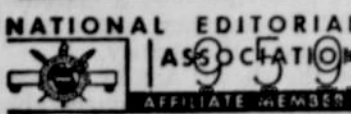


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'Health' Suggested Club Program Topic By Oregon Official

"A great many civic and fraternal organizations are again starting weekly or monthly meetings after the summer vacation period, and program chairmen will be faced with the very often difficult task of finding interesting subjects for the next eight or nine months," according to Dr. Harold M. Erickson, Oregon state health officer.

"As a health official, I naturally hope that some of these meetings will be devoted to discussions on the prevention of illness and accidents. I have two specific 'gimmicks' to offer which ought to make a program chairman very interested:

"1. The state board of health

maintains a library of almost 300 health motion pictures available for free short-term loan. These films are used primarily in the schools, but we are always happy to loan them to community organizations. Many free health leaflets on various subjects are also available. Obtain your county health officer, a private physician, or some other health specialist as a speaker, and you have a ready-made program on the subject of your choice.

"2. Discussions by such organizations may save the cost of individual health, and in some cases may actually save lives. A program on cancer, for example, would alert the audience of early cancer danger signs, and the earlier this disease is found, the better are the chances for recovery. Such programs can also reduce community health costs, by encouraging volunteer workers to do many tasks which might otherwise have to be furnished by tax-paid full-time health workers. And of course, any program is much more likely to succeed if the community understands and supports it.

"Any program chairman who feels people don't care for health subjects should see the recent report of the New York university study of American newspaper reader interests. When asked what they'd like to read more about,

Brucellosis Is Almost Eradicated in Oregon

Ervin L. Peterson, assistant secretary of the U.S. department of agriculture, told Oregon livestock raisers recently that the fight must still go on despite the attainment of modified certified brucellosis control in the state.

"This should be regarded as a plateau on the way to the top in the fight against brucellosis. We must not stop until there is not a trace of the disease in the state," he told a gathering of 150 persons related to the cattle industry at a breakfast at the Oregon state fair.

Peterson, former director of the Oregon department of agriculture, presented a certificate to Gov. Mark Hatfield designating the state as one with less than 1 percent of its cattle reacting to brucellosis reactors.

"Throughout history mankind has been dependent upon animals as beasts of burdens, for food, for clothing and for drugs; the dairy cow has been called the foster mother of the human race. It is therefore important that the health of livestock be maintained, and is doubly important in the case of brucellosis since it is transmissible to man," Peterson continued.

"Vaccines are a tool to be sure, but out of experience and the findings of science and teachings, we have used new tools and methodology to reach this point in the fight. To use vaccines only is to contribute to the perpetuity of the disease," he warned.

Gov. Hatfield, in accepting the certificate, told the group, "Let us not use this as a resting place or as a laurel but as just one more step on the road to progress."

NEPHEW DIES AT EUGENE

Mrs. Bob McKinney was called to Roseburg Thursday due to the sudden illness of her nephew, 20-year-old Jimmy Collins. He died Friday in a Eugene hospital without regaining consciousness. His parents arrived from Berryville, Ark., and took the body back there for burial. Mrs. McKinney returned home Sunday.

most people chose health, even over such dramatic topics as nuclear progress and space flights."

Ways to Stretch Livestock Feeds This Year Given

A tighter-than-usual hay crop this year in Oregon is creating no serious problem, but does mean farmers will need to stretch livestock feed supplies, Dean Frischknecht, Oregon State college extension animal husbandry specialist, pointed out.

Wild hay crop is 18 percent smaller than normal. On the other hand, corn production is up nearly a third, and lots of poor-quality roughage that is normally wasted can be fed to beef cattle, the specialist added.

One solution to the feed problem is to feed more grain and less hay. Frischknecht said the whole corn plant makes good feed, and also a lot of cereal grains could be saved for livestock feed.

Mint silage, straw and grass aftermath often are wasted throughout the state, he noted. This is a good year to save and feed them.

