

Plant Output About 10 Tons Each Month

An average production of 20,000 pounds of mushrooms a month at the West Mushroom company, 4949 E. State st., now makes it the largest plant of its kind in the northwest, Roland E. West, owner, said Friday.

The plant now has 17 of the large heated houses in which the mushrooms grow in shallow wooden trays, which are placed six high in racks. West says that this year's \$40,000 building program will add another four houses to the plant. He is expanding into the production of strained baby foods with first production about August 15.

The West Foods division of the operators, which do the mushroom processing and canning, also can preserves. All production will also be marketed under the new government certified grade program of the department of agriculture, West said. Under this plan a government inspector will be stationed at the factory to grade the products and they will bear a government certified grade on their labels.

Growing cycle of the mushrooms in the houses is about six weeks. The fungus bacteria from which the mushrooms develop are "planted" in a bed filled with a compost made of straw and chemicals. After three weeks' growth the beds are covered with a layer of dirt through which the mushrooms come up in another three weeks and are picked.

Mushroom growing has become a large scientific industry since the days when only mushrooms were grown in dark home basements, West says. He came from California where he had learned the business, 10 years ago to start the plant here. He employs 30 people the year around in the plant which is located under large oak trees which give the products the Shady Oak trade mark.

Most of the produce is sold in Oregon, Washington and California, West says. About four-fifths of the national mushroom production is in the area around Pennsylvania.

Mushroom Business Still Mushrooming



What is regarded as the largest mushroom factory in the northwest is still growing. R. E. West (top left), who owns and operates the business near Four Corners, started the plant when he came from California 10 years ago. At the top right, George Mennifee and Charles Lannigan are stirring up the compost, or mixture of straw and chemicals, which is spread in the beds in which mushrooms grow. To the left is pictured one of the beds ready for picking after a six-weeks' growing cycle in one of the large heated houses. A portion of the oak-shaded West Mushroom company plant is at lower left. (Photos by Bill Scott, Statesman staff photographer).

Stocks and Bonds

Table with columns for Stock Averages and Bond Averages, showing various market indices and their values.

New York Stock Quotations

Table of New York Stock Quotations for August 14, 1946, listing various stocks and their closing prices.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14 (AP)—Butterfat (milk) subject to immediate change, first quality maximum of 4 of 1 per cent acidity, delivered in Portland, 77-78c; premium quality, maximum of .35 of 1 per cent acidity, 78-79c; second quality, 75-76c; valley routes and country points 2c less than first or 76 1/2-77c.

common grade 1.35-1.50. Washington long white No. 1, \$3.00-3.10; No. 2, 2.90-3.10; 50-lb. sack, 2.80-3.00; A, 2.80-3.00; B, 2.70-2.90; C, 2.60-2.80; cull, 1.80-2.00.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14 (AP)—Wheat futures unquoted. Cash wheat (bid) soft white 1.81 1/2; hard red winter, ordinary 1.81 1/2; 10 per cent 1.85 1/2; 11 per cent 1.90; 12 per cent 1.94.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14 (AP)—(USDA)—Cattle—salable 150; total 200; calves salable and total 50; market fully active, generally steady; several lots medium-good grass steers 16.50-18.00; common - medium 11.50-15.75; ewe 6.20; good heifers 17.00; medium - 12.00-15.00; common down to 10.50; bulk medium cows 10.00-12.50; common down to 6.50; few good beef bulls 14.50; common medium sausage bulls 10.00-12.50; odd head good up to 13.00; bulk good-choice vealers 16.00-17.00; common-medium 12.00-15.50.

Lardon Road Signs Placed In Ceremony

MIDDLE GROVE, Aug. 14—About 15 of the property owners along county road 753, near here, gathered Tuesday to place a sign on the road naming it Lardon road, the name by which it has long been known.

The neighbors readied the sign for erecting and Paul A. Lardon, son of the late Louis P. Lardon, the man who was instrumental in establishing the road, was brought to the site as a surprise and put to work as a post hole digger.

The main sign has "shingles" hung from it giving names of residents along the road and the distances to their homes.

The road, which starts at the Silverton road, is the second one north of the Middle Grove school. It is part of the Chapman donation land claim, which the senior Lardon bought in 1903.

Stock Market Workers Take Vote on Strike

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (AP)—The stock market's celebration of the first anniversary of victory day was somewhat unenthusiastic and, while assorted rails, utilities and industrialists gave a good rising performance, many leaders stumbled.

An early walkout of Union Stock Exchange employees to take a strike vote proved only a temporary interruption and these returned after being out an hour or so. Low-quoted issues dominated the period, coming out in large blocks. Gains, running to 2 or more points for favorites, were reduced or cancelled by midday and, at the close, losers had a shade the best of the argument.

Rains Weaken Grain Prices

CHICAGO, Aug. 14 (AP)—Rains over a wide area of the corn belt caused weakness in futures of that grain on the board of trade today. Nearby oats deliveries were in sympathy with corn, but the most distant contracts displayed a firm undertone.

Showers were received in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas and North Dakota. Trade reports said that in some areas these rains, added to those recently received, were sufficient to carry the crop through to maturity.

Corn finished down a cent, January \$1.36 1/2, while oats were 3/4 lower to 3/8 higher, August 75. There was no trade in barley.

Salem Market Quotations

Table of Salem Market Quotations for August 14, 1946, listing prices for Butterfat, Live Stock, and other commodities.

Free Your Home of Pests - 3 Ways -

- 1. K-M Freon \$2.95 and DDT Gas Bombs
2. Insect Repellent Lamps 23c to 45c
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Valley Obituaries

Mrs. Fred Kirby LEBANON—Mrs. Ethel May Kirby, 61, died at the Albany hospital August 11. Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Baptist church in Scio.

Charles R. Irvine WOODBURN, Aug. 14—Funeral services for Charles R. Irvine, 78, who died Wednesday morning at his home east of Hubbard, will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. from Ringo's chapel.

Survivors are the widow, Iva Irvine, Hubbard; a brother, Frank of Echo, Ore.; sisters, Emma Beach and Mary Thayer of Scio; Mattie Golden and Bertha Irvine of Lebanon; a foster daughter, Lucille Thayer, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Tax Study Commission To Meet August 23-24

Next meeting of Gov. Earl Snell's tax study commission has been called for Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24, Commission Director S. J. Barrick has announced.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPROVE THAT PORTION OF MADISON STREET FROM THE EAST LINE OF 20TH STREET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE OLD CITY LIMITS IN THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, desires to improve and expedient, and hereby declares its purpose and intention to improve that portion of Madison Street from the East line of 20th Street to the East line of the old city limits in the City of Salem, Marion County, Oregon, by bringing said portion of said street to the established grade, constructing Portland Cement curbs, and paving said portion of said street with Portland Cement concrete pavement thirty feet in width, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, which were adopted by the Common Council, on the 5th day of August, 1946, now on file in the Office of the City Recorder, and which are hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

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