

Low Weight Hogs Being Sent to Market

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Last year, it is recalled, livestock markets were crying for more pigs. The cry was heard and besides supplying the "more pigs" the hog farmers are doing more about big pork supplies. They are sending their hogs to market at 180 to 200 pounds, one fifth lighter than in the former market days. This means that the 15 per cent lighter spring big crop that was produced won't put 15 per cent more pork on the market.

Hog market experts (from the farmer's side) say that hogs should be sold at 200 pounds so long as the price stays above support levels. Prices are supported until March 31, 1949. Have all late hogs ready to sell when prices rise in early spring, is the warning.

The reports issued by Niels I. Nielson, USDA, Portland, Thursday, showed that an estimated 24,000 head were slaughtered in July this year and that this was 1,000 more than in July, 1948. However, June topped July this year, with 5,000 more slaughtered in June than in July. The total number of head slaughtered for the first seven months this year was 7 per cent more than in the same period a year ago.

Although slaughter hogs averaged six pounds heavier in July and two pounds heavier in June last year, all earlier months saw lighter hogs slaughtered this year. Hogs have been moving slowly but rather steadily this year in the Portland market. Prices have been mostly \$24 to \$24.25 for good and choice butchers. Sows commanded from \$17 to \$19 and choice feeder pigs were reaching \$24.

Production of all dressed meat in Oregon state and federal licensed slaughter plants during July, 1949, was seven per cent greater than a year earlier, but also seven per cent below June of this year. In the first seven months of 1949, Oregon's dressed meat output, which is estimated at 100,130,000 pounds, exceeded by 5 per cent the 95,402,000 pounds produced in the same period of 1948.

Legion Program To Honor Gold Star Mothers

SILVERTON — More than 30 Gold Star mothers of Silverton will be special program and supper guests of the Delbert Reeves unit, American Legion auxiliary, Monday night, September 26. The plans were made at the regular meeting held Monday night, with Mrs. C. E. Hignbotham presiding and Mrs. Frank M. Porter serving as secretary.

Announcement was also made of the formal installation of the Aurora unit Thursday night with local officers to be in charge. Mrs. Robert Allen asked her sewing committee to meet with her one night this week to complete work plans for the coming months. Mrs. Allen also reported that the collection for the cigaret fund in August was \$5.45 sent to the Portland facility for convalescing veterans.

Plans for the rummage sale for September 17 were announced with Mrs. Ralph Francis, Mrs. Hignbotham, Mrs. Mayo, Robison and Mrs. John Demas in charge. The post and unit will sponsor a supper for the junior baseball players and their directors during the season.

Mrs. Fred Evans was Monday night refreshment committee chairman with the post members as guests after the business meetings.

Thieves Prey on Italy Tourists

ROME — Bands of thieves have sprung up in Italy to prey on the unwary tourist. Newspapers up and down the peninsula record a rising wave of purse snatching, pickpocketing and breaking into automobiles.

Interior Minister Mario Scelba's tough police, skilled in mowing down Communist demonstrators, seem powerless against the thieves. Editorial writers express fear that the crime wave will mar the 1950 Holy Year pilgrimages.

Along with the crime wave has come an enterprising clan of "watch-your-car" artists. These operators, generally old men or little boys, appear out of nowhere with outstretched hands.

AMITY GIRL HOSTESS
AMITY — Mrs. Edith Graves Rebben, of San Francisco, Calif., is the guest of her niece Mrs. William Richter. Mrs. Richter and relatives accompanied her to the Oregon beaches, Sunday. On her return to her home, Mrs. Richter will accompany her for a visit in California.

CENTRAL HOWELL SCHOOL
CENTRAL HOWELL — School started Monday with Mrs. Betty Sanders and Mrs. Stewart McClure, teachers, resuming their duties here for the second year. Enrolled in the upper grades are 34 children and 28 in lower grades, eighth of them beginners.

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Sweet Home Garden Club Plans Fiesta

SWEET HOME — Plans for a fall fiesta, with flowers and vegetables on exhibit September 24 and 25, occupied the major part of the time at the Sweet Home Garden club meeting Monday at Timberland Manor. Show chairman, Joyce Stoddard and Lenore Keeney, announced the committees.

This will be a flower show featuring autumn colors, Mexican influence and pottery with the addition of a miniature fair where the best in fruits and vegetables will be on display. Schedules call for certain classes, the limit on room being a deciding factor in making fruit and vegetable classes. Both departments of the show will be judged by competent judges and blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded. Schedules, while they last, may be secured from Mrs. Chesley Keeney, Mrs. Sam Emery or Mrs. John Russell. Exhibitors are urged to consult a schedule.

