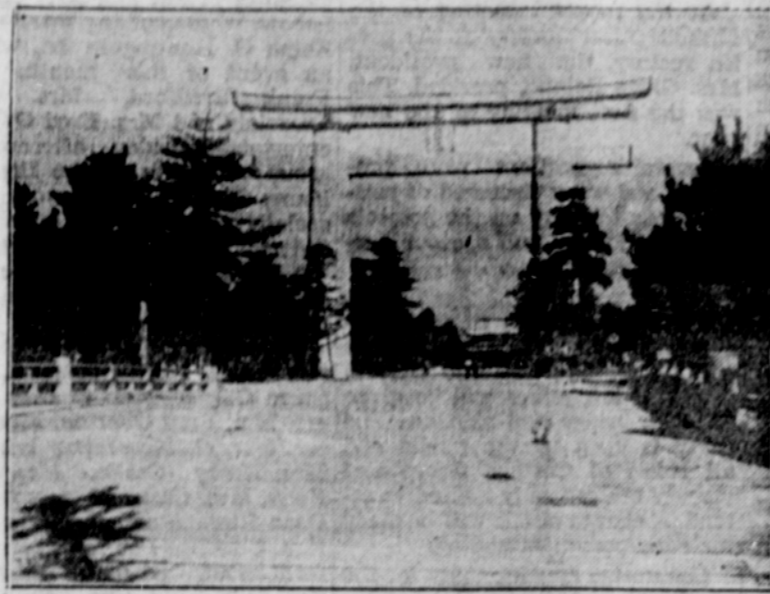


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GI TOURS IN ANCIENT JAP CAPITAL—Where Shoguns and emperors of feudal Japan stalked in fierce splendor through the centuries and pilgrims came to attend festivals and worship Buddha, informal American soldiers now stroll through the sacred gates of the Imperial Palace at Kyoto and gaze in wonder at its magnificent shrines and temples. Sixth Army troops under General Walter Krueger, after dreary months in the insect-infested jungles of New Guinea and the heat of ravaged Luzon, find themselves walking unmarred pavements and riding street cars in the only large Japanese city untouched by Yankee bombs. Here is the colossal red torii (gate) to the shrine dedicated to Emperor Kammu, founder of Kyoto. American enlisted men are quartered in a public hall to the left hidden by the trees.

Butter Shortage

Many are wondering what is back of the current butter shortage. The state department of agriculture recently issued a bulletin, which throws some light on the subject and is as follows:

Reports from manufacturers of dairy products in Oregon covering the first six months of 1945 show a decrease of 1.4 percent in the total supply of milk and cream received at plants throughout the state. There was a sharp decrease in the receipts of cream, while receipts of milk for fluid use and for manufacture showed an increase. First half year deliveries of cream for manufacturing have shown a decrease in each of the last seven years. The average number of patrons delivering cream to Oregon plants decreased from 17,507 in the first half of 1944 to 13,980 in the first six months of 1945. The number delivering whole milk decreased slightly and averaged 11,070 patrons.

Production of dry whole milk was expanded to meet war-time needs, reaching a new high of 4,370,000 pounds in the first half of 1945, 64 percent more than in the first six months of 1944. The 1945 half year output of canned evaporated milk increased to 24,804,500 pounds, 6 percent more than the high production in the first half of 1944.

During the first half of 1945, creamery butter production decreased further from the relatively low 1944 output and totaled 10,445,000 pounds. This was 20 percent below the first six months of 1944 and the lowest half year output of record.

Cheddar cheese is one of Oregon's leading dairy products. Output for the first half of 1945 was increased 5 percent to 13,884,764 pounds. There also was a substantial increase during 1945 in production of cream cheese and other varieties of cheese.

During the first half of 1945 the output of non-fat dry milk solids manufactured for human food amounted to 1,109,000 pounds, 46 percent less than for the same period in 1944. Production of dried skim milk for animal feed was reduced 31 percent to 860,000 pounds. Dry whey production decreased 9 percent in the first half of 1945 and dry buttermilk decreased 13 percent.

Latham

Sunday guests of the Mads Overgaards were Mrs. Overgaard's mother, Mrs. Anna Wilde, her brother, Andrew of Junction City and another brother Robert Wilde and his wife of Eugene.

Winifred West was painfully injured while at work Thursday. On the same day his father's car was hit by a hit and run driver.

Last week the Latham school won two games of basketball with Creswell by the second team and the girls team. The first team lost to Creswell. In two games with London Latham won both. All games were played at Latham.

Five children of James Bell Walker attended his funeral at Springfield last week. He suffered a skull fracture in a fall which caused his death. The mother of the children is Mrs. Ray Harris.