Lower quality feeds can be used for wintering breeding or stocker cattle. But when these low quality feeds make up a major portion of the ration, a protein supplement must be used to give livestock an adequate ration. Frischknecht suggested cottonseed meal, soybean oil meal or linseed meal—depending upon prices locally. Yearling cattle and mature cattle need between one-half and one pound protein supplement per head daily.

Frischknecht said farmers would be wise to let animals graze in the field as long as possible to save harvested feed this year.

In cold areas, it's a good idea to warm drinking water with an electric heater so cattle will drink more, he added.

Another feed-stretching trick is to give cattle a shed or other protection from the cold to keep them from burning up excess energy just keeping warm.

TO SEE ROCK COLLECTION

Mrs. Mary Hatt's sixth grade pupils, their teacher and room mothers plan a trip Friday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corey where they will view Mr. Corey's rock collection.

Railroads Seek to End Obsolete Work Rules

A stormy showdown between management and labor over the \$500 million annual featherbedding waste on the nation's railroads is imminent, Readers Digest reports, in an article in the November issue.

U.S. railroads are determined to modernize the work rules dating from 40 and more years ago, according to the article by Alfred Steinberg. These rules require surplus men on trains, erect jurisdictional barriers between various work groups and otherwise promote waste and inefficiency among the 200,000 operating employees, the article points out.

Contract negotiations on this explosive issue begin after Nov. 15.

To find out to what extent featherbedding exists on the railroads, Steinberg rode locomotives, wandered about yards and terminals and talked to railroaders themselves.

"There can be no question that featherbedding abounds wherever one looks," Steinberg declares.

The toll, he adds, is measured in higher passenger fares and freight rates and dwindling business for the long-troubled railroad industry.

The fireman who "has no fires to stroke or boilers to tend" on the modern diesel locomotive is cited by the Digest article as a primary example of featherbedding in practice.

Another obsolete rule gives each engine-crew member a basis day's wage for every 100 miles he travels. This rule dates from 1919, Steinberg reports, and results in such "high pay for short hours" as an engineer's collecting 143 days' wages for clipping off 143 miles in two hours on the Denver Zephyr, and a Pennsylvania engineer's collecting 4 1/4 days' pay, or about \$100, for making a 452-mile roundtrip between New York City and Washington, D.C., in a single day.

A companion featherbed rule splits the nation's railroads into divisions 100 or so miles long, with crews barred from crossing these borders. Thus, the Digest says, eight different engine crews are required to get the 20th Century Limited over the 16-hour course between New York City and Chicago.

He cites how a road crew was awarded an extra day's pay for moving a train a few car lengths in a yard and how a yard crew got an extra day's pay for helping a train through snow just outside yard limits.

Correction of these rules, the article states, lies "in a greater sense of responsibility to the public on the part of the railroad brotherhoods."

Steinberg believes that a key factor in the forthcoming showdown talks will be pressure from the public, now grown "sick and tired of costly, wasteful featherbedding."

'Skull' Practice Has Changed in Years

Cheering coeds and kilieg lights have brought football a long way from the days when the English stubbed their toes kicking around the skull of a Dane.

That's one theory of how the game started, according to research experts with The World Book Encyclopedia.

The Danes occupied England from 1016 to 1042. A few years after they left, some workmen digging in an old battlefield uncovered a Danish skull and started kicking it back and forth. Several boys who had been watching dug up another skull and soon everybody was "kicking the Dane's head."

They were also getting bruised toes. Some precocious youngster substituted an inflated cow bladder... and the game of football was born.

In the 1100's, the "game" was more of a riot. Teams from neighboring towns—sometimes with hundreds of players on each side—met at some midway point. The bladder was thrown down and the free-for-all was on. The object of the game was to kick the ball into the center of the rival town. When the yelling horde descended on the town, pedestrians ran for their lives and shopkeepers bolted their doors.

Eventually the players were ordered to play in some vacant area or give up the sport. The teams retired to a field marked off with boundaries similar to those of a soccer field.

