Atty. General Robert Y Thornton Friday asked the committee's chairman, Rep Howard W Smith (D. Va.) to approve a bill to provide funds for treatment of juvenile offenders.

Thornton said "too little effort is being made to the preventative aspects of the crime and delinquency problem." The Oregon Attorney General told Smith about his own efforts to prevent crime, and said that spending of even a little money on it would result in great savings in the future.

SUIT INVITED

An invitation to the Harvey Aluminum Co to bring suit in circuit court immediately to settle the controversy over valuation of the company's plant in The Dalles, was extended by the Oregon Tax Commission Thursday.

The commission valued the plant at 42 million dollars, while the Wasco County Board of Equalization set it at 19 million.

The commission said in a letter to the company that "good faith (Continued on Page 5)

Don't cross your bridges until they're a Rhapsody of Steel. Star Theater, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Don't Scream for Ice Cream

Doc Davis, the young dentist, moved into town only three months ago—but already he has a thriving business, especially with children.

I found the secret of his success when I stopped by Pop's Drugstore for a sandwich the other day. A small-fry walked in and handed a card to Pop.

Pop immediately went to the ice cream freezer. As he started scooping a cone, I asked him if I could see that card. It read: FOR GALLANTRY IN THE DENTIST'S CHAIR—ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY—PLEASE PRESENT THE BEARER

WITH A DOUBLE-SCOOP ICE CREAM CONE, ON ME, DOC DAVIS. From where I sit, it's good when a man can deal with people through understanding. He's the sort of fellow who respects the preferences of others though they may differ from his own... a tolerant man who offers his neighbor a glass of beer even though he, himself, may prefer lemonade. Take it from me, tolerance is the "painless" way to build a strong community.

Joe Marsh

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See the Chevy Mystery Show in color Sundays, NBC-TV



"These trails would shake the cab off an ordinary truck... but not our Chevy"

Few trucks are subjected to the body-cracking beatings that are part of a day's work for this Chevrolet Series 60 pulpwood hauler. It's owned by J. E. Fox, North Carolina logging contractor. As Bobby Fox, a partner in the business says, "Loaded with pulpwood, we drive over stumps and potholes you'd think would tear the truck to pieces. These trails would shake the cab off an ordinary truck, but not our Chevy. We can average an extra load a day... make \$45 to \$50 a day more with this Chevy than we can with the others."

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