

## 'Chewing Gum' Crop Talked

Oregon's chewing gum crop—peppermint—will be the number one conversation topic at OSC Friday, Feb. 10.

To meet with mint oil market representatives and college research personnel, the state's mint growers are being invited to attend a one-day meeting in the college museum building starting at 10 a.m. The announcement is from A. P. Steenland and Rex Warren, OSC extension specialists who are in charge of program arrangements.

Featured speaker, they announce, will be Dr. L. G. Cox, Canajoharie, N.Y., a physiologist employed by the Beach Nut Packing company, mint oil users. Dr. Cox will discuss improved distillation methods, disease and insect control developments as well as work underway to breed improved mint strains.

Oregon is now the nation's top ranking producer of peppermint oil, which is used primarily as chewing gum flavoring.

Representatives of the two largest oil buying agencies, A. M. Todd company, Kalamazoo, Mich.; and the I. P. Callison and Sons company, Seattle, Wash., have also indicated their intention to be present at the meeting.

## Senate Adopts Hands Off Stand

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate agriculture committee has adopted a "hands off" stand toward Secretary Brannan's plan to "dump" 50 million bushels of surplus potatoes.

Chairman Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) said the committee was not approving or disapproving it but had "tried to go on record as a matter of principle."

Brannan has authority under present law to destory the potatoes, but he sought the committee's advice.

Privately, some of the members looked on it as an attempt to unload a "hot potato" on them.

They talked it over behind closed doors and Thomas then announced the committee was not taking any action.

He said that if the Agriculture department wants changes in present legislation, or wants new legislation, the committee "will entertain" the request.

## Dairyman: How To Waste Money

Note to dairymen: Here's how to waste the money you have invested in your dairy herd improvement association, according to OSC extension dairy specialists.

1. Never look at the herd record book. 2. Don't ask for suggestions from the tester. 3. If the tester makes suggestions, don't follow them. 4. Stay away from all meetings and activities of the association. 5. Tell neighbors you've received no help from the association. 6. Drop out of the association at the close of the year's testing.

DHIA testing, it is pointed out, is a method to determine low producing cows which may profitably be culled.

## February 15 Deadline For Potato Allotment

The Douglas county office of the Production and Marketing Administration has announced that Feb. 15 will be the closing date for requesting a 1950 Irish potato allotment.

These allotments are one of the requirements for participating in the 1950 Irish potato price support program. Anyone who intends to plant Irish potatoes for commercial use should contact the Production and Marketing Administration, Room 321, Pacific building, Roseburg, so that an allotment can be determined for their farm. After an allotment is determined, all producers receiving allotments must plant within the specified acreage in order to be eligible for price support. Further information can be obtained at the county office.



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## Baker Survey To Show Community College Interest

BAKER.—(AP)—Surveys are being conducted here to determine local interest in establishing a community college connected with the extension division of the state system of higher education.

The school, similar to colleges established in Klamath Falls and Bend last year, would make grades 13 and 14 possible here in accordance with legislation sponsored by State Senator Austin Dunn of Baker.

Dr. J. F. Cramer, Dean of the extension division of the higher education system, conferred with local school officials here last week. He said it was possible that if such a school were established here its facilities would be shared with Malheur county. Professors would spend part of their time in Baker and part in Malheur.

Tuition would be the minimum maintained for college courses. Classes would use local school facilities after 4 p.m. thus avoiding costs of construction which have hampered junior colleges in other states, Dr. Cramer said.

## Year's Welfare Costs California In Nine Figures

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—(AP)—Social welfare in California—including aged and blind pensions, needy child aid and home relief—last year cost more than a quarter of a billion dollars.

The total cost actually was \$275,893,170—or \$96,285,209 more than what the same items cost in 1948.

These figures, provided by the state social welfare department, represent the money paid out to the recipients of the public assistance programs by the state, federal and county governments.

Not included in the totals, however, are administrative costs involved in handling the programs.

Biggest item in the welfare bill was the old age and blind pension item. It cost \$214,086,177—as compared with a cost of \$138,210,466 in 1948.

Of the 1949 total, the state of California paid \$126,666,930 and the Federal government paid \$85,491,247. Counties did not have to contribute anything because full pension responsibility was placed in the state by proposition No. 4, which was passed in 1948, but repealed in 1949.

## American Missionaries To Remain On Hainan

HAIKOW, Hainan Island.—(AP)—Fourteen American missionaries intended to stay on the exposed northern coast of this south China island whether Chinese Communists attack or not.

Their Presbyterian mission has been here since 1885. It stands in a comfortable garden-lined compound that is an oasis in this dirty, sprawling city of 250,000.

There are ten women and four men in the mission. It sponsors a church school and a 168 bed hospital.

David H. Thomas, executive secretary of the mission, says they sometimes watch from the hospital roof as Chinese Nationalist planes bomb Communist concentrations across the narrows on the mainland. The bomb explosions may be heard often.

The mission helps run a leprosarium where about 175 Lepers live.

The National Geographic Society says mink farms are located in heavily shaded spots because sunlight tends to "rust" live mink fur.

Holly berries are comparatively scarce because only female trees produce berries, and then only if weather is right.

## High School Grad Of Present Day Gets Low Rating

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, president of the University of Chicago, summed up present day high school graduates with this one word: illiterate.

He said the average high school student today cannot read and write.

The present graduate is more illiterate than the graduate of 10 years ago who was more illiterate than the graduate of 20 years ago, he added.

Colwell attributed the cause to: 1. Poor teaching—"No one respects teachers; they aren't paid enough."

2. Undefined mission—"There is confusion as to just what is the teaching job."

3. Routine idleness—"There is too much idleness in schools. The schools take too much time to do too little."

The university president does not believe everyone has a political right to an education. He said: "No one has a right to education if he is not competent to acquire it."

