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Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

Some crows have been taught to say a few words in English, but they are not thought to be as good as parrots in that respect, and when they do say something that makes sense, it is usually thought to be an accident rather than the result of thinking.

Encyclopedia Americana, my panel of judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the best true-life nature adventure, or the best question on nature and wildlife, a 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in a handsome Sealcraft binding. Each week new submissions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your letter to: Is That So? c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 1069, San Francisco, Calif.

Grange News...

Friday night's program of the Central Point Grange was held previous to the business session and was honoring the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wilson Nov. 26.

The program was a reenactment of the wedding of the couple 50 years ago and was written in rhyme by Mrs. Scott Hamilton with Judy Frink as the bride.

Other parts were played by Otto Niedermeyer as the minister, Marshal Weidman the groom, and sisters, Mrs. Charles Moorehouse, Mrs. Weidman, Mrs. Walter Mang, Mrs. Morris Frink and Mrs. William Straus; narrator, Mrs. Niedermeyer; wedding guests, Mrs. Gaston Floux, and Mrs. Hamilton. At the completion of the ceremony Mrs. Melvin Hall sang "Bless This House" and Home Economics chairman, Mrs. Weidman, presented the couple with a floor lamp from members of the Grange.

Mrs. Floux completed the program with reading two clever original poems by Mrs. Hamilton on thankfulness and election returns.

Among visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's daughters, Mrs. Harry Tonn and Mrs. L. A. Dusenberry, grandchildren, Mrs. Dick Dunn, Jan and Lan Dusenberry and great granddaughter, Dianna Dunn. Mrs. Tonn invited the Grangers to attend open house for her father and mother Nov. 30.

Master Otto Niedermeyer presiding, heard reports on agriculture from Arnold Bohnert announcing the Oregon Seed League, Dec. 9 to 11 in Portland; Edwin Gebhard gave some information on state committees work of raising money to better the situation of the pear growers.

Mrs. Weidman announced the Home Economics meeting at Mrs. Otto Niedermeyer's Dec. 8. Chaplain announced the improvement of Mrs. Delmar Smith.

Don Bohnert announced the classes being conducted for parties outside the enrollment by the high school.

Display table chairman asked for articles on Christmas decorations, gifts and table favors for next meeting.

Refreshments carrying out the Thanksgiving theme were served by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jantzer and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Ford.

Young members of the subordinate and juvenile Grange winning awards in the 4-H achievement were Judy Frink, the County Farm Bureau Garden trophy; Carol Foote, the County Board award on style review; Bob Kuest, Poultry National 4-H award; Russell Frink, Berkshire Special trophy; Jim Frink, Tractor National award.

David Foote won second place at Southwestern Area Soil Conservation public speaking contest.

Mrs. O. T. Wilson, Reporter

DISLIKES WALKING London—Frederick Wilson, 40, was fined \$28 Tuesday for stealing a policeman's bicycle so he could ride home after calling at the station-house to report the theft of his own bike.

Holiday Canceled For State Policemen

Salem—UP—State Police Superintendent H. G. Maison said today he has canceled all Thanksgiving holidays for state police this year and that the entire force will patrol the highways that day.

He said pre-holiday reports were that traffic would be very heavy in nearly all parts of the state.

"We are hoping that car operators will drive carefully," he said, "and that accidents will be avoided."

Estimated Number of Vets Shows Decrease

For the first time since the days of World War II, the estimated number of veterans in civilian life is showing a consistent downward trend, S. T. Brannock, officer in charge, Medford Veterans administration office, reported today.

There were an estimated 22,723,000 veterans in civilian life on Sept. 30.

Increasing steadily as the servicemen of World War II and then of the Korean Conflict returned to civilian pursuits, the number of veterans in the nation reached an all-time high of 22,735,000 in March, 1958.

Up until that time, the number of servicemen becoming veterans during the average month exceeded the number of veterans of all wars who died each month, or who returned to active duty, Brannock stated.

Sixth Consecutive Month The drop to 22,723,000 on Sept. 30 marked the sixth consecutive month the total veteran population had shown a decrease.

The total drop during the six-month period was 12,000 and was a strong indication that, after 19 years of increase, the number of war veterans in the nation was on a downward trend.

Barring another war, the decline will continue without interruption, Brannock pointed out, unless there should be an unforeseen increase in the discharge rate of Korean Conflict veterans from the armed forces.

The Sept. 30 breakdown of veterans shows that 4,463,000 were veterans of the Korean Conflict alone; 15,274,000 saw service in World War II; 2,852,000 were veterans of World War I and 134,000 are veterans of all other wars including the Spanish-American War, various Indian Wars and the regular establishment.

Ages of Veterans The ages of America's veterans in civilian life range from well over 100 for the two surviving Confederate veterans to an average age of 27-plus for Korean Conflict veterans with no service in World War II.

The average age of Spanish-American veterans is approximately 81; of World War I veterans, more than 64, and for World War II veterans, more than 39, Brannock said.

