

Portland Fred Meyer Stores Hit For Violating Meat Price Rules

Portland — (U.P.) — Fred Meyer, Inc., has been fined \$1250 on eight counts of violating Of-

fice of Price Stabilization meat regulations.

U. S. District Judge Gus J. Solomon imposed the fines late Friday after the corporation entered a plea of "nolo contendere." Attorneys said the plea did not constitute an admission of guilt but was merely a statement that the defendant did not desire to contest the case.

The action ended a hard-fought court case which included one trial in which the jury failed to agree.

The eight counts on which the corporation was fined charged that the firm sold meat over OPS ceiling prices.

Actions against Ralph Persell and H. Larsen, Fred Meyer meat department managers, were dismissed on request of government attorneys.

Dead time on Classified Ads:
5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Table Rock

Table Rock—The rain of Sunday and Monday put a stop to the seeding of spring crops here which was just getting under way after the long wait on weather conditions.

The many flu victims here are slowly recovering from severe attacks.

Kenny Wyatt and Ernest Hamilton and a friend, Glenn Chamberlain, of Richland, Ore., returned to their school duties at Eugene Sunday night after spending the week's vacation here. Chamberlain was a guest at the Orville Hamilton home while here.

The Red Cross drive conducted by letter here as going over good according to Mrs. R. E. Neslon who has charge of the work. Some \$65 have come in so far.

The usual meeting of Table Rock improvement company (local irrigation ditch) held last Saturday at the school house was poorly attended. The outgoing board was reelected, Elmer Hull, Orville Hamilton and Walter Leverette. Some applications for irrigation water were acted on.

Miss Grace Bigham returned to her school duties in Howard district Thursday after a three day vacation at home with the flu.

A party of local small girls made a trip to the top of upper Table Rock Saturday. All got a touch of poison oak with Glenna May Brown getting the lion's share.

The flock of large white birds a dozen in number which has spent the winter in the Table Top Ranch pastures has dwindled to three in number, the others presumably having returned north to their summer nesting grounds.

Our poultry house was raided Wednesday night by a coon who killed all the brood of baby chicks of a small mother hen, then, adding insult to injury, took her up on the house and ate her. If we knew who left the two dead coons on our front fence some time ago we might make a deal with them if they would deliver dead or alive our latest visitor.

Owing to illness of members of committees in charge of the regular March meetings of both the Community club and Ladies club have been skipped. Next meetings will be held on the month of April dates.

Several heavy blasts of rock powder set off on Upper Table Rock were heard here last Sunday and were said to be the work of treasure hunters who used a large quantity of dynamite a year ago in search of gold thought to have been hidden by Indians.

Scientists Prepare Mastodon Biography

Columbus, O. — (U.P.) — Scientists here are putting together, piece by piece, the biography of a mastodon, believed to be between 9,000 and 15,000 years old.

The fossil remains were unearthed near Mechanicsburg, O., two years ago by workmen digging for a drain tile.

Results of the studies by six Ohio scientists, published in The Ohio Journal of Science, show the animal died in a shallow pond or small lake which existed after the last retreat of the glacier from Ohio's Madison county area.

Bones of other animals and a spear point, probably dating before 500 B. C., were found among or near the mastodon remains and suggest the site may have been a favorite water-hole for animals, to which early men came in search of game.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hull drove to Redding Wednesday to break in a new Chrysler car.

Clyde Halfhill who has been spending a leave of absence here with home folks left Sunday to resume his duties with the armed forces.

On account of having lived here for quite some time many new comers ask us what the weather is going to do. We have to admit to them that we don't know any more about it than the weather man not withstanding our long residence.

Miss Jean Hamilton arrived home from Corvallis Sunday and will spend a week's vacation with home folks here.

Sam Glass left Monday for Portland to be inducted into the armed forces. Sam has worked on Table Rock farms for several years starting in when a mere boy working during school vacations. During this time he has grown to be an efficient, trustworthy hand with farm work and one hard to replace. He was not interested in the hours he put in but in getting the job done. We know that for Uncle Sam he will be in there doing what ever is assigned to him to the best of his ability, although he war game is a far cry from the occupation he would choose.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Richardson and children Diane and Dennis of Portland, arrived Thursday to spend a few days at the J. S. Richardson home here. Richardson, of the Green, Richardson and Green law firm of Portland, is here on business in connection with an injunction hearing.

Why Spherical Shapes?

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Not only in the realm of the immensities is a spherical shape the general order, but also in the world of small things, even the infinitesimally minute, is this tendency universal.

Everyone knows the sun and moon are round. Almost as many realize that our earth is a globe. Those who use astronomical telescopes find that the principal planets are spherical. Rain descending from the clouds, tiny dewdrops on the leaves, and soap bubbles floating in the breeze invariably assume the globular shape.

The writer recently encountered a striking example of this principle. On a yellow lunch tray there lay the tiniest speck of rich-red fruit juice, like a larger volume than the point of a pin. The color contrast was so charming that a magnifying glass was brought into use. Under its power the minute droplet became a most beautiful ruddy sphere, a world in miniature.

