



DOLLY GOES TO CHURCH—After a little girl came to the vicar of St. Botolph's Church, Northfleet, England, and asked him to have her doll "christened," he thought it would be a good idea to hold a service especially for children and their dolls. Here is the first "Doll Sunday," with the dolls sitting sedately in the pews as their young mistresses pray.

BOLL WEEVIL SECOND

Grasshopper Wins All-American Honors As 'Nastiest' Of Team Of Destructive Insects In U.S.

By FRANK CAREY

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(AP)—The grasshopper is the outstanding player on the 1949 "nastiest" all-American team of destructive insects.

This rating was given today by Dr. F. C. Bishop of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's bureau of entomology and plant quarantine, here to attend an insect-control meeting sponsored by the National Cotton Council.

He also listed the other top ten members of a bug eleven that damaged the nation's crops in much the same way that Notre Dame and the professional Philadelphia Eagles gave the business to their foes.

Bishop offered the list in response to the query of a reporter who figured that virtually every one except insects had gotten in to the act on the outstanding this-and-that for 1949.

Here's the lineup of the year's nastiest bugs from the standpoint of economic damage—although they're not all necessarily in the exact order of importance because Bishop didn't have his form "book handy."

1. The grasshopper. In a host of varieties, he hopped broken-field through range areas and rich croplands—particularly in Wyoming and Montana. The government had to launch a C-47 airplane laden with bait to slow him down.

2. The cotton boll weevil. Long a dangerous performer in deep Dixie and far-western competition, he ventured in destructive strength to more northerly areas of the cotton belt this year.

3. An agricultural worm that is a true triple-threat—being known variously as the corn ear worm, the cotton boll worm, and the tomato fruit worm, depending on where he strikes.

4. The European corn borer. Believed to have been imported in cane designed for kitchen brooms, he's become a terror of the nation's main corn belt. Strictly big-ten calibre.

5. The "cattle grub." Opens up holes in cows' hides, ruining them for market.

6. The Mexican bean beetle. A tramp player who somehow came east and hit hard in the ivy league and the southern conference.

7. The bark beetles. Literally hotter than a forest fire because they do more damage to pine and spruce than flames do.

8. The horn fly" of cattle. No kin to the horned toads of Texas, this competitor will take on sheep and goats as well as cattle.

9. Poultry lice. They're money players from away back. They account for millions in lost egg

Buick Announces Price Cuts On 1950 Model Cars

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Price cuts ranging from \$65 to \$310 were announced today by Buick motors on certain of its 1950 model cars. The reductions include a recently announced cut of \$40 on Buick's torque converter transmission.

Engineering and styling details of the new models will be disclosed tomorrow.

The new lower price tags affect models in the Roadmaster and super series. No change is made on the special series, introduced last August.

The roadmaster series \$65 and \$76 cuts are made respectively in the sedan and four-door sedan, while \$190 reductions are made on the convertible, \$310 on the so-called hard-top convertible and \$290 on the estate wagon.

In the super series the convertible is cut \$85 and the estate wagon \$300.

Buckeye Official Spikes

Rumor Of Team Dissension

PASADENA, Calif.—(AP)—Athletic Director Dick Larkins said he has heard reports that there has been dissension on the Ohio State Rose bowl team but he branded them as "completely false."

Advised of reports that the squad held a secret meeting to discuss various matters, Larkins said:

"Yes, the squad did have a meeting and the players called it themselves to build their morale, to beat California.

"There is not one kid on the squad who has a gripe or a problem. Their morale is absolutely splendid and if anything was going on I would certainly know about it.

"Any report to the opposite is as false as can be."

Mrs. Elizabeth Clow Dies In California

EUGENE, Dec. 27 — Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Hyland Clow, 75, Eugene, were held here today. She died December 21 at San Bernardino, Cal. She was born near Junction City, and married James M. Clow, June 7, 1893. He died in 1945. She lived at Roseburg, Silvertown and Portland before moving to Eugene several years ago. She was a member of the Christian church and the Eastern Star.

Surviving are a son, Archie Clow, Eugene, a daughter, Prudence Kirton, San Bernardino, and four sisters.

Fifty-six per cent of fire alarms turned in through Pontiac, Mich., box system in five years were false but only one per cent of telephone alarms were false.

Liquor retailers must obtain local licenses before being granted state licenses in Illinois and Georgia.



