

Prize Winning Country News Correspondent of U. S. A. Old School Friend of Local Resident

Ed. Note: The following article, reprinted from the July 29th "Time," is not only of literary merit, but of real local interest, for it centers about the country where Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pruitt of this city came from, and deals principally with a Mrs. Mary Mahoney of Ocala, Mo., who won the title of "best country newspaper correspondent in the United States," awarded by the editors of "Country Home." Mrs. Mahoney was a school friend of Mrs. Pruitt's. The Pruitts still take the Taney County Republican, a weekly paper of 875 circulation, in which the prize winning correspondence appeared, because it gives them so much real "human interest" news about the place and the people they used to know.

For the past 44 years Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Mahoney of Ocala, Mo., has been writing lines like these, honest as a furrow, compassionate as the curved hills of her native Ozark country, deary as a fence-post to a hound dog. But for this particular burst of cascading correspondence, printed one week last spring in the Forest, Mo., Taney County Republican, Mrs. Mahoney last week got \$50 in cash, a fine silver meat platter with a vegetable dish to match, a free trip to Manhattan and the title of "The Best Country Newspaper Correspondent in the U. S." from Crowell Publishing Co.'s rustic Country Home.

Ocala is a hamlet of 27 inhabitants, 15 miles from a railroad. Soon Mrs. Mahoney's husband's general store and the rest of the settlement will have to be abandoned because a hydroelectric project will cover it with a lake, and the Republican has a weekly circulation of 875 among the farmers of Taney county. Mrs. Mahoney's immediate reaction to her good fortune was to write to the prospect of her first Pullman ride and a visit to the nation's No. 1 city. But finally she told the editors of Country Home that she would come, "hoping the public will tote fair, and not expect too much, and that . . . you'll take care of me, and see that there is no unpleasant exploitation, for there is so much that is fantastic, and distorted about the hillbilly."

A plump and gentle little body of 58, Mrs. Mahoney's journalism is only a sideline. What she is really interested in is her poetry, which Missouri literary folk like Rose Wilder Lane would like to see properly published. A contributor of verse, letters and farm gossip to Country Home

for years, Mrs. Mahoney was partly responsible for the magazine's content, having suggested such an event last spring. Editor Wheeler McMullen, once director of an Ohio country paper, and Editor Russell Lord, who takes more pride in his Maryland farm than in the fact that he edited the Grand Duchess's royal memoirs, adopted the suggestion. Expecting a few bushels of submitted clippings, they got hales. More than a third of the 1,381 items warranted serious consideration. Excited by the response and quality of the material from the nation's most obscure reporters, Editors McMullen and Lord at once decided that "our prize offer was too puny for an event of such importance." So they upped the main prize by one silver meat platter, one vegetable dish to match and one trip to New York, created a number of special awards, scattered gratuitous \$5 bounties this way and that. The contest will henceforth be expanded and enlarged. "The prize offer will be multiplied several times."

Well might Country Home grow enthusiastic over their correspondents. Excerpts from the contributions displayed genuine simplicity, natural beauty, instinctive truth. As intuitive a piece of insight into the character of an ever-came from Willie Cather was the report of Deborah Whitaker on her trip to New Hampshire's governor's ball, as published in the Milford Cabinet and Wilton Journal. A poultrywoman on the verge of the event of her life, Mrs. Whitaker entered the ballroom, "closed my eyes and treated a prayer." Please God, don't let anyone mention chickens or the price of eggs. . . . Then someone asked us for a dance . . . quite tall and homely handsome. . . . He danced divinely with me. . . . Then he spoke: "How's the chicken business?"

Right out of the late great William Henry Hudson's The Naturalist in Louisiana came this bit from Mrs. J. W. Peterson of El Cajon Valley (Cal.) News: "An old family horse belonging to the Marcks brothers of Lakeside, and raised by them from a colt on their ranch above El Capitan, died last week. Last year he was turned out to green pasture, six 28 years of intimate and dependable service ended. Weeks on end, the old fellow roamed where he pleased and was seldom seen."

"Last Thursday Walter Marcks saw the old horse making his way slowly up the road. The animal came directly to him, where he was working behind the house. It seemed long some for the human companionship he had enjoyed during a long life. 'Old Bill' crashed his neck at the touch of Mr. Marck's stroking hand. 'A slight shudder then, and Old Bill sank to the ground.' And \$25 went to Davis Tattle, perceptible, philosophical columnist of the Caldwell Record of Lenoir, N. C. for what Country Home considered "the grandest piece of individual thinking and writing we have come upon for years."