Any amateur grower in Sweet Home or community is invited to make an exhibit. Specimen exhibits must be grown by exhibitor and in case of house plants, must have been in exhibitors possession for the past six months. Exhibits will be registered from 9 to 11 a. m. Saturday, September 24. Judging will be done from 11 until 2. The show will be open to the public at 2 o'clock and will be open continuously until 9 p. m. on Saturday and again on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5. A silver tea will be a feature of the show.

Corssage made from straw flowers and some made of feathers, each with a ribbon, will be on sale. The show will be held in the cafeteria room of the high school.

Work Progressing On North Marion Union High School

HUBBARD — Construction has begun on the North Marion union high school buildings. A contract was awarded some time ago to Juh & Son of Portland for construction of the main school building for their low bid of \$168,186. Work is now underway on the foundation.

Other contracts let at the time included one to Urban Plumbing and Heating Co., of Portland for mechanical work on the main building at a low bid of \$55,121, and to City Electric, Inc., Salem, authorized to go ahead with the electrical work for a low bid of \$14,816.

Australians Have New Secret Service

CANBERRA —(P)— Australia's new secret service is operating. Its head, Judge Geoffrey S. Reed, has reported to the government that the service is established and functioning as part of Australia's defenses.

The official title of the new service is the Australian Security Intelligence Organization. Its job is to protect Australia from attempted sabotage, espionage, and subversive activities. It has secret "field men" in government departments and industrial and defense works to report on suspicious activities.

Starvation Takes Heavy Burma Toll

RANGOON —(P)— Malnutrition was said officially to be the cause of 30 percent of deaths in Rangoon. Official statistics show that the city's daily average death rate is 40 persons.

A newspaper investigation into living conditions showed that many wage-earners have as their daily diet boiled peas and rice. The paper reported that meat, fish, fruit and vegetables were beyond the means of most citizens.

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Hubbard PTA Holds Meeting

HUBBARD — The Hubbard Parent-Teachers association will hold its first fall meeting at 8 p. m., Monday in the school gymnasium. Theme for the year will be home, school, church and community. Mrs. A. F. deLespinasse will be speaker for the evening. The 'Home' is the subject for the September and October meetings. A new secretary will be elected to succeed Mrs. Sara Young. At the executive meeting held Monday, the program chairman, Mrs. Harold Colgan, gave a report and preview of the program for the coming year.

Public Records

PROBATE COURT
Morse John Hall estate: Appraised at \$193.50.
A. E. Austin estate: Hearing on final account set for October 31.
Ray Wallace Jones estate: Order approves final account.
Joseph Hughes estate: Appraisal at \$1,150.
Paul W. Hannaman guardianship: Order closes guardianship.
Guy George Pool guardianship: Order appoints Lloyd Moser as guardian.
DISTRICT COURT
Harold William Benke, charged with driving on left side of road, found innocent by jury.
Arthur N. Henshaw, 4270 Glenwood dr., charged with rape, waived preliminary hearing, bound over to grand jury, held in lieu of \$3,500 bail.
John Melvin Miller, Portland, driving while intoxicated, found guilty, 30-day jail sentence suspended upon payment of \$250 fine and costs, placed on one-year probation.
CIRCUIT COURT
Charles R. and Beverly A. Martin vs Ralph Williams and Harry Hart: Defendant Williams files answer to complaint.
Geneva Viola Pace vs Bernard Thomas Pace: Order of default of defendant.
Mabel F. Barton vs Walter B. Barton: Plaintiff files reply to defendant's answer.
Wilma Frye vs Erwin Frye: Defendant files answer to complaint.
Six Robble's, Inc., vs C. H. March: Complaint seeks judgment of \$1,050 for allegedly unpaid note.
Otto W. Heider vs A. A. Rhoades: Plaintiff files reply to defendant's answer.
M&B Transfer company vs George H. Flagg as state public utilities commissioner: Complaint seeks decree setting aside PUC order of Aug. 30, 1949, denying plaintiff permit for operation, and asks for order restraining defendant from prosecuting plaintiff during pendency of suit for operating hauling business.
State vs Richard Carter: Defendant found innocent by jury on charge of receiving and possessing stolen property.

OYSTER FARM PAYS OFF
PORT STEPHENS, Australia (P)— In a backwater near here 1,000 acres of brackish water last year produced 10,000,000 oysters with \$166,000. Started by ex-bullock driver Stan Phillips and a cousin during the depression years, this is now said to be the world's biggest oyster farm. Phillips began to cultivate oysters as a hobby.
MRS. TODD RETURNS
FRUITLAND — Mrs. William Todd returned from a visit to Brainerd, Minn., where she spent the past two months at her former home. Her daughter Marion, was married to Clarence Stevens of Woodburn, at Brainerd, August 15, and are now at home at 211 South 25th street, Salem.

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