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\$500,000 More Goes To Aid Greek Needy

Washington, D. C.—Purchase of an additional \$500,000 worth of war relief supplies for Greece was announced here by the American Red Cross. Red Cross relief to Greece now totals \$725,000.

The announcement followed receipt of cable advices from Charles House, newly appointed American Red Cross representative at Athens. His cable described growing needs for food, clothing and medical supplies among the civil and military population.

On a basis of House's reports, the Red Cross plans to send at the ear-

liest moment the following supplies: \$140,000 worth of clothing, \$100,000 worth of dehydrated milk, \$100,000 worth of blankets, \$100,000 worth of cereals, cocoa, fruit juices, syrup and margarine, and medical supplies valued at \$60,000.

If the Red Cross can obtain the supplies in time, they will leave New York for Athens in December aboard a Greek vessel. Other supplies previously obtained and valued at \$125,000—consisting mostly of surgical dressings and garments produced by Red Cross chapters—cleared New York last week the Red Cross said.

Meanwhile, drugs and surgical instruments valued at \$50,000 were en route to Greece from a British Red Cross depot in the middle east. Arrangements for the shipment were made by the American Red Cross, which will replace the British supplies.

To assist in the distribution of American Red Cross supplies in Greece, Raymond T. Schaeffer, formerly of the Red Cross staff in France, has been assigned to Greece. It also was announced.

Aid to Greece is being extended through funds contributed to the Red Cross war relief fund and thru purchases made by the government from funds appropriated by Congress, it was explained.

Turkey Feathers Make Big Blooms

Turkey shippers have no trouble disposing of their turkey feathers if there are daffodil growers in the vicinity.

Use of turkey feathers on the daffodil fields has given excellent results to growers in the Umpqua district of southern Oregon, says Chas. A. Cole, horticulturist with the state department of agriculture. Extra large blooms produced in fields where the feathers are used as a mulch are reported.

The feathers provide the soil with humus and with nitrate and are, of course, easy to plow under in the spring after they have rotted. Use of the feathers provides the soil with valuable blood meal for nothing, or at least only for the time and exertion in hauling them from plants to fields.

Caution is given that application of feathers should not be too heavy, or soft flowers may be produced.

Some growers in Benton and Marion counties are also using the feather mulch.

A Bear of a Fish Story

A couple of miles up the creek

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that nearly encircles Camp Sitkum there is a delightful pool almost surrounded by rocky walls. The outlet is a swift channel through which the salmon delight in passing. Night guard Sarge Williams, of the camp, knew of this pool and tried his luck there recently as an angler. This is his story:

He tried a couple of casts. No luck. Then a glistening monster broke the surface of the water in a splendid leap. No sooner had his third cast hit the water than he felt a jerk that whipped his rod into a bow. Frantically Sarge reeled in the line. He gave a tremendous heave on his rod. At the same instant the salmon leaped into the air. It slipped from the hook but he combined force of Sarge's heave and the salmon's leap sent the fish flying over the nimrod's head.

He turned just in time to see it describe a beautiful arc to land in the open maw of a small bear and disappear at one gulp. The little fellow then made a precise military about face and disappeared into the brush, leaving Sarge staring at the place with open mouth.

And that's Sarge's story.

Government in Banking

"We must keep constantly in mind that the threat to the American system of banking is growing both in scope and intensity," said C. E. Reardon, president of the Illinois Bankers Association, recently.

Anyone who has watched the governmental trend in late years must agree with that. Government has gone into banking to a far greater degree than most of us realize. There are literally scores of Federal agencies which are in the credit business in one way or another. Some of these may serve a necessary purpose. But, no matter how beneficial they are, they pose an extremely serious problem.

That problem, briefly stated, is this: Can the trend be stopped before private banking disappears, and the government attains absolute control over the capital and savings of the people? Certainly, the average run of politicians will not voluntarily stop it—they are ever lustful for more power. It can be stopped only if the people will it so—and make their will known to those who pass and administer the laws.

Government in banking is perhaps the most important step along the road to dictatorship—as the dictators themselves have often frankly said. He who controls a nation's money, controls its destiny. Only if that control remains vested in the people, as it does today, can democracy be preserved.

High Grade Agricultural Limestone Frow Low Grade Willamette Valley Rock

Willamette Valley farmers, who have long known that their land was badly in need of limerock fertilizer, may be able to purchase high grade rock derived from the low grade deposits occurring in the valley at Dallas and Marquam, if tests made recently by the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the United States Bureau of Mines can be applied on a commercial scale.

An advance report on the series of limestone studies being made by these agencies has just been published as G.M.I. Short Paper No. 4, "Beneficiation by Flotation of Willamette Valley Limestone of Oregon", by J. B. Clemmer and B. H. Clemmons of the United States Bureau of Mines in cooperation with this Department.

