

COUNTY HEALTH STANDARD HIGH

Lack of Serious Epidemics Notable; Immunization Programs Credited

By DR. VERNON A. DOUGLAS, Marion County Health Officer. Looking back on the health of Marion county in 1932 one notices first of all the comparative freedom from serious epidemics. There were for instance, fewer diphtheria cases reported than during any of the preceding eight years. This is also true of smallpox, only six cases were reported in 1932 as compared with 131 in 1925. Much of this reduction in diphtheria and smallpox has been due to immunizations against these diseases which have been carried on extensively during the past six years. During 1932 also there were fewer scarlet fever cases than for many years. Only 17 cases were reported as compared to a former average of about 50.

Among the diseases which though often serious are not so easily controllable as smallpox, influenza, whooping cough, chickenpox and mumps, there were about the average number of cases reported. Influenza, however, took its toll at the beginning of the year and again as it came to a close in December.

Tuberculosis Rate Not So Favorable

Unfortunately, tuberculosis during 1932 did not keep to its unusually low level of 1931 when 13 deaths of Marion county residents were reported. The yearly average, over several years, has been about 20 and we find 1932 tuberculosis approaching that figure again. This may be due in part to the economic situation which is closely tied up with the incidence of this disease. To control tuberculosis one requires adequate food, clothing, housing, as well as frequent health examinations and early medical and nursing attention.

The type of services which the health department has carried on has been practically the same as in former years. Baby clinics and school examinations have been of service as usual. Treatment for communicable diseases where the patient could not provide their own care has been given. Nurses have continued bedside care for a large number of patients.

The milk supplies in Salem and Silverton have been carefully supervised so that now bacterial counts are lower than ever before. Laboratory services for checking on milk supplies and diagnosing communicable diseases were provided as usual.

Demand for Health Service is Growing

The health department is finding during recent months, due partly to the economic depression, that demands for service from all parts of the county are greater than ever. Not only is the demand more insistent, but there is unquestionably a greater need. It is the children of the county who are showing the effects of the depression and continued and unrelenting attention must be given to see that their present as well as future health is not endangered.

This is the purpose of the Marion County Department of Health and it will continue toward that end with all the facilities it can secure. We trust we may have during the coming year the continued cooperation and support of all the people of Marion county who are interested in keeping children well.

Demonstration of Pruning Will be Held at Jefferson

JEFFERSON, Dec. 31—A pruning demonstration will be held at the Goin's farm north of Jefferson Thursday January 5. O. T. McWhorter, state horticulturist will be in charge. The morning will be spent in locating trees that are representative of their kind to be used in other demonstrations. A general discussion and demonstration will be held in the afternoon. Anyone interested in this work is invited to attend this meeting.

Final Plans Canvass Will be Made Jan. 5

SILVERTON, Dec. 31—Final plans will be completed for the religious canvass of Silverton at a meeting to be held January 5 at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Livingston. The Rev. J. M. Jensen of Immanuel church is chairman of the canvassing committee.



Plenty of good fortune—plenty of good luck, and happy days.

Our New Year Wish For You

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Hop Growers of Valley Profit by Price Advance, See Rosy Future

Quotations More Than Doubled Due to Beer Trend Following Election; Congress Expected to Take Action Soon

HOP growers and dealers in this section, the largest producing area in the greatest hop-growing state, are among the few who saw any substantial price rejuvenation on their commodity during the closing weeks of 1932. When hops, opening at 13 1/2 cents, climbed to a top of 28 cents in late November, the market crashed all records since 1923's average of 27 cents.

The market closed the year at 27 cents. But the hop man opens the new year with a hope far beyond his dreams of six months or a year ago—mostly as a result of the beer votes already taken by congress, which in turn were due to the democratic landslide in November, a vote attributed in part at least to the public urge for a change in the prohibition status.

