

## Spittle Nymphs Appearing in Berry Fields

A 5 per cent methoxychlor dust at the rate of 50 pounds per acre is being recommended for spittlebug control in strawberries this year. The effectiveness of this new insecticide was proven by experimental work during 1950 and 1951 in certain Western Oregon strawberry plantings. Work was conducted by Dr. R. G. Rosenstiel, associate entomologist at Oregon State College.

One of the advantages of methoxychlor is its residual quality. Under conditions present the past two years, one well-timed and thoroughly applied application of methoxychlor dust controlled the spittlebugs in the experimental fields. Methoxychlor should not be used within two weeks of the time berries are harvested, according to Dr. Rosenstiel.

Rotene dust can still be used by those growers who have had good results from this material in past years. The recommendation remains one half or three fourths of one per cent rotenone dust at the rate of 50 pounds per acre. Since rotenone only lasts for 3 to 10 days in the field, additional dusts may be necessary in those fields having a heavy spittlebug population.

**Timing Important**  
Proper timing of spittlebug dusts can be determined best by the individual grower. Spittlebugs first appear as tiny, yellow nymphs about one thirty-second of an inch long. They feed on the tender, growing parts of the plants including the young leaves, flower parts, and later, the fruit. They soon secrete a clear drop of liquid which resembles a drop of dew. As the nymphs grow, they secrete more liquid which they mix with air to produce a white froth or "spittle" which soon covers their body.

According to Dr. Rosenstiel, the best timing for spittlebug control is that stage where practically all the eggs have hatched into nymphs. In addition, the oldest fruit clusters should have opened so that the fruit stems are slightly separate from each other. When dusts are applied within 10 days of these two conditions, the dust will contact the nymphs before they have secreted a large spittle mass and it will also penetrate the tender growth including the fruiting clusters.

**Power Duster Best**  
Power dusters are recommended for best results. Having hoods over the ends of the nozzles concentrates the dust over the plants. If warm weather and rapid plant growth continue, many strawberry growers on the river bottom and valley floor soils will be applying their spittlebug dust this week. Most growers having hill plantings will dust later than those on the lower elevations.

Spittlebugs devastate strawberry plants by removing plant juices. They feed on leaves and fruiting spurts, causing distortion and stunting. Failure to control spittlebugs results in a smaller crop and more dockage from deformed or cull fruit. Most growers consider spittlebug control a necessary practice for the production of quality strawberries.

### Experiment Proves Fatal

LONDON (AP)—A young man in a home-made frogman's outfit was found lying in 12 inches of water in the bathtub of his apartment Thursday. He was dead.

Nose clips of the breathing apparatus were clamped on the nose of the victim, John D. George, 25. Friends said George was interested in scientific experiments.

### Resources Board Stresses Need for Tourist Facilities

Importance of more recreational facilities in Oregon was stressed by the State Natural Resources Committee at a meeting here Wednesday. Governor Douglas McKay presided.

Reports were received from a number of groups, including thezaak Walton League, the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Wildlife Federation. These emphasized the large amount of tourist money now brought into the state annually. Tourist travel, on last year's basis, is Oregon's third largest resource.

### POPULATION FLUCTUATES

DENVER (AP)—Bobcat and bear are getting more numerous in Colorado, the state Game and Fish Department says. But coyotes, old enemies of Western stockmen and poultry raisers, are on the decline.

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## Washington Mirror Movie Actor Montgomery Given Lesson in Reporting As to Ethics, Responsibility

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Robert Montgomery, the movie actor, has always played the role of hero—suave, debonaire, rather dashing in a restrained way—always the hero.

Robert Montgomery, the radio commentator, continues to play his role of hero in the scripts he writes for his nightly five minute broadcasts, with the Truman Administration frequently cast in the role of villain.

Since the outbreak of the hoof-and-mouth disease in Canada, Montgomery has had quite a bit to say about the manner in which this same disease has been handled by the Department of Agriculture in Mexico during the past five years.

He suggested on one broadcast that the program of controlling it was "deliberately maintained for administration grafters and job-holders."

This past week, when the House Agriculture Committee called in Montgomery to hear his evidence, it turned out to be a most unusual congressional hearing.

In the first place, Actor Montgomery's appearance was easily the highlight of the year for congressional secretaries who normally get to see no one more important than visiting queens and prime ministers. They, and the hookey-playing bobbysoxers who helped pack the hearing room, pounced on the celebrity with autograph pads outstretched, apologizing rather lamely. "Would you please? It's for my niece," or "for my 9-year-old daughter" or "my little cousin." Roberto signed for all comers.

**Had No Evidence**  
In the second place, Commentator Montgomery startled the committee by admitting after considerable questioning that he really had no evidence to support his radio remarks, only various press clippings which quoted critics of the disease control plan.

The commentators case "boiled down to this: He had read these critical remarks in the newspapers, so he determined that on his nationwide broadcast he would ask whether it was true or not that the disease had been non-existent since 1948 but the program kept up for the benefit of Administration officeholders? Was it true that speculators were all set to capitalize on the lifting of the ban, having bought up cheap Mexican cattle for re-sale later in the U.S. with inside information on when the ban would be lifted? Was it really hoof-and-mouth disease or just some ragweed that had affected the Mexican cattle?

Montgomery maintained he hadn't charged anything, but was simply putting these questions to Secretary of Agriculture Brannan. He said he didn't know the answers himself, otherwise he would be making flat statements instead of shaping them in the form of questions. He refused to concede the questions were slanted.

**"Perhaps Irresponsible"**  
"Mr. Montgomery," said Chairman Cooley at length, "it seems

## Sand Bag Power Plant



SIoux CITY, Iowa—Bob Remmer, employe of the Iowa Public Service Co., wears hip boots as he sandbags basement of Sioux City power station into which water already seeped. Keeping power station operating is one of city's big worries during flood. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman). (Story on page one).

15 million or more television receivers. However, radio stations are available in most parts of the country, while television still is restricted to the more densely populated areas.

## W.U. Students to Attend Methodist Meeting at Coast

Two state officers will be among some 50 Willamette University students attending the Oregon Methodist Student Movement spring conference this week at Camp Magruder at the coast.

Charles Johnson of Portland is vice president and Phil Shaw of Camas, Wash., editor. President is Dave Hobbs of Albany, student at University of Oregon. Speaker will be Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, Nashville, Tenn., a secretary in the church board of education.

## One Man Guilty, Two Acquitted In Assault Case

One of three men charged with assault and battery in a family melee in Salem last Christmas Eve was found guilty Wednesday by a Marion County Court jury. The others were acquitted. The charge is one of three facing the trio, with the other trials to come. Jay H. McDonald of Albany was found guilty in the charge

involving an assault against C. R. Lannigan, 4885 Auburn Rd., father of Mrs. McDonald. The verdict was unanimous after two days of testimony and nearly three hours of deliberation. Those found innocent, in 11-1 verdicts, were Thomas Irvin Gordon of Aumsville and Jack Gordon. They and McDonald still face charges of assault and battery against L. Lannigan and J. Stevens, growing out of the same incident.

## Oregon Council of Churches' Work Described in Talk

Work of Oregon Council of Churches in numerous fields was depicted for Salem Ministerial Association at its Tuesday meeting.

Speakers were the Rev. Gilbert Christian, executive secretary, who discussed the seasonal aid for migrant workers and the guidance given in the Christian education field, and John Kilpack, director of juvenile protection. Christian also appealed for support in the council's drive to end pari-mutuel betting in Oregon through an initiative measure on the November ballot. Association members reported an attendance of about 600 at the

union Good Friday services and 1,400 for the Easter sunrise service.

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