

THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

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Mount Angel Woman Farmer To Raise 62,000 Chicks a Year

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Statesman News Service

MT. ANGEL — Raising of 62,000 chicks a year, from the baby stage to three-pound fryers, is the goal set for herself and two young sons by Mrs. Teresa Hoffer of Mt. Angel.

The latest in chicken houses is being completed this week on her 40-acre farm about a mile north of Mt. Angel. The building is 32 by 150 feet, built of pumice blocks, two stories high with galvanized roofing. Feed and water is automatically controlled to minimize the work as much as possible for the Hoffers employ no other help and run the rest of the farm in addition to the chick-raising.

Mrs. Hoffer, a widow, has been running the farm by herself for a number of years and has been in the chick business since last October. The three previous batches of 5,000 chicks were raised on two floors of the farm barn, converted from a stock barn into a chicken haven. Here the Hoffers worked with less ideal conveniences and were faced with a good deal more work and yet managed to market the first two batches of chicks, 11,000, with a loss in chicks of only about 1 1/2 per cent. The third crop is just about ready for market.

The new chicken house will house 10,000 chicks with 5,000 on each floor. In addition to these, Mrs. Hoffer plans to continue raising 5,500 in the old barn. This will mean a new batch of 15,500 baby chicks every quarter year.

The chicks are purchased from Swift and Co., Portland, who also supply all the feed and market them. Mrs. Hoffer thinks this feed is the principal item in the success achieved. It brings the chick to a plump three to four pound size in from nine to 10 weeks.

Five thousand were put into the new chicken house on July 7, and another 5,000 will be added this week. About July 21 another 5,500 will go into the old barn. Thus far the breed raised are New Hampshire. Beginning with the next 5,000 Swift company will deliver a new red breed of chicken known as Cornish. This breed, Mrs. Hoffer states, has been proven to develop still faster and will reach the three pound stage in from eight to nine weeks.

Contrary to the prevalent method of keeping the chicks on wire in small spaces, Mrs. Hoffer's chickens run about the entire floor of the building. A thick covering of planer shavings cover the floor. Later they are hauled onto the farmland for fertilizer. Eight automatic brooders, run

200 Pilots See Air Show At Mill City

MILL CITY — Nearly 200 visiting pilots participated in the gala airshow here Sunday, ruled over by Queen Joan Ryal of Gates.

Over 200 couples attended the air show dance Friday night at the Gates high school gymnasium when the queen winner was announced. She was presented a corsage by Mayor Albert Toman of Mill City.

Pilots began arriving in planes Sunday at Davis field here from over the state. Mill City chamber of commerce sponsored a turkey and corn feed. Queen Joan was crowned by Mrs. Viola Lyons, aviatrix, and Mrs. Agnes Schuckling, Salem first cherry fair queen in 1903, presented the queen with a corsage.

Davis field was dedicated by C. W. (Jack) Bartlett, state aeronautics director. Participating in the day's flying activities was a group from Multnomah county Aero squad.

A feature of the preliminary activities was Gates' "Walking Man," Paul A. Smith, who walked from Salem to Gates Saturday bearing a suit from a Salem women's store to Queen Joan. Smith covered the 39 miles (70-300 yards) in 8 hours, 25 minutes and 10 seconds.

Valley Obituaries

Frank Wilde

MT. ANGEL — Frank Wilde, 80, long-time resident of this area, died Monday morning of a heart attack at the home of his son Frank here.

He was born Sept. 28, 1869, at St. Lucas, Iowa. He was married there in 1893 to Theresa Meyer, who died in Mt. Angel in 1929. Later the couple moved to Thorp, Wis., and in 1920 they came to Mt. Angel.

The family lived on a farm near here until 1929 when Wilde moved to town and was engaged in business for about five years. He moved to Silverton 13 years ago and lived there since.

He is survived by sons, William and Frank of Avnal, Calif., Albert of Mt. Angel and John of Portland, and daughters, Mrs. Regina Hovley of Brawley, Calif., and Sister

Fall City Boy Plane Winner



Jerry Bowman, 14, Falls City, is pictured receiving congratulations from H. B. Heberling (left), assistant general sales manager of Plymouth Motor Corp., Detroit, Mich., whose Oregon dealers sponsored a model plane contest here recently. Bowman, member of Salem Model Airplane club, won two first places, in class B Junior free flight and in class C-D Junior free flight.

Keizer Kids Health Good Says Survey

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KEIZER — The health of Keizer's pre-school children is "generally good" according to a survey conducted recently by the Marion county health department and a corps of voluntary workers.

The house-to-house check of 492 pre-school children was conducted to determine the amount of health supervision provided for preschool children in this area. The community contains about 3,500 people and the survey contacted 336 families. It is estimated that there are 787 pre-school children here.

Of the 463 pre-schoolers old enough to be immunized the survey showed 314 were protected against diphtheria and whooping cough, 51 per cent against tetanus and about 240 were vaccinated against smallpox.

It was discovered that 294 children were having regular medical examinations with family physicians and that 28 were having regular health examinations in well-child conferences at the health department. Of the 264 children over three 41 per cent were having regular dental supervision.

Parents of 97 per cent of the children reported them to be healthy and it was disclosed that 31 of the 492 children were born prematurely.

