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### Woman's Club Scholarship Loan Fund

The scholarship loan fund is one of the most beneficial undertakings of the Oregon Federation of Women's club said Mrs. Ida B. Callahan, president and a director of the General Federation of women's clubs in an interview at her office at O. A. C.

With donations annually from the various clubs of the state," said Mrs. Callahan. "this fund has now reached the sum of approximately \$10,000. It is loaned without interest to young women who wish to complete their education. Many young women have been students at O. A. C. because this fund was available and have now become self-supporting members of society.

Applications for loans at present, far exceed the amount of money in the treasury.

"The Oregon Federation of Women's clubs was organized in Portland in 1899, and now has a membership of 130 individual clubs, scattered over different parts of the state. These clubs have a total membership of 6000 women organized for the purpose of promoting social, civic and educational improvement in their respective communities. These clubs, however, are of more than local value, for their combined efforts bring good results to the state and nation.

"As Mrs. Thomas C. Winter president of the general federation recently said; "A women's club is a group of organized women, who can be depended upon to back every movement that makes for the betterment of that community's life. Groups of such a character are a tremendous asset to the country in a time like this when half-fledged thought, hasty conclusions and hazy thinking are too frequent.

"The administration of the state federation is done by means of its executive board, which carries out the plans adopted at the annual meeting. A monthly bulletin, published in Portland by Mrs. Edith Knight Hill of the Oregonian, is sent to all the clubs to keep them informed of the progress of work. The plan of work conforms to that of the general federation, and is carried on in six departments with divisions and committees.

"The six departments are fine arts, applied education, American citizenship, public welfare, legislation, and the press. Backing the state work in these departments is the general federation which was organized in New York in 1890. It is made up of 50 state federations which include 41,001 district clubs. Its total membership is now about 2,000,000. Twelve foreign countries represented by clubs are as follows: Canada, Canal Zone, China, Cuba, England, France, Hawaii, Japan, Philippines, Sweden, West Australia and West Indies.

"Both state and national federations are non-sectarian and non-political, but are bi-partisan, working with both parties, supporting measures not men."

### DIGGERS TURN UP TREASURE

Sewer Workers Find Collection of Rings and Watches in a Boston Slime Pit.

Boston.—A sewer gang quit work at noon the other day with a valuable treasure trove. In the slime of an old pit near the Quincy house they had found three gold rings, coins, watches and other valuables.

Hotel employees suggested that the hotel had a claim on the articles, as the property probably of guests of bygone days. The police suspected that they were part of the loot of thieves. But when the men showed coins dating back to 1787, stamped with a pine tree on one side and "Massachusetts" on the other, they insisted that the statute of limitations made the property theirs.

With the ancient coins they found beer checks, which the foreman of the gang said he intended to keep with a "pine tree shilling," as a souvenir of the past. The foreman estimated that the deposit of mud in which the valuables were found had not been dis-

## CANTALOUPE OF FINEST QUALITY

Early Picking Is Reason Given for Melons Reaching Market in Inferior Condition.

### AVOID BRUISING IN PACKING

Load Immediately in Iced Refrigerator Cars and Furnish Ample Ventilation—Floor Racks Are Also Recommended.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

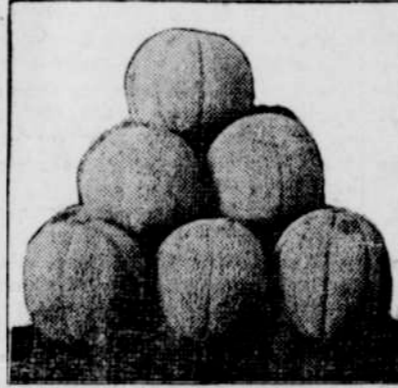
Fully 10 per cent of the cantaloupes produced in the western states reach the consumer so green that they are practically worthless for food. If only 1 per cent were picked and shipped unripe it would mean transporting and marketing more than 40,000 crates, for more than 20,000 carloads—or four-fifths of the production of the United States—are harvested in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California, and shipped on a six to twelve-day journey to middle western and eastern markets.

During three recent shipping seasons specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture conducted investigations in the western producing sections and chief eastern consuming centers, in order to determine the most satisfactory methods of handling cantaloupes for long-distance shipments. It was found that too early picking was one of the chief reasons why melons reached the market in an inferior, tasteless condition.

#### When to Pick Melons.

Green melons have a depressing effect on both demand and prices. While it is necessary that they be picked before they are entirely ripe. In order to provide the essential keeping qualities in transit, they may be picked at a stage of maturity that will afford good flavor as well as keeping quality when they reach consumers, cantaloupes should be picked just after they will slip cleanly from the stem; that is, at the full-slip stage of maturity.

If properly handled and promptly loaded they will carry in satisfactory condition, even to long-distance markets. Allowance must be made, however, for a certain amount of rough



Unwrapped Melons Cool Quickly, Thus Preventing Mold.

handling and for some delay in transit. As a general rule, therefore, cantaloupes should be picked just before they reach the full-slip stage. Such melons possess not only the desirable eating quality, but also the necessary carrying quality.

The keeping and carrying qualities of cantaloupes are directly dependent on the care exercised to prevent mechanical injuries in harvesting and preparation for shipment.

#### Use Care in Packing.

During the operation of packing, melons should be placed carefully in the crates, and not dropped or tossed into place, as is frequently done. Injury caused by squeezing can be prevented if packers are careful not to force in over-sized melons when finishing the crates.

The reduction of serious market losses from over-ripe and decayed melons is dependent to a large extent upon the promptness with which they are placed under refrigeration. They should be loaded immediately in iced refrigerator cars, and, while being hauled from packing shed to the car-loading platform, should be covered to protect them from the sun.

Cantaloupes should preferably not be wrapped. They do not refrigerate so well in transit nor do they reach the consumer in so good condition as unwrapped melons. Loading different types of packages may obstruct air circulation and thus seriously retard refrigeration. In cars equipped with these racks, as well as basket bunkers, salt may be effectively employed to hasten refrigeration. The ability of refrigerator cars to cool melon shipments quickly and to maintain desirable temperatures in transit depends directly upon proper bunker and bulkhead construction, and upon the quantity and quality of the insulating material used.

#### MOLTING PERIOD IS TRYING

Feathers That Must Be Made Are Rich in Nitrogenous Substance—Coated With Oil.

Many owners of hens think that because the hens are not laying during the molting period, they do not need feed. This period is harder on a hen than heavy laying for the feathers that must be made are rich in nitrogenous substances and are coated with an oil.

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