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Judge Peterson Comments . . .

Harvey Aluminum and the Bonneville Power Administration announced the signing of a 20-year contract for the supply of electrical power for an aluminum reduction plant to be built in the Northwest. The agreement provides for 75,000 kilowatts of firm and 75,000 kilowatts of secondary power. Site selection is to be made by July 1, 1961, with scheduled operation of the facility in 1963.—THE DALLES OPTIMIST.

Judge Oscar Peterson, Morrow county, comments:

"The above 20-year contract involves the same amount of power as is now being used by the Harvey Aluminum plant at The Dalles. The Board of Directors of the company has authorized the construction of a mill which will increase the capacity of the company for fabricating mill products to over 150,000 tons per year. The

company's comparison present facility is 60,000 tons per year.

"All this means that the economy of some place in Oregon or Washington will be greatly increased by the construction of this new plant. We cannot help but be greatly elated over this bit of prosperity which is in prospect for one of our neighboring communities. Some 500 people are employed at The Dalles plant of which at least three-fourths were local residents.

"However, Harvey Aluminum is presently involved in a tax dispute in its present location. Last year the company paid into the county of Wasco \$269,000 in taxes on an assessed evaluation of 19 million dollars. This evaluation was later raised to 23 million by the Wasco County Equalization Board. Still later the State Tax Commission set the evaluation at 43 million dollars. The controversy is now in the courts for a final decision and a hearing is set for Nov. 28.

"It is hoped this controversy can be settled early and that the tax climate will be such that the additional plant will be located in Oregon."

Boardman News

By MARY LEE MARLOW

"New Rooms for Old," a guide to do it with fabrics in remodeling homes, was viewed by members of the Boardman Tillicum Club and guests Tuesday night of last week at the home of Mrs. Ralph Skoubo.

Fifty-six color slides were shown in showing the "before" and "after" treatment of the city apartment and home, as well as the country home, ending up with a four story town house. Mrs. Wayne Kuhn showed the slides, with commentary by Mrs. Ronald Black.

The program is put out annually by the Celanese Corporation of America, trusting that the many suggestions given will inspire people to try the ideas in

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From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

Because of an alert rancher who has acquainted himself with various noxious weeds and their characteristics a serious pest has been identified in Morrow county. While we have thought for some time that there was or soon would be an infestation of the medusa head rye in Morrow County it was only last Friday that it was actually identified in the county.

Paul Webb, rancher on upper Rhea Creek reported what he thought to be medusa head. Taking me to the infestation in Balm Fork the weed was definitely identified. Unless there are large infestations otherwise unknown these are small enough for control if steps are taken now to eradicate it.

Where left to increase the weed has taken ranges in many counties in the west. Stockmen report that animals will not eat this grass at any stage of its growth. It is an annual branching at the base with slender stems eight to 24 inches tall. While it grows somewhat like cheat grass, cheat grass cannot compete with it. Leaf blades are narrow and short and the flowers are in a very bushy spike. The grain with its closely investing bracts is like a small, very slender barley. If a range man were to determine whether this weed is important enough to be on a constant lookout for he would only need to visit with those who have lost their range to the invading pest. Now that we know that we have some in the county we will do

able to identify the weed. We are attempting now to get some hand-out material on the weed. In the meantime those who are interested might stop by the office and look at our plant.

Last week we asked for volunteers for several weed plots which we were arranging for demonstrations in cooperation with Oregon State College. We asked for a plot of two 10-acre cheat infested stubble areas where we might apply materials for chemical summer-fallow. These we have not yet found. John Proudfoot, Ione, has volunteered a field for the selective control of rye growing in wheat. We still need two four-acre plots of newly seeded wheat to apply everything to help people to be materials for the selective control of cheat grass. Frank Phipps, Oregon State College weed research man, called on Monday to inform us that he would not be back to the area until the middle of next week waiting for more seeding to be done in the Columbia Basin for plots such as these to be established. Let us know if you are interested in a plot on your farm.

For those who might be interested in the Oregon Beef Cattle Improvement program as well as International Performance Registry we invite you to participate in the weaning and weighing of part of the 1960 calf crop

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Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Steinke of Olex were Sunday visitors at the home of Steinke's sister, Mrs. Louise Earwood.

Mrs. Don Downey was hostess for a party at her home Sunday afternoon in honor of her son Jerry's eighth birthday. Guests were Mrs. Richard Waymire and Christy, Mrs. Harold Baker and Ronnie, Randy and Karen, Wayne Wooten, Bonnie Flug, Timmy Bellamy, Randy Stewart, Pat Crouch, and Wayne Downey.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Att and children Marilyn, Marsha, Dennis and Davey of Sunnyside, Wash., were weekend visitors at the home of Van Atta's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crouch.

