

# NEWS OF FARM LIFE

GRANGES COUNTY AGENT'S REPORTS CROP NEWS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NEWS



## War Inflicts Loss On Apple Growers

### Income Heavily Slashed by Cut in Exports From U. S.; Pear Raisers Not so Hard Hit.

By WALTER WARREN  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—(AP)—Apple growers in the United States, including many on the Pacific coast, lost 69 per cent of their foreign market because of the war in the last half of 1939.

That meant a loss of about \$3,500,000 income.

The federal-state market service reported exports for the half year were down to 2,417,000 bushels. Shipments of fresh pears did better, retaining 51 per cent of the foreign market, while grape exports held 73 per cent of the 1938 volume.

Apple exports to European markets declined steeply—to 1,545,000 bushels from 5,227,300.

Three main factors worked to cut the trade down. Great Britain, the biggest customer, banned imports of apples except from empire orchards as a war measure; Europe had big crops at home and shipping charges rose to restrictive heights.

These same forces tended to hold down shipment of pears and grapes, and the latter had steep competition from Spain. However, exporters of these two fruits got good business in non-European countries.

### Prices Also Hurt

Prices were affected too. So the loss was not only in volume, but in money received for the amount sold. During the period last year United States prices ranged from monthly averages of 59 to 99 cents a bushel, never getting above 68 cents after July. In the preceding year the range of monthly averages was from 67 to 90 cents a bushel.

At approximately average prices, the exported apples were worth only about \$1,500,000 to growers for the half year, against a value of around \$5,000,000 in the 1938 half year.

Hence the war, with some help from European orchards, hit the United States apple growers a 43,300,000 jolt.

Grape and pear exporters managed to do a big business in Iran, Canada and Mexico. So they kept their export losses to smaller figures.

## Many Inspections Made by Oregon Plant Bureau

More than two and one-quarter million pounds of fruits and vegetables were inspected in February because the shipments did not meet grades and standards requirements, reports Frank McKennon, chief of the plant division of the state department of agriculture.

Inspectors in this division made 2,929 other inspections, including 898 horticultural inspections. Of the 1,490 cartons of Oregon produce certified by the federal-state shipping point service nearly half or 714 were potatoes.

The work indicated above does not include inspections of over four million pounds of dried prunes purchased by the FRSC. Incidentally, the federal-state inspectors will go to work this week and March 15-18 on checking grades on the new purchase of 2,500 tons of prunes. Deliveries will be completed by mid-April.

## Surplus to Cut Turkey Output in California

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 18.—(AP)—A record holdover storage of turkeys from the 1939 season will result in raising of slightly fewer birds in 1940 than in 1939, it was reported by the California cooperative crop reporting service.

The 1939 crop reached an all-time high of 3,281,000 turkeys, bringing low average prices and accounting for the above average storage. Cold storage holdings in California on February 15 totalled 4,560,000 pounds.

## Good Weather Aids Early Lamb Crop in Northwest

PORTLAND, March 18.—(AP)—Favorable weather has aided vitally all early lambing areas in the northwest.

The federal agricultural marketing service reported the early Oregon crop larger than a year ago. The mild winter with abundant moisture has given pastures and ranges a good start for spring and summer feeding. Lambs are making satisfactory growth, especially in western Oregon.

## Superior for Salad Bowls



Leaf lettuce is getting almost into the luxury class, since market gardeners have almost stopped growing it, and the supply of light, bleached head lettuce from irrigated sections has reached out to every village.

There was a time when head lettuce was the rarity, and esteemed for that reason; and many a home gardener who could not grow heads, felt that his leaf lettuce was hardly worth while.

But the tables have been turned by the revelation that leaf lettuce, and its easily-grown cousin, the cos lettuce or romaine, are both superior to bleached heads in vitamin A content. This vitamin which is so essential to the health of children, is said to vary in richness in proportion to the rich green color of the leaves. Bleached leaves have much less than green leaves.

### Leaf Lettuce Rated Best

Leaf lettuce, moreover, when freshly picked from the garden, is held by good judges to be superior to bleached heads in tenderness and flavor, and quite as crisp. Like other table-quality vegetables, it is difficult to market because it loses its crispness quickly, a hindrance which does not concern the amateur, who uses it as soon as he picks it.

For a bowl of salad none is better than the leaf variety, not only because it accommodates the dressing in a manner which is next to impossible with the bleached leaves of head lettuce. Famous hotels and restaurants invariably use leaf or romaine varieties for their choicest salads.

