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Prospects for Turkey Sales Getting Worse

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Turkey market prospects which were not too bright a month ago, are now less bright than they were at that time, farm marketing releases showed Monday.

The national hatch of heavy breed turkey poults from January through April was 13 per cent smaller than a year earlier, which tended somewhat to brighten the rather dark winter picture. But with the information gleaned from the final May and early June tabulation, there was a change again. The late hatch is bigger than most turkey growers expected. When earlier reports of a smaller hatch came out, growers evidently hastened to correct this. The May hatch was up 8 per cent from last year, bringing the total production for the year to date, up to but 6 per cent below last year. Eggs in incubators in early June were up 17 per cent. This could bring the total hatch for the first six months nearly up to the 1954 level—a level growers and buyers alike were hoping to keep under, this year.

The marketing pattern will be quite a bit different from last year. The hatch last year was much earlier. April was the peak month, it is recalled, and March hatch was larger than the June. This year, the peak came in May, and the June hatch will be larger than the March. This means that the marketing peak will come later than last year unless turkeys are sold at lighter weights.

This also indicates, marketing specialists say, that turkey growers were somewhat undecided as to how many they would grow this year. However, noting the smaller early hatches each grower hoped that he alone would increase his hatch, getting advantage of the higher price which, perhaps, the lesser turkeys on the market might bring.

Smaller Stocks
Best news for turkey growers at this time comes from the cold storage report. Stocks of frozen turkeys early this month were 13 per cent smaller than last year and 6 per cent below the five-year average for that date. This is a smaller carryover to add to this year's production.

Not so good news, is that turkey growers will have more competition from other meats next fall than they did this past spring. The June pig crop report shows a nine per cent increase over last year's spring crop. Pork is one of the main competitors for poultry meats, and spring pigs are marketed at about the same time as the turkey crop.

Silverton Woman Visits Ill Father

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SILVERTON—Mrs. A. L. Hokanson and son, Steven, have gone to La Jolla, Calif., to be with her father, Charles Swanson, 82, who suffered a stroke recently. He had lived in Silverton for a time, returning south some months ago.

Swanson, at the time of the stroke, fell, breaking his right elbow. The Rev. Mr. Hokanson, husband of Mrs. Hokanson, said Monday that he had received word from his wife that her father was being assisted in his care by a sister. She might not be able to return to Silverton for a month. Mrs. Hokanson is a registered nurse.

Births

At Valley Hospitals

SILVERTON—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peterson, Woodburn, June 23 at the Silverton Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gilmore, Silverton, a son, June 24, at the Silverton Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norbert May, Silverton, a son, June 27 at the Silverton Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Semolke, Portland, a daughter, June 27, at the Silverton Hospital.

Scouts Camp In Woods at Hazel Green

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HAYESVILLE — Twenty-two members of troop 20 spent the weekend camping in woods at Hazel Green.

Bill Shepard, second-year cadet at West Point and a former member of the troop, served as a leader for the boys and described some of his experiences to them.

The Scouts enjoyed nature study and tracking events with the Saturday evening after dark being devoted to a campfire for songs, skits and several ghost stories.

Reveille was at 5:30 Sunday morning—but most were up before. Church services were conducted in the morning, and four Scouts completed a five-mile hike for their requirements in the afternoon.

Those attending were Robert Dotson, Jim Powers, Greg Stadter, Bill and Jack Lentzsch, Charles McCallister, Sigrid Boelow, Robert Peterson, Joe Morrow, Lorry Bellinger, Randy Nekuda, LeRoy Slatum, Clayton Ruble, Alden Jarms, Doug Brown, Jimmy Olsen, Bill Frey, Jim Shepard, Jim Johnston, Benny Hileman, Gary Coome, and Jim Tindall.

Leaders were Carl Komyate, Scoutmaster, and George Strozut, Jr., Assistant Scoutmaster.

Rev. de Vries Transferred To Fruitland

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FRUITLAND — The Rev. Harvey deVries of Portland, son of Mrs. Rose deVries of Salem, has been called to Puyallup, Washington. He has been pastor of Pioneer Methodist Church in St. Johns District, Portland, the past 8 years.

During his 8-year pastorate, both the church and parsonage have been modernized. Recently, \$40,000 was pledged for the construction of an educational unit.

The new assignment is in the beautiful Puyallup Valley just 7 miles from Tacoma. The Rev. deVries, with Mrs. deVries and their 3-year-old daughter Lynda, plan to move June 29th. They have been attending the Oregon Conference of Methodist Churches at Eugene.

Phillips Jersey Herd Recognized

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SILVERTON—The James G. Phillips registered Jersey herd at Silverton has again made top dairy news. Two registered Jersey cows in the herd have received special recognition for their outstanding production records made on Herd Improvement Registry test.

Pinnacle Coronator Sarah produced 12,852 pounds of milk containing 708 pounds of butterfat at the age of 5 years and 9 months, and Observer Yvonne of Tredell produced 9,651 pounds of milk containing 580 pounds of butterfat at the age of 4 years and 3 months.

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