

# ERADICATION OF RODENTS IS AIM OF BIG CAMPAIGN

An enthusiastic meeting of the community leaders of Clackamas county took place in the county courthouse Monday when rodent control on farms in this territory was discussed and plans made to eradicate the pest. Ira N. Gabrielson, government official in this section for the purpose of furthering the campaign, was present and remarked that the meeting was one of the best of its kind he ever had the privilege to attend. S. A. Cordill presided.

It was voted to start the rodent control campaign in this section May 23 and continuing until May 28, when every farm in Clackamas pestered with the "gray digger" will be visited and poison distributed over the land. It is planned to distribute 175,000 pounds of specially prepared squirrel poison in Clackamas county this season, and as there are approximately 3800 farms in this territory, each farm will be allotted the necessary portion to eradicate the pest. The poison to be distributed is a specially prepared wheat, so fixed that stock or animals other than squirrels eating the poison will not be affected thereby. The reason that the May date has been set for the eradication of rodents campaign is that the "gray digger" or squirrel is most active at that season.

A petition will be presented to the county court asking that body to declare this county a rodent pest district. This is for the purpose of securing state aid in the campaign according to law, and under the statute, every farmer in the county who owns land where rodents are found, will be compelled to place out poison for the pest and conform with special rules and provisions made for the eradication of the pest. The specially prepared rodent poison can be secured from the county agent at a cost of 25 cents per pound. The Clackamas County Farm Bureau organization will be asked to appoint a leader from that body to head the campaign committee. According to figures shown by authorities, the squirrel or "gray digger" does damage to the extent of \$1 per year for every rodent and that the squirrel can be poisoned for a fraction of a cent. The slogan for the eradication campaign, as adopted at Monday's meeting will be, "The Gray Digger Must Go." Thirteen other counties in the state of Oregon are under the rodent control law which is being rigidly enforced.

Community leaders of Clackamas county attending the session Monday and who will take an active part in the campaign were: A. E. Anderson, of Colton; O. E. Frenstess, of Union Hill; G. A. Kohl, of Logan; F. W. Sprague, of Fir Grove; H. A. Girble, of Springwater; E. E. Geschlaeger, of Sunnyside; Fred Chinn, of Mount Pleasant; Oren Lingle, of Damascus; W. H. Lewis, of Evergreen; Floyd T. Williams, of Clackamas; S. A. Cordill, of Molalla, and J. G. Gord, of Clarkes.

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**Gemany Offers Fifty Millions to Allies for Debt**

BERLIN, April 25.—The ultimate total indemnity which Germany agrees to pay the allies is 200,000,000,000 gold marks (\$50,000,000,000), as against 226,000,000,000, or over fifty-nine billion dollars, demanded by the allies in their Paris terms.

**City of Aberdeen Prefers Americans**

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 23.—Preference for Americans on municipal work was the keynote of an ordinance introduced by Councilman Empey and sponsored by ex-service men's organizations, at the meeting of the city council Friday night. Action of the measure was deferred until next week, to allow the councilmen to familiarize themselves with the proposal.

The ordinance was part of Empey's campaign to Americanize municipal work. Two similar ordinances were introduced last week.

**Much Damage to Eastern Fruit By Heavy Frost**

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 26.—Bennett Bros., local representatives of the Hardie Spray Manufacturing company have just received letters from five agents of the concern reporting heavy damage of eastern fruit crops from frost.

"The freeze," said L. S. Bennett, formerly of Portland, "affected all the fruit growing territories from Arkansas to Maryland, with the exception of Michigan and New York, and this is a light-bearing year for New York."

**Town of Newberg Has Marching Club**

NEWBERG, Or., April 25.—The Berrians, to be Newberg's civic and marching organization of boosters, was given its initial boost here Saturday at a meeting of the Farmers' club. The organization is planned in an effort to draw to Newberg plants allied to the berry industry. Uniforms will be secured and the Berrians will take part in civic gatherings in the northwest.

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## Fine Chair Presented To Rest Room by Hogg Brothers

Since an "S. O. S." call has been sent out from the W. C. T. U. rest room on Seventh and Water streets for chairs, Hogg Brothers have again donated towards a good cause, and Wednesday afternoon Fred Hogg sent the room a fine chair, which was gratefully received by the women in charge.

Among the hostesses for the week were Mrs. O. A. Welsh, Mrs. J. S. Harris, Mrs. W. M. Yonce, with Mrs. A. Rintoul hostess for today and on Saturday will be Mrs. T. C. Barker. These women have donated their time for looking after the comforts of those calling at the rooms, and in case anyone desires a cup of tea or coffee, it is served for the small amount of five cents.

A telephone system has recently been established for the convenience of the visitors, and each member of the W. C. T. U. has pledged towards the maintenance of the telephone service.

