Associated Chambers Meet at Castle Rock

Street Scenes of Castle Rock, Wash., where the Lower Columbia Associated Chambers of Commerce met Friday. Story on Page 1.—Courtesy of Cowlitz County Advocate.

Neil Bush Quarter On All Star Team

Neil Bush, was named as the outstanding field general of Columbia county high school gridisters for the 1929 season, being picked for quarter-back, on a team chosen by Dr. Bailey of St. Helens, on the All-Star county team. Rainier received 4 places, St. Helens 3, Scappoose 3, Clatskanie 1, and Vernonia 1.

In making candy with brown sugar, it is well to remember that light brown sugar has a more delicate flavor than dark brown sugar.

Small fruit cakes often make appropriate Christmas gifts.

A wooden spoon is often desirable in making candy, since it will not scratch the pan and the handle does not get hot.

BOYS ALMOST CAUGHT IN TRAP OF PRIMITIVE TIMES

Narrowly Escape Entombment With Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Animals.

Los Angeles.—Three Los Angeles schoolboys, chasing a squirrel across the abandoned La Brea oil fields in the center of the city recently, narrowly escaped entombment with the dinosaurs, saber-toothed tigers and primeval men whose skeletons fill the prehistoric soft tar bogs adjoining.

Billy Newman, fifteen, leader of the chase, stumbled into the tar bog and screamed for his companions' aid as he sank into the sticky substance that has been swallowing struggling men and beasts for millions of years. Jack Shoenhair, fourteen, and Willard Marshall, twelve, ran to his assistance and were entrapped too.

Three men answering their terrified screams, narrowly escaped the treacherous tar. Realizing the hopelessness of ordinary rescue methods, they called the fire department. Before the ropes and ladders arrived the boys had sunk to their armpits in the dark pool.

Ladders were placed across the bog, and a fireman, B. B. Mansfield, waded out. Before he had reached the frightened boys he had sunk to his chin. He managed to grab them, nevertheless, and with the aid of the other firemen extricated them one by one. They were taken to the Emergency hospital unharmed except for the coating of tar and the effects of shock.

The La Brea fossil beds or tar bogs are a series of crater-like pits filled with oil-soaked land and earth from which scientists have gathered from time to time the fossils of ancient animals and human skulls. From these skeletons scientists have been able to reconstruct phases of primitive history.

In 1890 oil was discovered on adjacent lands and developed. Every productive pit contained masses of bones. One pit had 208 saber-tooth tigers, 17 elephants and a number of mastodons and wolves. The oil, thickened through evaporation, had formed traps for animals which sought to drink the surface water and perished in the mire.

Rebounding Stick Kills

Galesville, Wis.—Andrew Lindberg, a farmer, was killed when he threw a stick at a fleeing calf and the projectile rebounded and pierced his abdomen.

Scenic Beauty Near Castle Rock

Castle Rock, gateway to Mt. St. Helens and Spirit Lake, is a progressive city of 1100, located on the Pacific Highway, 142 miles south of Seattle and 63 miles north of Portland, Oregon. It is also located on the main line of the Northern Pacific, Union Pacific and Great Northern which jointly use a double track system between Seattle and Portland.

Spirit Lake and Mt. St. Helens are 48 miles from Castle Rock, reached by a road which branches from the Pacific highway one-half mile north of the city. This road which provides the only entrance to the lake and mountain, is a good macadam road for 20 miles, the remainder being in fair condition.

Silver Lake, a popular recreation spot, is eight miles from Castle Rock on the Mt. St. Helens road and the settlement of Toutle, providing the last service station between Castle Rock and the lake is 15 miles from the city.

Echo Measures Distance

By means of a new device to be installed upon airplanes, the aviator will be enabled to judge the distance to the ground very accurately. This device makes use of the echo of the exhaust explosions from the engine, and even though the earth may be obscured by a thick fog the echo of the explosions, reflected from the surface of the ground, will tell the airman his exact height. This apparatus is of immense value when the view of the earth is cut off and it is said to be very accurate even when quite close to the ground.

