

European Methods Shock U. S. Farmer

GARNER, Iowa — (AP) — Big-boned Jack Dethmers, comfortably well-to-do after years of rugged work in the black rich soil of Iowa, went abroad to see how the farmers of other lands were faring.

He was one of 22 curious Iowa farmers who paid out \$1,500 apiece for a month-long air trip to see European conditions first hand.

Dethmers has come back appalled at the hopelessness of Europe's economic situation.

"Seems as if we knew less when we got back than when we started," he said soberly.

"We'll have to feed them—the people over there. And we can't sell it to them because they're already bankrupt. We'll just have to give it to them.

"It's either that or turn them over to the Communists. The feeling is pretty strong over there already."

The six-foot farmer, who worked his own way up from hired hand, was considerably shocked at caste and class barriers in European lands which make it difficult for men to better their lot. Summing up his memories of Europe's distressed, he said:

"They can't understand why we were so lucky to have been born here and they so unlucky to have been born in Europe."

He told with a look of wonder on his face of hungry Germans searching potato fields that had already been harvested.

"They picked up potatoes no bigger than a bean," he said. "But I suppose when one is hungry he'll pick up anything."

Dethmers said the English farmers generally were trying to deal honorably through regular trade channels, but that in France the farmers attempted to sell their entire crop on the black market.

But the French have thrown in the towel compared to the English. The French beg for help and make no bones about it. The English still have their pride.

They say "We'll get along," and they hate the thought of charity.

Of the eight countries visited, he said, England was the only one in which money didn't count against the rationing rules.

He recalled how one Scottish family politely turned down his invitation to take them out to dinner.

"We have no clothes to wear for going out," the elderly wife told him, "and even if we did it would be just for one meal and we'd have to come back to our old rations. But would you remember us just a little bit at Christmas?"

Dethmers brought back a conviction that European farming methods are outdated and will have to be changed before machinery can be used well.

About 16 acres of trees are required to make paper for the Sunday edition of one large metropolitan newspaper.

Automobiles Delivered to World War II Amputees

Passenger automobiles have been delivered to 466 World War II veterans in the Pacific Northwest who lost a leg or the use of one or both legs during the war, the Veterans Administration has announced.

Entitled veterans have until June 30, 1948, to make application for the vehicles at government expense under the extension of the time limit granted by the 80th Congress.

There have been 15,252 vehicles delivered to veterans nationally. The law provides that the price of the car, including any special equipment required to enable the disabled veterans to operate the car safely, must not exceed \$1,600. The veteran must also be licensed to drive by the state licensing authority.

Horse Halts Operation At Chicago Airport

CHICAGO, Oct. 13. — (AP) — A stray horse got off the beam last night and stopped operations at Chicago's municipal airport for 30 minutes.

The horse appeared on the field suddenly, flicked its tail assembly, and without clearance from the control tower, galloped around the bus runways.

Thirty planes were held in the air awaiting an unobstructed runway. Air takeoffs were delayed while a squad car took off — to round up the frisky nag. The chase took a bit of squad car ground-looping before dobbie finally was brought to halter.

Women's League Wants Rationing

PORTLAND, Oct. 11. — (AP) — The Oregon League of Democratic Women said today that Portland housewives apparently feel they were better off under price controls, and would like some kind of rationing to bring down high living costs.

The league said the first 300 questionnaires returned in a survey to obtain data for the "cost-of-living" congressional hearing here Oct. 20 indicated these trends.

Nearly all the housewives who reported are using less meat now than six months ago. Potatoes and macaroni are their favorite substitute.

Nearly all are using less butter. Some have cut down on milk and bread. Several eat fewer eggs.

A number of answers said savings were being used for day-to-day expenses.

The noise of beetles, produced by scraping one part of the body against another, is believed to be a mating call.

WALNUT PICKERS WANTED

Start picking Oct. 13. Call Washington Hughes, 878-R, or call at 401 South Main. Orchard on Lower Garden Valley Road, second orchard on the right.

Admiral Tisdale to Have Washington Job

Rear Adm. Mahlon S. Tisdale, son of the late Mark Tisdale, Sutherland banker, has retired from the Navy to become the representative of the Vallejo, Calif., Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C. His latest Navy post, in which he served for the past four years, was commandant of the Mare Island Navy Yard. He served 39 years in the Navy.

Kaiser-Frazer Company To Enlarge Production

DETROIT, Oct. 13. — (AP) — Kaiser-Frazer Corp. disclosed today that it plans a \$13,000,000 expansion program in anticipation of 1947 earnings of nearly \$20,000,000.

A source within the firm, now the leading independent auto manufacturer, said serious production bottlenecks had been overcome in the last few months

enabling Kaiser-Frazer to show a sizable earning record.

Executive Vice President Edgar Kaiser said the corporation planned a \$10,000,000 expenditure for a new engine plant of its own at an undisclosed location.

He also announced a \$3,000,000 expansion program for the Detroit plant of Continental Motors, now under lease to Kaiser-Frazer. The Willow Run firm plans to

double production by next spring, turning out 1,500 cars daily with another shift of workers added to the present force, he added.

