

### County 4-H Council To Elect Officers

A regular meeting of the Jackson county 4-H council will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at Big-ham hall, county fairgrounds. Election of council officers will be held.

Plans for a hayride and Christmas gifts will be discussed. The final outline for the 4-H leader's banquet, Dec. 6, will be prepared and there will be a discussion and training session on parliamentary procedure.

Nominees from which officers of the council will be elected are Francis Krouse, Applegate, and Cathie Carroll, Eagle Point, nominees for president; David Woolfolk, Antelope, vice-president; Sally Mongold, Eagle Point, Linda Mallory, Antelope, and Dona Lee Brown, Applegate, nominees for secretary; Bobby Hayes, Antelope, and Dale Smith, Central Point, nominees for treasurer; and Lucy Gardner, Antelope, Don Smith, Medford, and Carolyn Tieg, Valleyview, nominees for council reporter.

Special guest at the meeting will be Miss Rosalie Mueller, State 4-H agent.

### Friendship Advice For Hot Summer Days

Carbondale, Ill. —(U.P.)— Hot summer days are apt to fray tempers and a Southern Illinois University psychologist has some advice on how to keep friendships from drying up when the mercury climbs.

"The main thing is not to burden your friends with your troubles and woes," said Dr. W. Neal Phelps. "That only makes him hotter under the collar."

"Instead, be interested in him, his job, his family and hobbies. Don't be a glad-hander but remember a pleasant countenance helps cool the hottest day."

Phelps also warned against arguments in the hot months. "Don't usher in a heat wave by taking a stand that you're absolutely right and the other fellow is wrong on a certain issue," he explained.

Be careful, too, about belittling your friends, even unintentionally. Phelps said it's no compliment to tell your pal, "seems to me you're worth more than you're being paid."

"Maybe he's smart enough not to tackle a job that would pressure him into an early grave," observed Phelps.

Seven times as many people live in New York City today as occupied all North America north of Mexico when Columbus arrived.

### Movement Begun To Save Prairie Chicken Flocks

Washington—The throbbing call of the prairie chicken, once loud as a drum roll, echoes only faintly today across the West.

Refuges to encourage propagation of the grassland "boomers" are being sought by the National Wildlife Federation. A century ago prairie chickens, or pinnated grouse, numbered tens of millions. Only an estimated 350,000 now survive.

In their heyday, the large yellow-brown birds swarmed over grasslands throughout the eastern United States and west to New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming. Plains Indians watched the birds' extravagant courtship antics and mimicked them in ceremonial dances. Scientists later on heard the love-struck booming and named the bird the "kettledrum of love."

#### Far-Carrying Call

Prior to uttering his whurr-r courtship summons, the male prairie chicken "honors his partner" with a courtly bow, neck parallel to the ground. He spreads his tail feathers, and his entire body grows rigid.

After a short run forward, the male stamps, jumps, and whirls to the drumlike booming of his distended air sacs. On quiet days the call carries for a mile or more. With ventriloquial effect, it may seem farther away or closer than it is.

Prairie chickens are promiscuous, but strangely slow in courtship. However bold and noisy the mating males become, the females remain demure and shy. A week may elapse before a female is won.

Prairie chickens' whirring wings seemed as endless as the wind to pioneers who struck west from Ohio to the Rockies. The two-pound birds became a staple food for settlers on the hungry march.

By 1900 prairie chickens were being shot as clay pigeons are today. Large week-long shooting parties tallied the kills with low-scorers paying the outing expenses.

Floods, severe winds, drought hail combined with cats, wolves and other predators to decimate the flocks. Plows gnawed away the grassland needed for nesting, feeding and winter cover. Automobiles took their toll. Only random flocks remain in areas of one-time greatest concentration.

#### Lowering Numbers

A count reveals but a few hundred prairie chickens in Indiana and Iowa, a few thousand each in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Missouri. In the cattle country of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and the Dakotas, grasslands still offer cov-

er. Texas has fairly sizeable flocks.

The prairie chicken vanished from Ohio around 1903 and probably disappeared earlier from Kentucky, where Audubon remarked on its great abundance. Arkansas saw its last one over 40 years ago. The heath hen, an eastern sub-species, became extinct in 1932 on Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

The trend, unless halted, will "doom a magnificent bird, a prime example of native wildlife," naturalists predict.

### Real Estate Values Raised \$2 Billion

Chicago—(U.P.)—The value of real estate in 41 cities and 26 counties with more than 100,000 population increased by more than \$2,000,000,000 last year, according to a study made by the National Association of Assessing Officers. The increase was not as large as in some other recent years, however.

The 1954 increase was 3.48 per cent above 1953, the study showed, indicating a leveling off compared with the three previous years. In 1953, real estate values rose 7.36 per cent over 1952, for example.