Why do not floating soap bubbles and dew drops assume a cubical form? And why are planets not flat disks as some of the ancients thought our world to be?

As to the soap bubbles, we are told by the physicists that surface tension tends to make the area of the surface as small as possible. And it can be shown mathematically that for a given volume, a sphere has the smallest possible surface of any figure. One cubic inch in volume in the form of a cube has a surface of six square inches, in a sphere, of only 4.84 square inches.

With my tiny droplet of fruit

juice, the surface tension and the forces of cohesion were bringing all parts as near the center as possible and minimizing the surface. Had it been somewhat larger, the gravitational force of the earth would have been greater and would have spoiled the spherical tendency by flattening it out.

In the case of a sun, planet, or satellite, each is so far away from any other body that the gravitational forces within itself overpoweringly predominate. All parts are drawn toward the center. There are so many theories recently for the manner in which the planets were formed that it is confusing. If we accept the one prevalent not many years ago that they were originally molten masses thrown off from the sun, then they naturally assumed spherical forms so that their surfaces would become as small as possible and all parts be as near the center as they could be. The corners on a liquid cubical planet would flow toward places nearer the center. The huge fluid sun easily assumes this shape.

Some of the smaller asteroids, the hundreds of tiny planets mostly between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, seem to have irregular shapes. The prevailing theory that they are remnants from the break-up of a former solidified planet would easily account for their non-spherical forms.

The Red Cross has made an initial allocation of \$1 million for immediate emergency relief for victims of the southern tornado. That's just the beginning. Give to your Red Cross to help the needy.

Two Washington Men Korean War Casualties

Washington — (U.P.) — The Department of Defense Saturday announced the following Washington state casualties in the Korean area.

Killed in action:
Air Force 1st Lt. James E. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Arnold, Walla Walla. Wounded:
Army Cpl. Sewall L. Reynolds Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sewall L. Reynolds Sr., Seattle.

American and British Marines wear somewhat similar insignia. The U.S. Marine emblem shows a globe, eagle and anchor, while the British wear a globe, encircled by a laurel wreath, together with a small anchor, a lion and a crown.

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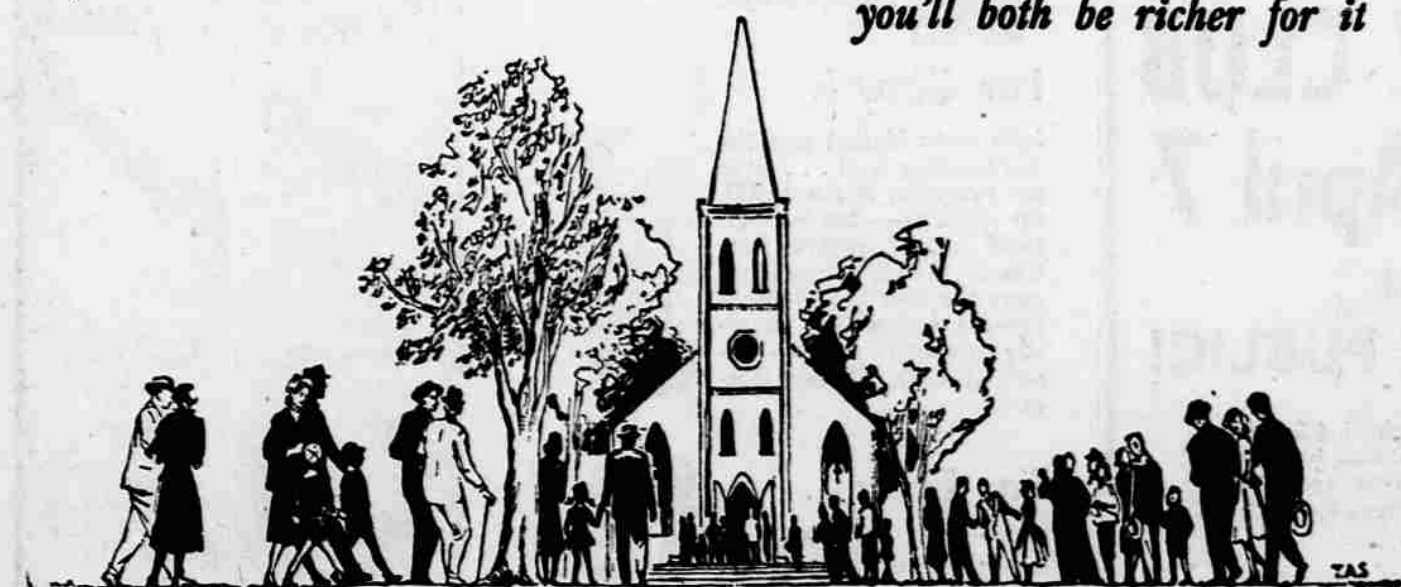
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