Now your favorite variety of leaf lettuce just as soon as the ground can be worked. It is better to thin out the plants so that they can develop well, though some gardeners do not thin, but allow the plants to grow in a crowded row, on the theory that the leaves are smaller and more tender that way.

### Fast Growth Essential

Cos lettuce should be sown at the same time, since it matures later and while it resists summer heat, it must make growth before the hot spell comes. The cos lettuce must be thinned or transplanted, to six inches apart in the row.

All good lettuce must grow fast. If it stands still the leaves will become bitter. It requires plenty of water, and a dose of plant food will help speed growth.

When cos lettuce begins to make a rosette of slender leaves, they can be tied together and bleached. If you wish, be sure the leaves are dry when you tie them up. Many prefer not to bleach the leaves, preferring their crisp fresh green.

All lettuces tend to go to seed in hot weather, but a second crop of both leaf and cos lettuce can be grown for the fall season.

## Oregon Behind Neighbors in Farm Electrification

Although Oregon has been increasing electrical service in rural areas rapidly in the last few years, it still lags behind both Washington and California in percentage of farms electrified, reports Everett H. Davis, extension specialist in agricultural engineering at Oregon State college.

Latest published estimate of the Electric Institute gives total occupied farms for Oregon as 61,137, of which 35,500 now receive electric service. This is 58.5 per cent, compared with approximately 90 per cent a year ago. This figure for total farms in Oregon is somewhat lower than most other estimates.

This report lists Washington as having 81,000 occupied farms, 68 per cent electrified, and California, 132,500 farms, almost 91 per cent of which are electrified. These figures are based on central electric service and do not include farm lighting plants.

## Compensation Act Ruling Affects Farmers Co-ops

SALEM, March 18.—(AP)—Farmers' cooperative associations engaged in processing and marketing agricultural products which sell more products for non-members than for members are not exempt from the state unemployment compensation law, the attorney general held.

Cooperatives which sell more for members than for non-members are exempt.

The opinion also held that the federal social security act, which does not exempt cooperatives, has no effect on the Oregon act, which does exempt them in most instances. Consequently, cooperatives exempt under the Oregon law must pay the federal payroll tax without getting any benefits.

## INSPECTION LAW VIOLATED

Three eastern Oregon men were arrested in February for failure to secure brand inspections while moving cattle records in all the departments of agriculture division of animal industry show. The brand

## Plan Greater Use Of Oregon Lime

Plans for a lime distribution program, enabling farmers who take part in the AAA farm program to receive lime under the "grant of aid" plan, are nearing completion, according to N. C. Donaldson of Corvallis, in charge of the state agricultural conservation office.

If bids expected from 15 lime-producing companies are satisfactory, the lime distribution program should be under way by the middle of April, Donaldson said. All but one of the lime plants are located in Oregon.

This grant of aid plan would be similar to those used by the AAA in distributing hairy vetch and Austrian winter field pea seed, as well as phosphate. The material is furnished the farmer now, but he does not pay ready cash since the cost is deducted from future conservation checks.

Bids will be accepted on the basis of cost of the lime at the plant. Farmers will pay the shipping charges themselves. An effort is being made to have several plants furnish the lime, so that farmers will have a source near their home farms, thus reducing shipping charges.

Distribution of the lime will be made this spring and again in the fall, if bids are satisfactory.

As soon as action on bids is completed, county offices will be furnished information on receiving applications from farmers for the lime and on details of its distribution.

## New Device Aids Aphis-Weevil War

CORVALLIS, March 18.—(AP)—The private lives of vetch aphids and pea weevils are going to be suitably invaded if a new device developed by entomologists and agricultural engineers at Oregon State college is successful.

In the past aphid hid on the under side of leaves so that many survived the usual "frontal attack" of insecticides.

The new machine, which will cover a 25-foot strip at five miles an hour, blasts rotenone poison dust on the insects from and at and then lays the vetch and pea plants over so the bugs hiding on the under side will be dusted too.

Oregon farmers have situated about their pea and vetch acreage this year in response to encouragement from the AAA which is seeking more seed supplies for cotton growers to use in the south for cover crops.

State college men are demonstrating the machine at meetings throughout western and central Oregon this month.

## Industry of Easter Lily Bulbs Growing in Oregon

More than a million Easter lily bulbs will be planted in southwest

## Bankruptcies Of Farmers Decline

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—A slight decline during 1939 in bankruptcies among farmers of the eleven western states was reported by the agriculture department.