With a warm fire, comfortable surroundings, easy chairs and two couches and hospitable women in charge of the two rooms, has been the means of making a most desirable rest room for Oregon City patrons from out of town.

**MANY HOUSEWIVES BUY MUTTON FOR LAMB SAYS DEPARTMENT EXPERT**

Unless the housewife knows the difference between lamb and mutton, of which few housewives do, she is apt to get mutton when she thinks she is purchasing lamb, say marketing experts of the Bureau of Markets, United States department of agriculture. Not only will she get meat of inferior quality, but she may pay lamb prices for the carcasses of yearlings and sheep, the wholesale prices of which are considerably lower than for lamb.

On March 24, lambs weighing from 34 pounds down sold on the Chicago market for \$9 to \$10.85 per 100 pounds; yearlings \$7.50 to \$9.50, weathers \$6 to \$7.85; ewes \$4.75 to \$6.50. These figures show an average difference of \$1.42 per 100 pounds between the price of lambs and yearlings, a difference of \$2.35 between mature sheep and yearlings and a difference of \$3.78 between mature sheep and lambs. On the same date good dressed lamb sold on the New York wholesale meat market for 13 to 14 cents. In other words, the average wholesale price of good lamb was 2 1/2 cents per pound higher than four good yearlings and 6 cents higher than good mutton.

With such a difference in price between mutton and lamb it is vastly to the financial interest of the housewife to be able to recognize the various kinds of meat, and the following pointers by Bureau of Markets dressed meats' experts, may help her to do so.

Generally speaking, a mutton carcass is heavier than one of lamb. The color of the meat is one of the best indications of age. The lean meat of lamb ranges from pink to light red, but as the animal grows older the color of the meat turns to a deeper red. This is also true of the thin strips of lean meat covering certain portions of the carcass. The bones in lamb are smaller in proportion to the meat and usually present a reddish appearance. The bones in a mutton sheep are not only larger but whiter and more flinty both in appearance and texture. If the whole carcass can be seen the ribs in a mutton sheep will show a much more pronounced spring or bow, whereas those of a lamb are straighter, giving the side of the carcass a more compact and less distended appearance.

One of the standard methods of distinguishing lamb from mutton is to inspect the first or ankle joint of the front leg. In dressing a lamb the knuckle or end of the shank bone, is broken off and the end of the leg presents a ridged and porous appearance. This is soft and moist to the touch and carries a decidedly red color. As the animal grows older the bone becomes harder and whiter and the knuckle becomes more firmly attached to the bone. This is the condition during the yearling stage. When the lamb has passed through the yearling stage and has become a sheep, the bone has become so ossified or hardened that no longer breaks off at the end of the bone and separation of the foot from the shank is made at the ankle joint. Thereafter the knuckle normally forms the extreme end of the foreleg and presents a hard, smooth, white surface with two prominent polished ridges. In the case of mutton the knuckle is frequently broken off by mechanical means in order to give the carcass a resemblance to yearling or lamb, but in these instances the bone is decidedly jagged and splintered and lacks the redness which is characteristic of lamb and yearling carcasses. It requires some study and application to learn to distinguish the various classes and grades of dressed meat, but everyone whose duty it is to provide wholesome, nutritious meat for family consumption and to provide it economically, should be able to distinguish good meat from that of medium or inferior quality, whether it is seen in the packing house cooler, on the butcher's block, or in the home.

## BIG AUDIENCE ENJOYS WEST LINN PLAYLET

The auditorium of the union high school at West Linn was filled to capacity Friday evening by an appreciative audience when the senior class of the school presented "The Corner Store." During the evening a musical and literary program was given, which was well rendered.

A fourteen-piece orchestra furnished excellent music during the evening. It was composed of student musicians and directed by F. A. Burdick.

Those taking part in "The Corner Store" did justice to the parts given them, while others appearing on the program during the evening responded to hearty encores.

Miss Pearl Leshner, of Portland, made her first appearance before a West Linn audience as a whistler, and was forced to respond to three encores. She immediately captivated her audience when her first whistling solo was finished.

Frank Aldredge sang "Sunshine of Your Smile," and was given an encore. He responded with "When Bob White Was Whistling in the Meadow."

Taking part in the cast of the play were Homer McArthur, Earl Mootry, LeRoy Allen, Jack Graw, Fred Hegdale, Elmer Simpson, Vena Barnes, Neita Draper and Audrey Hoover. Refreshments were served during the evening.

**Little Hall Girl Suffers Broken Arm**

The eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, of West Linn, broke two bones of the wrist of her left arm Wednesday afternoon when she fell from a swing at the Sunset school.

