

Lack of Clover, Alfalfa Seeds Perils Meat Yield

The most serious scarcity in the history of American agriculture has developed in the case of red clover, alfalfa and alkali clover seeds, and it threatens the dairy and meat production program with disaster.

These seeds are normally harvested by farmers, to whom the seed crop is not of great importance but sufficiently profitable to justify the extra work. With war booming the demand and prices of other crops, production of these seeds declined by one-fifth in 1943, while the demand for them has skyrocketed.

The protein food which they produce is vitally needed in dairies and feeding lots. If milk and meat are to be available for the civilians and armed forces of the Allied nations.

Up To Farmers

Solution of the problem is in the hands of the farmers, who have clover and alfalfa fields. It is necessary that these be allowed to mature seed this summer, and that the seed be harvested. This will deprive the farmer of second cuttings of clover or alfalfa hay, which must be left for seed; and to replace this it may be necessary to make fodder plantings of sudan grass, or sorghums this spring. Two acres of these fodders will usually replace the second clover or alfalfa cutting from twenty acres, but this procedure calls for planning now and early planting of replacement crops.

Scarcity of seeds will place an extra burden on the Allied shipping, because it will prevent feed crops from being produced in Russia and England, where the farmers must depend upon America for seed. Without these crops produced abroad, and the cattle which they might feed, more meat will have to be obtained from this country, for lend-lease and the armed forces, and this in turn will reduce the supply of meat for American civilians.

Covenant is Urged
To arouse farmers to the importance of clover and alfalfa seed crops, a task force committee has been appointed by the War Food Administration, headed by John Nicholson of Shenandoah, Iowa, to conduct an educational campaign.

"Farmers, let's make this covenant this spring," said Mr. Nicholson in an appeal: "Resolve to use seed sparingly, to sell any that we do not use, and to plant a little extra acreage which we can harvest for seed this summer. Let's save seed for victory."

Allies Gain in Battle To Capture Cherbourg

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still were resisting. Fifteen hundred prisoners were claimed by the Germans, who also said 175 allied tanks had been destroyed.

Balkan Oil Field Hit

Swarms of American P-38 Lightnings streaked across the Balkans at tree-top levels today bombing and strafing the Romania-American oil refinery at Floesti, last major refinery left operating in Romania. The target was left enveloped in black smoke.

Nearly 100 Messerschmitts and Focke-Wulfs pounced on the daring raiders when they finished the attack and started on the last leg of the journey. A number of enemy planes were shot down.

The long range assault was tried after Fortresses and Liberators in three earlier raids attempted unsuccessfully to bring the Romanian refining industries to a standstill.

All other major refineries on the Ploesti area have been rendered inactive by the bombers, and the total output of the Romanian producers has been cut an estimated 90 per cent.

At the same time today bombers of the Fifteenth air force attacked a refinery at Trieste which had been a target of RAF

night bombers a few hours earlier.

Other targets of the heavies today included oil storage tanks at Porto Marghera, near Venice, and rail yards in Trieste, as well as other points.

The 500-mile flight to the refinery by the Lightnings was the longest fighter-bomber mission ever flown in this theater. On the return flight the planes strafed locomotives and tank cars.

Nazi Trawlers Sunk
Light coastal ships of the royal navy sank four heavily-armed trawlers off the Dutch coast at a cost of one motor torpedo boat in another of a series of naval clashes, the admiralty announced.

Four trawlers were engaged southwest of IJmuiden, and three sent down by torpedo hits, while the fourth damaged by gunfire and sent heading back for the coast.

Later three more armed trawlers, apparently searching for survivors, appeared and one of these was torpedoed and sunk. One British torpedo boat was sunk, but there were only two casualties, the admiralty said.

The first attempts by German naval craft to enter the invasion coast have been frustrated, it was disclosed earlier in a communiqué describing three surface actions, one a point-blank engagement between eight allied and four Nazi destroyers.