Mrs. LaLonde is studying Spanish with a class in Eugene on Tuesdays.

Lorane grade school will play basketball at Latham school at 1 p. m. Thursday. The Latham school will play Jefferson school in the Jefferson gym at 8 p. m. Friday.

David Porter was released from the armed service and returned from Philadelphia, Penna., Sunday. He will spend several weeks at his home here.

FORMER RESIDENT PASSES
 Mrs. Ermine Young has received word of the death of Mrs. Ella Whipple Wall, 86, in Los Angeles, December 29.

Mrs. Wall was a pioneer resident of Cottage Grove and was born in Douglas county. She was a daughter of the late David Underwood who was a pioneer merchant of Cottage Grove. Her first husband was the late Frank Whipple, a former postmaster of Cottage Grove. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Beneta Whipple Phillips with whom she had been residing in Los Angeles for several years. Her two sons Frank and Ralph Whipple died several years ago.

Cook Slowly
 To make meat tender and tasty, cook it at a low temperature. Meat that is used for stew, soup, and pot roast should be cooked slowly with some water, in a covered pan. To make it go a long way, mix the meat with rice, cornmeal, beans, or potatoes.

Plans Readied for Farm Conference

"Everything is in readiness for the Lane county farm program planning conference which will be held in the Masonic temple at Tenth and Olive in Eugene on Tuesday, January 22, starting promptly at 10 a. m.," reports Fred G. Knox, general chairman. "Eleven conference committees made up of farm men and women from practically every section of the county have worked hard during the past several weeks," states County Agent O. S. Fletcher, general conference secretary, who has been assisting various committees with their work. "The committees are seeking to find the answer to the question of what Lane county farms can produce and market to best advantage during the peacetime years ahead. They are also considering what practices will make for lower costs of production and greater profits, as well as what can be done to bring about a better farm home and rural life in the county."

Mr. Knox promises a fast-moving program with something of interest in the reports and discussions which follow, for practically every farmer in the county regardless of what his production may be. The detailed program, including plans for a noon luncheon, follows:

10:00 A. M.—Outline of plan of conference and opening statement by Fred G. Knox, president, Lane county agricultural council.

10:15 A. M.—"The County's Agriculture," and "Some Major Problems," by O. S. Fletcher, county agent.

10:30 A. M.—Poultry committee report, by R. W. Reed.

10:55 A. M.—Farm crops committee report, by Raymond A. Johnson.

11:20 A. M.—Farm Home and Rural Life committee report, by Mrs. Fred G. Knox.

11:45 A. M.—"Opportunities for Improvement in Rural Life," by Miss Frances Clinton, assistant state home demonstration leader, Oregon State College.

12:00-1:30 P. M.—Simple noon luncheon. People attending bring sandwiches and salad. Coffee and ice cream will be provided without charge. Entertainment. Land Use committee report by F. B. Harlow.

1:30 P. M.—Rural Youth committee report, by Mrs. Ruth Lambert.

1:50 P. M.—Farm Labor committee report, by Truman A. Chase.

2:05 P. M.—Horticulture committee report, by Frank Bartholomew. (a) Tree fruits and nuts. (b) Small fruits, truck and canneries crops.

2:30 P. M.—Dairy committee report, by J. W. Maxwell.

2:50 P. M.—Livestock committee report, by F. D. Petzold.

3:10 P. M.—Soil Improvement and Conservation, committee report, by H. H. Myers.

3:30 P. M.—"The 1946 Agricultural Outlook," by Wm. L. Teutsch, assistant director of extension, Oregon State College.

3:45 P. M.—Adjourn.

(Each committee chairman will use approximately two-thirds of the time allotted his committee in giving his report and the remainder of the time will be devoted to discussion from the floor.

The first sure symptom of a mind in health, is rest of heart, and pleasure felt at home.—Young.

Earl J. McMullin Rites Monday

Rites for Earl John McMullin, 51, who died week ago Saturday at Grants Pass, were held from the Simon mortuary in Eugene Monday at 2:00 p. m. with the local Masonic lodge members assisting with the services and interment was in the Rest Haven Memorial Park, Eugene.

Mr. McMullin was an employee of the J. H. Chambers and Son mill here. Previously he was employed for 16 years by the Ingram Lumber Co. He was born at Elmira, New York, July 29, 1894, and came west at an early age.

Mr. McMullin was a member of the Masonic lodge for 18 years. He was associated with the Veronice lodge No. 184, Laurel lodge No. 31 R.A.M. at Roseburg, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, in Eugene, and Hillah Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Ashland.

