

### Devices Battle Sagebrush To Restore Pasture

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Aug. 20.—(P)—The Riders of the Purple Sage went to work here yesterday and ranchers from seven western states applauded.

They used fire, machine and chemicals in demonstrating to more than 400 ranchers how to destroy sagebrush that has taken over once-fertile grasslands.

Then the demonstrators—range experts and Forest Service officials—explained how to replant with hardy perennial grasses to make the land support four to ten times as many cattle.

This demonstration, sponsored by the Lakeview Rotary Club, was the opening of a war on the purple sage. Thousands of western acres are expected to be reclaimed as a result.

Ranchers from Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Washington, California and Oregon watched as the Forest Service men demonstrated the result of years of experiments.

Destruction by fire was the most spectacular. A flame-thrower was turned on the sagebrush, which burst into a ball of fire, and left nothing but a pillar of smoke.

There also was a big, specially designed brushland plow, the only one of its kind. It will be taken to Forest Service shops at Boise to become the model for ten other machines.

Pasture Revival Sought  
Most of the ranchers attending came from land similar to the rolling sagebrush hills around here. Once it was lush with grass, deemed it, and sagebrush moved in from the rim-rock and washes.

With sagebrush established, the land could produce only enough grass to keep one steer alive on 20 acres. Reseeded, the same 20 acres could support four to ten cattle, range experts said.

The Rotary Club her not only sponsored the demonstration, but will conduct a five-year contest among Lake County ranchers to encourage destruction of sagebrush.

The Fremont National Forest, which already has reclaimed 2000 sagebrush acres, intends to reclaim another 2000 acres soon. Foresters said more than 104,000 acres could be cleared in this forest preserve alone.

Shipments of Oregon Strawberries Upped  
SALEM, Ore.—(P)—Shipments to other states of Oregon strawberries for freezing during July were five times as great as in July, 1947. W. L. Close, State Department of Agriculture shipping inspector reports.

The shipments totalled 199 carloads. Total shipments of Oregon fruits, vegetables and berries to other states were 1,058 carloads in July, of which 797 were potatoes. The July shipments were 300 cars under July, 1947, because the harvest season is late this year.

SAVE THOSE PEARS  
(By the Associated Press)  
Here's how to avoid those soft mushy and colorless canned pears.

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### Wallace's Party Denied Missouri Ballot Entry

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 21.—(P)—Secretary of State Edgar C. Nelson ruled today Henry A. Wallace is not entitled to a place on the Missouri general election ballot.

He upheld objections to the Progressive Party's attempt to file Wallace for president and Glen H. Taylor for vice-president. He gave no reason for his decision except that the party had not complied with Missouri election laws.

### Oregon's Poultry Outlook Bright, Cockell Reports

Outlook for the Oregon poultry industry is good over the long-time pull, especially since the state has swung from a large exporting to an importing area within recent years.

This prediction was made by Fred Cockell, poultry representative on the state department of agriculture, before 150 persons attending the annual meeting of the Oregon Poultry Improvement association in Corvallis early this month.

The program featured labor saving devices, flock improvement program, fertility in breeding flocks, trends in poultry production, report of the National Poultry Improvement Plan conference and the regular association business meeting.

G. T. Klein, Massachusetts extension poultryman, was a featured speaker on the program. His topics included labor saving devices and breeding for meat and egg production. Klein's suggestions for labor saving included: brooding chicks in larger units, radiant heat and hot water brooding systems, feeding scratch grains and pellet on the ground from a truck while the birds are on range, larger laying houses with larger pens and more birds per unit, and mechanical equipment for unloading feed, feeding and poultry house cleaning.

About 65 were authorized as official pullorum testing and flock selecting agents under the Oregon Poultry Improvement program as a result of tests which closed a two-day school following the association meeting.

Officers elected by the Poultry Improvement organization for next year were Dr. C. E. Holmes, Milwaukee, president; and Noel Bennett, O.S.C., extension poultryman, secretary-treasurer. Re-elected directors are Lloyd A. Lee, Salem; V. A. Parker, Blachly; and William Tennis, McMinnville. New directors are George Gilmore, Junction City; G. A. Boyington, Hood River; and Don Anchors, Grants Pass.

Inspection of Livestock Brands is Resumed  
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 20.—(P)—Livestock brand inspections have been resumed, the State Agriculture Department said today. They had been discontinued June 23 because of lack of funds.