Reedsport Church to be Host to Convention

Reedsport Baptist church will be host to the Umpqua Baptist Association Oct. 16 and 17, at which persons will be present

representing Baptist churches from the Lower Umpqua area. The convocation will meet in the newly dedicated church at Reedsport and state executive officers with missionary speakers from China will make up a portion of the program.

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Cut Costs on Turx.

It looks like the turkey growers are going to get into a tough spot again this fall. Last year about this time, the removal of OPA controls just at the time turkey growers were ready to sell knocked the spots off turkey prices, with the result that growers were lucky to break even, and many lost money.

With everything plenty tough again this year, and prices just barely high enough to let most growers out, we are asked to go on an "austerity program," to help the starving, (and loafing) peoples of Europe. As a big part of that austerity, we are to have a poultryless and eggless Thursday every week.

Of course the fair-haired boys were reminded that Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days all fall on Thursday. (Thanksgiving always does, you know.) So on those days we can still eat poultry, (and turkeys) but will skip 'em on Mondays instead.

Storage holdings of poultry and turkeys are high. Extremely so. We predict that the next Cold Storage Report will show them to be even higher than last year, which set an all-time high. Logically, now, how would YOU go about it to save bread for Europe? Would you go without turkeys, which are in over-supply; or would you eat the plentiful turkeys and save the things we are supposed to be trying to save?

Oh, well, it's a toughie, anyway you look at it. But of one thing you can feel emphatically positive. You will have to hold the cost of producing turkey this year to an absolute minimum. That means to feed a first class feed, one equal to or surpassing anything on the market, that costs less per sack, and less per pound of turkey meat produced than any other feed available.

From this description, you will immediately recognize UMPQUA TURKEY FEEDS. And now, we have available UMPQUA TURKEY FAT, in pellets or mash, the finest fattening feed a good turkey grower ever used. And believe it or not, this UMPQUA TURKEY FAT sells for less per sack than ordinary scratch grain. Finish 'em out on Umpqua Turkey Fat.

Heap Big Chief Back.

Due to highly uncertain conditions, all beyond our control, we have had to shake our heads "No" for many weeks now, when you asked for UMPQUA CHIEF FLOUR. That happened many times a day. "No, no; no; no," until it sounded like the Russians applying the veto to the U.N.

Well, you can get UMPQUA CHIEF FLOUR again. Just ask your favorite grocer the next time you see him. If he doesn't have it, he can get it for you. Especially when you remind him that he is making a mistake by not having it in stock. But we think most of the stores in Roseburg will have it on hand.

On That Bum Feed.

Just had a letter from one of the big hatcheries in California, regarding hatching eggs from one of his customers who has shipped him eggs for many years. It also happens the same grower has used UMPQUA BREEDER'S MASH for many years, and still does. We quote: "Glad to know you tested the Bessie Wheeler flock in Camas Valley. Her chick every season have been tops, no mortality whatever, and splendid growth."

This Took Brains!

We will no doubt see a sudden break in prices if somebody will see to it that somebody does what the secretary to the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Anderson, suggests that somebody ought to do. His plan is a dilly, and we suggest that you write your dog-catcher and see if we can't get it into operation. He says that since a lot of luxury items are cluttering up the shelves of our food merchants, (such as dried fruits, canned chicken, and other items that are too expensive for Americans to buy), we should ship this stuff all over to the starving Europeans. Then they would be so well satisfied that they would stop trying to buy our wheat, corn, beef, and all like that there. Sure sounds like a logical plan, especially if hungry Europeans are like this gentleman thinks they are. As for ourselves, we like some luxury foods too, but for some reason, we like a little bread, meat and potatoes first. Ho, Hum! But at least, he is sure in there pitching!

Wormy Birds Don't Grow.

Make sure that your pullets, turkeys and other poultry either are, or are not full of worms. If they are, there is one big paying job for you to do, and that is to give each one a worm pill. It will amaze you the difference you will see in a few days. You surely can't afford to use high priced feed on poultry worms.

At the Douglas Flour Mill we have several worm treatments and a couple different kinds of individual pills. If the birds are heavily infested, be sure to use the pills.

Chaff.

AT THE HOSPITAL. "The touch of the nurse's hand lowered my temperature immediately."

"Yeah, I heard her slap you just as I came down the hall."

Officer: "Miss, you were going 60 miles per hour."

Miss: "Oh, isn't that splendid! And I only started to drive yesterday."

Jim: "I'd like to stop for a drink, but I have to hurry home and explain to the wife."

Jack: "Explain what?"

Jim: "How should I know? I'm not home yet."

Egg Charts.

Would you expect a business man to run his business without any bookkeeping system? As a poultryman you are a business man, and you certainly should keep books. A very simple and efficient egg chart is yours for the asking at the Douglas Flour Mill. A whole year's record of egg production on one small card. For your own information, and for checking the health of your flock, and comparing with previous years' production, you will find these charts of considerable value. Ask for one.

Rainy Season Coming.

We hate to bring this up, as we feel that you are already pretty well cluttered up with jobs you have to do before winter. But wet spots in the laying house are health hazards. Check the roof, and patch the leaks and keep your powder dry.



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