Projection into the future estimating discharges of war veterans from service and deaths to continue at presently expected rates—indicate 21,549,000 war veterans remaining by 1965; 20,531,000 by 1970; and 19,141,000 by 1975. A drop to the Dec. 7, 1941, veteran population level of 4,429,000 is not expected until the year 2008.

Coquille Farmer Believed Drowned Coquille—UP—State police and Coos county sheriff's officers were dragging Beaver slough near here today, searching for a Coquille farmer believed drowned in the channel.

Herman Detlefsen, 66, was last seen Saturday afternoon when he was at the slough to check clogged tide gates, police said.

Detlefsen, a director of the Beaver Slough Drainage district, did not return home that afternoon, his wife said. His empty jeep was found on a road west of Highway 101 adjacent to the slough.

THE CAT BURGLAR Broadstone, England—UP—The cat burglar in this village turned out to be a cat. Mrs. Katherine Carter discovered Marco Polo, her pet cat, had brought home gloves, knitted toys and sweaters. Mrs. Carter posted a sign on her gate saying "missing items probably could be found in her house."

'59's Line Divine The contract provides for equal assessment on property, timber and construction in the county to be completed in a five-year period. The county, under the pact, will pay \$90,000, or \$18,000 per year. The state will bear half the cost of the total program, or \$180,000.

Umatilla Property Reappraisal Signed Pendleton—UP—Officials of the State Tax commission and Umatilla county Tuesday signed a contract for property reappraisal in the county.

The contract was signed by Harry Loggan, evaluation director of the commission, Umatilla County Judge D. R. Cook and County Assessor Lloyd Stafford.

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Shooting Hoax At Oregon City Oregon City—UP—City police said Tuesday night that what had been believed to be a wounding and kidnaping on a main street here turned out to be a hoax perpetrated by three youths.

One of the three, a boy about 17 years old, clutched his stomach after being "shot" by occupants of a car. He staggered, then was hustled into the vehicle by two persons, witnesses told police.

But Tuesday night police said they learned it had been a hoax. They said they knew the identities of the three but did not immediately indicate if any action would be taken against the youths.

CAMOUFLAGE HYDRANTS Great Neck, N. Y.—UP—The town board took quick action when firemen complained beauty-conscious residents were making hydrants hard to find. The board ordered all vegetation and other obstructions removed from the bright red hydrants.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. K. R. — She won't let me meet her friends. Sybil R. — She would not approve of them.

Mrs. K. R. — My daughter Sybil left our home several years ago to live and work in the city. She is now 26 and is quite successful in her career. However, I think it is high time that she got married.

Whenever I try to discuss marriage with her Sybil gets very angry. I want very much to meet the young men she goes out with, but she doesn't introduce them to me when I visit her in the city. I have often asked her to invite one of her friends to our home when she comes on vacation.

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Court Appearance Set For This Afternoon

John Ernest Clark, 1005 West Main st., Medford, is scheduled to appear in district court at 1 p.m. today on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses.

The case was continued to allow him to appear with an attorney. He is being held in the Jackson county jail on \$1,500 bail.

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but she always says nobody would enjoy our quiet town. It seems to me that Sybil must be ashamed of her parents or of her friends if she does not allow us to meet. In any case, I think it's just terrible for parents not to know their own children's friends.

Sybil R. — I am not ashamed of either my friends or my parents, but I am ashamed of my mother's attitude. When I used to date at home, she used to look every young man up and down and ask all kinds of questions about his family, his plans, his career, etc. . . . When I protested we had a battle.

I do know definitely that Mother would not approve of the particular man I am now going with. He is rather a peculiar person — very nervous and unsettled. Just the same I like him very much and I'm considering marrying him.

I do think that it is unfair for Mother to constantly lecture me about getting married. After all, it is something you can do to order. Sometimes I wish I had another self that

would marry to please her. The Council: It sounds as though Sybil could do with a little less pressure from the home front. If she is capable of making her way successfully in an unknown city, she is probably capable of working out her personal relationships.

It seems to us, however, that Sybil has even less belief in her own ability in this sphere than her mother. She is torn between the desire to please her mother and the desire to flout her. Despite Sybil's assertion that she is not "ashamed" of her friends, she doesn't have the courage to stand up for her choice.

It is quite possible that Sybil, who undoubtedly shares some of her parents' standards and values, does not really approve of her own friends. She may be using them as an empty gesture of rebellion against her parents.

Sybil needs to come to terms with her own values. If she thinks her parents' values are essentially wrong, she must find her own. If she thinks her parents are right she

should take on their standards — no longer as a child, but as a responsible adult who accepts the way of living that is implicit in any given philosophy.

Probably Sybil will decide that her parents are right in some areas — wrong in others. When she is clear about her own beliefs she will be more willing to stand up for them. She will have no fear about bringing her friends and family together. They may like one another better than she supposes.

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