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From This Corner . . .

By T.M.B.

Was glad to note that the executive committee of the American Legion finally decreed an end to the ban of the "40 and 8" against Negroes and Orientals. An organization that has such a record for freedom could not afford to have a lack of it within its own order.

The people who live across the Snake river from us have finally come into their own . . . their pheasant season opened Saturday noon. Unofficial reports show there are fewer birds over there than they had last year.

We have been blessed with beautiful weather for the past few weeks. The farmers have gotten their crops out in good shape, the best harvest is progressing according to schedule and a lot of the fall plowing has already been done.

Not all areas have been so fortunate . . . Oklahoma and Texas have had destructive floods, Illinois has had tornadoes and Colorado had the worst snowstorm ever known so early in the season. It has been several weeks since the first frost in Nyssa but the flowers are still in bloom and the grass still seems to be growing.

Heard Mrs. Alters tell yesterday of a rattlesnake invasion of some town in Nebraska. . . . One man had killed 125 in his driveway. Reminds me of many years ago when hordes of squirrels migrated south through where I was living. It was nothing uncommon to see several in most trees in town.

An OLD FARMERS' ALMANAC came through the mail yesterday—the first I've seen in years. Reminds me of when I was a kid and living with my grandparents. They used this book as a long range weather prophet, a timetable for planting most of the crops—depending upon the moon being wet or dry or full or light—and it told when calves and pigs should be castrated.

A female rhinoceros was elected to the city council in Sao Paulo, Brazil, but wasn't permitted to serve, so freedom is being hamstrung in a lot of places.

Postmaster General Summerfield is continuing his fight against obscene literature in spite of two court decisions that he had no special talent for deciding what was obscene and what was art. The courts must have assumed, "That nothing is evil but thinking makes it so." Guess that's like the Frenchman of long ago with the theory of "Day by day I'm getting better and better," but he didn't.

Speaking of judges . . . Senator Morse is at it again! He has been picking on Senators Kennedy and Humphrey for their part in the passage of the labor bill. He and Senator Langer of North Dakota were the only senators who voted against the bill . . . so all of the others were wrong . . . another case of all the other troops being out of step with him. The September issue of the Teamster carries an article entitled, "Wayne Morse—A Friend of Labor Fights Alone." It carries his picture three different times along with the article and tells why he should be supported. This is O.K. . . . He has earned their support but when he mails out a 23-page portion of the Congressional Record giving his speech in opposition to conference reports on the labor bill, and also sends along his 12-page letter in further explanation, it begins to take on the appearance of a "selling" job on those who

are not organized. Time will tell if he can "have his cake and eat it, too."

Last week the Vale Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution asking that Postmaster George Hart be retained. Prior to this he had been endorsed by the Malheur County Republican Central committee, and hundreds of people had already signed a petition asking that he be retained. Since it seems that everyone is against him except the people it might be worth trying to get the politicians behind him. It might be that they could help since postmaster jobs are usually political appointments.

Don't forget, I'm still going to say something nice about our senators and our congressman. I have the things already listed, lest I forget what they are, and anyway I must in self defense . . . A lot of people have been real friendly and said I sounded like a Republican.

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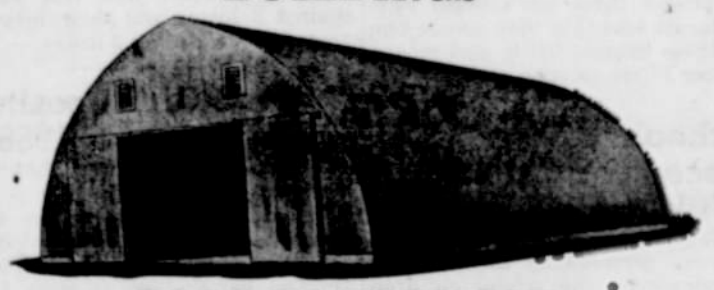
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