

### CONTROL NEED SEEN BY STATE HEALTH AGENTS

The great difficulty with many of the problems of disease prevention lies in the inability of the health authorities to do much about them, says a bulletin of the state board of health. When the condition can be subjected to more control the matter is then comparatively easy. Supervision of the water supplies has almost eliminated typhoid. Vaccination for smallpox has reduced this disease of its terror. Inoculation of young children has tremendously reduced the death rate from diphtheria. Indifference, more than lack of knowledge causes many needless deaths annually.

Refusing to recognize the great detecting ability of a regular physical examination, people ignore it. As a consequence there are thousands of needless deaths annually. And what is true regarding the thousands of cases of preventable disease disability and death is pathetically applicable to the frightful toll of life to which American mothers are being annually subjected. Sixteen thousand women in the United States die from causes related to maternity; ten thousand of these should not have succumbed.

Throughout the United States for every one thousand children born six mothers lose their lives. In Holland and Denmark the risk is only one half as great. Last year 13,415 children were born in Oregon and seventy-eight mothers lost their lives in childbirth. Oregon was one of the first states in the country to give special instruction to expectant mothers and it would be a profitable investment to the state to increase this service to include special care for expectant mothers of limited means throughout the state.

Adequate care for mother-to-be consists of regular medical supervision, before, during and after the baby's birth. The mothers that have such care have three times the chance of coming through safely as the mothers who simply drift along without medical supervision. Physicians are glad to give such care to expectant mothers in their own practice but very often the mothers neglect to secure it.

Proper living habits advised by a careful doctor together with the help of a public health nurse should be the program from the first knowledge of pregnancy through the whole nine months.

### 2,731,000 Sheep and Lambs in Oregon

Oregon is herder of 2,731,000 sheep and lambs, according to a United States livestock census report.

The herd was increased from 2,576,000 on ranges here in 1930. The state has 106 per cent of the 1930 lambs and sheep.

In 11 western states, there are 26,237,000 this year or 103.3 per cent of the 1930 crop, the report said.

### YOUNG CIRCUS RIDER WITH AL G. BARNES CIRCUS LITERALLY BORN IN ARENA



THREE CIRCUS BABIES

Miss Beatie Belmont, 2 years old and pretty, declared to be one of the most remarkable circus riders of this or any other generation, like practically all other performers of the "white tops" was literally born in the arena. Miss Belmont represents the fourth generation of a famous circus family, all of whom are riders. The laws of the circus are peculiar. Indeed it would be considered an unpardonable offense for a performer to marry outside his or her calling, consequently the children have no opportunity to choose any other calling.

The Al G. Barnes circus will exhibit in Salem on Saturday, May 23.

The boys and girls of the Al G. Barnes circus number a score. The training of these children begins almost at birth. In the vast majority of cases there is the powerful effect of heredity, which exercises an influence upon the child and helps it to overcome obstacles to others well-nigh impossible. The chief effort is by create courage and daring. The muscles must be developed and the lungs expanded, but at the same time the brain must not be neglected. Many a gymnast has mental abilities often lacking in the ordinary man. He has to understand some geometry and mathematics, else how can he calculate the exact distance of a jump, a fall, or a somersault.

The Al G. Barnes circus is among the foremost circus institutions in the world. One thousand and 80 employees travel with the show, and more than twelve acres of land are required for the "tented city". Three special trains of double length cars are required to transport the show from city to city. There are 4000 animals in the show and this does not include three great herds of elephants. There are superb concert bands to furnish music for the circus-goers, and twice daily at 1 and 7 p. m. Prof. Redrick and his Military band of 25 soloists will give a free concert. Doors to the menagerie open at 1 and 7 p. m., the big show performances start at 2 and 8 p. m.

### WATER PROJECTS THROUGH COUNTY SHOW INCREASE

Dallas—Development of individual irrigation projects by farmers of the county is going ahead rapidly. County Agent J. R. Beck reports that within the past several days a number of farmers have called on him to help lay out their projects.