Visitors the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl McQuaw were Mrs. Earl McQuaw's mother, Mrs. Jennie McQuaw of Portland, and Al Wilkins of Tacoma.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at River-view cemetery for Fred Hooper, former resident here, who died at Gaston Oct. 18.

at the Frank Anderson ranch on Thursday, Oct. 27. We will be working at this during the early afternoon of that day.

Pastor Rydgren To Serve Church As Representative

The Rev. John Rydgren has been appointed to serve as travel representative for the North Pacific district of the newly merging The American Lutheran Church.

The North Pacific district covers all of Oregon and Washington and part of Idaho. He is to arrange a special train for the young people of the churches in the district to travel to Miami Beach for the Luther League convention in August, and to attend the convention with the group from this district.

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The dress length given as a special prize was won by Mrs. LaVern Partlow.

Other guests included Mrs. Myron Watts, Mrs. Everett Daniels, Mrs. Eldon Shannon, Mrs. Arthur Allen, Mrs. Clyde Tannehill, Mrs. Carol Getz, Mrs. Adeline Baker, Mrs. Rollin Bishop, Mrs. Walter Hayes, Mrs. Nathan Thorpe, Mrs. Cecil Hamilton and Mrs. Frank Marlow.

The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Ray Gronquist Oct. 25.

Visitors the first of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Worden were Worden's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yaples of Crestline, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. George Skousen of Sierra Madre, Calif.

Mrs. Dean Ekleberry and daughter Shirley and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Delaney and daughter Brenda, all of Madras, visited at the home of Mrs. Ekleberry's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gardner have returned home from a week's vacation at the Anderson's summer home at Long Beach, Wash. Mrs. Anderson left Monday for Corvallis to visit her daughter, Barbara, who is attending O.S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strutz were in Portland Sunday to attend the Oregon State Bulldog Club dog show at the Armory. Saturday they visited at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Strutz at Vernonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Blighouse in Portland.

Mrs. Glen Carpenter accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson of Cannon Beach to La Grande over the weekend and visited at the

home of her sister, Mrs. Esther Emmons.

Nate Macomber is a patient at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland where he had back surgery last week. Mrs. Macomber is there with him.

Mrs. Frank Marlow visited three days last week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ernest Zerba, in Walla Walla. She also visited her sister, Mrs. Clarence Thomas and son Roy, who were there from Riggin, Idaho. Sunday visitors at the Marlow home were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Marlow, Pendleton.

Mrs. Ronald Black was hostess for the home economics club of Greenfield Grange Wednesday afternoon of last week at her home, with Mrs. Malph Skoubo as co-hostess. Members were reminded that next month would be election of officers. Also they were asked to bring any gifts for the state hospital in Pendleton to the next meeting.

Greenfield Grange met Thursday night of last week at the hall, with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Black and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Skoubo as hosts. The meeting started with potluck supper at 6:30, with a large crowd in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Skiles were admitted as new members. Guests were Hugh Brown of Pendleton and Don Hurlie of Hermiston. The ladies were asked to bring pies to sell at the election Nov. 8. Election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

Mrs. Earl Briggs, home economics chairman of Morrow County Pomona Grange, went to Heppner Monday to take entries to the canning contest. Winners included Mrs. Cecil Hamilton of Boardman who won first with dewberry jelly, and second with canned bing cherries. Mrs. Ray Drake of Heppner won first with canned apricots, and second with crabapple jelly. Esther Kirmis, county extension agent, was judge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Taylor and children Theresa, Jim, Rickie and Randy of Portland were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Jones.

Mrs. Earl Briggs was hostess for the Boardman Garden Club at her home Monday night, with Mrs. Algy Taylor as co-hostess. Sandra Thorpe and Toni Taylor assisted in serving refreshments. Mrs. Bernard Donovan was a guest. Roll call was answered by giving the name of a favorite house plant.

Mrs. Leo Potts presented an article on how to cut and take care of cut flowers. Mrs. Florence Root read articles on "How to Kill Weeds," and "Vacation Sanctuary."

The club voted to move the rose bushes at the Carpenter Motel to the cemetery.

"Food labels tell the inside story" was the subject of the meeting of the County Extension Unit Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Dewey West. Leaders and hostesses were Mrs. West and Mrs. Walter Hayes. Assisting in presenting the program were Mrs. Everett Daniels, Mrs. G. C. Delts and Mrs. Guy Ferguson.

The meeting started at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Ronald Black's subject for the "eye opener" was "Picking a conversation lead." Luncheon was served at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. William McMillan of Klamath Falls were visiting at the Lee Scribner home several days last week. Mrs. McMillan and Mr. Scribner are cousins.