

# Farm and Garden

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## Price-Support on Chickens Designed For Relief During Feed Emergency

The government price support program now in effect for dressed chickens is designed to help poultrymen market their chickens at a fair price in the present feed emergency, according to a report from the local AAA office.

Under the program, the government will buy dressed chickens from co-operatives, dealers, and processors at prices designed to reflect a U. S. acreage farm price for live chickens of not less than 80 per cent of parity. No support, however, will be given for young chickens weighing less than three and a half pounds alive (broilers). The public is asked to eat lots of chicken. The faster poultry is consumed, the more feed will be saved, and the better prices poultry producers will receive. Four zones have been established under the purchase program in recognition of

usual freight differentials between areas of production and larger consumer markets.

Support prices to Oregon producers are: young chickens (over three and a half pounds live weight) 20 cents per pound; fowl (over four and a half pounds live weight) 18 1/2 cents per pound; fowl three and a half to four and a half pounds live weight 17 cents per pound.

Ceiling prices on white potatoes will continue to be suspended for the present, OPA has announced. However, they may be re-established without prior warning should recent upward trend in potato prices result in prices staying above former ceilings. White potatoes will automatically go back under control about April 8, if OPA does not re-establish ceilings before that time and if the suspension is not again extended, it was announced.

For the fifth year in succession, the early spring lamb crop in the principal producing states is smaller than a year earlier, the USDA reports. The decrease, estimated at 13 per cent, is relatively the largest since the production decline began. The early lamb crop is the smallest in nearly two decades as a result of the decline in the number of breeding ewes and some decrease in the percentage of lambs saved.

## Food Saving for Famine Aid to Be Sought in Oregon

Oregon citizens will be asked to eat less of some foods, prevent waste and endure a few shortages to make more wheat and food fats available to save lives in famine-ridden countries.

The voluntary support of every man, woman and child in the state will be sought in a comprehensive food conservation program being initiated by county USDA committees. E. Harvey Miller, state director of the USDA production and marketing administration and chairman of the Oregon USDA council, has announced. Miller and county AAA chairmen have been named by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton D. Anderson.

Voluntary food-for-famine-relief committees, made up of representatives of all groups who can help in the program, are proposed for each county in plans adopted by the Oregon USDA council and sent to each county emergency food program manager as advisers.

Food conservation goals will be set up for each county. Subcommittees representing consumers and trade groups, such as restaurants and bakeries, will be formed to put into effect specific food conservation measures. As proposed by the national famine emergency committee, these measures will include such wheat and fat saving steps as substitution of potatoes for bread, serving fewer fried foods, open-face pies, and one slice of bread with restaurant meals.

The world food situation is exceedingly serious. Millions of our fellow human beings in other lands face the terrible disaster of famine. Every ounce of food we can spare from our abundance will save the lives of starving people," Miller commented.

A sub-committee of the state USDA council in active charge of organization of the state-wide effort consists of C. R. Tulley, assistant director of the PMA field services branch, Portland, chairman; Ralph Morgan, state supervisor vocational agriculture, Corvallis; W. L. Teutsch, assistant director OSC extension service, Corvallis; and John Denny, fieldman PMA, Corvallis.

## Farmers' Share In Food Dollar Varies by Years

Considerable confusion continues over the so-called "farmers' share of the consumers' food dollar," says L. R. Breithaupt, OSC extension agricultural economist. This is, he adds, because of the complicated production and marketing processes between the land and the table that are not too generally understood.

These production and marketing processes involve costs, of course. Owing to these costs, the net income that remains available to the farm families is only a fraction of the total acreage used for crop production in Oregon is used for such crops.

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## Crops Planted in Spring Variable As to Prospects

Variable outlooks for Oregon's spring-planted annual and perennial crops are indicated in a review of related production, demand and price information just published by the OSC extension service. Approximately one-half of the total acreage used for crop production in Oregon is used for such crops.

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## Pacific U. Gets Building Priority

An "HB" priority received Saturday by Pacific university at Forest Grove from the federal housing administration is expected to facilitate the obtaining of materials for erection of a new men's dormitory and alterations to McCormick hall, it was reported in Portland by Architects Johnson, Wainwright and Dukehart.