Although in four states the number of cases topped those in 1938 and two reported no change, the total of all farmer bankruptcies in the eleven states was 210, or twelve less than recorded the previous year.

The department asserted that bankruptcies among farmers, the

## News of 4-H CLUBS

The Kiwanis-Grange program for this week will be given by the Roseburg Kiwanis for the Camas Valley grades Tuesday evening at the Camas Valley school. Preparations are being made by the grangers to receive and accommodate a large crowd. Those who have enjoyed the shows at Riverside and Melrose state that this year is the best the Kiwanis club has ever had.

These programs are given in the interest of 4-H club scholarships to the summer school held in June at Corvallis. The Kiwanis go to Glendale Tuesday evening, March 26.

The "Coca Cola" entertainers staged a fine program at Green school last Thursday evening. This was an endeavor to assist the Green P.T.A. to raise funds with which to send one or more club members to summer school.

The program will be repeated for the Lookingglass P.T.A. and friends in the Lookingglass school Thursday evening of this week. In the program will be Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gordon in a half hour of magic and fine music; Paul Cox, clarinet; Ruth Anne Ruhl, tap dance; Lavella McMillan, mandolin and accordion; Patricia Glenn, harmonica and guitar; and La Britton, piano.

On Thursday evening, March 28, this group will entertain at the Edenhovner play house.

County Club Agent E. A. Britton is attending a conference of all 4-H club agents in the state at Corvallis today and tomorrow. Problems relating to project requirements and exhibits will be discussed. Plans will also be completed for the 4-H summer school to be held in June.

County Club Agent Britton reports that several clubs have already completed projects and have sent in record books. Mr. Britton would like for the record books to be kept with the project until exhibiting time when all record books are to be collected. According to Mr. Britton the record book counts 25 per cent on the exhibit; so every club member should submit a neat book which has been accurately kept. Any member who ruins a record book may get another for the asking.

(To Be Concluded Tomorrow)

## COMING TOMORROW — Hunt's Indian Theatre — "Grapes of Wrath." — (Adv.)

### Rice & Meyers Sheet-Metal Works Sheet Metal Work Tailored to the Job 827 N. Jackson St. Phone 320

### Floor Sanding and Refinishing CHAS. KEEVER Phone 651-1 Temporary address R. F. D. 4 Oakland, Oregon.

## THE RECORD... Facts That Concern You No. 16 of a Series



## "THANKS FOR A LOVELY EVENING..."

A new kind of beer retailing is bringing wholesome recreation to millions of Americans!

America's new kind of beer retailer wants to sell good beer, of course... but he is also keenly aware of his social responsibility to the community. He makes sure that his place is clean and inviting—and scrupulously free of anti-social influences of any kind.

The Brewing Industry wants all of beer's retailers to be of this type. We do not want any other kind. And we are taking action to eliminate any abuses in beer retailing that may occur.

We have instituted a new plan... now in effect in a few states and being extended as rapidly as possible... to protect your right to drink good beer in decent surroundings. May we tell you about it... in an interesting free booklet? Write: United Brewers Industrial Foundation, 19 East 40th Street, New York, N. Y.

### BEER... a beverage of moderation



# The Busiest Cigarette from Coast to Coast

Miss Hazel Brooks... photographed at New York's new municipal airport. MISS BROOKS is chief instructor of stewardesses for American Airlines and one of the busiest people in America's busiest airport. Her passengers all know that Chesterfield is the cigarette that satisfies.



They Satisfy... TODAY'S COOLER-SMOKING BETTER-TASTING... DEFINITELY Milder CIGARETTE

## Ask this question when you buy a TRACTOR

Q—Will it save me money?  
A—Hundreds of "Caterpillar" owners in the Northwest—perhaps some of your neighbors—report their "Caterpillar" Diesels are saving them from 60% to 80% in fuel over their old spark-ignition tractors. The reason—Diesel fuel not only costs less per gallon than gasoline but the Diesel engine burns only half as much fuel to do a given job as a gas tractor of the same horsepower.

Why not see your "Caterpillar" Dealer and learn how much you can save.

DOUGLAS COUNTY Farm Bureau Co-op. Exch. ROSEBURG, OREGON

### FIND ADULTERATED MANURE

Selling manure mixed with sawdust, unless the product is so registered and labeled, won't get by, a western Oregon resident learned. State department of agriculture inspectors warned him that adulterated fertilizers must be registered on the state product offered for sale.