

# NEWS OF FARM LIFE

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## Oregon Products Stymied by War

### Interruption of Trade Adding to Surpluses of Grain and Fruits on Home Markets.

SALFEM, Ore., April 22.—(UPI)—The spread of war in Europe will further overload the domestic market for Oregon agricultural products by interrupting more of the state's foreign trade. J. D. Mickle, state agricultural director, believes.

"The European war has seriously curtailed the shipments of agricultural products from the state of Oregon," Mickle said. "Normal Oregon exports large quantities of wheat, apples, pears, canned goods and dried fruits. Our wheat moves to the United Kingdom and other countries."

"Since the war these shipments have been almost nil because England has embargoed apples, pears and canned goods. We are unable to get space or sufficient number of bottoms to carry our products to the Atlantic seaboard ports."

"Naturally, agricultural products thus shut out of foreign markets are forced into domestic distribution on a market that is already carrying a surplus," Mickle said.

### Dried Prunes Affected

Referring to the more recent turn of events in Europe and their effect in Oregon Director Mickle explained:

"Recent developments in Scandinavian countries are causing additional concern to growers and packers. Now the invasion of Denmark and Norway, coupled with the British blockade, may mean the loss of additional markets."

"Considerable tonnage of dried prunes is now on the Portland docks awaiting space to Scandinavia. Oregon is an exporting state of more than 40 farm products and hence our outlook presents a serious situation."

"The effect of the European war on Oregon's trade in wheat is shown in export figures of the grain inspection department of the state department."

In March of this year the state shipped only 425,322 bushels of wheat from the port of Portland for foreign destinations compared to shipments in March of last year amounting to 2,179,912 bushels.

## News of 4-H CLUBS

The Kiwanis program will be taken to Sutherlin on Tuesday evening this week for the benefit of both the Sutherlin and the Nonpartisan granges. The program will be given in the community hall and will be open to the general public.

By three programs remain yet by the Kiwanis club this year: one at Kologee, April 20; Elkhead, May 2; and Umpqua community club, May 14.

The "Coca Cola" entertainers program will be presented before a Glendale audience in the Glendale high school auditorium on Thursday evening of this week. The "Coca Cola" entertainers are planning to take the best program yet for the benefit of the Glendale audience. The Coca Colas will be at Glendale on Thursday evening, May 2, and in Laon Lake on Sunday, May 5. There has been considerable inquiry regarding the trip to Laon Lake and the time of the program. The program will be put on at 11 o'clock a. m. at the Laon Lake school and dinner will be served immediately following the program. The Laon Lake people will serve dinner to the entertainers at no cost, of course, but will charge for the others attending.

Several 4-H club boys are planning to take advantage of the Farm Bureau office, and will cooperate on some fertilizer trials in corn raising. Soil is being tested by Labrie Ritchie of Garden Valley, Alvin Howard and George Marsh of Laon, Douglas, and Browne Brown of Dixonville. As soon as it has been determined which nutrients are deficient proper fertilizer will be selected and at least half of each field will receive an application of commercial fertilizer, which will be planted right along in the hills with the new corn plantings.

Return to Astoria—Mr. and Mrs. Payne and three children, Juanita, Kenneth and Robert, of Astoria, who spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. John M. Orr at the Cannon Mountain service station, have returned to their home, accompanied by Mrs. Ben Devlin, who has been a guest at the Orr home. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Orr accompanied by Mrs. Ben Devlin and John Jensen, spent the day at the Point system. Mr. Orr's motor, Mrs. Jensen's car and a truck were

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It Must Be Love



The maternal instinct in animals certainly produces some weird friendships. Who would ever think that this six-year-old Spitz dog would ever take up with a couple of baby mice? But she did. Found them in a closet in the Atlanta, Ga., home of her owner, Mrs. P. L. Parker. Dog is also foster-mother of a cat, but for obvious reasons, kitty was kept out of the picture.

visited by the Farm Bureau.

Douglas County 4-H club girls who attended summer school and enjoyed having Miss Janet Hinkle as home mother, will appreciate learning that Miss Hinkle is to be married to David Kyle of Portland on Saturday, May 4.

Moving pictures taken of different 4-H club groups and activities in Douglas county during the past year will be shown to those attending the Benson P. T. A. meeting this evening. The Benson people are especially interested in seeing the picture of their rose and flower gardening club and exhibit.

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## Premium Lists Of State Fair Ready

The premium list for the 1940 Oregon State fair, scheduled to open Labor day, September 2, has been delivered by the state printer and copies may be obtained now by writing to the State Fair Office, Salem, Oregon.

Approximately \$12,000 is offered by the fair in general premium money, including the 4-H and Future Farmer awards. In addition, a large number of special awards are offered in the livestock divisions. In the domestic and textile departments and also in the youth competition. The premium total in livestock has been boosted about \$1000 over last year, and many increases have been made wherever possible in other divisions.

Cash awards are offered in every department, except photographic art where ribbons will be given winners in both the professional and amateur divisions. Due to the present popularity of amateur photography, a record exhibit is expected.

The competitive dairy products show is missing from the premium list this year, but details of what will take its place are not ready to make public.

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## AAA Payments Show Big Hoist

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—The agricultural adjustment administration's 1938 farm program cost \$199,522,875.

This amount, reported by the AAA as "virtually a complete and final statement of payments under the 1938 program," compared with approximately \$109,000,000 for the 1936 program and \$226,000,000 for 1937.

