

Mint Increase Adds Interest To Expansion

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Expansion of mint growing in Oregon gives an added interest to the seventh annual meeting of the Oregon Essential Oil Growers' League, Jan. 19 and 20, at Oregon State College. This league is made up largely of mint growers.

Expansion in the Willamette Valley and Hermiston and Ontario areas and new plantings in Jefferson and Josephine counties, gave more than a 10 per cent acreage increase in Oregon this past year, acreage surveys show. Optimism was sparked by the highest mint oil prices in recent years.

Research Trials

A highlight of this year's conference is an encouraging report on chemical weed control to reduce costly and time-consuming weeding of mint fields. Research trials of David Chilcote and William Furtick, OSC agronomists, indicate excellent weed control with new chemicals — the first found that control a wide variety of weeds without damaging mint plants. These reports will be given at 9:15 on the second day, Friday, Jan. 20.

Also of major interest will be a report on control of mint rust, the most destructive mint disease in Oregon. Leo Campbell of the Western Washington experiment station, Puyallup, is being brought here to give research findings of early spring application of a chemical to kill overwintering rust spores. A "bonus" from the treatment is about six weeks' control of annual weeds. This will be given at 11:15 of the first day. C. E. Horner, plant pathologist at Oregon State College will also discuss the peppermint disease situation talking at 9:45 on the second day of the convention. He will put special emphasis on planting rust-resistant mint varieties now under test at OSC.

Rust Resistance

Yield, oil flavor, further rust resistance and general adaptability of new varieties in Oregon will be included in the progress reports.

Growers will be given an opportunity to compare oil samples from the new varieties with the present standard variety.

The meetings will open Thursday at 9:30 in the Home Economics auditorium at the state college. John W. Whipple of Rainier, president, will preside, while the opening address will be given by Harold F. Hollands, agricultural economist, OSC, on "Agriculture—Before and After."

The annual banquet will be held Thursday night at 8:30 in the Memorial Union building.

During Friday afternoon-Marion economist, will discuss the market outlook; T. L. Jackson will give fertilizer experiment results in mint fields and new officers will be elected.

M&F Custodial Employees to Vote On Union Issue

Whether they want to be represented in collective bargaining will be voted upon by 25 custodial employees of the Salem Meier & Frank store. Bargaining body is the Building Service Employees Union.

The National Labor Relations Board's Portland office in Thursday announcing the coming vote, said a hearing on the question was cancelled after the store management consented to the election and agreed which employees would participate.

The NLRB said that before the election is held there must be an investigation by itself of the status of two employees reportedly affiliated with the Teamsters Union.

High-Ranking Lions Attend Salem Meeting



Six Salem Lions Clubs joined in a special meeting Thursday with many high ranking state and regional officials of the service organization. Gathered here at the Marion Hotel with A. L. Hawn, Eugene, one of the Lions' international directors, are (left to right) James Tindall, international counselor; Clayton

Jones, South Salem president; Hawn; William Leeper, Salem Lions president; Harry W. Scott, Oregon state chairman; Vera Billings, Keizer president; Al Stockstad, district governor from Springfield. (Statesman Photo)

Lions Clubs Grow Fast in South America

Civic work of the Lions Clubs is leading fast in Latin America where the service organization has grown rapidly, members of six Salem Lions clubs heard Thursday from A. L. Hawn, Eugene, an international director of Lions.

Hawn, who has been a member of Lions for 28 years, gave the 131 Lions members at the Marion Hotel luncheon a detailed report of his month-long trip to South America last fall when he attended the annual international board meeting at Santiago, Chile.

He had high praise for the spirit of good fellowship and hospitality with which he and his 60 fellow board members and wives were greeted at the many countries they visited.

Local members were told by Hawn that there are now more than 12,000 Lions clubs in 71 countries of the world. He added that Lions membership exceeds by 11 the countries represented in the United Nations.

Hawn said that South America's clubs are remarkably well organized, "particularly," he added, "since most of them have come into existence within the past 15 years." In almost every place visited, Hawn said he found Lions membership included the leading figures of the country.

Other special guests at the joint meeting included Al Stockstad of Springfield, current district governor for Lions clubs in this area, and past district governors from throughout the valley who are now serving as international counselors.

TEACHER PAY STUDIED

NEW YORK (AP) — There are only five public school teachers in the New York metropolitan area who earn more than \$9,000 a year. The average teacher's salary in the area is \$5,468 a year, while the average in comparative communities in the United States is from \$4,000 to \$4,500, according to a study by Columbia University Teachers College.

