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## Egg Prices Slump; More Buying Urged

### Consumption Fails to Keep Pace With Big Increase in Hens' Production.

It is time to eat eggs, that vita-min filled, concentrated health food, say the O.S.C., agricultural and home economics specialists, noting current market reports. Producers need the help owing to record breaking egg output by the layers without a corresponding pickup in egg consumption despite the lowest January farm price level for eggs in 39 years. The situation offers consumers an opportunity unequalled at this season of the year, to include more eggs in the diet. The home economists point out that eggs are rich in protein, needed for the growth and repair of muscle, bone and blood, and they say that for the younger members of the family, at least, an egg a day is desirable. Eggs are also rich in vitamins A, B and D. The combination of iron with vitamin D makes egg yolk one of the first foods to supplement milk in the diet of a very young child, say the nutrition specialists. In the country as a whole, egg production at the first of 1940 was the largest on record—nearly 9 per cent greater than a year previous and 49 per cent above the average on January 1. Egg market quotations the middle of January were low everywhere, being 5 to 6 cents a dozen, cheaper at Portland than a year before.

### Production Upped

The increase of 9 per cent in egg production compared with a year ago was caused more by heavier production per hen than by the increase in the number of hens, according to the extension agricultural economists in charge of market news at the college. The number of laying hens is estimated at approximately 3 per cent above the number on hand a year ago, with the average output per hen 9 per cent greater. Eggs are still being shipped from the Pacific coast to the New York market at the rate of 20 to 40 cents a week, although top quality Pacific coast white eggs brought only 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cents a dozen at auction there on January 17. The home economics section of the extension service has issued a list of 19 selected recipes for preparing eggs for the table, a copy of which may be had from any county extension office or direct from the college.

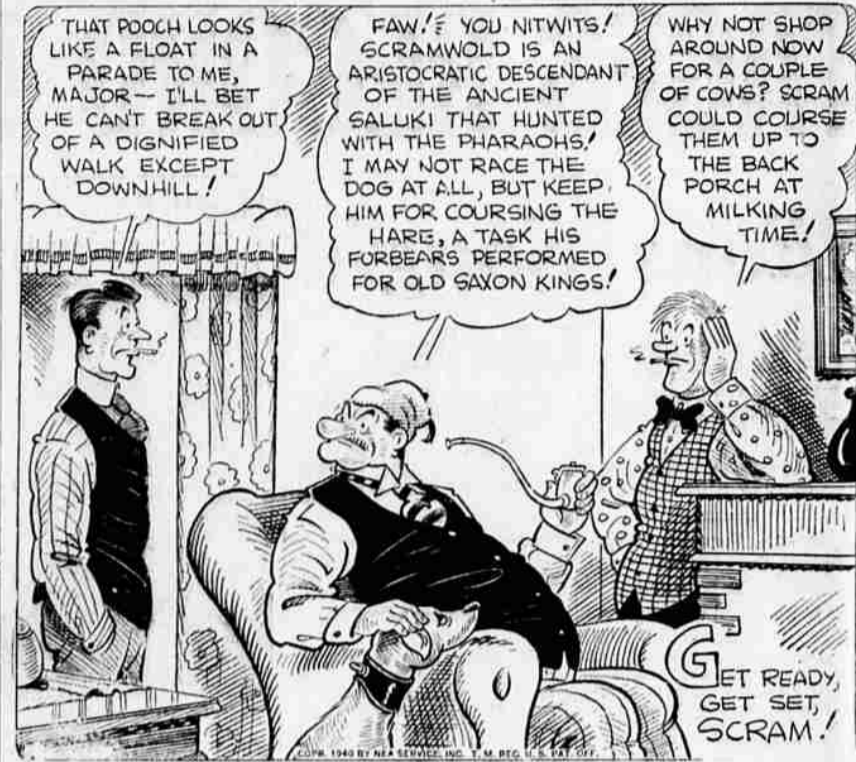
## Fruit, Vegetables Hit Inspection Act

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—The state department of agriculture inspectors had a busy December. More than 2,275,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables were inspected by the inspectors because they failed to conform to the state horticultural laws. Most of the commodities lacked grade marks. Except in case of products that were unfit for human consumption, the inspectors reported the goods as soon as grade marks were supplied or reworking was done to conform to the grade with which the products were marked. Continuing its drive against misbranded butter, the inspectors seized 616 pounds of country butter and returned the product to the maker for reworking and proper grade designation. In connection with the U. S. food and drug officials the department's men are conducting a drive against misbranded olive oil. In December the Portland office seized 53 gallons of oil that were adulterated with linseed oil. More action on this front is expected this year.

