

City Holds No Lure For Nation's Junior Vegetable Grower Champion

By HAL BOYLE
 NEW YORK—(AP)—When the good earth will pay a fellow \$10 an hour, should he leave the farm for a career in the city? The new king of the nation's junior vegetable growers has decided there is only one answer to that one: "I'm staying on the farm."
 City life holds no attractions for 20-year-old Russel L. Sears Jr., of Cummington, Mass., who was crowned champion of the National Junior Vegetable Growers association in Washington last week.
 He won the \$500 first prize by raising and marketing \$1,300 worth of vegetables on a two-and-one-half acre plot. Several thousand farm youths competed in the contest, sponsored by the A. and P. food stores.
 Sears, a six-foot, 200-pound junior at the University of Massachusetts, explained that he grossed the \$1,300 by sparetime work on his father's 300-acre farm.
 "My father gave me a small plot to encourage me," he said, "and I worked it during vaca-

tion and on weekends home from college.
 "My big crop was potatoes. I hired what help I needed, and sacked and sold the crop myself to grocery stores. I put in only 45 hours of my own time altogether, and the profit figures out at better than \$10 an hour."
 In addition he won \$100 in prizes at three local fairs.
 "I also got 3,000 servings for our table from my garden," said Sears, "and 150 pint boxes for our freezer and about 300 jars of canned vegetables."
 His father wants him to take over the family farm in time, and the youth has agreed. He is already employing scientific farming techniques learned in school.
 "I had to twist dad's arm a little at first," he grinned, "but now he's all for them."
 "We've airphotoed the farm to find the best way to conserve the soil by checking erosion.
 "By keeping up with the times you can gross \$10,000 or more a year on a New England farm such as ours. You ought to net better than \$5,000—plus everything you need to eat except some salt from the store."
 Young Sears wants to get rid of the farm's herd of 36 dairy cattle because "I don't care for cows—they just take up too much of a man's time."
 His chief crops will be potatoes, chickens and tourists. He plans to modernize the 23-room old family farm house to attract the tourists—summer fugitives from the city.
 "I don't want to live in a city myself," he smiled, "I've seen a city. I don't like the pace.
 "There is more independence on a farm. It's easier to be your own boss.
 "And, you know, you can get a lot more things done on a farm, because you don't have to change your clothes every time you turn around. You can waste a lot of time getting in and out of a dress suit."

Melrose

By NETTIE WOODRUFF
 Dwight Coder's car was nearly demolished Monday night when it collided with a car driven by Mr. Lamb near the Melrose church.

Blake Conn, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Conn, is convalescing at his home after an appendix operation at Mercy hospital last week.

Mr. Byers, of Roseburg, has bought the Louis Nichols place at Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols and son, Arnold Patterson, have moved to Coos Bay where they are operating a variety store.

Jack Trent is in Mercy hospital where he had his appendix removed last week. His physician is Dr. Lindell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Busenbark have returned from Portland where he attended a nut growers meeting last week.

Charles Cring made a business trip to Portland last Monday.

Clifford Wood, of Callahan Trail settlement, was a business visitor at Roseburg Thursday. While at Melrose he made some repairs on the forest service telephone line, which extends to the Callahan Trail settlement. His mother, Mrs. Gertrude Wood, returned home with him and will make her home with her son and family. For several years she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Mayme Black, of Edgewater.

Donald Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wood, student at Hepper high school, will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents at their home at Callahan Trail settlement. When he returns to Hepper, his two brothers, Glen and Dick, will accompany him back for a visit with their uncle and aunt, at whose home Don is staying.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Doerner returned home from Salem Wednesday evening where they had visited Mr. Doerner's mother, Mrs. Florence Doerner. His mother was injured in an auto accident recently.

Father Of Missing Eugene Flier Offers Reward

EUGENE—(AP)—The father of one of the four persons missing in a lost private plane has posted a \$1,000 award for information leading to the discovery of the craft.
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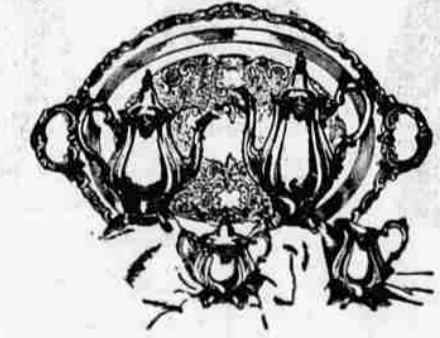
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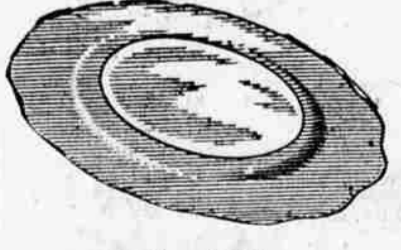
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