

# In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Chicago and Los Angeles are spating back and forth over which is America's No. 2 Big Burg. It started when the Los Angeles chamber of commerce announced that the two-county Los Angeles area now has 55,000 more people than the seven-county Chicago area.

It backed up its claim with the statement that 6,450,000 persons now live in the Los Angeles area as compared to only 6,395,000 in Chicago.

THAT brought from Thomas Coulter, director of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, this crack:

"If it's true, they're growing only because Chicagoans who made their bundle in the world's most productive market are going out there to RETIRE." He added with a righteous sniff: "I'm not going to argue about it. I don't know, and they don't either. We'll have to wait until the 1960 census. But I'm sure we're over six and a half million now."

HMMMMMMMM. I think they're both too big.

Ants live in immense ant-hills. WHO WANTS TO BE AN ANT?

SHUCKS! Chicago and L.A. are pik-ers. Listen to this:

ACCORDING to the Peiping radio FIVE HUNDRED MILLION Chinese are now living in the beehive-like "communes" that have been decreed by China's communist government as the proper way for Chinese to live.

What's a commune?

One guesses it's something like the pigeon-holes that were placed in the back of old-fashioned roll-top desks, the idea being to provide space where a fabulous number of papers could be tucked away and FORGOTTEN. That seems to be what they're doing with the Chinese they're tucking into communes. I'll risk a small bet. The Chinese who are being tucked into these communes aren't going to like it. They'll like it less and less as time passes. I could go a little farther and offer a prediction that the time will come when both Chicago and Los Angeles will wish they had a few less

people rather than a whale of a lot more. OH, WELL; when that time comes we can take care of a few of them up here in our State of Jefferson.

But not too many. We want no ant-hills. We want no communes. We love the depth of our big woods, with the sunlight filtering down and lighting up the aisles that lead a way among the mighty trunks of the trees.

We love the vast sweeps of our high deserts at the hour when the sage is tinged with purple and the horizon mountains are inky-blue against a crystalline sky. We love our trails where a man can be alone with his saddle horse and his pack mule and yet never FEEL alone.

Here in our State of Jefferson, we want just enough company but not too much.

## Ashland Man Named To ASC Committee

Donald Nichols, Ashland, was elected chairman of the Jackson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee at a recent county convention of delegates.

Other officers elected include Albert Straus, Gold Hill, vice chairman; Francis Krouse, Grants Pass, regular member; Ray Vogel, Central Point, first alternate; and Earl Peffley, Gold Hill, second alternate.

**BAN KHAKI ZOOT SUITS** Ft. Benning, Ga. — Uncle Sam's soldiers can't use G.I. garb to affect zoot suits. A recent post bulletin said: "The practice of some military personnel to 'form fit' or 'peg' items of military clothing is not authorized and will be discontinued immediately."

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

**Central Point Willing Workers** The regular meeting was called to order by the president at the home of Mrs. Edith Roach. Roll call was taken with six members present.

The leader, Mrs. Anhorn, asked all members to make a scarf for the next meeting. Meeting was adjourned and refreshments served by the leaders. Terry McManama, Reporter

## Local Chapter of OSEA Hears Report

Jack Mace, delegate from the Southern Oregon chapter of the Oregon State Employees association, reported at a recent meeting in Grants Pass that the wage differential resolution has been approved by the general council of the OSEA.

The association will present the information to the Oregon legislature next year in hopes of gaining a resolution to the problem of long working hours experienced by certain state employees without compensation.

Cole Rivers and Charles Shappard of the game commission presented the evening's program discussing the commission's organization and operation.

## Cub Scouts

**Cub Scout Pack 10** Parents and members of Den 10, Cub Scouts, held their annual Christmas party Monday night in the multi-purpose room at Howard school. Lee Graham was master of ceremonies.

Den 3 presented a Christmas skit, and the Nativity scene was presented by Dens 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8, and directed by Mrs. Ranata Beckman of Den 8.

Santa Claus also participated in the program. Refreshments were served and the group sang Christmas carols.

The largest limestone quarry in Europe is in the English county of Derbyshire.

## Feeding the Family

By ZOLA VINCENT  
Food Editor

### Sugared Walnuts

These sugared walnuts have orange flavor; can be done surprisingly quickly. Heat 2½ cups walnut halves in moderate oven, 350 degrees, for about 15 minutes, stirring often.

Combine and cook one-half cup fresh orange juice, one tablespoon grated orange peel, one cup sugar, one teaspoon cinnamon and one teaspoon salt to soft ball stage (236 degrees, if you've a thermometer) without stirring. Add cooled walnut halves and stir until mixture becomes creamy. Turn out on greased plate. Spread nuts to separate as they cool.

**Tree Cookies.** To make cookie decorations for your tree, make a hole with an ice pick in each cookie before baking. When baked, thread colored string or ribbon through the hole and tie it to the tree. Wrap for eating later or leave unwrapped for decoration only.

**Fruit Cake Idea.** Traditionally the fruit cake is sliced and offered with a glass of dessert wine, a cup of tea or coffee. New west coast notion is to cut part of the fruit cake into bit-sized squares and offer them as confections. Simply roll the little pieces in powdered sugar or dip them in melted semi-sweet chocolate and leave plain or top with an almond or candied cherry.

