

Chickens produce Easter specialties

Egg-stra large treat produced

SPRIT LAKE, Idaho (AP) — Lucille and Felix Berry's chickens apparently knew Easter was coming and wanted to do something special.

Why else would they lay two eggs measuring seven and three-quarter inches around and more than eight inches long?

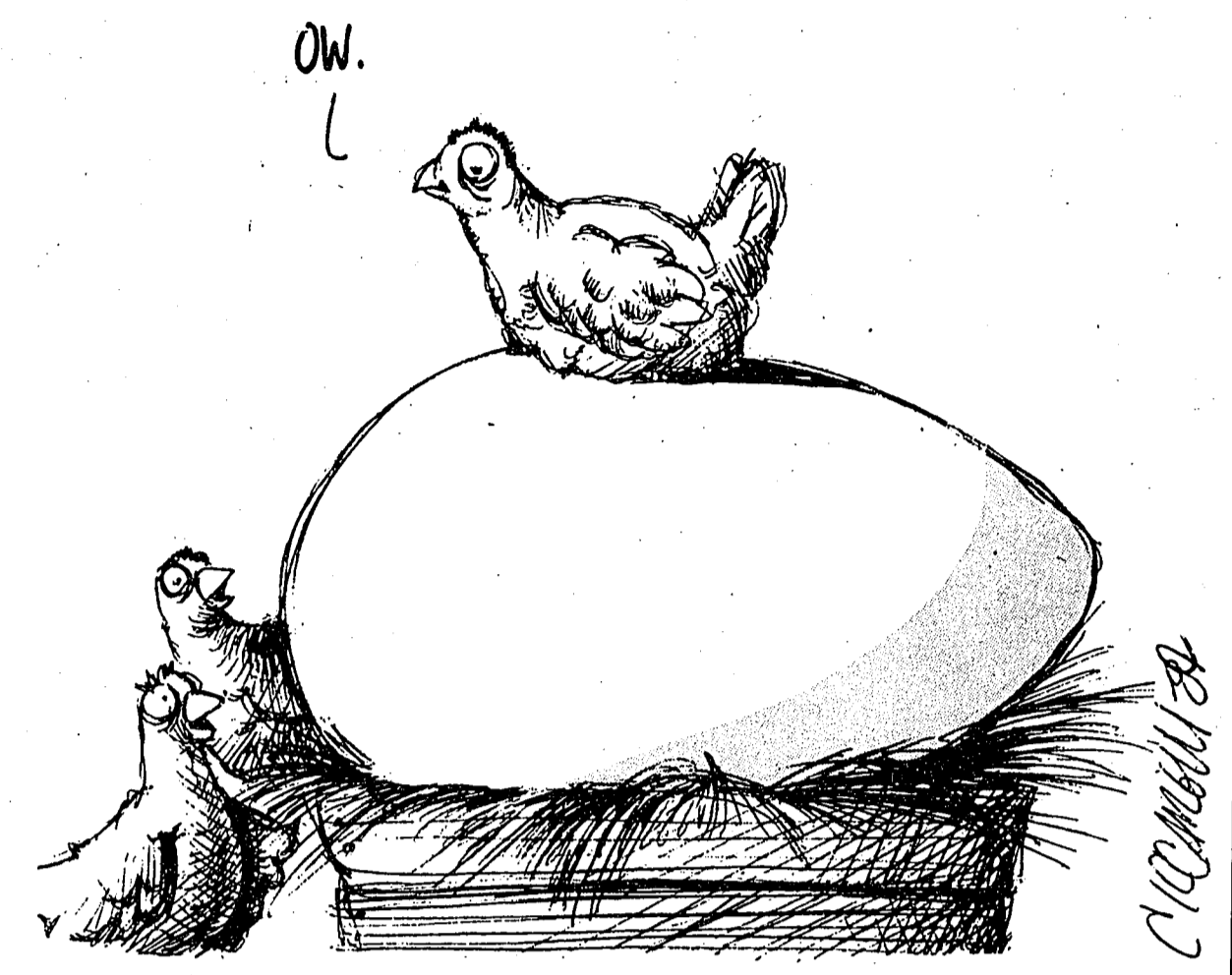
"It was such a shock when you reach in the nest and feel it," said Mrs. Berry. "I couldn't believe what I felt. All I could do was talk about it all day."

The first egg, laid two weeks ago, was dismissed as a one-of-a-kind freak of nature, she said.

But the appearance of the second egg in a different nest a week ago Friday prompted concern from University of Idaho agricultural agent Carl Van Slyke.

Van Slyke's concern was for the chickens who laid the eggs, Mrs. Berry said. He wanted to know if they had died. They hadn't.

University research specialist Ed Steete said not to worry. "If they can pass it, there's no problem," he said.



Sounds of music return to West Halls this week

By KAREN NAGLE
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West Halls Radio may return to the air this week because of the recent election of last year's West Halls Residence Association president to general manager of the station, the current WHRA president said Friday.

Christy Briggs said the election of Steve Diano last Thursday by West Halls Radio Organization will ease relations between WHRA, which owns the station equipment, and the newly formed radio organization, which has exclusive operating rights to the station.

