

**Peru Raising Animal For Its Rare Wool**

The vicuna, a rare animal of the high Andes prized for its fine wool, is being domesticated in Peru. More than 300 animals have been established on a hacienda near Puno in the Peruvian plateau region. President Manuel Prado, in a recent message to the Peruvian congress, told of the successful domestication of the vicuna. The vicuna is the smallest and rarest of a New World family of animals related to the camel. Other members of this family are the llama, the domesticated beast of burden of the Andes; the alpaca, a smaller member of the family which produces the alpaca wool of commerce, and the guanaco. The guanaco has never been domesticated. It is found in its wild state as far south as the Straits of Magellan. It is believed to be the animal from which the other three members of the family were derived. The vicuna is a small gazelle-like animal about two feet high at the shoulder, whose habitat is the upper valleys of the Andes, ranging from 14,000 to 16,000 feet above sea level. The vicuna has a coat of remarkably fine wool, said to be the softest of any known animal fiber. The wool is tan on the back, ranging to white on the underside of the animal. The vicuna has been hunted almost to extinction. So the governments of Peru and Bolivia enacted stringent laws to protect it. Only a small percentage of the male animals can be shot each year.

**Table Wastes Make Good Dessert for Laying Hens**

Cooky crumbs, stale bread, and other bakery or table wastes may be all right as a dessert for the laying hens, but don't try to give it to them for their full ration. Birds need the complete mash mixture in order to lay well. Bakery wastes can be substituted for part of the grain fed. Usually it is wise to limit the amount of scraps fed the birds to 5 or 10 pounds for every 100 pounds of mash used. This will provide a substantial saving in feed used, and will also make use of a large volume of waste products. Watch the prices, also, for the waste products cannot be worth more than a similar weight of grain, since they do not have special feeding properties. The easiest way to feed stale bread to chickens is to mix it with milk or water for a wet mash. Cooky crumbs and other flour products may be used, but cracker crumbs are not safe to use in too large amounts, as they may contain a high proportion of salt. Waste from fresh vegetables such as lettuce or cabbage leaves, makes a good green feed for hens.

**Navy and Marines**

The U. S. navy was founded in 1775 when the Continental Congress ordered 13 ships built. The first American fleet was organized on December 22, 1775, and Esek Hopkins was commissioned commander in chief, a title thereafter exclusively reserved to the President. Other grades and titles relative to army titles, although not established by law until 1862, were created in November, 1776.

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the founding of the marine corps. Marines were recruited from among seamen ordinarily employed in the fisheries and the trade with the West Indies.

**Explosives Blast Ore**

Steel, considered the index of business in this country because next to farming it is our greatest single industry, is dependent upon explosives for the production of its finished product. In the extensive pit mines of the Mesaba range in northern Minnesota explosives are used to loosen up the iron ore so that it can be handled by the steam shovels. In the bituminous mines of western Pennsylvania explosives are used to break down the coal to be made into coke for the reduction of this iron ore. In the big quarries of the lower Michigan peninsula explosives are used to blast out solid limestone, which is subsequently crushed and is used for a flux with the coke and the ore for the manufacture of iron and steel.

**Record Layer**

A bird of the New Hampshire breed was second at the Western New York test and took second place in the nation, by laying 339 eggs valued at 371 points, in the 31 weeks. This is the highest record ever made by a New Hampshire hen, and is also the fourth highest record ever made by a hen of any breed. The New Hampshire hen laid an egg every day for 213 days, from October 24 to May 24, to make what is apparently a new national egg laying test record for continuous production. The former top record for a New Hampshire hen was 332 eggs and 347.05 points, made by a bird from the Joachim Breeding farm of Riverton, N. J., in the 1942 Connecticut egg-laying contest.

**BOARDMAN NEWS**

By Margaret Thorpe  
Harold Hamlin "Dad" Weston was born at Anet, Michigan, on May 8, 1860. He spent his early life in the woods of North Michigan. He layed out the early trail in the Yellowstone Park. He came to Oregon in 1891 and settled at Cascade Locks, coming to Morrow county in 1901, locating at Castle Rock. He was one of the first school directors of District No. 25. At one time he operated a ferry line at Castle Rock. In 1918 he came to Boardman being one of the earliest settlers. It was through his suggestion that Greenfield Grange received its name, having received the idea from the great fields of green alfalfa that were so prominent in the early days. He passed away Saturday morning at the age of 84 at the Hermiston hospital after a five day illness with bronchial pneumonia. He has no known relatives but has three step daughters, Mrs. Adlie Broyles of

Sandy, Mrs. Breta Morgan of Boardman and Mrs. Awilda Bleakney of Mabton. Services were held Tuesday afternoon at Boardman with Robert Berger of The Dalles officiating. Pallbearers were: A. B. Chaffee, Andy Anderegg, I. L. Stout, T. E. Hendrick, Robert Wilson and Dan Ransier. Music was furnished by Flossie Coates, Laverne Partlow and Margaret Thorpe. Wednesday night was the final party of the Pollyanna club which has been going on in the HEC for the past three months. Cards and dancing were enjoyed and cake and ice cream were served. An error was made last week in regards to the turnout of the basketball games. The game at Ione Thursday night which was won by Boardman gave the boys a chance to play off a three-way tie. They played Echo Friday night but lost the game. Mrs. Frank Marlow spent Friday in The Dalles. Lawrence Tyler returned to his home Saturday after having recently

had an operation at the Pendleton hospital. Mrs. Boyle returned from Portland Saturday where she has spent several days visiting. Grange met Saturday night in regular session. The Juvenile officers were installed and about 8 new Juvenile members were initiated. The program consisted of a Valentine pantomime and several stunts by different members. Mrs. I. Skoubo spent the week end in Pendleton with Frances. Miss Ellen Etbauer, Miss Helen Brown and Mrs. Floy Washburn moved Saturday over the postoffice. Mrs. Root is expecting her mother to come and live where the girls moved out. Mrs. Gilbert Pettys spent the week end in Fort Lewis visiting her husband who is stationed there. Monday night was the show, followed by a shower for Mr. and Mrs. Therman Martin who recently had a fire. Buster Rands went to Portland this

week where he took his army physical. Sgt. and Mrs. Stanley Partlow are spending his furlough at the Paul Partlow home. Stanley is stationed in California. Mrs. Ruth Pettit and son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher. Miss Josephine McEntyre of Portland is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McEntyre. Robert Smith underwent an appendectomy Tuesday morning at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. (Held from last week) Monday night was the annual Mother-Daughter reception held at the school house. The program was held in the auditorium and consisted of the following numbers: Welcome, by Ivera Olson; My Ideal, vocal duet by Audrey Wilson and Chloe Barlow; "Cat's Meow", a playlet by Chloe Barlow, Margaret Emerson, Glenda Case and Dorothy Van Metre; The First

Bluebird, a musical reading by Dorothy Roach; Winter Wonderland, a vocal duet by Louise Hamilton and Evelyn Pearson; "Sure Cure", a playlet by Doris Wilson and Etta Jones; When Mother Goes Hush A Bye O, a vocal duet by Margaret Emerson and Dorothy Roach; February, a recitation by Bernadine Emerson; I'll Always Care, a vocal duet by Chloe Barlow and Audrey Wilson; Mother's, a reading by Evelyn Graham; Till We Meet Again, a vocal duet by Louise Hamilton and Evelyn Pearson; and the return address by Mrs. Case. The program was followed by games in the home economics room and lunch in the cafeteria.

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