Surviving are his wife, Kittie; a son, Dale Earl McMullin, with the army air forces in England; a grandson, Dale Earl Jr.; a brother, Merl S. McMullin, of Vida, and a sister, Pearl E. Kruse, Azalea, Oregon.

Farmers of State Emerge from War In Secure Shape

"Fortunately Oregon emerges from this war with relatively little dislocation of its established production pattern," says Director Ballard. "Some thin land has gone back to wheat, sheep numbers are abnormally low and there may be a temporary excess of foods for processing, though this last is an enterprise linked to new processing methods in which Oregon is expected to play a major role."

"It is time to check up, however, and look toward fundamental long-time developments, as well as immediate adjustments," Ballard continued. "Agriculture here has been divided about equally between livestock and crops for income. It is time to decide whether increased emphasis on crops in some sections will reduce soil fertility so as to endanger a permanent profitable agriculture. Other fundamental issues are at stake, including betterment of rural social conditions so as to challenge the best youth to stay on the farms."

The first 15 county conferences are scheduled in the counties with most diversified agriculture and where planning is most urgent. The Extension service will offer its help in holding additional conferences in other counties as rapidly as possible.

Many Mobilized In Nation's Victory Clothes Collection

NEW YORK—More than 90,000,000 Americans have been mobilized in 11,078 cities, towns, and villages throughout the nation to help war sufferers overseas. It was announced today by Henry J. Kaiser, national chairman of the Victory Clothing Collection, which is now under way.

He called the effort to collect 100,000,000 serviceable, used garments, in addition to shoes and bedding, one of the most far-flung operations ever organized to aid humanity. The collection, which will continue through Jan. 31, has the support of 93 national organizations representing 562,000 local chapters or units, and comprising a membership of 79,500,000 members. The cooperating groups include educational, youth, and women's organizations, service clubs, labor groups, veterans' fraternal and farm organizations. Church groups of all faiths, represented by more than 125,000 churches, parishes, and synagogues with memberships totaling 69,641,000 are also cooperating in local programs with Victory Clothing Collection committees.

Every age from 16 to 84 and almost every walk of life are represented by the 5,323 local chairmen for the drive. The oldest of these leaders, J. M. Momeny, of Benavides, Texas, is a retired school superintendent. Under the sponsorship of the Benavides Rotary club and high school alumni association, he will conduct the clothing collection in Benavides and neighboring communities. The youngest chairman is 16-year old Lorraine Ross, a member of the junior class in the Whitewater, Kansas, high school who will collect clothing in Whitewater and four neighboring communities of Butler county.

Mrs. Dora Keen Handy, a 74-year old widow who sells insurance, is the local chairman for the drive in West Hartford, Vt., and two nearby villages. Other local chairmen, representing a true cross-section in the united undertaking, include mayors, postmasters, contractors, farmers, fire chiefs, manufacturers, labor leaders, oil refinery managers, presidents of utility companies and shipping concerns, ministers, priests, rabbis, Boy Scout leaders, civic club and women's club presidents, merchants, educators, bankers, editors, and publishers.

Mr. Kaiser, who was also national chairman of the United National Clothing Collection last April, declared: "In the first united undertaking which provided clothing for 25,000,000 children, men and women in Europe, China and the Philippines, 7,671 communities were organized. But the need for serviceable clothing in bombed-out lands is still desperate. To help meet this great need, 3,405 more communities than were organized in the first drive will participate in the collection this month."

Walker

Miss Jane VanProoyen left for Astoria after a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. Mary Lindsay, and other relatives here.

Cpl. Fred Jackson, U. S. army, who has been in India and China, is home visiting with his mother, Mrs. Ida Jackson, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Fox of Fort Angeles, Wash., visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aden Miller, last week.

The Neighborhood club met with Mrs. Ralph Wright last Thursday afternoon.

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Saginaw

William Phelps of the U. S. Navy left Monday to report at Seattle after spending a 30-day leave here with his mother, Mrs. Betty King.

Capt. and Mrs. Cliff Gersbach spent a couple days last week with Cliff's folks near Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimes and sons of Glenwood were dinner guests at the Lowell Benston home Wednesday evening.

Henry Getty went to Portland last week to join the merchant marines.

Helen Williams was appointed on the entertainment committee for the Friendly Neighbors club instead of Noreen Sells. Others on the committee are Margaret Keene and Nona Kirkendall. The club sold lunch at the dance at Walker Saturday night.

Jake Schwarzer went to Prineville last week to spend several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Keene and children spent one evening recently at the Jess Tucker home at Culp Creek.

Capt. Cliff Gersbach left for the army base in South Dakota Saturday, where he will receive further orders. Mrs. Gersbach and son will remain here with her parents for the present.

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