Ant-Killer Uses Pincers for Grinding Its Victims

Among the myriad forms of animal life are to be found many that tax the credibility. One is a creature only about three inches long which bears a superficial resemblance to the spider and also to both the scorpion and the vinegerone. Frequently it is mistaken for one of them, but its correct pseudonym is ant-killer, a name the implications of which are fully borne out by its behavior toward those little insects. Its reason, writes C. T. Reed in Nature Magazine, for killing the ants, and nearly all the other small animals, chiefly arthropodans, is not pure

Maimed War Veteran Champion Chair Cyclist

London.—Sid Hill, who lost the use of his legs in the battle of the Somme, claims to be the world's champion invalid chair cyclist. He recently made a record "run" to Clacton and back, taking 11½ hours each way. Clacton is 70 miles from London. Hill's next venture will be a trip to Brighton, 53 miles from London through a hilly country.

Deference to Others

Tolerance is willingness to grant to the opinions and actions of others the same consideration you do to your own. You may not agree with such acts or ideas, but this does not mean that you are right and they are wrong.—Grit.

His Worthy Precedent

Little Lawrence was untidy. Though his mother made every effort to encourage him he seldom folded up his clothes after he undressed for bed.

One night his mother came into the bedroom and saw his clothing scattered all over the floor.

"I wonder who it was that never folded up his clothes when he went to bed?"

Little Lawrence pulled his bed covers over his head and answered:

"Adam!"

Nebraska City Boasts of Two-Headed Snake

McCook, Neb.—One can go to almost any county fair and see a two-headed calf or a two-headed colt, but McCook has a two-headed snake.

The reptile is about eight inches long, perfectly normal in its actions, and to the casual onlooker just twice as dangerous as an ordinary snake. When the snake decides to move across a room it rests one head on the other and wriggles along in snappy style.

Both of the heads are apparently normal in their functioning. Forked tongues protrude from both, both have eyes, and both dart around with lightninglike rapidity.

Boy Loses Foot Saving His Dog From Train

Kansas City, Mo.—When Smoke, his police puppy, was in danger, Charles Breistein, sixteen years old, didn't hesitate to leap in front of a train to rescue him. Smoke reciprocated by barking until Charlie's father found the boy on the right-of-way, one foot so crushed that it had to be amputated.

Charles and Smoke had been on a hike when the dog got on the path of a Milwaukee train. The youth scooped him off the track but failed by a fraction of a second to jump clear of the locomotive.

Largest Perfect Jade Selected for China's Seal

Shanghai.—The largest piece of perfect "flesh-colored" jade known to be in existence is to be carved into the new seal of the republic of China.

This piece of jade, five inches thick, seven inches long and a little more than five inches wide, has just been found in far-off Sinkiang province. It has been purchased by Gen. Chin Shujen, chairman of the Sinkiang Provincial council, and by him has been presented to the Nanking government.

Opening of Rainier-Longview Bridge Set For Latter Part Jan.

It is quite probable that the Rainier-Longview bridge will be dedicated the latter part of January 1930, and not January 15, as previous stated in last week's issue of this paper.

Double forces are being employed on construction, and while thousands are eagerly waiting for the completion of the bridge for the mammoth celebration which promise to make the celebration of the opening of the highest steel span in the world over navigable waters, the greatest celebration of any kind ever held in the west.

Governors of many states will be present, the whole program will be broadcast over a network of stations, and an elaborate parade will be held.

Within the next 30 days the center span will be placed. Hundreds of cars are crossing the ferry daily to witness the progress being made on the great bridge, and it is well worth a trip from this city, which takes one and one-half hours by the way of Mist-Clatskanie to visit Longview and the bridge.

Few realize that at the completion of the Rainier-Apiary cutoff, this city will only be 19 or 20 miles from the Longview bridge approach on the Oregon side, or half hour to 40 minutes drive from the wonder city of the west.