T. J. Werth of Valley Junction is purchasing a pump and canvas hose for use in pumping water on to an already growing alfalfa field. The field was not leveled for flood irrigation so Werth is resorting to the use of hose to distribute the water about the field. J. H. Patterson, whose place is on the upper reaches of Gold creek, irrigated by gravity and does not use any pump. A small dam diverts the water from the creek on to his land. Patterson is planning on developing an additional field this year and last week Beck was called out to set the grade stakes for the ditch.

J. O. Campbell of Perrydale already has a meadow consisting of alfalfa, Ladino clover and grasses which he irrigated in 1930 for cow pasture. This was so successful that Campbell is just now completing leveling for an additional ten acres which will be seeded in the immediate future. The first meadow was seeded before irrigation was proposed and consequently was not entirely level but the ten acres to be seeded this season will be laid out in lands with levees between so that flood irrigation can be practiced successfully. Last Saturday morning Campbell called Beck in to set the levels for the ditches and levees on this tract which is almost completed.

Herman Van Well of the Salt Creek community, while in Dallas last week reported that the grass and clover on their irrigated field is growing fine and that they intend to increase the acreage in the near future. They are very pleased with this first small acreage which was developed last year. C. W. Brandtetter of Mill Creek has been pasturing his acreage which was started in 1930 and is now preparing an additional acreage which will be irrigated this year. Brandtetter is another one that is able to use gravity for irrigation. The water is diverted by means of a ditch from Mill Creek.

W. O. Morrow, just east of Rickreall, has seeded a small acreage right along side of the highway which he plans on using for irrigated pasture for his purebred Jersey herd. This field has been leveled with a levee running through the center of it to so to facilitate flooding which will be from water pumped out of the LaCreole.

These are a group of the individual irrigation projects that are being developed in various parts of Polk county and are indicative of what these farmers are following in producing green pasture for their dairy herds in the hot, dry months of the summer.

### State Exams Given Students at Airlie

Airlie—The students of the eighth grade were taking the state examinations here under Miss Winona Finn Thursday and Friday. Those in the eighth grade are Doris Whitchee, Ruth Ploub, Jarrod McKibben, Alvin Herron and Robert Morrow. Friday afternoon the seventh grade pupils took the state examination in geography. The students taking this exam are Mary Ferguson, Melvin McKibben, Albert Pickett, Hazel Perry and Paul Banta.

### Horse Drops Dead

Airlie—When Nathan Perry was riding his brother's horse home from work Tuesday evening he noticed the animal staggering. He immediately jumped off the horse and started leading him, but had led the animal only a few yards when it dropped dead in the road.

Falls City—Mrs. A. G. Peterson returned to her home in San Francisco, Calif., Wednesday, having arrived here Sunday to spend Mother's day with her mother, Mrs. Addie Montgomery.

### SAFETY URGED IN HANDLING OF ELECTRIC IRON

If you're thinking of buying a home this year, be sure its safe.

Such is the warning of state officials to Oregonians who plan to take advantage of present low prices for homes and buy one of their own. On the porch or basement of the safe home, is an electric iron or an ironing board, it was pointed out. The iron connects with a little red pilot lamp which burns as long as the current is on.

This warning eliminates a hazard causing thousands of fires each year.

It was recommended that the ironing board be placed on a wooden platform. Not only is it unhealthful for the housewife to stand on a cold concrete floor while ironing, but there was also the risk of severe or fatal shock should the concrete become damp. Similar precautions against electric, short-circuiting were suggested in other parts of the home.

### GAS TAX STATISTICS SHOWN IN REPORT

With the exception of New York, California used more gasoline in motor vehicles during 1930 than any state in the country.

This was disclosed in figures received by Secretary of State Hoos from the United States government.

According to statistics, California's consumption was 1,162,337.345 gallons. Oregon was 22nd, with a consumption of 154,806.497 gallons. Ohio led the country in gasoline tax income, with a total of \$37,081,451 from its four cent tax on gasoline. Oregon stood 24th, its four cent tax netting \$6,198,777.

Falls City—John Chappell is moving his household goods out from Valsets to his home here.

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