When the hop deal, opening September 10 at 13 1/2 cents, started doing things, not only growers and dealers but the public followed the progress with avid interest. At the end of September, the price stood at 16 cents, and flirted around that figure in October; in November it took an unprecedented boost around election time, to 25 cents, and in the first week of December it jumped to 25 cents November 18; and nine days later to the top of 28 cents.

Growers Hold in Spite of Advance

And at 25 cents and 28 cents, growers were in turn were due to the hop man more firmly than they did even at 17 cents, which brings the year to a close with a heavy carry-over in growers and dealers hands.

The hop crop in Oregon for 1932 totaled 64,824 bales, considerably under the 85,084 bales harvested in 1931. Acreage in 1932 for Oregon was 15,417, almost half of which, or 7,226 acres, is in Marion county. The 1931 acreage was 14,802. The new year will see a slight increase, due to the strengthened market, but present indications are that new plantings will not be too heavy to demoralize the market.

The hold-over on January 1, 1932, in Oregon was 25,557 bales; and the January 1, 1933, hold-over, is 29,227 bales, of which 9,000 are in grower dealers hands. The difference, in face of the low hop crop in 1932, indicates how great is the growers' faith in an even stronger market—for buyers who combed the field in November and December could not pry loose many bales.

Of the holdover starting the new year, 16,927 bales are 1932 crop; 1898, 1931; 1187, 1930; 137, 1929; and 168, 1928.

Producing Area Here is World's Greatest

Of the total bales of hops produced in Oregon in 1932, approximately 31,400 bales were grown

it may be attributed to the unwillingness of the grower to contract in the face of hopes for a higher market.

Three Quarters of Million Involved

On the basis of 14 cents a pound cost of growing, Marion county hop men spent over the 1932 crop harvest, about \$880,000; and cost of the harvest in the entire state was \$1,807,000. In other words, in 1932 the hop industry brought well over one and three quarter million dollars to Oregon, most of which went for labor, and was in turn expended through the regular trade channels of the state. Burlap, sulphur and twine are the only products used in hop harvest that are purchased out of the state.

Between 25,000 and 35,000 persons are employed yearly in the hop fields of Oregon, and work at training, pruning and grubbing in the spring gives employment to hundreds of men and women.

The average price of hops since 1923 may be of interest: 1923, 27 cents; 1924, 14 cents; 1925, 24 cents; 1926, 25 cents; 1927, 21 cents; 1928, 20 cents; 1929, 12 cents; 1930, 12 cents; 1931, 12 1/2 cents. In 1911, the average was 45 cents; in 1917, 42 cents; and in 1919, 58 cents.

BUILDING PERMITS MANY, COST SMALL

Record Number Issued Here; August and September Are Banner Months

The building industry in Salem during 1932 produced the phenomenon of a record number of permits issued and at the same time the lowest expenditures on construction and repairs in the four years that an accurate check has been made through the office of a city building inspector, E. C. Bushnell. During the year, 689 permits were issued with a total value of \$240,383.87, 122 permits more and \$21,381.27 less than in 1931.

Permits and values for the past four years were as follows: 1932, 689, \$240,383.87; 1931, 567, 325,765.14; 1930, 548, 629,406.85; 1929, 557, 735,917.15.

August and September, 1932 were banner months in point

of the number of permits issued, 107 and 82 respectively. Never before had so many been issued in a single month.

One explanation of the situation was the Work Promotion campaign conducted under the leadership of Salem chapter, Oregon Building Congress. Stress was laid largely on repair and alteration work and hundreds of small jobs resulted. Another explanation, to a limited extent, was the decreased cost of building materials and labor. The reduction in 1932 was estimated at between 15 and 20 per cent under 1931.

