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Well, the Republican convention is over, so we can do much about that. And the Democratic hasn't started, so we can't do much about it either.

We got the nominated to run on the Reps, and it has apparently made so many people happy that the Dems might as well postpone theirs for another four years. More'n likely won't make much never mind to most folks who, if anybody, they do put up.

So the Boss says why don't we run a list of all the different things we have for sale here at the Douglas County Flour Mill. We do know that a few people still run over to the neighbors to get certain little items which we carry in stock, simply because they don't know we have such items.

It's still too long a list to enumerate every thing we sell, without making a continued serial out of it, but we'll get it down so you will get the general idea. You're gonna be surprised how many things we do have, too.

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Vance also has steel fence posts, nails, and a new product is an aluminum gate. Known as the "Derring Lifetime Gate", your first cost is your last cost. It is so sturdy that a car can be driven over it as it spans an open pit, without damage to the gate. And the 16 foot gate weighs only 52 lbs. Other lengths from 12' up.

Then we have seeds, all the way from lawn to field, grass, grain and legumes. If it isn't on the floor, we can get it for you quick (if anybody can). We could go on, but it might sound like a mailorder catalog. In fact, we could make out a pretty good size catalog, but all we'll say right now, "Come in and see for yourself!"

Describing an earthquake: "It was amazing! The building rocked, kitchenware and

Plank On Farm Policy Attacks Truman System

By OVID A. MARTIN

CHICAGO (U)—The resolutions committee of the Republican National Convention Thursday accused the Truman administration of trying to destroy the farmers' freedom by making them dependent on government subsidies.

A GOP platform submitted to the national convention promised to free the farmer from this "threat" and to set up instead a federal farm program designed to give producers parity prices—the goal endorsed by both parties—at the market place.

Parity is a standard for measuring agricultural prices, declared by law to be equally fair to farmers and to those who buy their products.

The GOP farm plank promised to use commodity loans, farm storage, farm credit, voluntary self-supporting crop insurance, and federal price supports to seek full parity prices.

Price supports, it said, would be set at whatever levels were found necessary to maintain a balanced production and to stabilize farm income.

It did not commit the party to a 99 per cent parity support level promised by the Truman administration and recently set up for major crops through 1954 by action of Congress.

Brannan Plan Rapped

The platform denounced a controversial farm plan advanced three years ago by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan as a "fraud" on both the farmer and the consumer.

This plan proposed the use of subsidies to supplement farm income when prices drop. It would allow food prices to go over, its sponsor said, than is possible under the present program.

The GOP document said the Brannan plan subsidies would have to be paid through heavy taxes. Coupled with such subsidies, it said, would be controls that would "socialize agriculture."

The plank draft favored a bipartisan Federal Farm Commission to review farm policies and to make recommendations.

It also gave support to a "constructive" soil conservation program under which payments would be made to farmers for making permanent improvements.

The plank gave support to bona fide farmer-owned, farmer-operated cooperatives and pledged further development of rural electrification and communication, by federal funds, when such services are not available through private enterprise.

FARM and GARDEN NEWS

Poultry Use Increases 5 Times Faster Than Meat Consumption

Although the use of poultry meat is increasing five times faster than that of red meat, there is still lots of room to step up poultry meat consumption before it is a serious threat to the livestock meat industry, a visiting speaker said during the recent annual meeting of the Oregon Baby Chick Association at Oregon State College.

The speaker, Fred Hunt, Seattle, manager of the Washington Cooperative Farmers Association poultry department, said national per capita consumption of red meat stands at 138 pounds.

To succeed, Frank Erickson, Hillsboro, as president, the hatcherymen chose Conrad Burnester, Portland, new vice president is John White, Klamath Falls, John Kirk, St. Paul, succeeds C. L. Lamont, Eugene, as a director and W. H. Schwedler, Portland, was re-elected to the board.

The Oregon Poultry Improvement Association, which held its annual meeting the following day, named Kirk to its top office. He succeeded P. A. Gent, Eugene.

OSC Studies Advises Expert From Past Years

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—The scope of Oregon State College's influence in shaping agricultural, forestry and technical programs in foreign nations may be extended through a cooperative arrangement with Kaesetsart University in Bangkok, Thailand, President A. L. Strand has announced.

More than two dozen OSC staff members are now or have been assisting with technical programs in various countries on every continent of the globe.

President Strand said E. L. Potter, professor emeritus of agricultural economics, will leave for Bangkok about the middle of July to spend a month exploring the possibilities of Oregon State college entering into a cooperative relationship with the south Asia university. The program, including all preliminary phases, is sponsored and financed by the Mutual Security Agency.

Potter will prepare a report covering the present situation at Kaesetsart, make preliminary recommendations on current needs, assist in formulating a program that will enable the university to serve more adequately the people of Thailand, and suggest how OSC may cooperate.

If his recommendations are favorable and are approved by OSC and the Mutual Security Agency, the college would enter into a 30-month contract with the MSA to give technical assistance to Kaesetsart's rehabilitation and expansion, including advice and general assistance in teaching, research and other general functions.

Oregon State College would be expected, under the agreement, to furnish through the MSA a chief adviser and a number of specialists who may or may not be present members of the staff.

Kaesetsart University is interested in most of the same fields as OSC. President Strand pointed out, with major schools in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and cooperative sciences, and supporting work in engineering and home economics.

