



DOLLS are her hobby, says Mrs. Juanita Burkholz. She buys them, cleans them up, then makes new clothes and completely redoes the favorite plaything of little girls. She has dozens of varieties ranging from the old fashion baby doll to the more sophisticated model dolls.



MRS. JUANITA Burkholz is the attractive proprietor of the newly opened "The Collectibles" which is located in the former Fisher's Electric store. Besides her large array of lovely dolls, she also stocks glassware, bottle, jars, etc.

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August Finds Visitor Quota Increasing

Out-of-state visitors using Oregon's state border information centers increased during the month of August according to the latest State Highway Division figures.

Victor B. Fryers, state travel information director, reported there were 3.4 percent more visitors hosted by the six centers last month than were registered in August, 1973. He also noted that for the tourist season this year, May through August, that the figures were down the same 3.4 per cent from those of the corresponding period a year ago. Fryer pointed out that when compared with the five centers that were open in 1972, this year's figures showed a 16.6 per cent decline.

Other reports indicate August was a particularly busy month for visitor-serving facilities in some areas of the state with indications pointing toward an upsurge in the number of Oregonian "tourists." Visitor expenditures also continued to show an increase according to some business reports.

The state port-of-entry visitor information centers are located at Astoria, Brookings, Klamath Falls, Ontario, Portland and the Siskiyou near Ashland.

Church Needs New Priest

A Search Committee, headed by Senior Warden Dave Wilson is actively working toward the selection of a new priest for Christ Episcopal Church in St. Helens. Assisted by Bishop Mathew Bigliardi, Wilson has prepared a questionnaire for parishioners and in addition has held several meetings to discuss the needs and wants of Columbia County residents. Several questionnaires have been returned but the Committee is still anxious to get more views and opinions before a selection is made.

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AROUND THE FARM - - -

By Don Coin Walrod
County Extension Agent

Hay—Then and Now
While hay has always been an important commodity for dairy-men and livestock producers, recent events have changed many aspects of hay making, handling, and feeding.

Hay handling developments of the past have been aimed primarily at easing the laborious job of handling this bulky crop. Increased values, particularly in relation to other crops, have directed some attention to better protection to a crop once produced. For example, up to this time Eastern and Central Oregon producers have not felt that damage occurring to the top of stacks justified any protection. Now that area is becoming dotted with new hay storage sheds protecting stacked bales from weather damage.

Concern for problems of growing, handling and marketing has resulted in the formation of an Oregon Hay Grower's Association with growers belonging by districts. Currently districts are active in Central Oregon, the Hermiston area, and this spring the Klamath Basin Hay Growers organized. In addition to publishing a regular market report on hay, the two year old Association provides a hay locator service for anyone having hay to sell or wanting to purchase hay.

Looking back at hay prices for the past 70 years provides an interesting picture. First noted is that up to 1939 all hay price quotations were for loose hay. Then for a period quotations were provided on both loose and baled hay with the differential starting out at about \$3 per ton but soon stabilizing at a difference of about \$5. By 1949 quotations for loose hay disappeared and that form of commodity has seldom been marketed since.

Except for the war years of 1917-1920 and in 1929 the price of all hay averaged below \$12 per ton and was often considerably less. With World War II year of 1942, prices started to climb, went above \$20 per ton in 1943 and have remained so since. In recent years prices have generally been in the \$30 to \$40 range although there have been exceptions.

During all of these years the relationship between the price of hay and feed grains has been fairly constant with the value of 2 1/2 to 3 tons of hay equaling the cost of a ton of barley. Today that spread is much less with 1 1/2 to 2 tons of hay equaling the value of a ton of barley.

Unlike many products or commodities, hay is almost always an item of unknown quality. A good green color is associated with quality but color is no assurance that the crop has high feed value. A crop that is harvested at an immature stage gives the best assurance of quality but once harvested and baled it's difficult to determine growth stage at the time of cutting. Unless the crop has good palatability, it will be of little value for livestock feed regardless of color, maturity, or other factors.

Chemical analysis of a crop of hay gives reasonable assurance of the feed value and is a management tool more farm operators need to be following to assure adequate animal nutrition and to make possible compensation for any inadequacies. Special information sheets and sample boxes for submitting hay samples for testing are available at county Extension Offices.

Rebudget For Cost Savings

Credit payments on your car and appliances, topped off by higher prices for many items, may be more than your paycheck can bear.

So rebudget. See if you can stretch your income to cover your bills, advises Carol A. Ashley, Columbia County Extension Home Economist. Then if you still can't meet your payments, a bill consolidation loan might help if it's chosen carefully.

Such a loan allows you to combine all your bills or just those which demand interest. Then, by taking out a loan for that amount, you can pay off your creditors.

That leaves you with one big load-plus interest-to pay off, instead of a lot of smaller ones. Then you can arrange monthly payments on the larger amount to better suit your income. But lower payments and a longer repayment period also mean you'll be paying higher interest costs.

These interest rates will vary. So shop around carefully for the lowest cost for credit. Banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions all offer consolidation loans.

But remember, such a loan can be a disadvantage too. A high-interest loan may cost you more in the long run. And with the one lower payment, you may be tempted to buy more on credit.

But if your current bills are demanding high rates of interest, paying them off and then repaying a low-interest loan may satisfy both you and your creditors.