"Last night I thought I heard a pack of foxhounds running, but as the sound came nearer I realized it was a flock of wild geese flying out of the north. 'The call, though faint, was strong enough to arouse the same geese on the place. The old Toulouse gander sent back an answering challenge to his wild cousins, while his mates stretched out their necks and screamed to the top of their long throats. They rushed along the dark ground, beating their wings and tipping the grass with their toes, only to wheel pitifully and try again. 'As much as they disturbed my sleep, I couldn't help be sorry for them. For once they were discontent with domesticity. The boundary of their world had suddenly grown larger than the barn lot, the grove, the garden and the orchard. Some were face to the south, waiting a wide, gray marshland, pale and misty under the warm southern moon—waited the winter haven for all the web-footed creatures of the air. . . . 'Dimly we recall, or rather sense a freer day when our forefathers had time to feel the seasons' change in them, to loaf in the warm sunlight and to drink in life like a healthy animal. . . . Our appetites have become too heavy, our senses too dulled to attend any call but that of ease or gain.'"

"The many friends here of Mrs. Viola Jackson were shocked and grieved to learn of her death, which occurred at a San Francisco hospital, July 22. Death was due to blood poisoning. She complained at noon of feeling ill due to a boil on her cheek. She was taken to the hospital and died in a very short time. She is survived by her husband, Frank E. Jackson and four sons, Clifford of Medford, Elmer of San Francisco, Leonard of the U. S. Navy and Earl of Rogue River and one daughter, Mrs. Agnes Oliver of Redondo Beach, Calif. The Jacksons are members of the Enterprise Grange at Wimer, of which Mr. Jackson is master. Mrs. Florence Botkin and Mrs. Leah Shepherd returned last Wednesday from a two months' visit at St. Louis, Mo., with Mrs. Claudia Music and family. They also visited other relatives enroute. Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Neimuth, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dengler, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Hart and one, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scott, Neil and Barbara, enjoyed a picnic supper Sunday evening on the banks of the Rogue. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Laws, Mrs. Ernie Blackburn and Orvajan, Arlie

FLOOD WATER CRUSHES OHIO HOME



A flood which struck Lancaster, Ohio, is shown in the picture snapped by an amateur photographer just after it had battered down the home in foreground occupied by William Johnson. Neighbors rescued the family. Damage in the area brought an estimate of \$2,000,000 as hundreds were made homeless. (From Associated Press)

city and Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland met for their in-county institute and picnic. County President Mrs. Augusta McCormick presided at both morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. Minnie Sams, president of the Rogue River union gave a reading, "Pledge with Wine" All enjoyed the picnic at noon where all became better acquainted. The afternoon session was opened by an address by Rev. George Crozier of Rogue River who claimed that the repeal had failed to do away with the unemployment or juvenile delinquency. He also spoke of the increase of crime since the repeal. The president named Mesdames Sams, Pratt, Littrell and Byers as a nominating committee to report at the county convention to be held at Ashland Sept. 26. The school election held Saturday afternoon, O. La. Crose was elected director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Will Hartman. 75 votes were cast. The wreckage, valued at \$300, consists of 117 of duraluminum sheets and framework of the body. Pension Boom Citizenship SALEM, Ore. (UP)—Demand for citizenship papers has been increased heavily since the old age pension movement began. Many persons who had been in the country for 30 years without attempting to become citizens are taking out their first papers, it was said. Phone 542 We'll haul away your refuse City Sanitary Service.

Regue River

ROGUE RIVER, July 31.—(Sp)—A large and appreciative crowd attended the play, "Dr. Townsend's Tonic," which was given by the Merline club at the community hall Saturday night, July 27. Ernest Rhodes of Grants Pass gave a short talk, which was heartily enjoyed. At the close of the program the crowd enjoyed the rest of the evening visiting and eating the lunch which was provided free by the Rogue River Townsend club. Mrs. Minerva Dengler of Grants Pass is spending this week the guest of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dengler. A very enjoyable gathering took place Thursday, July 25 in the city park when nearly sixty members and friends of the W. C. T. U. from this

MINISTERS OPPOSE SHARING OF FEES

YUMA, Ariz. (UP)—The Yuma Ministerial association is opposed to tipping bellboys and others, especially when it results in unfair distribution of the California marriage business. A resolution adopted by the association declared: "We disapprove the practice of tipping bellboys or others, thereby influencing applicants for marriage in their choice of an officiating minister, and we rely on the clerk of the court . . . to direct applicants for marriage licenses to the resident pastor of the church of their choice." Yuma, near the California border, has been the destination of many of Hollywood's movie actors and actresses, who "elope" here by airplane to avoid California's three-day wait for marriage licenses under terms of that state's "gin marriage" law. Presumably the ministers' resolution was aimed at better distribution of the movie marriages.

