

# About The Farm - - -

By John J. Inskeep, County Agent

The many friends of former Clackamas County Extension Agent Leon Garoian will be interested in excerpts from his recent letter. "Lee" is now serving as fruit and vegetable marketing specialist for the State of Wisconsin. As such he is a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin with headquarters at Madison. In addition to his duties there he will be studying for a doctor of philosophy degree.

"The groundhog didn't see his shadow yesterday so I presume we are due for an early spring. Nobody should complain however: we've had the coldest January in 19 years, according to the experts. From the papers I see we weren't alone with this achievement, however. Nationally, we've had some cold weather last month. We haven't been uncomfortable, however, even though it is as confining as the rains in Oregon."

"I've had a busy January. I spent 4 days in central Wisconsin counties at leader training meetings in agricultural policy with Ray Penn. Then, about 4 days in Chicago attending a

contracts. He observes "Our growers in Clackamas County certainly have much to be thankful for in good grower-processor relations - of course, this has been developed and earned there."

"I was surprised when I found Wisconsin was the leading state in the nation in the number of acres of vegetables grown for processing. Peas, corn, beans, carrots, beets, cabbage for kraut are the leading crops if I recall correctly. They are just developing irrigation resources in Central Wisconsin, where with water they can grow any vegetable crop common to this climate - and water is plentiful from the shallow wells or pits scooped out by bulldozers. They grow good beans - both green snap, wax, and limas, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, etc. and the area is only 200 miles from the Chicago markets! They have started growing on a large scale the netted gem potato which until recent years was exclusively a western potato. But with the high consumer acceptance of the netted gems -- called russet Burbanks here -- growers have made good money this year."

"Land in this central sand area, which millions of years ago was the lake bed of Lake Wisconsin -- sells for from \$50 to \$100 an acre depending upon the stage of development. Irrigation equipment would be in addition."

"Most of the vegetables grown here are canned rather than frozen. As yet I haven't found out why but I do have some ideas. I think this question may be the one for my thesis - something like "An Economic Analysis of Wisconsin Processing Industry with regard to development of a frozen food industry" - or something like it but much shorter. Many of the vegetable growers here are dairymen who grow vegetables for "cash income". It is a rotation deal with them and they call vegetables "cash crops". However, I have observed that the newer areas coming into production are not dairy areas but growers who are vegetable growers only. To me, this is a necessary thing - specialization I mean, in order for the industry to really develop to what it can be. I think we both have seen this in Clackamas County."

## Slight Upturn Seen In Local, State Job Lists

OREGON CITY — Ted L. Huff, manager of the State Unemployment Commission says unemployment in Clackamas County dropped swiftly in February to an estimated 2200 at the end of the month. Good weather helped all seasonal industries such as logging, construction and agriculture. A temporary setback on account of high water lay-offs affected employment toward the end of the month. Continued good weather into March should shorten the claim line fast. Preparations are now being made by farmers for the coming harvest seasons, especially strawberry growers who keep one eye out for frost damage while cultivating their precious shoots.

Unemployment decreased in February as improved weather conditions permitted the return to work in most of the out-of-door industries. Temporary lay-offs in logging due to high water were not sufficient to alter the trend. Initial claims dropped to 606 against 1559 the previous month, and 839 for February 1956. Continued claims numbered 7583 compared with 7981 in January 1957.

With the imminent approach of spring-like weather, employment prospects in construction, logging and other industries are also expected to gradually come out of their winter slump. Norma Ivens, Placement Supervisor, reminded employers that a new crop of high school graduates will be on the labor market soon. Many of them are being registered and tested by the Employment Service, and now is the time to put in your order for these ambitious youngsters.

Estimates by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission based on reports from 26 local offices showed 55,300 persons actively seeking jobs on March 1, comparing with 63,800 at the winter's peak a month before.

Shorter work-weeks, particularly in lumber and logging operations, were reported from several areas. Workers in this main industry accounted for nearly half of the unemployment claims, now running around 35,000 a week, slightly below the seasonal high but above recent comparable periods. More than half of the remaining claims load came from construction and food processing.