Resumption of the inspections was made possible by an appropriation made several days ago by the State Emergency Board.

The brand inspectors will work out of Portland, Klamath Falls, Medford and Vale.

### Chimpanzee Acts Almost Human—But He Isn't Bragging About It

WASHINGTON—(P)—A magazine carried a story the other day about a chimpanzee who acted "almost like a human."

I don't know the chimpanzee myself, and I dislike giving advice to strangers. But if he couldn't sue for libel, that chimp's a chump.

I don't suppose he could collect. But think of the fun he'd have, reading the newspapers as I have done, collecting evidence to show that nobody, not even chimpanzees, have as much fun as people.

For instance: In Hollywood, a bank has announced its plans for a Hollywoodian opening. The first depositor will be Dorothy Lamour. She's to show up, lift her skirt and extract a roll of bills from the top of her Nyons. Lassie will be there, too. She'll deposit a bone.

In Washington, we've had the usual run of August divorce cases. One aggrieved wife complained because, she said, her husband had heaved a flower box (not pot) at her. And a husband declared that his wife had tossed a rocking chair at him. "Hit me, too," he said.

Local police got a request from a Columbia, S. C., visitor. He had been riding in a Washington taxi, he said, and didn't miss his package until after he climbed out. Had anyone found his family tree?

Oddities Overseas  
Showing that we humans are pretty much the same everywhere, let's look at the news from abroad.

In Argentina, passengers, sore because they no longer could buy tickets after boarding their trains, waged war on conductors.

One passenger tossed a conductor off a moving train. To even things up apparently, another conductor took a pot shot at a passenger. He missed, but in the understandable excitement, the passenger fell off and broke an ankle.

In La Clotat, France, 19 girls lined up for a bicycle race. Bang! went the gun. Away went 18 of the girls. The 19th didn't because she couldn't; she'd been slightly wounded.

No, the official starter hadn't fired. No, 19's no longer sweetie had stepped up, shot his girl—and started the race.

In Tokyo, six Japanese psychiatrists studied Rikizo Hirano, onetime cabinet member accused of falsifying his political past. It might not do to put him on trial, the psychiatrists decided, for if the questioning got tough, you know what might happen to Hirano? He might become depressed.

Back to Washington for our windup: A local resident looked through

her binoculars, brought police cars screaming after she reported, "there's a lion loose out here."

The cops finally located the beast, a very sad, little feeble fox.

Said the woman: "Those glasses are stronger than I thought."

Importance of Soil Conservation Stressed  
The conservation of our soil and water resources has to do with what we eat—our bread, our milk, our meat, and our eggs. It has to do with flood control, and farm income, and business on Main street. It is not just a drain ditch here and a few acres of grass somewhere else. It is doing what has to be done to keep our land from washing away and blowing away—to keep it productive, now and in the future.

In this way, E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon State PMA Committee, summarized the purpose and objectives of the Agricultural Conservation program as well as the entire conservation effort of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Would Compel Men To Do Housekeeping Tasks  
LONDON—(P)—Man's place is in the kitchen—at least part of the time—the International Youth Conference was told.

Miss Emille Arnold, of Belgium, presented a report by a commission dealing with women, girls and the family relation to work. The report said "men should be compelled to do certain housekeeping tasks without thinking it is beneath their dignity."

It made no recommendations, however, on methods of accomplishing this.

Egg Price Increase To \$1 Dozen Predicted  
PULLMAN, Wash.—(P)—A Washington State College extension economist in home management predicts that egg prices may increase to \$1 per dozen by October or November.

The economist, Arthur J. Cagle, also said that turkey prices will be much higher this fall than a year ago.

### Export Controls Will Be Dropped

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(P)—Export controls will be dropped August 27 on shipments of wheat, wheat flour, oats, barley, grain sorghum and wheat semolina to western hemisphere countries and the Philippine Islands.

The Commerce Department announced that its action was made possible "by the easing in the domestic supply of these commodities as shown in the August crop report of the Department of Agriculture."

Export licenses will not be required for such shipments, the department said, but will continue to be needed on exports to other parts of the world.

A spokesman for the Commerce Department's Office of International Trade said corn was not included in the decontrol action because it will continue to

be scarce until the predicted all-time record crop is harvested. Only about 10 per cent of this country's exports of wheat and other decontrolled grains and cereals go to the other American republics and the Philippines, the spokesman said.

The action was regarded as significant, nevertheless, since it may foreshadow future relaxations in export control.

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