The little girl was brought to this city and taken to the office of Dr. C. H. Meisner, where the bones were set. Later she was able to be removed to the Hall home.

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## MARKET ROADS OF COUNTY TO GET \$100,000

The county court will spend in the neighborhood of \$100,000 on market roads in Clackamas county, according to the figures compiled by Judge Cross this week. The market road running from Jack's bridge south of Marquam on the old Oregon City and Silverton road, to a junction to a proposed highway from Oregon City to Molalla, at a point near Liberal, has been established. It is reported that the land owners along this route have agreed to donate enough land for the market road and have signed an agreement to deed the land needed for the road to the county, and enough to correct grades and alignments for the route.

The county court has apportioned \$15,571 for surveying and work on the market road running from Estacada to Firwood, on the condition that damages be settled and cared for by those interested in seeing the road constructed.

The following apportionments have been made by the court to apply on market roads for the year 1921:

Market road No. 1.—Appropriated \$5855.76; balance left over from 1920, \$29,314.24; total, \$35,000.

Market road No. 2.—Appropriated \$21,000; balance left over from 1920 to apply on Mt. Hood loop, \$13,273.71; total, \$34,273.71.

Market road No. 3.—Appropriated \$6900; balance left over from 1920 \$5943; total, \$12,843.

Market road No. 4.—Appropriated \$10,000; balance left over from 1920, \$2412.64; total, \$12,412.64.

Market road No. 5.—Appropriated, \$15,571.86.

**GRESHAM MEN PROPOSE SITES FOR EXPOSITION**

GRESHAM, April 25.—Four attractive sites near Gresham are offered for the consideration of the 1925 exposition directors, under the auspices of the Gresham Business Men's organization. The tracts range in size from 820 to 1500 acres. The advantages offered in general by these tracts as reported by the special committee of which A. Meyers is chairman are: Plenty of rolling and level land to permit of diversifying the landscape; abundance of Bull Run water; accessibility to railroad and suburban lines and hard surfaced roadways; views of mountains and attractive scenery; tracts mostly cleared but with wooded sections to afford natural Oregon scenery; no danger of destructive winds; no mosquitoes.

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## Elder Markham Presented Lebanon Man with Bible

Mrs. Dye has received the following interesting letter and has written for further particulars. It may be that other old-time residents knew the Markham family, if so we shall be glad to hear from them. The late Captain Apperson said the Markham house was on the river bank back of about where the court house now stands, but the exact spot is desired that a market may be erected in honor of America's greatest poet, born here in our little city. Mrs. Markham wrote poetry for the old Oregon City Spectator before the birth of her famous son. The letter follows:

**LEBANON, Or., April 20, 1920.—** To Eva Emery Dye; Oregon City, Or.—"Dear Madam. Am enclosing an addressed postal card to you and hope you can kindly send me the address of Edwin Markham (The Poet). He is an Oregonian of 1852 and also of 1853. Have known most all his family in the past and have in my possession an Unabridged Webster's Dictionary presented to me by his aged father, while on his death bed. This was a merit for the kindness of my mother and self to the old gentleman during his sickness.

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## IN SOCIETY CIRCLES

Following the marriage the relatives of the contracting parties and the bridegroom and his bride, drove to Portland, where a wedding breakfast was served at the Hazelwood.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarty have gone on a motoring trip on their honeymoon. Among the places they will visit will be Seaside. Upon their return they will reside in Portland.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Moore, former residents of Oregon City, and now of Vancouver, where they have resided since 1912. She has many friends in this city as well as in Vancouver, and is an accomplished young musician.

Mr. McCarty comes from one of the old pioneer families of Vancouver and is a popular young man. He is connected with the United States bank of Portland.

Previous to her marriage Mrs. McCarty was the guest of honor of many social functions.

On Tuesday, April 19th, at the Baptist parsonage, occurred the marriage of Earl Scott, of Seaside, and Cecil Nellie Davidson, of Sherwood, Rev. Willis E. Pettibone, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are spending a few days in Portland.

The marriage of Edward Lang, of Oregon City and Beattie Jones, of Gladstone occurred Tuesday, April 19th, at the Baptist parsonage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Willis E. Pettibone. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rotter.

Edward Arthur Johnson and May Margaret Blasidell of Eagle Creek were married Saturday, April 23rd, at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. Willis E. Pettibone. The sister of the bride groom, Miss Edna Johnson, witnessed the ceremony.

Josephine Tipton has entered suit for divorce against her husband, Cephas Tipton, and charges cruel and inhuman treatment in the complaint filed Saturday. They were married at Grande Ronde October 11, 1898, and the plaintiff alleges that her husband took \$400 of her money to pay his debts and those of his relatives. She asks the court to allow her the sum of \$300 and \$75 attorney's fees from the defendant.

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