Eight British, Canadian and Polish destroyers intercepted the four German destroyers off the tip of Brittany, near Ido d'Ouessant before dawn yesterday. The allies blew up more of the enemy destroyers, chased another aground in flames and scored hits on the other two, which escaped, the communiqué said.

The grounded vessel was attacked later by Royal Canadian Beaufighters which shot at least 70 rocket projectiles into it and scored numerous hits with bombs. Today it lay a smoldering wreck surrounded by a pool of burning oil.

Reds Open Offensive
A Finnish communiqué broadcast by the German DNB agency declared the Russians had opened up a big offensive on the Karelian Isthmus north of Leningrad and "the battle still is in full swing."

The Germans and their Balkan satellites showed increased fear that a new Russian general offensive was about to start on the eastern front, synchronized with American-British operations in the west. Moscow said red army forces had smashed a German local attack northwest of Tarnopol in Old Poland.

Mrs. L. Shamp Funeral To Be Held at Sutherlin

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Methodist church in Sutherlin for Mrs. L. June Shamp, who died last Tuesday at her home near Sutherlin. The service will be conducted by the Rev. J. B. Needham, and will be concluded in the Fair Oaks cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of Stearns mortuary Oakland.

Hubbard High Bidder for CCC Camp Buildings

PORTLAND, June 10—(AP)—Russell J. Hubbard, Sutherlin, Ore., submitted high bid of \$1850 for the 24 buildings of the Reedsport CCC camp, the army engineers said today.

Hubbard said he plans to convert the buildings into housing facilities.

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

William F. Craig, who has been stationed at State Teachers college, Emporia, Kansas, has been graduated from staff sergeant to corps sergeant major and has been transferred to Santa Ana, Calif., for completion of his course in the army air forces, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Craig, Rose hotel, Roseburg.

Murder by Arson Charged to Youth At Grants Pass

Robert Earl Griffith, 15, has been charged at Grants Pass with first degree murder by arson, according to a statement issued at Grants Pass by District Attorney O. J. Millard.

The youth is a son of Mrs. Richard Earl Moore, his step-father and mother having been arrested several weeks ago in Eureka, Calif., after fleeing from their home at Reedsport when officers investigated their possession of an allegedly stolen car. Both, however, have since been released from custody.

Griffith is accused of having set fire to the family home near Grants Pass, because he was angered at his step-father for sending him to bed. The fire caused the death of two younger sisters and an older brother.

The youth was arrested Feb. 29 at Astoria on an automobile theft charge and is reported to have confessed deliberately starting the fire which caused the three deaths.

Auto Tax Stamps Now on Sale Here

Federal automobile use tax stamps were placed on sale in the Roseburg post office today. Postmaster L. L. Wimberly announced.

All motor vehicles must have the use stamp affixed beginning July 1. The stamp is evidence of payment of the tax \$5. Serially numbered, the stamps are gummed on the face and have provision on the back for entry of the make, model, serial number and state license number of the vehicle. The tax stamp is transferable with the vehicle. If the vehicle is in storage or out of use in July, it will become subject to tax as of the month in which it is placed in use on the public highway.

The department of internal revenue recommends that, to guard against loss or theft, it is advisable to dampen the windshield rather than the adhesive side of the stamp when affixing the stamp. Another effective method is to brush clear varnish over the stamp after it has been affixed. As an additional precaution, it is suggested that each motor vehicle owner make a record of the serial number which appears on the automobile tax stamp for his record in case it should be lost.

In Oregon, all stamps are required to be placed in the upper left-hand corner of the inside of the windshield.

Mel Ingram Engaged as Coach at Roseburg High

Mel Ingram, high school athletic coach at Wallace, Idaho, has been employed by the Roseburg school district. It was announced today. Mr. Ingram is reported to

have produced "more Panhandle football and other championship teams than any other coach in conference history."

He has coached at Wallace since 1929. A former Gonzaga university star athlete, he played professional baseball for a number of years with the Pittsburgh National league team.

He will be assisted by Coach H. H. Turner, who has been serving temporarily since Coach James Watts and James Davis were called into military service.