Payments to farmers plus national and local administrative expenses amounted to \$164,832,875. The balance represented obligations under such phases of the farm program as regional laboratories to develop new uses for farm products, removal of agricultural surpluses, and advance payments on the 1939 program, covering grants of aid in seed, lime and fertilizer, and advances to county associations for carrying the 1939 program into effect. The latter are deductible from the 1939 payments.

Field administrative expenses accounted for \$9,626,369 of the 1938 total. The bulk of this represents state office administrative costs. The administrative expenses in Washington was \$2,187,271, with other offices and bureaus of the agriculture department in Washington and in the field spending \$1,295,252.

The largest state total was \$42,764,129 for Texas, the smallest \$1,289 for Alaska. Oregon received \$3,364,074.

Payments by counties in Oregon included Douglas, \$65,151.38.

## Results of Pest Hunts in Douglas County Shown

Douglas county granges filing reports in the annual county-wide pest hunt list a total of 1,248 farm predators destroyed up to April 1. Fred A. Goff, chairman, reported today. Reports have not been received from all granges, but the list, due to date including only the reports from 11 subordinate granges, is as follows: 12 coyotes, 2 bobcats, 231 rats, 33 hawks, 6 crows, 27 robbers, 125 dinner squirrels, 42 rabbits, 18 moles, 25 bluejays, 725 mice.

Sunnyside grange leads to date with 55,056 pests. Melrose is second with 21,775 and Eyraclare is third with 21,575. Elk Creek juvenile grange reports 29 pests for a total of 2,750 pests.

## Cream for Coffee Must Have 18 Pct. Butterfat

The law requires that coffee cream served in restaurants and other eating places must contain at least 18 per cent butterfat, unless a sign to the contrary is displayed, warns A. W. Metzger, chief of the Oregon department of agriculture division of foods and dairies. Inspectors have been instructed to check eating places to see that there is complete compliance with this law.

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## Soil Offers Easy Test for Acidity

Some garden soils are naturally alkaline due to many causes but traced in part to the presence of limestone deposits, lack of enough rain to wash away the alkali salts and continued irrigation with "hard water."

A slight tendency in this direction is not to be considered a disadvantage in the garden soil, excepting to plants that definitely require the opposite or an acid soil condition.

Novice gardeners are inclined to worry a great deal about the soil requirements of their plants. It so happens that most all plants will thrive in soils that may be slightly alkaline, acid or neutral, so long as favorable growing conditions are maintained.

To determine whether a soil is alkaline or acid, tests may be made with home garden soil test kits, or with Huns paper.

Lime Aids Old Soil Many gardeners add lime to the soil annually as a matter of routine, others would never think of preparing a lawn without adding some lime to "break-up" the soil. A bit of organic lime applied every three years will prove beneficial to old, exhausted soil. The cause of the lime that are sprinkled over the ground by "old-timers" to rid the garden of slugs and snails, may cause trouble by overstimulating bacterial activity to the point of burning-up the valuable humus content of the soil.

Fortunately, soil chemists have perfected formulas containing calcium sulphate as a base (agricultural gypsum) and including other minerals and bacteria cultures which supplant lime in breaking-up hard soils, which are impervious to water. These materials are known as "soil amendments" or "oil correctives."

## New Process Will Retain Flavor of Fresh Apple

BERKELEY, Calif., April 22.—(AP)—Canned apple juice is likely to become a part of the American diet, Dr. W. V. Cress, head of the University of California's fruit products laboratory, reports.

A process developed at the fruit products laboratory, Dr. Cress said, permitted the juice to retain indefinitely its fresh apple flavor. The process consists of blanching the cans with an enamel. The juice deteriorated rapidly in ordinary cans.

## Digitalis Receives Its First Oregon Sampling

The first official sampling of digitalis, a plant picked from the coast sections, apparently ever made in Oregon was taken recently by the state department of agriculture inspectors. An Oregon company asked the department to inspect 1200 pounds of the digitalis, which is used for a drug, and to forward an official sample to the University of Maryland.

## New Potato Fumigating Method Effects Savings

SACRAMENTO, April 22.—(AP)—A saving of \$49 a car will be accomplished by a new method of fumigating potatoes, put in effect in six Western states, including Oregon.

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## Fire Damages Range, Consumes Family Roast

A pot roast, a roaster and the heating elements of an electric oven were the casualties of a Sunday afternoon fire, which resulted in the fire department being called to the Harrie Booth home in Laurelwood. A pot roast had been left in the oven and the thermostat control set to shut off the current at a designated hour while the family was absent. The control failed to work. Neighbors were attracted by smoke pouring from the building and called the fire department.

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## Olalla

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Heater visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carroll near Dixonville Sunday.

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Mrs. Roy J. Carnall and Mrs. Ralph Heater went to Roseburg Tuesday to visit Mr. Carnall, who was taken to the veterans hospital early Sunday morning for medical treatment. He became ill Saturday while on a fishing trip up the North Umpqua.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Barklow and Mr. and Mrs. Marley Barklow came up from Myrtle Point Sunday to visit Mrs. Leander Barklow's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Orr.

Mrs. William Morgan visited her daughter, Mrs. Rex Walker, in Roseburg Saturday.

Quite a number of the Olalla young people attended the carnival dance at Rowell's hall in Tenmile Saturday evening and all report a good time. The dance was given by the students of Canas Valley high school honoring the folks from Olalla and Tenmile attending school at Canas Valley. There has been a change in school programs lately and beginning next school year the local students will be taken by bus to Roseburg high.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seybold and son, Wendell, were attending to business matters in Roseburg Saturday.

Returns From Coast Trip—Stella Balfour, of this city, has returned to her home here, following a weekend trip to the coast.

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