The survey also showed that 19 families had yearly incomes of \$1,000 or less; 67 about \$2,000, 155 about \$3,000 and 89 with \$4,000 or more. Of the 331 families con-

sulted 113 had lived in the Keizer area one year or less, 78 for two years, 70 for three years and 75 for four years or more.

The survey recommended that an immunization program to protect against diphtheria, whooping cough, smallpox and tetanus be continued and with a follow up survey in the spring of 1951.

The survey was conducted by Helen Steyaert, public health nurse, and Howard R. Pyfer, health educator at the Marion county health department. Assisting were Mrs. Hugh Adams, Mrs. L. C. Andersen, Mrs. M. J. Baker, Mrs. V. G. Billings, Mrs. Zelma Conroy, Mrs. Ray Cowan, Mrs. C. W. Earnest, Mrs. Ruby Holden, Mrs. E. R. Hoxsey, Mrs. A. Kilday, Mrs. George Klein, Mrs. A. C. Miller, Mrs. E. W. Robertson and Mrs. Jean Sizemore.

Pyfer indicated that other surveys would be conducted over the county. This survey, he said, is believed to be the second on the Pacific coast.

Valley Briefs

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Amity—Kenneth Grimes of McMinnville recently purchased a walnut tract in Eola hills from Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burch. The Charles Burch property on Nursery street here was sold recently to Ed Froland of McMinnville.

Sweet Home—Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Swope and twin sons, Scott and Stephen, of Forth Worth, Tex.,

are here as the guests of Mrs. Swope's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Boyd. Mrs. Swope taught at the Pleasant Valley school here three years ago.

Sweet Home—At a recent meeting of the board members of the Sweet Home city library Mrs. John Gilbert was re-elected president, Mrs. John T. Russell, vice president and Mrs. Rex Pemberton as secretary-treasurer.

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Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's church here. Interment will be at Mt. Angel cemetery under the direction of Unger Funeral home.

Torkel Dokken

SILVERTON — Torkel Dokken, 83, retired carpenter, died here today in the home of a niece, Mrs. Hans Olsen, 904 Madison st.

The deceased was a native of Skurdahien, Norway, who had come to Minnesota in 1890 and to Silverton in 1904.

Never married, he had lived with a sister, Mrs. Helge Rue, until her death and more recently had made his home with his niece, surviving are a brother Erik and sister Mrs. Marie Domvinon, two nieces and two nephews, all in

Norway, and a nephew, Lewis Rue, Salem.

Funeral arrangements are being made at Ekman chapel.

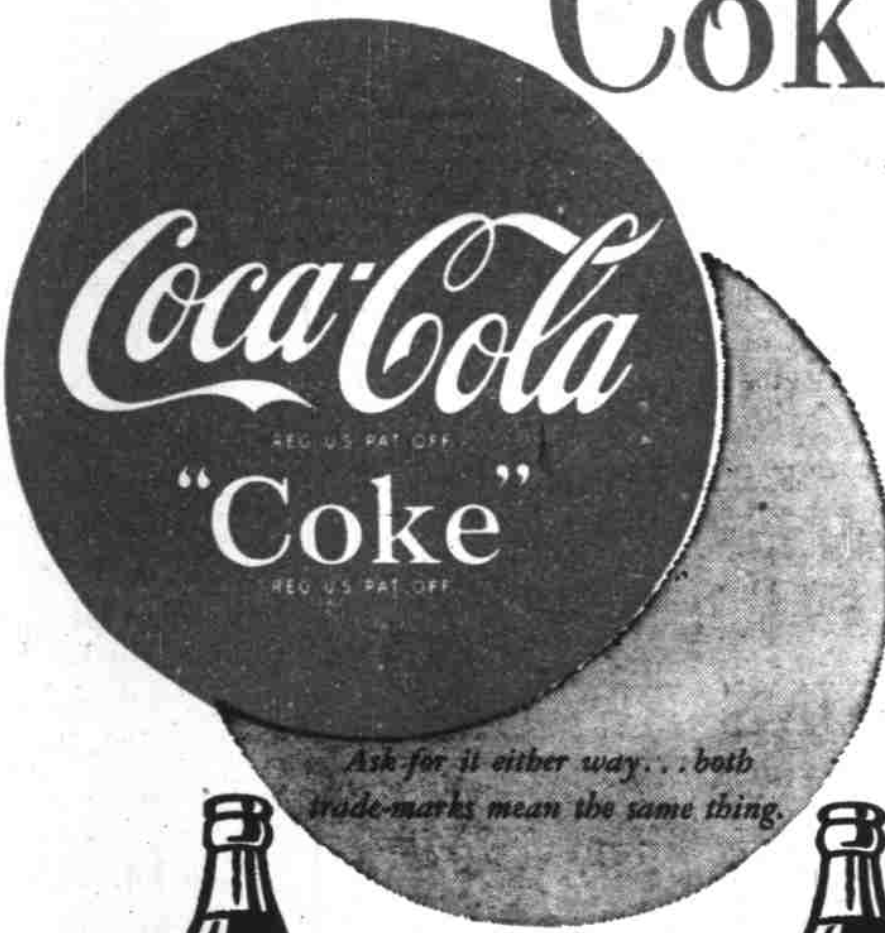
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