



Hoppers Lay Eggs in State

Lakeview, July 18 (AP)—Federal entomologists reported today that Nevada-born grasshoppers moving across sage areas of Harney and Lake counties have been laying eggs for a week or more.

Vanguard of the insect hordes were reported moving north and northwest at four to six miles a day. So far the infestation has centered on brush and sage sectors of the two southern Oregon counties, but one edge of the horde is nearing the grasslands of Warner valley.

The entomologists hope to survey the range of the insects for their control plans that will begin next spring when the eggs hatch.

Thomas Duval and Leonard M. Clayton, Elko, Nev., and Walter J. Scott, Washoe county, Nev., have established a camp at Hart Mountain. The grasshoppers were plentiful there yesterday.

Duval reported the insects were ranging over an area from beyond White Horse ranch, 40 miles east of Field, to the Hart Mountain camp.

Dr. B. G. Thompson and Robert W. Every, Oregon State college entomologists, Corvallis, were due to join the field party at Hart Mountain.



Suspended—Maj. Gen. Herman Feldman (above), the quartermaster general, has been temporarily relieved from duty by Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray for alleged implication in "five percent" business contract deals. He was suspended on the basis of evidence accumulated by a special Senate sub-committee in Washington, which is investigating alleged influence in awarding military contracts. (Acme Telephoto)

Council Drops Plan for Tax

Independence—After a lengthy discussion and objections being offered by a large group of local businessmen, the matter of an occupation tax for the city was dropped at a special meeting of the city council.

Dr. Lewis Britt, local druggist, who had been a member of the city budget committee, asked the council if there was a need for such a tax. He pointed out that \$10,000 had been put in the budget for the sewage disposal fund; that business houses and residents were paying a tax of \$1 per month on the sewage disposal plant fund and that the city had voted bonds to take care of the building of the plant and he stated that he could see no reason at this time for the need of another tax.

Councilman M. M. Fulmer stated that businessmen were being taxed already several times for the same purpose and he thought it was time the council pulled in their horns and cut down on taxing businessmen.

Mayor Ralph Spencer admitted that at the present time there was no need for the special tax.

After a discussion with businessmen favoring a reduction in the beer parlor license but objecting to reductions in the pinball license, the council voted to cut the beer license from \$500 to \$250 a year and the pinball license from \$200 to \$100 for each machine per year.

C. J. Gray representing the B and G company, Parking Meter Advertising, appeared before the council and asked for a franchise to place advertising on the parking meters. The majority of the businessmen present expressed themselves as against the idea. The plan was to put three advertising signs on each meter for which a charge of \$1.50 per month for each sign would be made to the advertiser. The company offered the city 10 percent of the gross for the franchise.

It has been reported that in other nearby cities the same company has offered a three-way split, with 25 percent to the Junior Chamber of Commerce and 25 percent to the city and 50 percent for the company.

The council voted to approve the application of Tom and Dean Smith of the Independence Food Market for a package beer and wine license.

An English Quaker, Abraham Darby, first smelted iron ore with coke, in 1735.

IN TEXAS POLIO EPIDEMIC AREA

DDT Wipes Out Pests, Questioned as Carriers

Paul F. Ellis, United Press science writer, is in Texas investigating the infantile paralysis epidemic at San Angelo. Here is another of his dispatches.

By PAUL F. ELLIS (United Press Science Writer)

San Angelo, Tex. (AP)—The polio epidemic in San Angelo has been tough on flies and mosquitoes. Today the city is virtually free of the pests as a result of DDT, still the No. 1 insecticide.

The war on flies and mosquitoes began during the outbreak of polio and was launched on demand of citizens who believed the insects might be the carriers of the virus that causes infantile paralysis.

But research scientists, working with the support of March of Dimes money from the national foundation for infantile paralysis, have been unable to place the guilt on the fly or mosquito as a polio carrier.

Dr. Harry Weaver, director of research for the national foundation, said the value of DDT spraying in stopping a polio epidemic has not been proved. In the past, communities stricken with polio have been sprayed with DDT, but there was little, or no effect on the incidence of the disease. Thus, Dr. Weaver and other polio authorities do not recommend DDT spraying in an epidemic area, but agree it may be a good sanitary procedure whether a town has polio or not.

In any event, DDT spraying has not checked polio and in a number of towns it has not reduced the fly population. In fact, recent investigations have shown that some types of fly have become resistant to DDT. City officials here, however, on insistence of the people, have kept DDT crews busy, using spray machines and a fog device—a machine that creates a fog of DDT particles that sweeps across lawns and streets, making visibility poor for automobile traffic for some time. The "fog machine" is operated only at night.

Doctors and officials here believe that the fogging and spraying probably had no effect on polio, but agreed it makes the town a more pleasant place. And it helped calm persons who became panicky over polio. A survey showed that most of the polio cases here originated on the edge of the city where there still are numerous open-pit toilets. Mayor E. A. Vautrain said that in the last year about 11 miles of sanitary sewers had been installed, and that, as of a month ago, there still were 237 open-pit toilets. They are rapidly disappearing.

Woodburn Merchants Form Association

Woodburn—A total of 57 Woodburn business men have received membership cards in the Woodburn Merchant's association recently organized here. Other merchants in the downtown Woodburn area or the highway section who have not been contacted may obtain a membership card by applying to Ralph Ackerman at Austin's store. At the last meeting of the association the members voted to extend membership to merchants in the Pacific highway area. The next meeting will be held August 8.