Some cities and counties last year reported a big jump over 1953, but the average showed an "unusual stability," the association said.

Largest gains were shown by Austin, Tex., with 89.47 per cent; Corpus Christi, Tex., with 41.47 per cent; Yonkers, N.Y., with 22.22 per cent; and Hillsboro County (Tampa) Fla., with 10.57 per cent.

### Plywood Workers Get Wage Increase

Lebanon—(U.P.)—A wage increase affecting more than 800 employees of Cascade Plywood Corporation's plant here was announced yesterday by company and union officials.

A. E. Anderson, Cascade vice-president, and Keizer Cox, business agent for local AFL plywood and veneer workers, said the wage boost ranged from 5 to 15 cents an hour, effective Dec. 1.

The contract, approved by plywood workers in a week end ballot also provides that all wage and contract negotiations between the two groups will remain closed until April 1, 1957, with a provision that wage negotiations can be opened by either party Nov. 1.



**UNHURT BY JAIL ESCAPEES**—Policeman James Fregulia (left) and Constable Gildo Dondero point to doorway into which they were herded, handcuffed, when three youths escaped from the Amador County Jail in Jackson, Cal. Sheriff Lester McFall and deputy Russell Leach were kidnapped for a time by the youths. One of the men, Luis Cervantes, 24, was recaptured, but James Woolsey, 17, and Ronald Lloyd Garrett, 18, both of Sacramento, are still at large.

### Victoria Falls Discovered 100 Years Ago in November

Washington—A century ago on Nov. 17, 1855, missionary-explorer David Livingstone witnessed "scenes so lovely as must have been gazed upon by angels..." He had discovered South Africa's Victoria Falls.

The mile-wide Zambezi river cataract he named for Queen Victoria was known to awed neighboring tribesmen as Mosi-oa-Tunya, "the smoke that thunders," as they regarded the distantly-visible plumes of spray above the roaring waterfall.

The tantalizing name and the tribesmen's repeated question, "have you smoke that sounds in your country?" spurred Dr. Livingstone's search through a region that was mysterious to the outside world.

**Rushing Waters**  
He found the waterfall while exploring the Zambezi's course toward the Indian Ocean. When about six miles from the falls he saw the "smoke exactly as when large tracts of grass are burned off."

Five columns rose "and bended in the direction of the wind against a low ridge covered with trees and seemed... to mingle with the clouds." The thunder grew almost deafening as Livingstone landed on a midstream island which now bears his name. Fighting through underbrush, he found himself on the very lip of a tremendous chasm.

"The falls are singularly formed," he wrote in his diary. "They are simply the whole mass of the Zambezi waters rushing into a fissure or rent made right across the bed of the river."

The Zambezi at the boundary of Northern Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia is 5,580 feet wide where it leaps into the cleft. It drops 350 to 400 feet, more than twice Niagara's fall.

**Animals Undismayed**  
The startling sight did not dismay animals that roamed the canyon's rims. An early visitor noted signs of buffalo, hippopotami, rhinoceros and elephants "at the very brink of eternity." He wondered why they weren't afraid. "Didn't they grow up together?" a native explained.

Ancient man must also have "grown up" with the falls. Its vicinity has yielded many early, middle and late Stone Age relics, including handaxes, a developed form of cleaver, a pick and a bored stone for weighting a dig-

### Income Taxpayers' Mistakes Figured

Chicago—(U.P.)—Income taxpayers made mistakes in arithmetic totaling \$95,749,000 in fiscal 1954, according to Commerce Clearing House.

The national reporting authority on tax and business law said

the errors resulted in payments of \$18,542,000 more than due, and the Internal Revenue Service refunded that amount.

But the service also caught mistakes by taxpayers in their favor totaling \$77,207,000, and bills for payment were sent.

Many taxpayers made optimistic guesses on their estimated income, and sent in advance payments greater than their year-end returns showed they owed.

These miscalculations ran into the billions, CCH said. The total collected was \$69,919,991,000.

The Escalante, Utah's river of arches, makes such sharp loops and turns in places that it can travel half a mile yet be only 50 yards from where it started.

### Trouble in Bunches For South Dakota Man

Kennebec, S.D.—(U.P.)—Roland Arnoldy is convinced he should have spent at least one day in bed.

It was on the day when he first found a sparrow's nest on the engine of his airplane.

The same day the airplane stalled at 3,500 feet. The engine caught fire as the plane neared the ground and Arnoldy made a perfect landing.

Arnoldy then went fishing. The motor boat capsized. Arnoldy had to swim to an island.

Perhaps, he should have stayed in bed the next day, too. For in returning to the lake, his car ran into a ditch.

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