Mrs. Hauschildt Dies in Roseburg

Charlotte Jane Hauschildt, 87, died Friday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Millie Mayer, in Roseburg, following a long period of ill health.

Born December 12, 1856, at Barbados, West Indies, she became a resident of Marshfield, Oregon, in 1883, and resided there until two years ago, when she moved to Roseburg and had since made her home with her daughter.

Surviving are six sons and daughters: Mrs. Mayer, James N. McIntosh, Mrs. Ethel Gilbert, of Marshfield; William McIntosh, Salem, Ore.; Mrs. Edna Williamson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry Hauschildt, Everett, Wash. She also leaves eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hauschildt was a member of the Episcopal church. The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home and is to be taken to Marshfield for services.

War Bond Solicitors Score Another "First"

Mrs. Nellie Myers and Mrs. Effie Hungerford, Sylmon valley, were the first field solicitors to report complete solicitations of their assigned district in connection with the Fifth War Loan sales. Dr. E. E. Boring, campaign chairman, reported today. Their sales totaled \$1,114.75. They plan to continue their work and will make further solicitation. These two workers also were the first to report completion of their solicitation in the Fourth War Loan drive.

Mare Island Blast Kills One Man, Injures Five

VALLEJO, Calif., June 10—(AP)—An explosion occurring in the center of the largest machine shop west of the Mississippi river this morning killed one man and sent five others to the Mare Island navy hospital, the Twelfth naval district announced.

Two of the injured were critically hurt. The names of the men were withheld.

John Hayes, Patient at Vets Hospital, Passes

John Hayes, a patient at the Veterans hospital in Roseburg, died last night. The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home. Arrangements for services have not been made.

Election Dated On Proposal to Unite 5 School Districts

Five Douglas county school districts—Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Canyonville, Days Creek and Gazley—will hold elections Monday, June 12, on the largest consolidation proposal ever offered in southern Oregon.

The measure proposes that the districts be consolidated for the purpose of building and maintaining a central high school, for which the site has been tentatively recommended at a point near the intersection of the Riddle road with the Pacific highway.

Proponents are supporting the measure on the grounds that such consolidation would permit the installation of a standard high school, giving students greater educational advantages. The consolidated district would, under the plan proposed, continue grade schools in the facilities now available in each district.

The plan has attracted much attention among educators throughout the state, and was recently explained in detail at the annual conference of county school superintendents at Salem, where it was commended by D. A. Emerson, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, as one of the "most progressive and forward-looking" measures ever presented to school voters in Oregon.

Nazi Retreat Develops Into Rout in Italy

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time heavy."

Air Battles Staged
With the taking of Tuscania, Tarquinia and Vetralla, the Fifth army now has fanned out on a broad front more than 50 miles to the northwest from Rome, and at the same time has stabbed at least 40 miles north of the capital city in a drive beyond Viterbo, a provincial capital and communications center.

Meanwhile inroads were made on the German air force. Thirty-four enemy planes were shot down by more than 500 bombers. The MAAF lost 23 planes, including 18 heavies.

Despite cloudy conditions the bombers hit buildings and bar-

racks at the Riem airdrome east of Munich, Germany, as well as the city's industrial area.

Last night RAF bombers blasted the Trieste refinery, which in peacetime refined 16 per cent of Italy's oil.

Four Jap Destroyers Bagged in Biak Sneak

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rounded and their forces retreating from Kohima, India, were offering only delaying opposition.

Allied radio reports said Chinese troops have captured Lungling, objective of the current allied offensive in southwestern China, but there has been no official confirmation.

In central China, however, Japanese forces are said to be battling in the "outer defenses" of Changsha, capital of Hunan province.

Copco Makes Local Buy Of War Savings Bonds

The California Oregon Power company today purchased \$20,000 worth of War Savings bonds locally, which, added to an allocation of \$100,000, gives the company credit for \$120,000 worth of corporation bonds. H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the Douglas county war finance staff, reported today. The purchase will help in meeting the \$244,000 addition to the county's quota for the Fifth War Loan campaign, Pargeter said. The power company is the first to report large purchases of bonds.