WHRA and WHRO may take some temporary measures to open the station this week, such as broadcasting WQWK through West Halls, she said.

Later, when the radio station is operating normally again with its own disc jockeys, WHRA will probably insist that "top 40" music be played when a lot of students are in the dining halls, Briggs said. She said a recent poll of West Halls residents indicates they prefer "top 40" music.

WHRA and WHRO have been at odds for several weeks. The dispute stems from the Feb. 29 closing of the station by then WHRA President Diano because two turntables used to broadcast were stolen. At that time, WHRA had operating rights to the

station. The chief engineer of the station, Reginald Arford, under the impression the station was to be closed on a permanent basis, then formed WHRO to get the station back on the air, Arford said.

In a March 28 article in The Daily Collegian, Joe Schaper, Undergraduate Student Government Supreme Court Justice, said the court gave operating rights to WHRO after the justices saw a letter written by Diano that said the station had been closed "indefinitely." The court understood "indefinitely" to mean on a permanent basis, he said.

Because WHRO has operating rights but no equipment, and WHRA has the equipment but no operating rights, the two organizations need to work together to re-open the station, Schaper said.

However, until the election of Diano to general manager, the two organizations have not been able to work together, Briggs said.

She said Arford lost the trust of the council when he formed WHRO without WHRA's knowledge. As a result, council members have been reluctant to work with Arford, she said.

Diano said the important thing for WHRO now is to get funding from Associated Student Activities, so that it can operate the station normally.

Government offers cheaters the chance to pay up

By SALLY JACOBSEN
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WASHINGTON — Conscience bothering you, only a week after the income tax deadline? Can't forget about that little item you kept from Army days? Want to help reduce that monster budget deficit? Or just grateful to be living in the United States?

If so, the government has a special place for you and your money. The Treasury Department's bureau of government financial operations handles four special accounts for Americans who want to contribute something extra to the government — or want to clear their conscience about something they should or shouldn't have done.

The oldest of the four is the Conscience Fund, set up in 1811 when "somebody sent us \$5," William E. Douglas, commissioner of the financial operations bureau, recounted in a recent interview.

Before the year was out, the government had added \$25 to its coffers from people troubled by their conscience.

Since then, the fund has collected a total of \$4,314,354. Douglas said the biggest sum sent in was about \$139,000 in 1950, when the account also received the most in one year, \$70,235.47.

Last year, it got \$238,069.23. The money goes into the general coffers for running the government.

Douglas said the reasons people send in "conscience" money vary, but most "have to do with the feeling that they have done something they shouldn't have done or should have done regarding the country or government very broadly."

"The theme that runs through is remorse," he said. One man confessed he had "misappropriated" a \$5 pair of bathing trunks from the military. Two decades later, he sent the government \$13.85 to cover the cost of the swimsuit plus interest, compounded monthly, at 4.5 percent for 15 years and 10 percent for three.

Another apologized for "waiting so long to 'right' my mistake and sent money to cover a couple of machetes and staple guns kept from my military days. A third ex-serviceman was bothered by the \$10 to \$20 payout he got several times from cheating a pinball machine.

One writer admitted "intentionally" burning two \$50 bills a few years earlier. "I am sending over \$100 to reimburse my mistake. I should not have done it," said the letter.

And a letter addressed to the "tax collectors" wanted "to get something straightened out with ya'll before I can (be) with the Lord Jesus." The writer's failing: Not reporting tip income to the Internal Revenue Service.

While the Conscience Fund is the oldest of the special accounts, the fund to reduce the public debt may be better known because IRS Commissioner Roscoe Egger included a message inviting such contributions with this year's tax returns. He noted that such gifts are tax-deductible.

Through April 13, the IRS said, 1,705 of this year's returns included checks totaling \$217,189 to wash away some of the \$1.4 trillion-plus in red ink. The smallest contribution so far: one cent. The biggest: \$40,000.

Last year, the debt-reduction fund got \$911,179.45, bringing the total to \$7,058,912.16 since its start in the

early 1950s. The biggest account is Gifts to the United States, said Douglas. Since its inception in 1943, it has received donations of \$53,017,000.29, many from people who express pride and gratitude to the United States, Douglas said.

One contributor told the Treasury he had "prospered a little this last year and I would like to repay some of the benefits I receive from my country." Enclosed was a \$325 check.

Another writer, who left Russia in 1906, sent \$35,000. "With me it is not what the country will do for me, it is what I can do for the country," he explained in a letter to then-President Jimmy Carter.

Some members of Congress unhappy with their colleagues for voting themselves pay raises have turned over the extra salary to the government, where it has gone into the gift account.

Also returning money was a retiree who said, "This money is from my old-age pension, which I did not use so am sending it back to you."

The newest, and smallest, of the special accounts is the National Defense Conditional Gift Fund, which was opened in 1973 for donations designated for the country's security. One contributor, for example, sent \$200 to go toward a tank.

Last year, the fund received \$54,872.97, bringing the 10-year total to \$126,461.76.

For those interested in sending a little extra to the government, the address is: Bureau of Government Financial Operations, Treasury Annex No. 1, Room 300, Washington, D.C. 20226.

Said Douglas: "Keep the cards and letters coming."



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