### Candied Yams

These are done with orange marmalade. Open a can of golden yams; pour off syrup and save. Slice yams crosswise in casserole. Pour enough of syrup in casserole to fill just below level of sliced yams. Top yams with enough orange marmalade to cover — a about one-fourth inch. Squeeze lemon juice from half a lemon evenly over marmalade and salt slightly. Dot with butter.

Bake uncovered about half an hour at 325 degrees. The yams will absorb most of the syrup and a glaze will form on top. Six servings.

**Fruit Cake Decoration.** Adding final decorations to a fruit cake should be done after the cake has been properly aged. You can give it a beautiful glaze by brushing its surface with hot corn syrup which has been brought to a full boil. Before the glaze hardens add your decorations of toasted almonds, walnut halves and glazed fruits.

### Snacks For Tree Trimmers

A cheese and fruit tray with assorted crackers is a handy thing to have around for snacking tree trimmers, hungry carolers, afternoon or evening "dropper in." Coffee for the grown-ups, hot chocolate or cider for the young people. Or this assortment would be tops for a help-yourself dessert for an informal party.

Cheese assortment might include a nutty-flavored, red-skinned Gouda cheese; alternating half slices of Old York and Swiss cheese; a triangular wedge of natural cheddar, sharp aged for zesty eating; and a choice of whipped creamy blue cheese or other

spread. Grapes, a variety, with scissors handy for clipping, polished red and yellow apples and Winter pears with fruit knife handy for quartering. Cracker assortment, of course. **Maraschino Garnishes** Glazed maraschino cherries come in both red and green; can be used to dress up many holiday goodies. Use as decorating or filling for any sweet bread, coffee cake, petit fours or cupcakes; as buttons for gingerbread men.

Arrange three or four well-drained maraschino cherry halves on orange or lemon slices as garnish for turkey or a main dish salad. **Try Allspice** Allspice, whose flavor so much resembles a blend of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg, is also an ideal flavor aid in cakes, pies, fruit sauces and puddings, relishes.

The fruits of the northwest — apples, pears, prunes — all go nicely with allspice. Stewed pears have more appeal when seasoned with whole allspice, whole cloves, or stick cinnamon. Fruit salads, too, are tastier if sprinkled lightly with allspice, nutmeg or mace. When baking apples try sprinkling with a dash of allspice. **Spiced Coffee** Gracious and gay is the holiday coffee tray that offers spiced coffee glorified with whipped cream and offered with thin slices of golden or dark fruit cake or Christmas cookies.

Use three two-inch sticks of cinnamon bark and six whole cloves for one quart of coffee. Put them in the bowl of a vacuum coffee maker, in the cold water of the percolator or in the pot of a drip coffee maker. Brew coffee double strength which means four tablespoons coffee to each cup (eight ounces) of water. Serve in demitasse cups topped with whipped cream.

**Sugar Plus Coffee Cake Breakfast Treat** The aroma of this Sugar Plum Coffee Cake will bring the family to the table for a leisurely breakfast after the excitement of the package openings. Serve this quick bread with orange slices, crisp bacon, little pig sausages and perhaps soft-cooked eggs.

1½ cups sifted enriched flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ cup sugar  
1 egg, beaten  
½ cup milk  
3 tablespoons melted shortening

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Combine egg, milk and shortening. Add to flour mixture, stirring until mixture is smooth. Pour into greased eight-inch square pan. Arrange Sugar Plum Topping on batter and bake in moderately hot oven (400 degrees) 25 minutes.

**Sugar Plum Topping.** Arrange 8 to 10 cooked and pitted plums or prunes on batter, allowing one piece of fruit for each serving. Mix two tablespoons sugar and one-quarter teaspoon cinnamon and sprinkle over fruit.

## Local Clubs Hit Prejudice On Older Workers

A number of local organizations are working on employer prejudice against older persons, according to Mrs. Fred Rankin, spokesman for the local Council on Aging.

Robert Lunday, former older workers counselor at the local office of the Oregon State Employment Service is chairman of a committee working on the problem under the council. Several organizations in the Rogue valley are reported to be interested in this project also. The Eagles lodge prepared and circulated a petition on this matter which was forwarded to Congress.

The Medford Business and Professional Women have a loan fund to be used for training older women. Also maintaining a fund for this purpose is the Altrusa Service club for women which have been offering a \$250 grant for the last five years to any older woman who needs retraining to earn her living. Two teachers, two business women and one practical nurse have received this grant. **Have Council Representatives** Both of the women's clubs have representatives on the Rogue Valley Council on Aging since they believe the welfare of the older worker is of great concern to the community, it was pointed out.

The Oregon State Council on the Aging is planning a campaign in state, county and city governments for hiring healthy individuals of more than 40 to 45 years old, it was reported. State Sen. Alfred Corbett (Dem. Multnomah county), has agreed to present a bill on this proposal early in the 1959 legislature session. He plans to present it for approval at the next meeting of the ex-

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**FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH** Gijon, Spain — At the age of 100, Elvira Sandoval Suarez still takes a cold shower every day.

**RICH MAN'S BIRTHPLACE** Richford, N.Y. — The small house in this Tioga county hamlet where John D. Rockefeller was born in 1839 is still standing but its roof is falling in and weeds push up through the floor boards.

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