School Supt.'s Office Will Close Monday P. M.

The office of the county school superintendent will be closed Monday afternoon, it was announced today by Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, who will be called away to attend the funeral of Mrs. Catherine Gorrell, pioneer Umpqua resident, who died at her home Thursday. Mrs. Catherine Gorrell was the mother of the county school superintendent's late husband, Oscar Gorrell.

Although ether was not used as an anesthetic until the 19th century, it was made in the 13th century by Raymond Lully.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

LEHNE—To Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Lehne, Rt. 2, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, June 10, a son, Raymond Louis, weight eight pounds and nine ounces.

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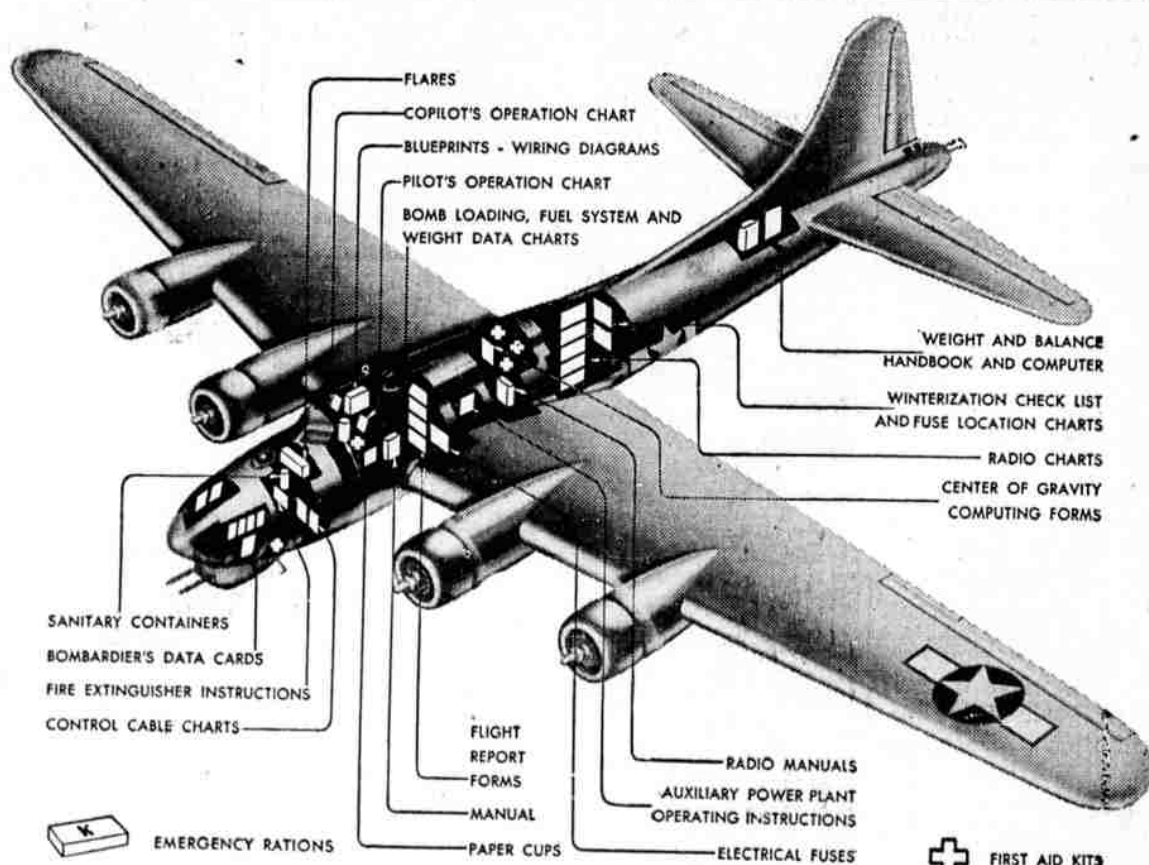
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