## Grade A Dairy License Fee in Oregon Reduced

Annual licenses for Grade A dairies have been reduced to a minimum of \$5 for up to 10 cows and 50 cents for each additional cow, reports the state department of agriculture. The order, which the fee is retroactive to January 1, 1940. The new regulation means dairy men will pay only about half as much for their licenses this year as in the past. Each herd will require a separate license, with a bond to be secured from the owner. A group of cows divided and utilized in more than one location must be licensed as separate herds for each location. The fees apply also to shippers of Grade A pasteurized milk shippers. Plants that handle Grade A milk, either raw or pasteurized, are subject to a \$10 annual plant license.

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE



## Yoncalla Granges Install Officers

YONCALLA, Jan. 27.—An all-day session of Elk creek subordinate and juvenile granges was held at Yoncalla Saturday. Installation of officers of the juvenile grange was followed by a potluck dinner at noon. A program was given by the juvenile grange at the afternoon session, with entertainment furnished by Mrs. Bessie Watson, matron; Paul Rising, Laura Jobe, Edith Jobe and Patricia Bentel. Jake Wilson was installed as master of Elk creek subordinate grange. Other officers installed were Paul Rising, steward and Annie Kruse, executive committee member. The grange will meet at 2 p. m. on the fourth Saturday of each month in the future, starting with the February meeting. The following committees were appointed by Master Wilson: Home economics committee, Mrs. William Foster, chairman; Mrs. Art Ryckard, Mrs. Fred Kruse, legislation; Mrs. John Kruse, chairman; Mrs. John Weber, Mrs. George Edes; agriculture, J. B. Wilson, chairman; Jake Wilson, William Rising; 4-H club and juveniles, Paul Rising; Mrs. Bessie Watson; Miss Norma Hitchcock; relief, Mrs. Eric Stenseth, Mrs. Joe Wilson, Mrs. Herman Schoups.

## Oregon Prune Declared In Need of Promotion

EUGENE, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Oregon prune hailed as a luxury but misunderstood fruit, needs first of all a cooperative promotion program, which can be brought about by a legislative machinery, more than 100 newspaper men of Oregon, here for the annual Oregon press conference at the University of Oregon school of journalism, were told Friday by Morde W. Manly, vice-president of Bolefort, Constantine and Gardner, Portland. Newspaper men taking part in the discussion following Manly's proposal were unanimous in agreeing that a vigorous advertising program should be adopted. Financing by assessing prunes to be consumed was a part of the proposal and the act should also make it possible for Oregon and Washington growers to cooperate on the program, he said.

## Dairy Heads May Launch Advertising Campaign

ST. PAUL, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Envisioning a national advertising campaign to promote sale and use of dairy products, about 30 national dairy leaders met here to study details of such a program. The organization being set up is now tentatively called the National Central Dairy Committee on Advertising. It is proposed to finance the advertising drive with funds from the dairy states, as far as Wash-

## Major Hoopie

THAT POUGH LOOKS LIKE A FLOAT IN A PARADE TO ME, MAJOR—I'LL BET HE CAN'T BREAK OUT OF A DIGNIFIED WALK EXCEPT DOWNHILL! FAW, YOU NITWITS! SCRAMWOLD IS AN ARISTOCRATIC DESCENDANT OF THE ANCIENT SALUKI THAT HUNTED WITH THE PHARAOHS! I MAY NOT RACE THE DOG AT ALL, BUT KEEP HIM FOR COURSING THE HARE, A TASK HIS FURBEARS PERFORMED FOR OLD SAXON KINGS! WHY NOT SHOP AROUND NOW FOR A COUPLE OF COWS? SCRAM COULD COURSE THEM UP TO THE BACK PORCH AT MILKING TIME! GET READY, GET SET, SCRAM!

## Vast Project to Aid Dust Bowl Refugees Proposed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes has proposed to Congress a multi-million dollar irrigation and reclamation program as a "permanent solution" for the thousands of farm families forced out of the great plains and dust bowls by drought. The interior secretary recommended expenditure of \$24,100,000 at Oregon State colleges, in a new extension circular entitled "Choosing Hybrid Corn for Seed." Only hybrid corn of proved worth under Oregon conditions is safe for use except on a test basis, he says. The experiment station in cooperation with growers has made several years' tests on scores of hybrid varieties, the results of which are summarized in the new circular. Estimates are that about 5,000 acres of hybrid field corn were grown in Oregon last year, with more growers planning to use hybrid corn.