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Long Mercy Trip Pays Off

Seattle, July 18 (AP)—James L. Kirk and his troublesome appendix were getting along quite well together today, thank you. But only after the longest coast guard mercy trip in North Pacific history.

Kirk, 20, of Omaha, Neb., was stricken with appendicitis Saturday aboard the weather ship Winona, some 600 miles south of Kodiak, Alaska. An operation appeared imminent.

In less than 15 hours a PBM rescue plane from Port Angeles flew north, picked Kirk up and returned to the peninsula station. A PBY amphibian brought the coastguardman the rest of the way here. It was a 2055-mile flight.

At the Marine hospital it was found the operation wasn't needed.

Union Requires Oath From All

Spokane, July 18 (AP)—Delegates to the International Woodworkers district convention here carried the Taft-Hartley non-communist oath requirement a step farther.

The controversial labor law requires only that a union's officers sign the oath before the union may carry any problem before the national labor relations board.

IWA delegates voted yesterday, however, to require all candidates for office to file the signed oaths before the union election. Two slates of candidates were nominated.

They are: President—Earle C. Nimz, Spokane, incumbent, and Fred Siefken, Coeur d'Alene; vice president—Carl Roone, Bonnar, Mont., incumbent, and Charles Ritchie, Newport; secretary-treasurer—Ed Anderson, Potlatch, Idaho, incumbent, and William Graham, Spokane; trustee—Delbert Gundvaldson, Newport.

Doubtful Salesmen Banned at Lebanon

Lebanon—An anti-solicitation ordinance for Lebanon may soon be a reality, announces the Chamber of Commerce office. The ordinance will be designed to keep away salesmen of organizations with doubtful backgrounds, but allow reputable groups access to the Lebanon market.

The merchant's committee of the chamber discussed the proposed ordinance at their meeting last Monday and decided to pattern after an ordinance used in Fargo, N. D., which requires the deposit of a bond which is forfeited if the solicitors move from the city within a year. Cooperating with the chamber is the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon.

Confer on Unification—Members of this high-command conference on armed forces unification discuss details of the task at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Left to right: Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, air force chief; Steve Early, undersecretary of defense; Adm. Louis Denfeld, navy chief and Defense Secretary Louis Johnson. The group, following Johnson's orders, are working and playing together; they joined in a game of horseshoes after conference. (Acme Telephoto)

WHAT IT MEANS:

More Jobs for Women

By CLARKE BEACH

Washington—Employment for women is increasing while male employment is dropping. The number of employed U. S. women increased from 16,602,000 in May 1948 to 17,173,000 in May this year. But in the same period the number of men at work dropped from 42,058,000 to 41,521,000.

These are Census Bureau figures as analyzed and reported by the Women's Bureau of the Labor department.

Unemployment is hitting both sexes alike. The number of women and men seeking work rose almost 100 per cent for each sex.

This is all a continuation of a long trend. Since the turn of the century, and earlier, the number of women working and seeking work has been on the increase. In the present period of unemployment, the trend has been accentuated.

Take the figures on the total labor force—the total of men and women both working and seeking work. The nation's labor force increased from 60,422,000 in May 1948 to 61,983,000 in May 1949.

Among men the increase in that period was only 1.4 per cent. Among women the increase was 5.5 per cent.

Women constituted only 18 per cent of the total labor force in 1900. They were 29 per cent of the labor force last May. Twenty per cent of women 14 and older were gainfully employed in 1900. Last May 31 per cent of them had jobs.

The trend for men was the reverse. Only 71 per cent of the adult male population was gainfully employed in May 1949. Yet 87 per cent of adult males were employed in 1900. The drop has been sharp even since 1940, when 79 per cent of adult males were working.

The explanation is that: 1. Men are staying in school longer. Also, the new pension programs make it easier for them to retire. They used to retire later or not at all. 2. Women are finding work opportunities they never had before. Labor saving devices are making it possible for them to get out of the kitchen. And they need money to buy the labor-saving devices. Women have been encouraged to work. Also, because the social attitude toward working women has changed. Furthermore, the average woman has fewer children now than formerly. The big increase of working women has come chiefly among those who were married.

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Contractors Ready For Work on Bridge

Independence—Werner and Jeske, Eugene contractors, have been awarded the contract by the state highway commission to build a new bridge on Monmouth street across Ash creek. Work will start within the next week or ten days. The bridge will be of concrete construction and will provide for a walk on each side for pedestrians. Werner & Jeske are the same contractors who put in the new sewers here two years ago.

Polk Employs Health Officer

Independence: Polk county has hired a full time health officer whose name is being withheld, according to W. E. Krower, county commissioner. A ruling was made by the state health department in Eugene denying federal reimbursement to any Oregon county without a full time health officer and this qualifies Polk county for federal aid of 35 percent during the 1949-50 fiscal year, Krower stated.

Before leaving on a vacation trip to California, Judge Jack Hayes stated that a doctor in Polk county had been hired for the health work but he was not at liberty to disclose his name until the physician made arrangements to conclude his general practice.

During most of the past fiscal year the county has operated with only two nurses in the health department after Benton county, which formerly shared a health officer with Polk, set up a separate department. However, civic and health groups stressed the importance of the health work in the county and worked out a plan with the county budget committee to arrange a minimal unit for the year 1949-50. This includes a full time doctor, sanitarian, two nurses and a clerk.

The physician is expected to take over the position in the near future.

On a ruling by the state board, a 90-day grace period was given, contingent on hiring an officer or being committed to finding one.



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