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The other night we became quite rebellious and decided to write an article concerning the fact that so many Hermiston citizens are letting weeds, small trees and other forms of high grass overgrow vacant lots and park strips. The article was rather suggestive and "laid it on pretty thick." However, when we took a look at our own place the next morning we decided to let the matter rest until a more opportune time. We are saving the article and as soon as we have a chance to clean up our own lot we will publish the article.

It is interesting to note the various schemes used by various business houses on Main street to keep cool in this weather. They vary all the way from expensive machine to water trickling down gunny sacks and screen doors. The only catch in the proceedings is how much of a strain it will throw on Charles Taylor's water meters.

For those of us who are spending our vacations at our usual tasks it is some relief to see window displays such as the sea shore view in the Oregon Hardware & Implement window this week. We do not know exactly who is responsible for the scene but it has given us a certain amount of satisfaction to sit at our typewriter and look across the street at the cool, refreshing spray of the salty sea, and it has been a problem not to let our mind wonder. Let's have more of them.

## COLUMBIA NEWS

By Lois Hutchison

W. B. Foster recently elected an 18x14 garage and work shop. The building has a cement floor and will have electric lights and water un-

der pressure. Mr. Foster has also installed a new water system with electric pump, and storage tank to take care of all the farm needs. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cable and Dorene, who have been visiting in Canada and the state of Washington, returned home Saturday evening. Farm Bureau Auxiliary members

are well pleased at the fine cooperation received from the general public Saturday night at their social in Columbia school house.

Marian Casady, Del Christley, Barbara Reid and her friend, drove to Bingham Springs Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Simpson and son Kerby of Portland and Miss Bessie Hammer of Salem arrived Saturday for a visit at Miss Hammer's home here, and to attend the Conrad reunion. They returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Conrad of Enterprise spent Saturday night at the Lester Hammer home.

Mrs. Chaney of Stanfield called at the Henry Hooker home Friday.

The Duane Lathrop family is reported to be quite ill this week.

B. E. Getchell returned last Wednesday from Denver where he was employed by the U. P. railroad.

Duane Lathrop returned the first of the week from Enterprise where he spent several days.

Carl Johnson is coming from Spokane this week to be night watchman at the Ryland melon fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Colpitts made a business trip to Pendleton Monday.

Mrs. Tom Stewart and son Earl were visitors Tuesday morning at the Elmer Ryland home.

Visitors Sunday evening at the L. Hammer home were Mr. and Mrs. Court Conrad and daughters of Wematchee, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Follette and daughters Gloria and Oliva, and son Billy of Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lamon and son Eddy of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ford and son Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Parker are reported to have recently purchased a new Studebaker, Frigidaire and piano.

Percy Corman is putting up some buildings for the airport men at Umatilla.

A number of Columbia people enjoyed ice cream at the W. A. Mike-sell home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Vincent and son Albert and granddaughter Cherie of Newport spent Friday night at the Hammer home.

Mrs. Amanda Shaver had as her guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaver and children David, John and Paul of near Vancouver, Wn. Mr. Shaver is a son of Mrs. Shaver. Another son, Bud, was present and also a daughter, Mrs. Joy Emerson of Arlington.

Mrs. Cecil Rogers, sister-in-law of Mrs. T. Panages, and Mrs. Rogers' brother, Lloyd Banion of California, visited at the Panages home Monday.

Dulcinea Panages, who has been visiting her grandfather in John Day, returned home the first of the week.

Mrs. J. D. Pike of Grass Valley is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goodrich this week.

Mrs. W. S. Lindsey of Forks, Wn., arrived Monday to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. W. R. Struthers of this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Parker and family were Sunday visitors at the W. R. Struthers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Eaton of Free-walker were visitors at the Percy Corman home Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Anna Sprague of Newport was a dinner guest at the L. Hammer home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rohde and boys of Echo were Sunday evening visitors at the Baxter Hutchison home.

O. H. Buell and family had a picnic at Battle Mountain park Sunday.

Lois Hutchison spent Friday at her home here.

George Stevens and M. C. Cropper visited a short time Monday with W. H. Nebergal and Baxter Hutchison. Mr. Stevens had visited in Boise and Mr. Cropper in Spokane. They met here to continue on to California. They will visit the fair before going on to their home in the southern part of the state. Both men were residents of Pendleton for many years.

## IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. W. C. Isom

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Colter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Kenny and family, who have been vacationing in the Wallawa country the past few days, returned home Monday.

Bert Dexter spent Sunday here with his family.

Russell McCoy purchased the Emery Bedwell place recently. Mr. and Mrs. Bedwell expect to move to the Boardman community to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Arnsberg were Sunday visitors at Meacham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom visited their aunt, Mrs. Nettie Flower, at Heppner Saturday. They then motored to Monument where they visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Musgrave, also two nieces, Mrs. Earl Sweek and Mrs. Rho Bleakman and families. They returned home Monday evening.

Walter Grider and Clair Caldwell have ripe watermelons and are running their road stands.

Frank Fredrickson has picked approximately two tons of ripe watermelons. He motored to the Heppner country with a load of melons Tuesday.

Mrs. Marshal Markham left Saturday for Turner to attend a camp meeting.

The parsonage is being painted and new linoleum laid during the absence of Rev. and Mrs. Harness.

Considerable work is being done on the school building interior. Mr. Smith has the contract and is staying at the Caldwell home.

Miss Dusenberry, primary teacher, has sent in her resignation so will not be with us next year.

## Many Popular Nuts Are Grown in This Country

Most of our popular varieties of nuts are native Americans. The only real foreigners are English walnuts, filberts, almonds and the big chestnuts from Italy or Japan. No countries in the world are as rich in native nuts as North and South America, declares Martha Harmon in the Philadelphia Record.

Oddly enough, one of the most popular varieties does not happen to be a nut at all, though we call it "cashew nut." It is the external seed of the West Indian cashew fruit, growing at the broad tip of the pear-shaped fruit.

Then there are peanuts, which we are solemnly told are not nuts, either, though botanists say they are. Centuries ago, the peoples of Central America cultivated this plant and a number of varieties have been found buried with their mummies. When blossoms are in full bloom, long root-like stems grow and bury themselves underground and there produce the seeds or nuts. Other names for this nut are goober, groundnut, mani and monkey nut. Like the cashew, chestnut and pistachio, the peanut must be roasted to be edible.

Among the other popular nuts are the hickory nut, chestnut and pecan. Butternuts and black walnuts are the best-known of the true American walnuts but the timber of the latter tree is so valuable that most of the big wild trees have been cut down for lumber.

Although America is the home of many varieties of nuts, some have not been widely popularized and are hardly known. We think of acorns as hog food, but the Indians made a very good meal or flour from them to use in bread or cakes and some white oaks bear a sweet acorn that can be eaten raw.

The little three-cornered beechnuts are delicious. They grow in northern states. The chinquapin of the south and central states and the chinquapin of California are dwarf chestnuts. Pine or pinon nuts are used largely by the Indians.

## Eleven Is Holy Number In Switzerland Center

At Soleure, busy watchmaking center in the Jura, Switzerland, 11 is a holy number, according to a correspondent in the Los Angeles Times. The town, which dates back to 272 A. D., has 11 churches and chapels and 11 public fountains. Marble stairs lead in three times 11 steps to the entrance of the cathedral of St. Ursus, whose interior is adorned with 11 marble altars and 11 bells hang in the belfry.

A medieval clock tower with a complicated timepiece is another feature. The clock shows a king seated on his throne and at his sides stand two figures, one representing a warrior and the other death.

As soon as the hour strikes, His Majesty opens his mouth and counts the strokes of the clock with his scepter; the warrior marks the quarter hours by placing his right arm on his chest, and Death, with a grave nod of his head, reverses his hourglass every 60 minutes.

## Black Cat Superstitions

Meet a black cat at the beginning of the morning and at once you have a nice warm feeling that it's going to be a lucky day for you, says a writer in London Tit-Bits magazine. The origin of this pleasant superstition reaches back a long way, to the days of early Egypt. There the cat was regarded as a sacred animal, and, since the majority of the cats were sandy colored or tabby, a pure black cat was held in particular reverence. Aelurus, the Egyptian deity, was represented by a figure having a human body and a cat's head. Though generally accounted luck-bringers, in the Middle Ages black cats were, on the other hand, associated with witchcraft, and a powerful ingredient of a witch's foul brew was the brains of a newly slaughtered black tom cat. In the East, where cats roam about wild, a black cat passing you on your right side is considered lucky, but on your left, unlucky.