NEW ARRIVALS

Melissa Beth's parents are Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Wooten. She was born September 11 at Wilcox Memorial hospital in Portland. She weighs 7 pounds 15 ounces and has two brothers Danny and Timmy. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Isom Wooten of Denver, Colorado and Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Barfield of Oceanside, California.

Ladies Plan La Leche Meet

The Vernonia chapter of La Leche League International would like to invite any woman interested in the "Womanly Art of Breastfeeding" to attend a series of four enlightening classes to be held monthly starting on Wednesday, September 18, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Steven Minger, Box 228, Timber Route.

During the first class discussion will be on the "advantages of breastfeeding" to both mother and baby. Nursing mothers with babies are welcome and expectant mothers especially are urged to attend.

The remaining classes will be on the third Wednesday of the month for October, November, and December. The topics covered will be: "Overcoming Problems" during breastfeeding, the "Childbirth Experience" and "Nutrition and Weaning". Books on these subjects are available through the lending library.

For further information call Mrs. Gordon Smith, 429-2771.

Rebuild Skill Through PCC

The thought of re-entry into the business world after spending fifteen or twenty years raising a family is both tempting and terrifying. Most women, having let their office skills atrophy for all that time, hardly know where to begin. Portland Community College offers a painless answer in a course designed especially for them.

Office Skills Brush-Up, course number SS 9.701, will meet from 1 to 3 daily beginning September 30, in room SS B19 at Sylvania. It is a non-credit course and the tuition is \$20 for four weeks.

One of the things that makes this course unique and particularly suitable for women who learned their business skills some time ago is that it builds on what the individual woman already knows. "I work with each person individually," says instructor Lucretia Claunch, "rebuilding her skill in whatever system of shorthand she originally learned, teaching her to use an electric typewriter, to type from a dictating machine, and to use modern business machines—all at her own pace. No one can really lose her skills, and a few weeks in a class like this can do wonders for a woman's abilities, as well as for her self confidence."

Seniors Plan Art Exhibit

The Senior Citizens Cultural Arts Festival, held annually at Eugene, Oregon, has invited artists of age 55 and older from throughout Oregon to exhibit their work this year, and has asked Portland Community College's R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) in Washington County for help in encouraging prospective exhibitors.

The festival will be held on October 5 and 6, at the Lane County Fair Grounds, 796 13th Street, Eugene. Entrants must file an application form with festival coordinator Joan Lollaugh, c/o the Celeste Campbell Senior Center, 155 High Street, Eugene.

Poetry must be received by the festival coordinator by September 13. All other works can be delivered to the Celeste Campbell Senior Center from September 30 through October 3, or at the Agriculture Building at the Fairgrounds on October 4. The festival committee will arrange the display of all works.

Applications and complete information are available through R.S.V.P. at the Portland Community College Hillsboro Center, 648-8928.

AARP To Hear Rev. Vetter

"Aging is a Work of Art," is the intriguing title of the illustrated talk to be given members of Columbia County Chapter 499, American Association of Retired Persons, at a meeting in Shrine Hall, St. Helens, at 1:30 o'clock, Tuesday, September 17.

The speaker will be the Reverend Ernest Vetter, an ordained Lutheran minister, who is now the administrator of the Presbyterian related Holiday Park Plaza, a retirement residential complex near the Lloyd Center in Portland.

Vernonia Eagle

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, 1974 3

Senior Citizen News - - -

Our attendance last Friday was 42 persons. We were happy to welcome two new members. Hope more will come in.

Our center has been a very busy place. We were getting quite crowded, not having enough room for some of our clothing for the Flea Market.

Ted Hill delivered us two large clothes racks, donated by the Evangelical Church. Thanks for the donation and also to Ted. Now our ladies are busy arranging clothes neatly so things can be seen as to size and color. Come in and browse.

Celeste Poetter, our Driver, has been on the constant go lately. Last Thursday 11 of our members enjoyed a trip out of town and had lunch at the Chuck Wagon. Everyone enjoyed the trip. Call us when you have a desire to go places.

Tuesdays a car leaves the Center at 10 a.m. to go for Visitation trips to the rest home in St. Helens. Call us if you would like to go along.

Our next social potluck will be Friday September 20, at 12:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

Historical Society Meets September 25

The Columbia County Historical Society will meet Wednesday September 25 in the old Mayger School at Mayger. Potluck will be served at noon followed by the afternoon session.

Those attending are asked to bring their own table service and either salad or dessert dish. Mayger residents will bring no dishes. Election of officers is scheduled with an interesting historical program promised.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings of the Columbia County Historical Society.

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Flowerless Peonies Can Be Treated

Peonies appearing to have formed a habit of producing no flowers are not trying to frustrate their owners. It's their way of telling the world about being sick with a disease few gardeners recognize.

Wilbur W. Burkhardt, area extension agent, explains the problem being related to fungus diseases attacking new foliage in the spring as a result of spores remaining on the ground and on old leaves and stems. Plants become heavily infected and fail to bloom even though new foliage grows each spring. Varieties without the ability to tolerate the infections may be completely killed. Control must begin in the fall.

Control measures are easily carried out by removal of all old leaves and stems to ground level and spraying the stubs and soil surface with copper base or other approved fungicides. Old leaves and stems must be burned. Heavy infections require sprays in the fall and again in the spring when new growth begins to emerge. Complete information may be obtained by writing to "Peonies", PO Box 1261, Portland, Oregon, 97207.