FEEDING TIME—A young chimpanzee is fed by Pop Marquis, vaudeville performing chimp, after being christened "Cheerful Charlie" at London's Palladium Theater. Charlie was flown to the British capital from Sierra Leone, West Africa.

NOT SATISFACTORY

Pellet Method For Reseeding Forests, Range Lands Studied 'Caterpillar Day' Set Jan. 6 At Roseburg Equipment Store

By WILLIAM E. LOWELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—New studies are being made to perfect the pellet method for reseeding forests and range lands, the Forestry service says.

In his annual report, Chief Forester Lyle F. Watts revealed that the pellets thus far used have not produced satisfactory results either for reseeding trees or grass.

The grass seeds, encased in an earthen coating containing fertilizer and rodent repellent, were scattered from an airplane over some forest land in southeastern Utah and hundreds of acres of wasteland on Arizona Indian reservations.

An Indian bureau spokesman told a reporter the experiment on the range lands also was unsatisfactory.

Revegetation of the Indian lands would have been a boon to the livestock raising tribes of the southwest. Drought and heavy grazing had destroyed the once luxurious grass. Conventional methods of reseeding seemed

slow and laborious.

Watts said of attempts at the planting:

"The conventional pelleting process was found to destroy or inhibit the germinative capacity of donifer seeds, probably by limiting the oxygen supply.

New type pellets are being developed which, it is believed, will not retard germination, but will have the usual advantages of pellets: easier handling and a supply of nutrients for the young seedlings."

Watts also said the forest ser-

Land said they will be interested

vice station in the Pacific northwest is developing a light hand seeder that will quickly plant, at a selected depth, a single pelleted tree seed.

Spokesmen for both the Indian bureau and the Bureau of Public in any further developments but that studies by the Utah State college and Idaho university had found damage to seed runs as high as 82 per cent from the pelleting process.

Actually, the land agency representative said, the pelleted seed had a far lower germination than naked seed.

While these three agencies are not satisfied with present pelleting processes or sold on the idea of broadcasting from airplanes, they acknowledge that there are situations where either would be valuable.

The seed is easier to control if dropped in pellets, for one thing. For another, there is a lot of rough country on the public lands of the west where the usual reseeding methods cannot be used but which could be covered, easily from an airplane.

For land where it can be used, the drill is much better, a forester commented. He said experiments have shown, however, that seed can be broadcast successfully in the ashes of a burned over area or in groves of such trees as aspens, where fallen leaves will provide cover.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL CONCERNING DISPUTED MILK PRICES

In the issue of the News-Review of Friday, Dec. 23, some milk producers published statements that were greatly exaggerated and distorted.

Let's not kick the truth around.

Instead, let's take this problem of milk prices item by item.

1. On Nov. 1, the Oregon State Milk Marketing Administration set a minimum price of \$5.50 cwt. for milk containing 4% butterfat. This is the price at which dairy farmers are producing milk in all of Western Oregon—AND PRODUCING IT PROFITABLY.
2. At the time this reduction was made the price of milk to the consumer at grocery stores WAS REDUCED 1/2c PER QUART.
3. We initiated the use of a new waxed paper carton and made it available. This new carton (which consumers demanded) is a distinct advantage over the glass bottle. To use this new carton COSTS 1c MORE PER QUART. BUT WE DID NOT RAISE THE PRICE OF MILK.
4. We can understand why dairy farmers want more money for milk RIGHT NOW—in the winter. In spring and summer months, however, dairy farmers can produce milk for cheaper. Averaging costs for an entire year, dairy farmers can make a good profit at present milk prices—if they operate efficiently. We do not feel the public should be penalized because of inefficient operation of some producers.
5. The bald facts are these—the distributors simply cannot operate at a loss. We challenge anyone to show that distributors are "lining their pockets."
6. We have always cooperated with the dairy farmers and we sincerely want to continue to cooperate. We CAN buy plenty of milk at the price set by the Milk Marketing Administration—a price we consider fair—but we prefer to buy from our steady suppliers.
7. We invite anyone to inspect our operations and satisfy themselves to the problems involved which enter into this dispute. Inspection of our entire operations, including breakdown of costs, are open to the general public. Isn't this fair?
8. We regret that a minority in a group of normally fine people, the dairy farmers, have taken such an attitude toward distributors. Milk is nature's perfect food and with the help of the dairy farmer we believe in making this food available to all at a minimum price.

We sincerely hope this matter can be straightened out fairly — and to the best interests of all concerned.

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