## Keystone in Arch Bridge

The stone at the very top of the simpler forms of arch bridge is known as the keystone, since it is the one that holds the whole structure together. The two end stones are called springers. Due to the nature of its construction, with wedge-shaped stones, the arch exerts at its spring, which is the level of the base of the springers, not only a downward weight but also a tendency to spread, which is known as thrust. For an arch to remain stable it is necessary for this thrust to be resisted adequately by abutments, buttresses, or, if the arch is a part of a building, by the walls themselves.

## When Britain Owned France

Almost 600 years ago an English army invaded France, and 76 years after this invasion a British king was crowned in Paris. The city of Calais, France, which remained in English hands for more than 200 years, has given the world one of the brightest examples of patriotic devotion when, upon the first coming of the English to lay siege to the city, six of her leading citizens, with halters about their necks, presented themselves to the invading English king, offering their lives to ransom their city from destruction.

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## BOARDMAN NEWS

By Ruth Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and daughter Edna visited at the Harry Ford home last week.

Edwin Ingles, former superintendent of the Boardman school, was a visitor on the project last week.

Lewis Geiss motored to La Grande Tuesday.

The first watermelons of the season are being shipped from the Falter place.

Mrs. Mike Wenker of Arlington is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Funkhouser.

Lewis Geiss, Donald Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Page and small son Rusty motored to La Grande Sunday.

Mrs. I. D. Gray of Los Angeles has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Art Allen.

Miss Phyllis Studie of Portland is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Nick Falter.

Turner Bond of Oregon City, who was en route to the Agriculture Instructors' convention at Halfway, stopped at the John Fisher home Sunday. His wife and small daughter Nancy accompanied him to La Grande where they will visit friends and relatives while he is at the convention.

## BETTE DAVIS IN "DARK VICTORY"

Bette Davis, who recently received the Award of the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences for the best performance of 1938 for her work in "Jezebel," is the star of "Dark Victory."

It is a story of great love and dauntless courage, both pitted against an implacable fate, and it offers the brilliant Miss Davis what she herself considers the greatest role of her very impressive career.

Bette is presented as the gay and carefree young leader of a rich "horsy" set of society folk. There is nothing of the spoiled and petulant young heiress about her. She's a very modern young thing but a thoroughly likeable one withal. Then love and destiny enter her life and bring about a complete metamorphosis in her character. The unusual drama is essentially the story of her thoroughbred courage in facing love that is greater than life itself.

Only an actress of Miss Davis' calibre would dare undertake a role which required such subtle shading of mood and character as is necessary to show the growth of an immature, pleasure-seeking girl into a woman who has tasted all life can offer and has triumphed above all fear.

## SHEEP CLUB HAS MEETING FRIDAY

The Hermiston Sheep club met at the R. E. Tiller farm on Friday, July 21. Members present included Francis and Dorothy Madison, Lois and Vern Hunt, and Kelly and Low-

ell Tiller. After the business part of the meeting inspection was made of the flock there and some judging was done.

Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Eugene Rugg.



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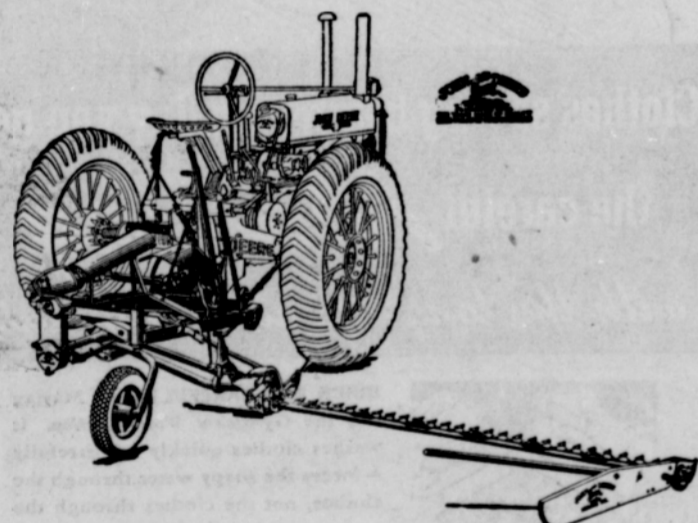
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