



NEW OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL unit, Oregon Beauticians' Association were installed at a meeting in the Willard Hotel, Monday night, February 22. Dinner for 13 followed a social hour. Here — (l to r) are Jack Parks, state president; Lupe Soto, treasurer; Pearl Wood, president and Melba Spiering, vice president.

Amnesia Victim Regains Memory

MODENA, Italy (AP)—In 1945 police found a forlorn elderly man sitting on a park bench. He didn't know who he was or where he came from.

In a hospital for nine years he was known as Signor X Y.

Now a man named X Y was enough of an oddity to be news when his designation turned up on the census rolls, so his picture was circulated in the Associated Press newspaper service to Italian newspapers.

Yesterday 29-year-old Mario Mercuri dashed into the hospital waving a Rome newspaper with the picture and shouted:

"He's my uncle. His name is

Giuseppe Rizzi. Where is he?"

Signor X Y was brought out and his dull eyes lit up suddenly. He rushed into his nephew's arms. A doctor said the shock of the meeting started him back on the road to remembering.

Mercuri said the German army in 1944 put his uncle to work and a tree fell on him. He was sent to a hospital and vanished—until he turned up recently as Signor X Y.

Latest Dust Storms Cause Havoc Through Southwest

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DENVER (AP)—Drought, seldom in dramatic, ordinarily it spreads like a silent cancer. But in south-eastern Colorado today it is a tangible, fearsome force.

You feel the grit between your teeth, between your fingers, in your eyes, even though it may not be blowing. You begin to itch all over with it as you watch mile after mile of fences buried in blown dust and sand, telegraph poles and farm equipment banked high with the powdery stuff that kills rich farmland.

The farther south and east you go, the fewer furrows you can discern in what was plowed wheat-land a short week ago.

You can drive 100 miles east of here and see little sign of the disastrous dust storm of last week and the blow Monday that added insult to injury.

But once into Hugo, the Lincoln County seat, you know the dust has been there.

This is what I saw when I made

a trip into the area:

Just a few miles to the south and the world turned gray. A few hundred yards off main Highway 109 on a section-like road, you could see the first blither evidence.

It looked curiously like an ocean beach with a few weeds rising above the wind-sculptured sand. There was moisture beneath it. Broken cedar fence posts looked like driftwood.

Bob White of Rocky Ford, who superintends 70,000 acres of Colorado farmland for the Baughman Farm Co. of Liberal, Kan., was driving by.

"This is hardly anything," he said. "Go to Haswell and Eads. I'll break your heart."

"See, this winter wheat is still green, even though it's sick and you can barely see the furrows that were here until last week. With moisture this will still make wheat."

"It's not as bad as it was in Texas in the 1930s, but I've never seen one storm do as much damage as that one last week."

Farther south you noticed that the fences not covered by dunes were blown thick with weeds, like brown hedgerows.

On a side road in northeast Crowley County you came upon a grader plowing deep-banked dust that looked finer than the sand crystals you had seen in Lincoln County.

"I've lived here all my life," said the operator, Henry Mahweiler, 27, of Sugar City. "I was

a kid during the dust bowl days. But I never saw one like this any time."

A woman was hanging out clothes to dry in the yard of a big ranch house near the Crowley-Kiowa County line.

"No, I won't tell you my name," she said. "I don't like publicity. But I can tell you about that dust storm last week."

"There are miles of broken

fences all around here, but the cattle aren't wandering off—there's nothing out there to tempt them. . . .

"People are almost in a panic. They want to know where they can get a job, to carry them over. Fellow over that way said all he'd have to do to get ready to leave this county would be to back his truck up to the door; his wife would do the rest."

Eastward to Arlington it grew steadily worse. A train on the Missouri Pacific line went by and was lost within 100 yards in a cloud of dust from the rails and roadbed. Each remaining clump of grass seemed to have its own little sand dune on the windward side. A grader operator who wouldn't give his name said it had been worse in the 1930s. "People have just forgot."

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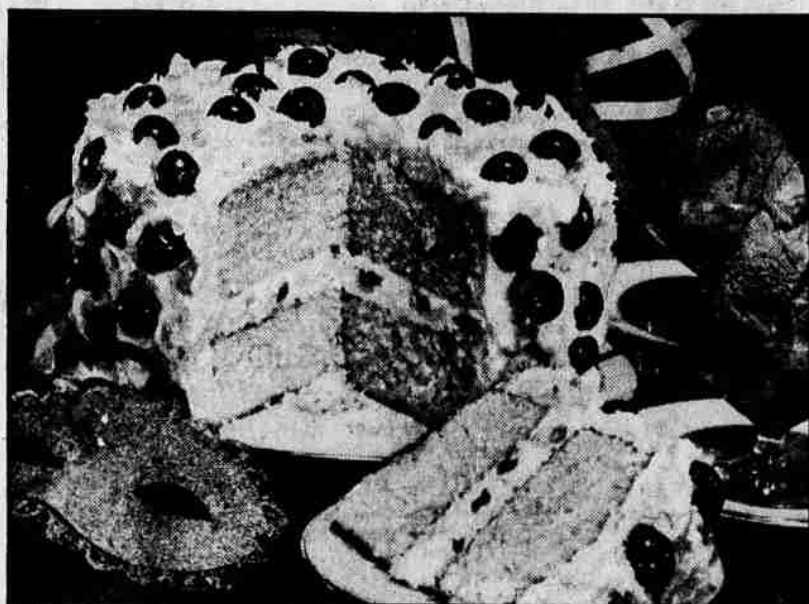
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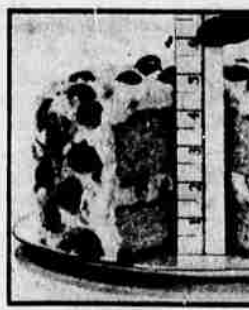


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