Teen-Agers Hold Many More Jobs

Oregon teen-agers held 15,392 industrial jobs in 1955, the State Labor Commissioner's office said Thursday.

The job total, derived from permits issued to employers for hiring minors under 18, represents a 21 per cent increase over 1954.

Manufacturing, wholesale and retail industries employed 64 per cent of the teen agers last year. The greatest increase in minor employment was in personal, business and recreational services which almost doubled the numbers of youth on their payrolls and were the sole industrial group hiring more 14 and 15-year-olds than those of 16 and 17 years.

Ninety per cent of all minors' jobs were for vacation and after school work. Of the 1,602 work permits granted for regular jobs during the year only four were issued for minors under the age of 16.

Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen said regular full-time employment of under 16 minors is approved only in cases of great urgency and with the approval of school authorities if the minor does not have a high school diploma.

Fir Beetles Now Scarce

Douglas fir bark beetles, which a year ago were threatening to destroy Oregon's forests, now are so scarce that the state has to grow its own beetles for experimental purposes.

The beetles killed more than 10 billion board feet of Oregon timber between 1951 and 1953.

But the cold days and nights of the past year has killed most of them.

The Forestry Department warned, however, that a little warm weather could start them multiplying again.

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Mrs. Hillary Succumbs at San Francisco

Mrs. Mark Hillary, who resided with her husband, Col. Mark Hillary at 320 N. 12th St., succumbed Tuesday at the Letterman Army hospital in San Francisco.

Several months ago Mrs. Hillary was stricken with cancer of the lung. The disease progressed rapidly and she was taken to the army hospital in late December. An operation failed to stay the course of the disease. Col. Hillary returned Thursday with the body.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church Monday at 10 a.m., conducted by the Rev. George H. Swift. Interment will follow in Willamette National cemetery, Portland.

Mrs. Hillary was the daughter of George and Rebecca Jennings and was a great, great, great granddaughter of Dolly Madison. She was born in St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 10, 1897. The family located in Portland and she was reared and educated there. On Aug. 23, 1920, she was united in marriage to Mark Hillary, an Army officer. On his retirement they came to Salem to reside in August, 1947, and continued to make this their home.

Surviving are the widower, one son, First Lieut. L. David Hillary of Fort Ord; two brothers, George T. and Wesley J. Jennings of Portland. The family requests that in lieu of flowers gifts by way of memorial may be made to the American Cancer Society, and may be left or sent to the Statesman - Journal business office.

1901 BUOY RECOVERED

ALLESUND, Norway (AP) — A buoy believed to have been thrown overboard from the windjammer America in 1901 during the Baldwin-Ziegler North Polar expedition recently washed ashore near here. A plaque attached to the cork float identified it as a relic of the U.S. expedition that had to turn back without reaching its goal.

State Livestock Total Increases

The amount of livestock on Oregon ranches took a big jump last year, the Oregon Department of Agriculture reported Thursday.

The department said it made brand inspections of 874,503 head of livestock last year, or 100,000 more than in 1954.

Brand inspections reflect the movement in commercial channels.

Youth Injured In Tumbling

Clay Newell, 15, of 175 Candalaria Blvd., suffered a possible jaw fracture about 2:25 p. m. Thursday when he fell in a tumbling class at South Salem High School, first aidmen reported.

Young Newell was taken to Salem Memorial Hospital where X-rays were planned to determine if there was a fracture. The youth also suffered a chin laceration. Aidmen said the injuries were sustained when the student fell some four feet while participating in the tumbling class.

Candidate



Filing Thursday as candidate for Marion County sheriff on the Republican primary ballot was T. Oliver Rickman, Salem, Courthouse building superintendent. (Statesman Photo.) (Story on page one.)

Baby Burned as Vaporizer Upset

A two-months-old Salem boy suffered apparently minor burns Thursday when a vaporizer upset in his crib, according to first aidmen.

Little Jimmy Yopp, 433 Tryon Ave., was treated by aidmen and taken to a physician after the 7:30 p.m. accident. He did not require hospitalization. The vaporizer, filled with a hot substance, was being used for a cold suffered by the baby when someone else in the household tripped over a cord and upset the device, aidmen reported.

EQUAL PAY ASKED

OTTAWA (AP) — Canada's House of Commons twice has defeated a minority proposal to give all women equal pay for equal work. Now it will be asked by the government to give 73,000 women equal status with men in inter-provincial work such as communications and shipping. Sixty thousand in federal civil service and industries in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia already are covered.

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