Three series of tests with varying factors were made on limestones from Marquam and Dallas, with the result that the calcium carbonate content of the rock was raised from around 40 to over 85 percent. The tests involved grinding the limestone to varying degrees of fineness, and mixing portions with soaps and chemicals so that the lime content is lifted by the bubbles of the froth and carried off from the other constituents. If this process, called "flotation", can be applied on an economic scale, Willamette Valley farmers may be able to use local rock for their fertilizer.

State Infant Death Rate Remains Low

Children born in Oregon stand a better chance of living through the first year of life than children born in almost any other state in America, according to data released today by the public health research department of the Oregon Mutual Life Insurance company.

Official records of the state board

of health show that in the first ten months of this year there were only 499 deaths of infants under one year of age, a rate of 34.0 per 1000 live births.

The rate for Oregon in 1939 was 36.6, the fourth lowest in the country. The national infant mortality rate for the year 1939 was 48 per 1000 live births, in 1938 it was 51.0 and in 1937 it was 54.4. New Mexico had the highest infant mortality of all the states, reporting 109.3 for 1939, compared with Minnesota's rate of 35.4 for the year, the lowest in the country.

Oregon figures for the first ten months of this year indicate a big decline in infant mortality. If the remaining two months of 1940 continue as favorably, Oregon will probably have the lowest infant mortality rate in the nation for the current year.

In October of this year there were 1365 births reported to the state board of health, and 52 deaths of infants under one year of age giving the state an infant mortality rate for the month of 38.1, one of the highest of the year.

DAIRYMEN SCHEDULE BIG SESSION AT GRANTS PASS

Dairymen of Oregon are planning on holding one of their most important state meetings in Grants Pass early in the year, when the forty-eighth annual convention of the Oregon Dairymen's association will be held on January 8, 9, and 10.

As is becoming the rule quite generally among state-wide agricultural groups, the first day of the convention will be devoted to committee meetings, with the main public business and educational addresses of the session scheduled for the second and third days, according to an advance announcement just issued by Roger Morse, extension dairyman at Oregon State college and secretary of the association.

A new feature of the convention this year will be meetings of three purebred cattle clubs in connection with the convention. The Oregon sections of the Jersey, Guernsey and Holstein breed associations will hold meetings on the afternoon of Thursday, January 9.

Two principal committees which will hold sessions on the opening day will deal with the subject of sales promotion and disease control. Unusual interest is being shown in the latter subject this year because of the thorough discussions scheduled to be had on

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"IS THE UNIVERSE, INCLUDING MAN, EVOLVED BY ATOMIC FORCE?" was the subject of the Lesson - Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1940.

The Golden Text was, "Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; . . . I am the Lord; and there is none else" (Isa. 45:18).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:1, 3, 31).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "God creates and governs the universe, including man. The universe is filled with spiritual ideas, which He evolves, and they are obedient to the Mind that makes them" (p. 295).

the newer developments in Bang's disease control, including calf vaccination.

The annual banquet will be held the evening of January 9. Details of the educational program will be announced soon, says Morse.

STATE AG BOARD URGES CONTINUATION OF GRADING MONIES

The state board of agriculture, meeting December 21 in Salem, unanimously adopted a resolution asking for legislative appropriation for continuation of the state cream grading program; and also turned down a request to conduct greyhound racing at the 1941 Oregon state fair.

Ed Geary, Klamath Falls, is chairman of the board, other members being George Fullenwider, Carlton; Fred Cockell, Milwaukie; E. A. Rowell, Scholls; Armand W. Perkins, Haines; G. A. Brown, Portland; and Rory Collins, Hood River.

The legislature has appropriated money for the cream grading work in the last two bienniums, but the request for \$25,000 for the next biennium was dropped from the state budget due to lack of funds. The program applies to all sections of the state and to the largest single source of cash farm income in Oregon, the dairy industry.

In turning down the request presented by greyhound owners of Portland, for dog racing at the fair, the board declared such a move on top of the present horse races would take the state fair out of the agricultural class, which the management is anxious to maintain. The proposal was for dog races at night.

In addition to routine department of agriculture reports, the board heard about several proposed laws which would affect agriculture. However, no action was taken on any of these.

CANNED TURKEY BUSINESS DEVELOPED ON BIG SCALE

A popular commercial exhibit at the Northwestern Turkey show, an exhibit which marks a rapidly

growing industry, was made by Victor Baird, a resident of Oakland, who had a most attractive display of canned turkey in the windows of the room occupied by the dressed show.

Mr. Baird started canning turkey meat three years ago in a plant set up at his home. The demand developed rapidly and he put in a commercial canning outfit and now is producing about 40 cases daily. During the past summer, he reports, he canned and sold more than 19,000 pounds of turkey meat and the business is still growing.

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