CLAIM GUM CHEWING AIDS FACIAL BEAUTY

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Chew gum and have a well-formed face. "This is the advice of Dr. Herman Beck, associate professor of dental medicine at the University of California college of dentistry here. "Chewing gum, as a form of exercise, stimulating in its effect on the facial muscles, may aid in the maintenance of a perfect face as athletic activities may maintain a perfect figure." He said in defense of those who like chewing gum.

HONEYMOON 30 YEARS LATE

CENTRAL LAKE, Mich. (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Johnson have waited 30 years for their honeymoon, and now they are finally going to take it. Johnson, who retired after 30 years as a rural mail carrier, will take Mrs. Johnson to Florida, a trip they had planned ever since they were married.

DANCE

At Bonney's Grill every Saturday night.

Courthouse News

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Marriage Licenses

Carl V. Stearns and Juanita Ernie Tate. Herbert A. Evans, Jr. and Enid R. Bowles. Edward Howard Williamson and Tallene Jackson. Peter Theodor Ployhart and Frances Ployhart. George W. Pierce and Anne Marie Wallstrom. Warren Doremus and Irwanda Bateman. Peter Hourcade and Dolly Jones.

Circuit Court

John Albert vs. G. A. Clemmons, et al; foreclosure of contract. Henry A. Korh vs. Gold Hill Irrigation Dist. damages. Estate of Robert C. Rueschaw, deceased; admitted to probate. Walter Vernon Moody, deceased; admitted to probate. Joe Kantor vs. Darby Fruit Company; damages. A. A. Schramm, supt. of banks vs. Elsie K. Grimmett, et al; foreclosure of assessment lien. Pearl Phelps vs. Elmer Phelps; divorce. Economy Lumber Co. vs. S. Melaine Herbert, et al; foreclosure of mechanic's lien. Portland Mortgage Co. vs. B. S. Radcliffe, et al; foreclosure of mortgage. Bernice E. Young vs. Dollis Matthews; to quiet title.

Real Estate Transfers

W. G. McDonald to Gretchen B. McDonald. QCD. \$1.00. Rogue Elk Resort. D. V. Kuykendall, et us to Klamath Western Co. SWD. \$10.00. Any property in Jackson County, Ore. George Renker to Ida M. Renker. QCD. \$1.00. Lot 6, Bix. 55, Central Point. Frances G. Wood to Dewey Givan. WD. \$10.00. SW of SW Sec. 32, Twp. 35 S. R. 1 West, and SE of SE Sec. 31, Twp. 35 S. R. 1 W. Paul M. Janney, Trustee to Standard Stations, Inc., Tr. D. \$10.00. Part Block 23, Ashland. M. C. Bowen to Dorothy Bobby.

WD. \$1.00. Land in Secs. 7 and 8, Twp. 39 S. R. 1 East. Alice E. Benson, et vir to Alpha E. Arthur. WD. \$10.00. Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 9, Twp. 40 S. R. 1 West.

Old Hotel Key Returned HANFORD, Cal. (UP)—After an absence of more than 20 years, an old key bearing a leather tag from the famous Erey hotel has been returned. Meanwhile the old landmark was destroyed by fire and a modern hostelry built on the site.

Are you serving a MINUS MEAL?

Many wives unknowingly serve "minus meals." The food is well cooked, but it has little or no "bulk"—needed for regular habits. "Minus meals" frequently cause common constipation due to insufficient "bulk" in the diet. Headaches, loss of appetite and dull, spiritless days too often follow. Correct the "minus meal" by serving Kellogg's ALL-BRAN regularly. Its gentle "bulk" does not break down in the body as much as the fiber in fruits and vegetables. So it is more effective. ALL-BRAN also supplies vitamin B and iron. Certainly it is safer to use this natural food in place of patent medicines. Two tablespoons daily are usually sufficient. Chronic cases, with each meal. If relief is not obtained, see your doctor. Serve as a cereal with milk or cream, or cook into muffins, breads, waffles, etc. Get the red-and-green package at your grocer's. Made by Kellogg in Battle Creek.



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