Thailand, a country nearly as large as Texas with three times the Lone Star state's population, is about 90 per cent dependent on agriculture.

Professor Potter, a member of the college staff since 1909, retired in 1950 after being head of agricultural economics since 1932.

New board members are Jake Hoehn, Grants, Pres. Marlow Jenks, Tangent, and Lloyd A. Lee, Salem. Directors whose terms expired were White, Leo Farr, Clackamas; and George Gilmore, Junction City.

Earl Reitsma, State Department of Agriculture poultry improvement program supervisor, reported that there were 10 pullorum outbreaks in Oregon during the past 12 months. Out of 531,390 birds in 966 flocks tested, he said the percentage of reactors was .107 per cent, a slight increase as compared with a year ago.

Breed participation honors went to the New Hampshire by a wide margin with more than 300,000 included in the program. White Leghorns ranked second with 91,000. Participation included 66 hatcheries with a total capacity of almost 4,000,000 chicks.

Noel Bension, OSC extension poultry specialist, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of both the Poultry Improvement and the Baby Chick Associations.

Report Disease, Pest Signs, Farmers Told

Because the nation's welfare depends upon farm produce, farmers must be constantly alert to signs of plant and animal disease and insect damage, warns J. R. Beck, assistant director of extension at Oregon State College.

This is an important part of the agricultural mobilization program directed by Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan, he points out.

"If you spot disease or insect damage among your crops, report it immediately to your county agent," urges Beck. "Give him a sample of the insect or diseased or injured plant as soon as possible. Do not send these samples to anyone other than the agent. Carrying or shipping them around the country may spread the trouble."

"Report suspicious symptoms of any livestock or poultry disease immediately to the nearest veterinarian. Samples of material from diseased animals should not be removed. Bring the vet to the animal, rather than the animal to the vet, to lessen danger of spreading the disease."

CANNED MEAT SALES SOAR

NEW YORK (U)—Hot weather booms the sales of canned meat. Meat canners and affiliated industries report that summer sales have gained consistently since 1948. Production now, they said, is about five times what it was 15 years ago.

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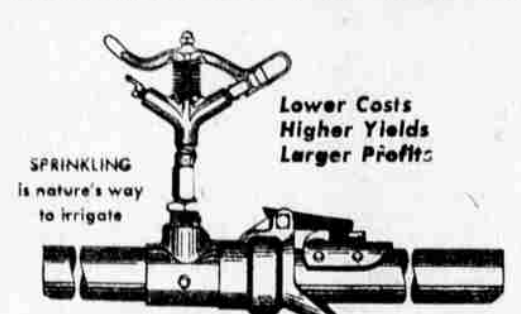
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Willamette Vetch Acreage Drops

Oregon's certified Willamette vetch acreage is on the skids according to late figures compiled by J. W. Ross, Oregon State College extension seed certification specialist.

As recently as 1948, about 57,000 acres were certified. Vetch field inspections this year are now complete and they cover only 269 acres. A year ago, 390 acres passed field inspection.

Prior to 1951, inspected acreage had been averaging close to 3,000 acres annually.

Why has the acreage dropped? Lack of a sufficient premium for certified Willamette vetch due to the removal of the production and marketing administration payment is the cause, Ross believes. Crop losses from winter injury, disease and insect damage also have caused some decline in grower interest.

The Willamette variety is a common vetch selection which at the time of its release was characterized by winter hardiness and disease resistance. In cases of continuous vetch cropping, however, diseases have become so destructive that it is now difficult to grow with much success.

Yet all common vetches tested at the OSC experiment station near Corvallis, Willamette still rates superior. This is also true in the south where much seed has been sold in past years.

Ross believes the solution to vetch grower problems is a field rotation system where vetch is grown only once in three or four years on the same field. During off years, volunteer plants must be eliminated. Following a system of this type, he adds would put common vetch seed production on a more sound basis.

Despite the setback, the certification specialist hopes growers will continue to certify a limited acreage of the improved common vetch in order that a high quality seed stock will be assured.

A federal act in 1862 gave land to each of the states for the establishment of colleges and land grant colleges were subsequently established in each state of the United States.

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Plans Two Shows Gladiolus Society

Growing of Oregon gladiolus for the bulb and cut flower markets is a \$1,500,000 industry, Oregon State College reports. Annual gladiolus plantings in the state total about 750 acres.

Some of the choicest examples of Oregon gladiolus will be on display at two glad shows in the state this summer—that of the recently organized Oregon State Gladiolus Society, to be held in the Portland Woman's club building, 1220 SW Taylor street, Portland, July 26 and 27, and that of the Grants Pass Gladiolus society, to be held in conjunction with the annual Grants Pass Gladiolus Festival, Aug. 1 and 2.

The state society's first annual show will have the usual classes of single and three-spiked entries, baskets, arrangements, corsages and commercial displays. In addition it will feature sections for junior exhibitors under 18 years and for seedlings. The seedling section will include some of the newest originations of leading am-

ateur and professional hybridizers of the Northwest.

Inquiries regarding entries in the state show in Portland should be directed to Mrs. J. George Eisenhower, 3453 NW Thurman St., Portland 10. Data on the Grants Pass show may be obtained from the show chairman, Henry W. Turk, PO Box 694, Grants Pass.

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