## Ford Work Week Upped To Boost Vehicle Output

DETROIT.—(AP)—Bent on getting nearly a million cars, trucks and tractors off its assembly lines in the first half of 1950, the Ford Motor co. is boosting the work week for many of its employees.

As part of this, 15,000 workers at the key Rouge plant are going on a six-day week.

The move affects workers at 17 factories—including the Rouge and Highland Park plant here and plants at Chester, Pa., Long Beach, Calif., and Chicago.

## Soviet Proposal To Try Hirohito Spurned By U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The United States charged Friday that Russia's demand for trial of Emperor Hirohito as a war criminal is an effort to cover up "Soviet failure" to explain the fate of more than 370,000 Japanese war prisoners.

A State department statement made clear that the Russian demand to put the emperor on trial in an international military court will be rejected by this country.

Officials also indicated that the Soviet proposal to try four high-ranking wartime Japanese generals likewise will be turned down.

The State department made public along with its statement on the Russian demand, the key paragraphs of the Russian note which Soviet Ambassador Pan-yushkin handed to Secretary of State Acheson.

This disclosed officially for the first time precisely what the Russians want to do. The note said that last December a Soviet military court at Khabarovsk had found 12 Japanese army officers guilty of plotting and using bacteriological warfare.

It charged that the B. W. units were created by a decree of the emperor and that high ranking Japanese staff officers were responsible also for the operation.

The Russians therefore called for the creation of an international military court—presumably by Gen. Douglas MacArthur—to try the emperor and the four generals "as war criminals exposed (by the Soviet December trial) as having committed the most serious crimes against humanity."

No Evidence Found. The Russian demand brought this comment from the chief prosecutor of the Japanese war crimes trials: "There is far more reason to try Stalin as a war criminal than Emperor Hirohito."

Joseph B. Keenan, a Washington attorney, said that investigations conducted by American and Chinese officials showed conclusively that the Japanese did not use germ warfare over China.

Besides, Keenan said, Hirohito had a real power in wartime or prewar Japan. Evidence at the Tokyo trials, he said, made it clear that "the emperor constantly attempted to dissuade his ministers from precipitate action toward war."

What's more, Keenan said, Col. Gen. M. Golunsky, chief Soviet prosecutor at the Tokyo trials, joined the prosecutors of 10 other nations in signing an agreement not to try Hirohito as a war criminal.

Mountain water turned into gutters from fire hydrants helps keep downtown streets clean in Salt Lake City.

Ford's total employment is about 105,000.

Ford also announced record January production. That, together with its outline of ambitious plans for the next few months, came as one major competitor in the auto industry—Chrysler Corp.—was shut down indefinitely by a strike.

Several weeks ago Henry Ford II, president of the Ford empire, said the company was gunning for nearly 1,000,000 vehicles in the first six months of this year.

The assembly lines backed him up by turning out 148,393 in January, the biggest monthly total in Ford history.

On Jan. 31 there were 7,220 vehicles made—a daily record. Now, if coal and steel shortages don't upset their plans, Ford officials are aiming at 8,000 units a day. To make the goal the company plans to pay out a good chunk of overtime.

## K. OF C. GROUPS MEET

Nine members of the Roseburg council, Knights of Columbus, traveled to Cottage Grove Thursday, to meet with Eugene and Cottage Grove councils on a "good will" mission.

Those attending from Roseburg included Rev. Conleyth Killian, G. K. Desbiens, grand knight; Pat O'Rielly, Jack Doyle, Felix Durand, Dave Tomashak, Ralph Smith, Ernest Schauer and John Putman.

## Spruce Budworm Budget Request Given Approval

SALEM (Special)—Good news for the timberlands of Oregon but bad for the spruce budworms was received here today by Governor Douglas McKay from Senator Guy Cordon, who reported that the federal Bureau of the Budget had approved a request for \$380,000 as the federal share of participating in budworm control on a million acres of the state's finest timberlands.

The Department of Agriculture presented a budget of \$4 1/2 million for pest control, with \$880,000 earmarked for the work to be done in May and June in the state of Oregon.

While approval of this appropriation by the Bureau of the Budget did not carry an automatic green light, favorable action by Congress was expected within the next two weeks.

Ernest L. Kolbe, chief forester for the Western Pine association and chairman of the lumber industry's Spruce Budworm Action committee stated that Oregon's delegation to Congress had been supplied with all the pertinent facts and figures.

In the meantime, the working arm of the Spruce Budworm Action committee, the Oregon state forestry department, the U. S. Forest service and the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, was proceeding with the spraying operation plans scheduled for late May and early June.

State Forester George Spaur warned, "If federal funds are not approved before mid-February it may be too late to go ahead with our plans. Contracts for more than a million gallons of DDT spray must be made, as well as those which include the hiring of 70 or more airplanes."

## Marshall Plan Nations Still Lax, ECA Head Says

PARIS, Feb. 6.—(AP)—On his way home to seek more money for the Marshall plan, recovery administrator Paul G. Hoffman said here Europe's nations still aren't doing enough to help themselves.

The Economic Cooperation administrator told newsmen the Marshall plan countries had made excellent progress toward self-help but added: "None of the steps taken toward liberalization of trade has been adequate."

Hoffman cited a prevalent practice of dual pricing—selling goods to domestic consumers for less than foreign customers pay—which he said must be eliminated.

Hoffman said he was convinced Congress would furnish additional Marshall plan billions for European recovery, but he forcefully reiterated previous statements that the Marshall plan would end in 1952 as scheduled.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has found benzene hexachloride may be used to control chicken lice without making meat or eggs taste "musty."

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