Month	Permits	Value
Jan.	47	\$ 8,360.00
Feb.	50	14,274.25
Mar.	45	10,849.05
Apr.	55	43,734.50
May	59	16,727.07
June	42	10,340.00
July	72	27,872.00
AUG.	107	33,274.00
Sept.	82	11,650.00
Oct.	65	11,635.00
Nov.	49	5,685.00
Dec.	25	9,973.00

Celery Price Not What it Ought to be

By W. R. GWINN, LAKE LABISH, Dec. 31—Oft in the still night a low Oriental wall is heard as though emanating from the celery tracts in the southwestern portion of Lake Labish. The wall is, no doubt, a composite of an expression of pain from the celery growers, practically all of whom are Japanese.

The celery dodge, to put it frankly, has not been so awfully profitable in 1932. It is difficult to extract facts and figures from Orientals who are, at best, most reticent individuals not given to study of statistics, but the general import is that celery growers no catchum decent price for their product. Besides, a lot of it froze through the cold spell. At that, complain the Japanese, they didn't lose much.

From this one gathers that celery growers "no catchum" decent price for product in 1932. This fact can be laid to another fact: people consider celery a luxury and when times become a bit difficult luxuries are left for the plutocrats (if indeed there are any plutocrats left).

When it is possible to purchase a decent bunch of celery (formerly retailing for 15 cents) for three cents... well, celery ought to become a necessity. If only to dispell Oriental anguish.

BUSINESS MEN LEAGUE ACTIVE

Saves Merchants big sum By Checking Schemes Of Advertising

The Salem Business Men's league was organized several years ago in order that men who are interested in retail business might meet and discuss matters of interest.

During the year 1932, the league has been especially active not so much in the number of meetings held, but in the many ways in which it has benefited those in retail business.

First the league has been especially active in refusing to endorse various advertising schemes, coming from the outside, and soliciting merchants for advertising. This alone has perhaps saved merchants and professional men from spending thousands of dollars on advertising of practically no value.

The league cooperated with other organizations and the city council in having passed an ordinance that has largely solved the bad check nuisance. With the new ordinance, it is unhealthy to pass bad checks.

Information Bureau

Plan Not Endorsed for an information bureau, which was to be maintained by merchants paying several dollars a month. The bureau was not established.

At request of the American Legion, endorsed the Legion's Pictorial, a special publication to be distributed in Portland during the Legion's national convention.

Through the work of the league, 235 business and professional men signed this agreement: "Make no donations or subscriptions to solicitors unless presented with a card of approval from the Salem Business Men's league." By living up to this agreement, many have saved money as well as time.

When it became known that the Wallulah, year book of Willamette University, published by the student body, was having the book printed outside the city, members of the league called for a conference with the editor and manager of the Wallulah. It was felt that local printers had not been given a fair deal in one or two of the specifications for the Wallulah.

Advertisers to be Informed of Plan

It was agreed by members of the league that advertisers in the Wallulah for 1933 should be informed in advance as to the intentions of the manager and editor of the Wallulah.

Held meeting in December to discuss an ordinance that would prevent fake sales, fake auctions, closing out sales where branch

SCOUT HEADS



At Top, Irl S. McSherry, elected president of Cascade Area, Boy Scouts of America, for the coming year. Below, Willis Clark, chosen as secretary of the same organization.

store merchandise is shipped into Salem.

Business men are now realizing that Salem is becoming the dumping ground for closing out sales, where branch stores ship in stock—all of which is detrimental to general retail business.

Officers of the league for 1933 are as follows: E. L. Wieder, president; Howard H. Hulsey, vice president; C. E. Wilson, secretary. Directors are: C. S. Hamilton, Otto A. Hartman, William J. Busick, U. G. Shipley and J. N. Chambers.

ALSEA FISHING GOOD

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 31—E. A. Rapt, Bert Keller and Mr. Rapt's son caught the limit of steelheads on the Alsea river Thursday. The men made a two day trip of the fishing, and came back fully satisfied.

