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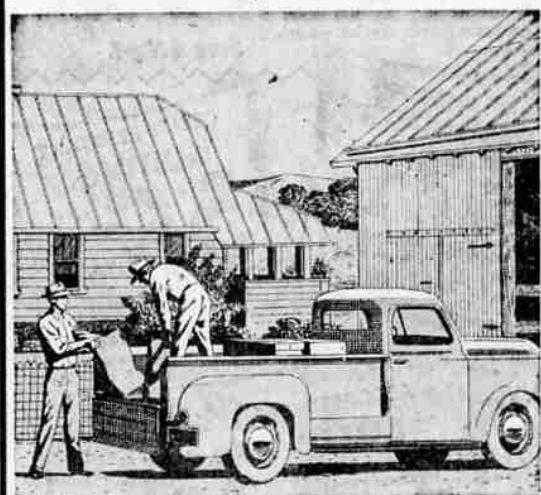


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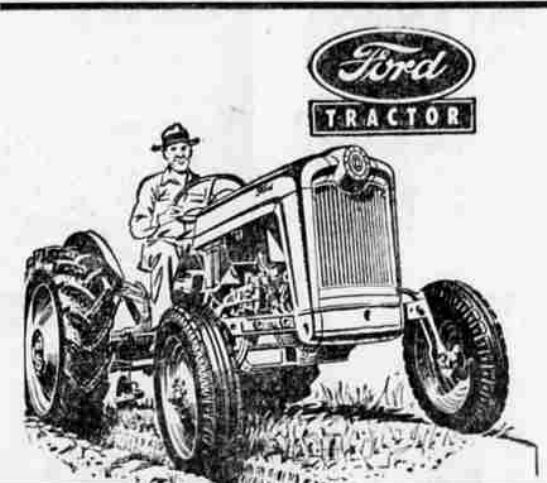
TOMATOES BY THE BUSHEL—E. J. (Ed) Fuchs, Roseburg, grows 'em big when it comes to tomatoes. So far he's picked 7½ bushel from his back yard crop. He expects to total 20 bushel if the weather doesn't interfere. A cement contractor by trade, Fuchs is also handy with garden tools. He won second prize in the dry onion division at the Douglas County Fair this year. He is shown here with San Marzano variety tomatoes procured at the Farm Bureau. Fuchs maintains "a good dose of fertilizer and strategic pruning did the trick." He lives with his wife and five children at 1941 Goetz St. (Mindolovich Picture).

Town-Church Meet Slated

Oregon's ninth annual Town and Country Church conference has been scheduled Oct. 24 to 27 at Oregon State College. It will feature talks by national and regional educators and religious leaders. Theme for this year's public inter-denominational conference is "A Vital Town and Country Church." Emphasis will be on better community service, improvements in church buildings and landscaping, and better church programs.

New Oregon Walnut Developed By Farmer

Official release and naming of an early-ripening English walnut developed in Oregon has been announced in a circular of information, "The Adams Walnut," published by the Oregon State College Experiment Station. M. P. Adams, Polk county farmer, developed the new walnut and turned over testing and distribution rights to the college three years ago. Quentin Zielinski, OSC horticulturist, says the Adams walnut matures its crop 12 to 14 days ahead of the Franquette, standard commercial variety in Oregon. Other advantages of the Adams are larger-sized nuts than the Franquette and indications of more winter-hardiness and blight-resistance. Details of the variety's performance and instructions of obtaining trees or scion wood are included in the circular. Copies of the circular, number 350, are available from the Douglas County Extension office.



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State 4-H Membership Climbs To 26,537

Membership in 4-H clubs has gone up almost 5 per cent since last year, according to Burton Hutton, state 4-H leader at Oregon State College.

A 1,948-member increase pushed enrollment figures up to 26,537 girls and boys in clubs throughout the state.

Girls led boys by 4 to 1 in the surge with 862 girls and 186 boys listed as first-year members. This makes a total of 16,691 girls and 9,846 boys in Oregon clubs.

Interest Is Retained
Hutton said more and more members who have been in organization work for six years or longer are remaining active. Older members interest was exhibited last summer by a 109 increase in the number of members 16 years or older who attended 4-H summer school at OSC.

An extension program in junior leadership has been going on since 1954 when 486 4-H'ers assisted in local clubs. Today in Oregon, 676 active 4-H'ers are helping to organize and plan material with local leaders. A junior leader must be at least 14 years old.

Project Work Increases
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