

6,000 Strawberry Plants Set In Hour by Mechanical Planter

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The soil was too loose and too dry, yet the machine planted 6,000 strawberry plants an hour in the mechanical planting demonstration Friday at the Mercer-Emery farm in the Liberty area south of Salem. By hand planting, one man can plant approximately 8,000 in a day.

The mechanical planter used in the demonstration is of English manufacture and has been used successfully this past year in planting a variety of vegetables, including celery, cauliflower and cabbage. Its use as a strawberry planter is being tested this year for the first time. Early this week, canner men attending the demonstration said it had planted some 10,000 an hour in a demonstration in the Gresham area. It looked "promising" for future plantings in the valley, the men said.

The particular field used for demonstration Friday was a former prune orchard, and the soil was not in proper condition for best work demonstrators said.

Besides the canner men, a number of berry growers also attended the demonstration held between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Canner field men remarked Friday that very few new berry fields were being put out this spring. A few acres have been removed without being replaced. Strawberries, at the present, are "not too good," they stated.

Certified strawberry plants are more than plentiful this season.

Too many berry growers went into plant production last year, the canner men said. There are, they estimated, more than two million plants still in storage in the valley. When questioned on possible frost damage, Floyd Bates, fieldman for the Paulus Brothers Canner, stated that while some berry blossoms were "hit," he did not believe that buds were far enough along that the frost could materially have damaged the crop as yet. Severe frosts from here on out might, however, greatly cut the crop, he added.

Newberg Bank In Three-Way Merger Plan

PORTLAND (AP)—The Commercial Bank of Oregon will become the state's fourth largest commercial bank under a three-way merger now being completed.

Directors of the Commercial Bank of Newberg, the Commercial Bank of Tillamook and the Commercial Bank of Oregon, Hillsboro, all have approved the merger. William C. Christensen, president of the Hillsboro institution, said.

The Tillamook bank has branches at Wheeler and Cloverdale. The Newberg bank has a St. Paul branch, and the Hillsboro bank has branches at Banks, Sherwood, Vernonia and West Slope.



RECORD RELAXATION — Tyrone Power gets acquainted with his new co-star, German-born Hildegarde Neff, as they select records for a concert between takes on Hollywood set.

Tax to Buy New Pumper Seen by City

An election measure proposing a special sales tax this year to finance a new fire department pumper was being prepared Friday for introduction at the City Council meeting Monday.

The council also will face 12 earlier-introduced bills which propose ballot measures at a May 18 city election coinciding with the state primary. Final disposition will have to be made Monday in order to meet the printing and advertising deadlines prior to that election date.

The latest tax proposal is for six tenths of one mill for one year only, to buy a pumper to replace a 24-year-old vehicle used at South Salem fire station.

Other ballot measures are under consideration for financing street widening, sewer trunk extensions, park and recreation programs, bridges, street lighting, drainage, merger of city offices of treasurer and recorder as an appointive post, relaxing residential requirements under city civil service, allowing assessment of property owners for new sewers and other suggested charter changes. Also expected at the council session at 7:30 p.m. Monday in

NBA Rankings Irk Graziano

CHICAGO (AP)—Rocky Graziano Friday threatened to scramble "with one sock on the jaw" the latest National Boxing Association ratings which buried him 10th in the middleweight class.

As a challenger who next Wednesday night meets the 160-pound king, Sugar Ray Robinson, in a 15-round title bout at the Chicago Stadium, Graziano was plainly irked by the NBA's cold shoulder.

CRAWFORD DUE HOME

Cpl. Kenneth R. Crawford of 1759 Court St. is the only Oregon man listed as aboard the Navy transport Sgt. Howard Woodford which arrived in San Francisco Friday with 1,349 Army rotation combat personnel home from Korea.

City hall is a resolution calling for higher charges for city fire protection to properties beyond city limits. Proposed is 6 mills instead of 4 mills on assessed value of the property.

City Manager J. L. Franzen is expected to bring in a report on the bids for paving Turner reservoir. These have been held up pending re-examination of the asphalt specifications.

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Eighty Entries Add Color to Camellia Show

The third annual Camellia Show, sponsored jointly this year by the Civics Club and Future Farmers of America, was held in the Salem High School halls this week.

This year's show included about 45 entries in three camellia divisions, about 35 other floral entries and six entries in flower arrangement competition. One of the highlights of the show was a display of many different varieties of show camellias exhibited by Walter Barbus, a member of the Salem Camellia and Rhododendron Society.

Judges for the show were Miss Irene Hollenbeck, biology teacher, and Harry Broadbent, history teacher.

The winners were: Flower Arrangement—1 Wally Carson, 2 Betty Lou Beckman, 3 Del Ramsdell. Pink Camellias—1 Del Ramsdell, 2 George Kirkwood, 3 E. E. Neer. White Camellias—1 Betty Lou Beckman, 2 Mrs. Gertrude Smith, 3 Del Ramsdell. Red Camellias—1 Del Ramsdell, 3 Civics Club. Other Camellias—1 Betty Lou Beckman, 2 Del Ramsdell, 3 Mrs. Gertrude Smith. Narcissus—1 Ada Ross, 2 Pat Largent, 3 Galen Siddall. Daffodils—1 and 2 Pat Largent, 3 Joe Largent. Wild Flowers—1 Galen Siddall, 2 Joe Largent, 3 Mary Eyre. Other Spring Flowers—1 F. E. Neer, 2 Mrs. Helen Edmundson, 3 F. E. Neer.

FIREMEN CHECK BLAZE

Firemen Friday night were called to a chimney fire at the C. L. Bowes residence, 445 S. Summer St., but damage was light. The heat had burned through an open portion in the brick chimney and set wood to smoldering.

FATHER DIES IN INDIANA
Charles Stewart, father of Mrs. John A. Ritchey, 1045 N. 13th St., died Thursday in Marion, Ind. Stewart also leaves a son, Dr. J. H. Stewart, former health officer of Polk County who is presently attending the University of California.

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Flanagan Upsets Canuck Ringster

NEW YORK (AP)—Del Flanagan of St. Paul came from behind Friday night to gain an upset 10-round decision over Arthur King of Toronto. King, a 13 to 5 favorite, weighed 139½ to Flanagan's 145.

Although he fell behind through the first five rounds, Flanagan peppered at L'il Arthur's right eye until it was half closed by the fifth round and tightly shut at the end of the eighth.

The three officials all voted for Flanagan.

Rawls Leading 'Vane' Tourney

HOUSTON (AP)—Betsy Rawls toured the Brae Burn Country Club course in 69 Friday to lead Babe Zaharias by one stroke in the first round of the Houston Weathervane Golf Tournament.

The Austin, Tex., girl set a new course record for women with her five under par first round.

Good Candidate Seen by HST

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman says the Democratic national convention will nominate "good" candidates for President and vice president, and he thinks they will win in November.

He says the Republicans "will

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Rebels Claim Bolivia Reins

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—The bloody revolt that started at dawn Wednesday in this two-mile-high tin empire capital was proclaimed a success Friday by Herman Siles, civilian rebel chief. He said he will form a new government.

Rebel forces storming El Alto Air Base reported they dealt a de-

cisive defeat to government troops.

Many persons have been reported killed in the fighting. A radio broadcast from Oruro, Bolivia, said 1,000 persons had been killed and more than 3,000 wounded in the revolt.

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REGER RITES SLATED

PORTLAND (AP)—Funeral services will be held here Monday for Mrs. Clara Maude Reger, 68, sister of A. W. Norblad, former Oregon governor. She was an aunt of U. S. Rep. Walter Norblad of Astoria.

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