Y. M. KEEPS UP ITS GOOD WORK

Cooperates in Many Civic Enterprises; 1932 is An Eventful Year

The Salem branch of the Y. M. C. A. organization, in spite of a recently reduced budget and curtailed staff, has been able to continue in almost undiminished service to the community. Since its establishment six years ago it has come more and more to be the favorite place of activity for the youth of the city, as well as a spot of recreation for business men.

The Y. M. C. A. works in cooperation with many organizations, such as the Philharmonic orchestra, the Preparatory orchestra, Madrigal club, Federated Patriotic societies, Salem Council for Prevention of War, Boy Scouts, Friendly Indians, Pioneers, Comrades, Hi Y club, basketball leagues, high school and university swimming classes, city and county employment work and many others. Many of these organizations hold their regular meetings at the Y building.

Below are some of the many projects undertaken by this organization, some of them started only last year and others continued along greater lines from former years.

Citizenship classes

Citizenship classes are led by Secretary C. A. Kells and are open to any foreign-born men and women for the purpose of receiving instruction in citizenship.

Increasingly Active

Women's classes under the direction of Miss White, are coming to the front more than ever, and their programs are proving popular with an ever increasing number of women.

In the swimming classes is found perhaps the busiest element in the complete organization. High school girls' and boys' classes and university classes meet once or more a week. Negotiations are being made for a northwest swim meet in April at which the best swimmers in the northwest will compete. Last year the Salem swim team won the junior meet at Tacoma.

In addition to the swimming teams, a life saving corps known as the Black Dragons has proved popular, both in putting on exhibitions and in helping with the swim classes. Also a junior boys' and girls' life saving corps has been started.

Wrestling classes under Don Hendrie and boxing under Clyde Grewell have stirred up unusual interest among the boys. Smokers, either limited to Salem Y membership or including contests with other teams, are held from time to time.

The Salem volleyball team has made a name for itself in the west

First Lamb Comes On Hubbard Ranch; It's Late at That

HUBBARD, Dec. 31—The first lamb of the season arrived Wednesday at Hubbards, the Walds Brown farm, and lambing will be in full swing in a couple of weeks.

The mother of the lamb is owned by Boyd Boyd Brown, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walds Brown.

There are 51 sheep, all pure bred Hampshire in the Hubbard flock and this little ram makes 82.

The first lambs for the last four years, until this year, were twins born Christmas morning.

by winning the northwest Y. M. C. A. championship for the past two years. Members are working hard in anticipation of a third straight win next spring.

One of the big accomplishments of the past year is the organization of the Junior Division orchestra under the direction of Wesley Roeder, high school band director. Young musicians in this group total 25 and meet for practice once every week.

W. I. Staley, president of the local Y, in an open letter published in the Salem Y News, says in part, "The year 1932 has been an eventful one for all—full of new experiences, not all pleasant, and new adjustments to meet the forced economies made necessary by reduced incomes. . . . We have struggled along with a greatly reduced budget and depleted staff in an effort to meet the situation as best we can. . . . Unless considerable additional money is secured than that provided by present subscriptions and memberships, even more drastic reductions may have to be faced. . . . We need more friends to provide means for boys not now able to pay even the small membership fee necessary.

DeMoss Group Will Give Entertainment Silverton, Monday

SILVERTON, Dec. 31—The DeMoss family entertainers are to be at the Methodist Episcopal church Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

The program will consist of orchestral music, bell ringing, banjo club, dramatic readings, vocal music, musical features, technical violin solos, cornets in duet, guitars in duet, autoharps and violin solos. The program is being offered through the Epworth League.

RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

WOODBURN, Dec. 31—Mrs. Ellen Covey was rushed to the Deaconess hospital in Salem Friday afternoon and underwent a visceral operation. At last report she was getting along as well as could be expected.



Welcome! New Year

—may your visit be a pleasant one

It is our hope that you find 1933 opening a new vista of promise—expectation—encouragement—accomplishment. And if we can help you capitalize the opportunities along the way—count upon us.

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