The new four-story dormitory, which will house veterans, is to contain five classrooms on the ground floor and 28 rooms for 96 vets on the upper three floors. In addition to a new main entrance for McCormick hall, the building's eaves will be cut back and the roof's gables extended.

## John Kopschelgel Dies Here Saturday

John Kopschelgel, 87, Hillsboro, resident of Washington county for the past 40 years, died at a local hospital Saturday. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at St. Matthew's church with Rev. J. T. Costelloe officiating. Burial was at St. Matthews cemetery.

Mr. Kopschelgel was born in Austria July 2, 1858. He came to the United States 69 years ago and had resided in Oregon since that time. Surviving is one niece, Mrs. Marie Bartheld, The Dalles.

## Carpenters To Meet

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## Oregon Farmers Lined Up to Aid In Food Campaign

Oregon farmers are prepared and willing to assist in every possible way in the emergency food campaign for famine relief in the opinion of W. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college. Dean Schoenfeld has pledged the co-operation of the entire extension and station staffs both in aiding the immediate famine emergency conservation drive of the next four months and in the all-out food production program for the entire year.

Recent world developments have made necessary the continuation of the food production and conservation programs on a wartime basis, but with some modifications, Dean Schoenfeld explained. Principal change is in volume of poultry production and in certain feeding practices to conserve wheat for use as direct human food.

Oregon poultry and turkey raisers have already indicated intentions of reducing chicken and turkey flocks fully as much as suggested in the goal for this state. Suggested reduction, first set at 15 per cent for chickens, was changed to 19 per cent, while the turkey goal asks for a reduction of about 54,000 birds raised.

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## Families Urged To Participate In Gardening

The Oregon Victory garden campaign has been reconverted into the 1946 home garden program and leadership and assistance planned to encourage every Oregon family that has suitable land available, announced W. L. Teutsch, assistant director of the OSC extension service.

The objective of the program this year will be to raise enough vegetables for fresh use and preservation to meet the family requirements for good nutrition and health, says Teutsch. While the wartime conditions have changed, the world food situation is such as to emphasize the need to produce and conserve all the garden food possible again this year.

Indications are that most families who raised victory gardens will continue to grow gardens of some size, both because of the interest in the work and because they have learned about the superior quality of garden fresh produce. Reports from several places in Oregon indicate that advance sales of garden seeds is already heavy.

R. Ralph Clark, assistant extension horticulturist, has been named state project leader for the home garden program this year and will work with county extension staffs in promoting the work. Better planned gardens and more 4-H club gardens are other goals aimed at.

Extension bulletins and circulars on all phases of gardening will again be available through county extension offices throughout the state. Principal ones are: "Vegetable Garden Insect Pest Control," No. 312, "Garden Soil Management," No. 617, "Growing Small Fruits in Eastern Oregon," No. 618, "Growing Small Fruits in Western Oregon," and station circular information No. 328, "Tree Fruits for the Home Orchard in Western Oregon."

All local, social and fraternal news should be turned in at the Argus for publication in that we'll not later than Tuesday and earlier if possible.

## 4-H Meeting Held at Groner

The first 4-H achievement meeting of the year, finishing the project requirements in 1946 was held in Groner school March 8, according to Miss Faye Nichols, home demonstration agent.

Mrs. Eleanor Anderson led the clubs, assisted by Mrs. George Ruck. Members enrolled in sewing I and II and bachelor sewing also received prizes. Carol Ann Anderson, Mildred O'Mann, Jo Ann Roberts, Peggy Munger, Sara Munger, Elaine Anderson, Joyce Alexander, Delores Ruck, Jean Davis, Norris Holmes, Kenneth Brown, Donald Ruck, Carroll Williams, Junior Brown, Melvin Forsyth, Phillip Loeper, Walter Orr, Eugene Briggs, Edith Harvester, Bob Standley and Clifford Grow.

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## Laurel-Scholls Local Holds Meeting

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New members initiated were: Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kohlmeier, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Farby, Mr. and Mrs. C. Frank. Accordion selections were given by Ellen Rowe. Mrs. Freeman Rowe, junior leader, signed up 17 members at the meeting.

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