## Amendments to Be Asked to Hop Marketing Set-Up

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—(AP)—A sub-committee of the control board of Pacific coast hop growers has been authorized to prepare amendments to the federal marketing program continuing it for another two years. The amendments must go to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace for tentative approval, then public hearings must be held in principle hop growing areas of California, Washington and Oregon. If two-thirds of the growers vote acceptance of the program for another two years and if 50 per cent of the hop handlers likewise concur, the extension of the program becomes effective with issuance of an order by Secretary Wallace.

## Oregon, California May Link Fertilizer Laws

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Coordination of Oregon's new fertilizer and economic poisons laws with those of California is being sought by the state department of agriculture. If the laws of the two states were brought to coincide, the department said, a great deal of trouble at the border would be eliminated. California manufacturers much of the spray and fertilizer used by Oregon farmers and orchardists. Justinian, Byzantine emperor, succeeded in getting the silk secret from China by bribing two monks to smuggle some of the silkworms out of the country in their bamboo staffs. Afterward, silk became more widely used, although it remained expensive.

## Turkey Saddles

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## Farm Program For Douglas Outlined

### Grange Heads Draft 8-Point Plan and Add Request for Eradication of Thistles.

An eight-point agricultural program for subordinate granges was outlined by grange masters and agricultural committee chairmen, holding a joint session in Roseburg last Friday. The program includes: 1. The agricultural committee should participate in the lecturer's program at least four times a year. 2. Agricultural committees should arrange for quarterly activities: winter—county-wide program planning meeting; spring—cooperate with grange wholesaler for a county-wide farm machinery demonstration; summer—arrange field demonstration or tour in county; fall—marketing meeting. 3. Support existing cooperatives and invite representatives of existing cooperatives to attend subordinate granges, to tell about their organizations and their objectives. 4. Encourage weed control work. Locate noxious weed infested areas and report to county agent. Committeemen seek opportunities to speak to non-farm groups explaining why noxious weed control is a public problem. 5. Agricultural committeemen use price and market outlook reports to keep members and community posted on crop and market conditions for products sold. 6. Recommend each grange elect a business agent to keep members posted on marketing information and events of interest; agent to report to Pomona chairman. 7. Recommend pest hunts be continued in 1940. 8. Support 4-H and Future Farmer activities. Thistle Removal Sought. The Pomona grange was requested to recommend to the county court that road crews clean up fence-lined growing areas; the county roads. The thistle has been spreading rapidly in various sections into cultivated fields and pastures, along the roads, and spreading. It was also recommended that subordinate granges and the county Pomona grange go on record favoring the establishment of a sodium chlorate manufacturing plant at Bonneville, or some other point along the Columbia river.

## Grange YGA



May Taylor. A movement that started in Klamath county two years ago and has since spread to several other states is an organization within the grange structure called the "Young Grangers of America." This organization embraces over 2,000 young people, members of the grange in Oregon, ranging from 14 to 35 years of age. And among the group of officers is Miss May Taylor of Melrose, the social director.

Her unit of the youth movement includes about 10 young people living in the Melrose section and members of that grange. Douglas county has several YGA organizations, notably among them being those of Melrose and Sunnydale granges, four miles west of Drab. Other units are being organized and the YGA's are filling a place that was formerly almost a blank, between the juvenile granges, composed of children from 8 to 14 years of age, and the older members.

Total amount of debts of all kinds in the United States is \$281,000,000,000; total wealth of all kinds is estimated at \$300,000,000,000.

## Farmer-Banker to Speak in Oregon

Dan H. Otis, director of the agricultural commission of the American Bankers association will visit Oregon January 31, February 1 and 2, to confer with farm and bank leaders, according to word received today at local banks. Eleven years ago, under the leadership of Mr. Otis, the American Bankers association instituted a yearly "merit award" for those State Bankers associations which excelled in leadership in farmer-banker relationships.

The Oregon Bankers association is the only state association of bankers which has qualified in full for this "merit award" in each of the past ten years, and for that record was awarded a special plaque by the American Bankers association. Harold J. Irvine, cashier of the First National bank of Lebanon, and chairman of the Oregon Bankers association committee on agriculture, has arranged a series of meetings to provide an opportunity for farm and bank leaders of the state to meet Mr. Otis and to discuss with him problems of com-

## Surplus Potatoes Jan. 1 Less Than One Year Ago

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The United States had 103,318,000 bushels of merchantable potatoes on hand January 1, the federal agricultural marketing service estimates. The total is 232,000 bushels below the five year average of 105,369,000 bushels (1934-1938). Oregon, one of the 18 surplus late states, had 3,094,000 bushels of merchantable stock on hand January 1 compared with 3,518,000 bushels a year ago, 3,488,000 on January 1, 1938, 2,691,000 on the same date in 1937, and 2,906,000 on January 1, 1936.

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