# BULL ASSNS. HELP LITTLE HERD OWNER

Many dairy farmers with small herds can't afford to keep a good registered herd sire. Even farmers with large herds, 20 cows or more, sometimes can't afford as good a bull as they would like to have.

The organization of cooperative dairy bull associations, in which several dairy farmers go in together and buy a good bull, provides a means for both groups of farmers to carry out herd improvement through better breeding, says Dr. J. F. Kendrick, in charge of dairy herd improvement work for the United States department of agriculture.

There are now 166 cooperative dairy bull associations active in the United States. These associations have a total membership of 2,551 dairymen and own 734 registered dairy sires. Thirty-four of the associations were organized last year.

The older associations have had remarkable success over a fairly long period, says Dr. Kendrick. The oldest has been in operation for 28 years and 36 have been functioning more than 10 years. The associations are divided into three or more blocks of dairymen, with one bull to each block of breeders. As many as five blocks is desirable, as in the smaller groups bulls must be purchased more frequently to prevent inbreeding in an association with five or more blocks a bull will usually spend his entire life in an association. In this way the association members can get the complete utilization of an outstanding proved sire.

# COMMUNISTS SET FORTH '38 PLATFORM

NEW YORK, May 31.—(AP)—One thousand delegates to the tenth national convention of the communist party today adopted the party's 1938 platform with its declaration that "the issue is not socialism or capitalism—the issue is democracy or fascism."

Detailed planks called for the release of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, convicted of San Francisco's Preparedness day parade bombing; James McNamara, convicted of the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, the Scottsboro, Ala., defendants, and "all political prisoners."

Other planks demanded "equal rights for all nationalities, including the foreign-born," called for legal prohibition of propaganda against negroes, Jews or Catholics on the basis of race or religion, and urged extension of the "American right of political asylum to include all victims of political reaction and fascism."

## HUGE COVER CROPS MADE BY VETCHES

ALBANY, Ore.—Nearly 20 tons of green material per acre was produced by mixed vetch in the cover crop trial established on the F. L. Bullman farm on river bottom land in Linn county, as compared to only a little more than two tons per acre of fall rye seeded in an adjoining plot, says County Agent F. C. Mullen. The trial was established cooperatively by County Agent Mullen and Mr. Bullman on October 9 to determine which of the commonly used cover crop materials produced the greatest tonnage of organic material. A harvested portion from each plot will be dried and the growth calculated on the basis of dry weights, before any recommendations are made, Mr. Mullen says.

## FORD PARTS USED IN 'HOPPER WAR

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 30.—(AP)—New Mexico went into emergency production of mechanical poison spreaders in its battle against grasshoppers today.

Under personal supervision of Governor Tingley and Assistant Highway Engineer Dwyer, the mechanical unit was installed at state highway shops here.

The highway department launched an immediately fruitful search for the vital part of the spreader, old "model T" Ford axles complete with wheels and differentials.

The state expects to construct 40 spreaders here by tomorrow night.

The spreader, now in use in 24 states, has proven highly effective in battling grasshoppers. One machine can do the work of 30 men.

## CONTROL OF THRIP BY SPRAY SHOWN

McMINNVILLE, Ore. — That prune thrips can be controlled by well-timed and carefully applied sprays was demonstrated on the Roy Fryer farm, where County Agent Rex Warren, S. C. Jones, assistant entomologist at OSC, and Mr. Fryer cooperated in demonstration trials on 100 acres of prunes. Two plots received no spray, two plots received one application of oil-nicotine, two plots recieved two applications of oil-nicotine, two plots received one application of lime sulfur nicotine and two plots received two applications of lime sulfur nicotine. At blossom time it was evident that both oil nicotine and lime sulfur nicotine reduced the damage by thrip, but little difference was seen between the one and two-spray applications, Mr. Warren said. Yields will be checked at harvest time.


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## YOUTH, 15, ADMITS MURDERING CHILD

CINCINNATI, June 1.—(AP)—Police Captain Hayes announced that Lindberg Heist, 15, alias Lindberg Trent, had confessed the attack-slaying of six-year-old Shirley Ann Woodburn.

Immediately a murder charge was filed against the former news vendor, who previously had been identified by a five-year-old playmate of the girl as the one who had lured Shirley Ann from her side Sunday afternoon.