The Longview-Rainier bridge opening will mark the completion of one of the greatest bridge engineering feats ever sponsored in the west, and it is quite probable that President Hoover will appoint a special personal representative to be present at the dedication.

English Lead Other Foreigners in France

Paris.—The Englishman leads all nationalities as a permanent resident of France, according to recent statistics of immigration, 84,000 now being classed fixed homeholders in this country, and not including transient voyagers and tourists. North America follows second with 50,000.

Why They Stay at 25

Rochester, N. Y.—Girls who do not marry before reaching the age of twenty-five stand an excellent chance of becoming old maids, according to statistics made public here by the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. At twenty, the figures show, a girl has a better chance to marry than a man, but at twenty-five conditions are reversed. As the years increase, the chances of marriage for the man increase, while those of the girl decrease, the record revealed.

Spank Pie Thrower

Pasadena, Calif.—Pie throwing may be all right in Hollywood, but doesn't go in Pasadena. So police instructed a couple to spank their small son, who has been throwing perfectly good apple pies at passing autos.

Last of First Chiefs of Old South Dakota

Elk Point, S. D.—A. O. Ringsrud says he is the only person now living who held a state office when South Dakota became a state in 1889.

When men were chosen to fill governing offices of the new state Ringsrud was elected secretary of state and served two terms. He had held county offices for ten years before that time. He was elected registrar of deeds and county clerk for Union county in 1878. After holding that office six years, he was elected county treasurer. This office he held four years.

He was Republican nominee for governor in 1896, but was defeated by Andrew E. Lee, populist candidate, with a majority of only 319 votes.

In March, 1917, he was appointed a member of the South Dakota state board of charities and corrections, and served as president of that board ten years.

Meantime he had served as mayor, and member of the city council; president of the Union County Old Settlers' association; and for twelve years was a member of the Elk Point school board.

Since 1885 he has been engaged in the mercantile business here.

Ringsrud arrived with his parents in Union county, on July 4, 1867, having come direct from Norway. At that time the railroad extended only as far west as Denison, Iowa, so the Ringsrud family waited there for friends from the Brule settlement, north of Elk Point, who escorted them to their new home.

Kids Learn to Turn in Alarm, Then Practice

Southbridge, Mass.—Local school children were given instructions by firemen on "how to turn in an alarm." Police officials now plan to give instructions on "when to turn in an alarm." An extraordinary number of false alarms resulted from the educational efforts of the firemen.

Ashland—Construction of 3 additional cabins at Lithia Park campground practically completed.

Bend—Plans underway for construction of five-story hotel on corner of Wall street and Franklin avenue at cost of $150,000.

Astoria—Extension to local telephone building rapidly nearing completion.

Klamath Falls—Construction underway on Kesterson Lumber company plant on west bank of Klamath river about three miles south of the city.

Springfield—Plans under consideration for purchase of M. Kinis building on Main street near second for use as community hall.

Mt. Angel—Gervais Market road opened to traffic.

Silverton—Logging operations recently started near this town.

Rattlesnake Proves to Be a Hitch-Hiker

Goose Creek, Texas.—A 16-inch diamond backed rattlesnake with a lust for travel, and a motorist making a tour of west Texas, recently combined to make a filling station attendant wary of future requests for a change of battery water.

T. C. Jordan of Pelly little realized while driving peacefully on his way that he was playing host to the ride-stealing reptile. He became cognizant of the fact rather abruptly, however, when the attendant informed him of the presence of the snake which was curled up placidly on the battery box, having ridden a distance of 500 miles.

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Christmas Greeting Cards

Rarely does a custom become an established one without some good and vital reason, especially one of sentimental nature. In recent years the sending of greeting cards during the Christmas season has grown to enormous proportions. It is easy to understand the reasons, as it makes possible the remembering of friends at a time when practically the whole world has thoughts of happiness and good will. They serve as a connecting link between friends at least once a year, and help form a tie that might otherwise lose its hold.

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