Reserve unemployment funds dropped \$49 millions, slightly above the post-war low of \$48 millions in 1956. The total was \$3 1/2 millions under a year ago and was expected to decline to less than \$45 millions before first quarter collections start in mid-April.

## Obituary

ANDY BURSON  
Andy Burson, 74, of Route 1, Box 142, Sancy, died in a Gresham rest home on March 18 after an illness which lasted five years.

Born August 24, 1882 in Rumania, Burson was educated in that country before he emigrated to the United States in 1904. He operated a dairy business in New Castle, Pennsylvania for many years before he came to Sandy in 1943 to live with his brother Thomas, who is his sole survivor.

Services will be held Friday, March 22 at 1 p.m. at the chapel of Bateman Funeral Home, in Gresham, with interment to follow in Forest Lawn cemetery. Reverend Frank Shultz will officiate.

## Baby Arrives At Rest Home

A baby daughter, Vickey Jo, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Larry) Parker, of Boring, on March 10, at her grandmothers' home, Sandy Rest Haven.

Vickey Jo joins two sisters, Pamela and Patricia and a brother, Robert.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Parker, Sandy, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy German, Boring.

## Mountain Inn Is Due To Reopen

ZIG ZAG — Owners of the Zig Zag Inn, Dave and Polly Owen, have announced that their establishment is expected to open for business about April 15. Extensive repairs and remodeling have gone on in recent months with further long-range plans made for the future, the owners said.

The kitchen has been enlarged and remodeled with new equipment and the dining areas redecorated and enlarged.

Future plans include improvements to the grounds with grading and black-topping and new cement walks.

## Films Are Shown At Sandy Ridge

Motion pictures were shown to members of the Sandy Ridge Livestock club at their meeting last Friday. The pictures were shown by Mr. Black, the county 4-H club leader. One of the films showed the proper method of culling sheep and the other was on the manufacture of milk products.

Later in the meeting Black took tape recordings of talks with Mrs. Drum, the club leader, and all members of the club. These recordings were heard over an Oregon City radio station this Thursday.

Three new members were taken into the club during the meeting.

## College To Gain From Tea

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Walter Leudtke with Mrs. Neil DeLong as co-hostess.

The League plans to act as co-sponsor with Gresham Redeemer church for a tea in Gresham on March 31 for the benefit of Concordia College.

League members announced a Lutheran World Relief Clothing Drive to be held from April 21 to 23.

Speaker at the Monday meeting was Mrs. O. H. Preim, a Sunday School teacher at the Hope Lutheran church for the Deaf in Portland, whose topic was "Meet Your Deaf Sisters."

## Women In CD Is Speakers Topic

Clackamas county Civil Defense director H. Jackson has invited all ladies in the county to hear Mrs. Lovilla Lalor, Director Women's Activities, Federal Civil Defense Administration, Region 7.

Mrs. Lalor will speak on "Women and Civil Defense," in the Eastham school, 7th and Harrison Street, Oregon City on March 29 at 8 p.m. Jackson emphasized that the meeting will be quite informal and that each woman attending was welcome to pose questions on civil defense.

## Chamber Lowers Membership Fee

Members of the Sandy Chamber of Commerce at their noon luncheon Tuesday voted to make an immediate change in their by-laws in order to reduce the annual membership fee from \$10 to \$5.

It was thought that more residents could be induced to take part in the group's civic activities under the new plan.

## Five Motorists Taken To Court

Speeding charges were filed against five motorists during the past week, it was shown in the weekly report of Police Chief Carl Lofstedt.

Those hailed into city court for basic rule violations were Walter J. Harbinski, Ocean Lake; Norma O. Lombard, Milwaukie; James L. Emerson, Sandy; Donald J. Vanderveldon, Madras and John B. Borquist, Portland.

## Cubs Go Indian For Pack Meeting

Dens 2, 3, 5 and 7 of the Sandy Cub Scout Pack will put on Indian skits and dances for the Monday, March 25 meeting of the Pack, at the Sandy Grade School.

Results of the past several months' attendance contest will be revealed at the meeting and the trip to the skating rink awarded to the winning den. Brothers and sisters of cubs have been invited to attend the party with the winners.

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