Australian censors last year cut 28 per cent of British and 15 per cent of United States films as "objectionable."

## CCC TAKING CARE OF BABY ANTELOPE

PORTLAND, June 2.—(AP)—Three-C boys along the Oregon-Nevada border have undertaken a new project—nursing.

The federal biological survey reported today 43 young antelope had been placed on bottle feeding at the Sheldon reserve. They will form the basis for two herds.

The antelope, captured soon after birth, will be transferred to Vantage, Wash., or Las Vegas, Nevada.

In France, broad collars of wood are placed about the necks of the geese to prevent their penetrating the hedges separating one farm from another.

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# BERRY PRUNING TO BE COMPARED

Tipping the new canes of red raspberries in late May or early June to increase branching has resulted in better yields on the tall growing type, such as the Suthbert, but has not proved beneficial with free-branching types, such as the Newburg, reports Dr. W. S. Brown, head of the horticulture department at Oregon State college.

These, and other preliminary results of three years research with different types of pruning and training of cane fruits, will be explained to those who attend the annual small fruits day scheduled by the experiment station for June 2. New varieties of strawberries, as well as cane fruits, will be observed that day as well as various types of cultural practices.

Dr. Brown reports that the topping back of Cuthberts results in an increase of about 20 per cent in yield, compared with unpruned checks, while winter or early spring pruning gave 15 per cent gain. In general, the cutting back of tips of the Cuthbert and Chief gave about ten per cent better yield than the ordinary winter type of pruning, while with the more free-branching Newburg variety the best results were obtained by early removal of old canes after harvest and thinning out of weak new canes.

# WORLD TO PRODUCE BIGGER WHEAT CROP

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics reported the early outlook in northern hemisphere countries and expectations of a more nearly normal crop in Argentina indicated a larger world wheat crop this year.

The bureau said wheat plantings in 22 countries which accounted for 89 per cent of last year's harvested acreage in the northern hemisphere were about four per cent larger than in 1937. A decrease of about 1,500,000 acres was expected in Australia.

If this decrease is not offset by increased seedings in Argentina, world acreage, including Russia and China, will be about three per cent above that of 1936, the bureau said.

The increase was attributed mainly to the larger acreage in the United States and increased seedings in Danubian countries. Smaller acreages than last year were indicated for Canada and north Africa.

Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg is the name of a lake in Massachusetts. It was named after the terms of an Indian fishing treaty, and means: "You fish on your side, I fish on my side, nobody fish in the middle."


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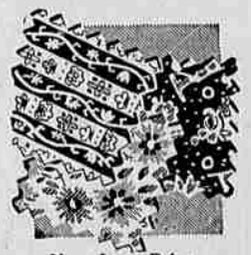

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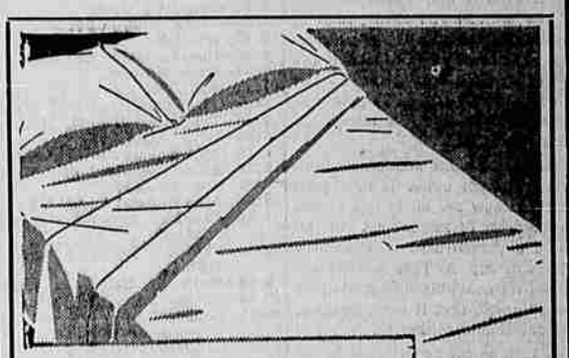

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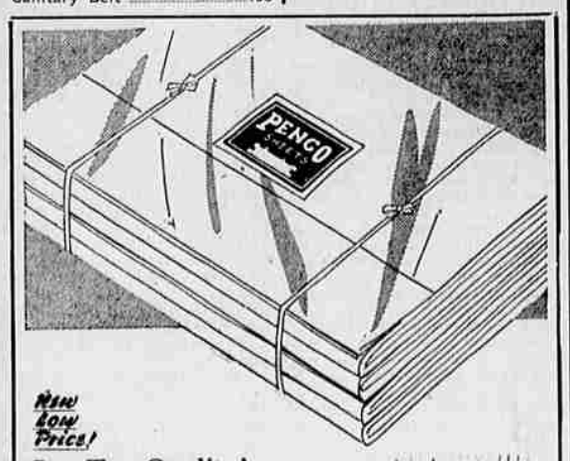

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