

Rip-Rapping of River Starts

Rip-rapping of certain portions of the North Santiam river just south of Jefferson is progressing rapidly, according to W. F. Weddle, farmer of that community and one of a group attempting to reclaim more than 1000 acres of farm land flooded every year.

Five large bulldozers are used in digging a mile long artificial channel which will divert the Santiam waters following the old course of the river. The entire job calls for more than 30,000 feet of rip rap and it is expected will be completed in November.

Both Weddle and Harvey Mitchell, who has holdings on the Linn county side of the river, have been active in promoting the work and also raising funds. They are seeking federal assistance to enlarge the project so that many more hundreds of acres will be saved from floods similar to those of the last few years.

A petition is now being prepared for forwarding to Oregon's delegation in congress asking that federal funds be allocated to supplement monies raised among the farmers and assigned by Marion and Linn county authorities.

The present work, for which sufficient money has been raised, is being supplemented by donated labor of farmers and landowners but more funds will be needed if the project is extended in the upper and lower reaches of the river, Weddle states.

3 Red Armies At Kwangtung

Canton (Aug. 13 (AP)—Three Chinese communist armies totalling 75,000 men are closing on Kanhhsien, gateway to Kwangtung province and Canton, official nationalist reports said today.

Kanhhsien is 215 miles northeast of Canton. It lies in the valley of the Kan river, national highway to this refugee capital. The nationalists admitted the loss of a town only 12 miles northwest of Kanhhsien.

It was on this part of the front north of Canton that the nationalists were boasting only Tuesday that 11,000 Red troops were surrounded.

Wuyunchiao was seized by one of the three Red armies which the nationalists say have been committed by Gen. Liu Po-Cheng, famed communist commander.

Another Red army was said to be pressing south toward Kanhhsien along the Kan river valley. A third Red army was reported operating to the east. Liu is supposed to have three more armies in reserve.

Another official dispatch said that Gen. Chen Yi, communist commander in Eastern China, was preparing an amphibious assault on the Chu Shan islands about 100 miles southeast of Shanghai.

Church Circle Plans Cafeteria Evening

Silverton — Mrs. Lawrence Lierman, president of Esther Circle of the W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church, has named as her general committee for the cafeteria picnic Wednesday evening at the church gardens, Mrs. Lierman assisted by Mrs. Earl Erickson, Mrs. Earl Adams and Mrs. Gordon VanCleave. On publicity for the supper are Mrs. W. Dale Lamar, Mrs. Felix Wright and Mrs. Earl Spencer.

The supper is a fund project for Esther Circle. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Lierman entertained the fellow members of her circle at her 1533 Bethany Road home Thursday evening, assisted socially by Mrs. Stewart McClure. Mrs. Gordon VanCleave direct-business of the evening was completing plans for the supper.

Movies Are Arranged By Woodburn Jaycees

Woodburn — The Woodburn Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular session Tuesday, at the library club rooms and motion pictures of Jaycee activities over the state will be shown. Plans will be completed for the charter presentation banquet to be held in September. All Woodburn young men are urged to attend and the public is invited to see the pictures.

Tremor Reported

Longview, Wash., Aug. 13 —Dr. E. H. Long reported here last night that he had felt an earth tremor on Mt. St. Helens earlier in the day. The optometrist said nearly every resident of the Spirit Lake area definitely felt the tremor.

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Retired from Business because of health, James J. Magee of Lebanon finds pleasure in the care of 350 choice begonia plants. By careful cultivation and pollenization he has developed rare blooms in unusual shades. His collection is compactly arranged in a lath-house at the rear of his dwelling, 519 Isabella street.

Retired Lebanon Merchant Keeps Busy with Begonias

Lebanon—A fondness for flowers and especially begonias, has prompted James J. Magee, retired merchant, to take to the cultivation of this particular plant as a hobby. He now has 350 begonias in a compact garden at his home at 519 Isabella street.

By experiment and study he has learned to pollinize by hand, for bees give no aid because of the begonia's lack of fragrance.

Magee's work begins in January when the minute seed are sprouted. Toothpicks are used to lift the tiny plants for transplanting. A second transplanting places the plants from flats to ground space or pots. Although of the opinion that open ground is the best place for begonias, Magee gets excellent results in potted plants.

The blooming season is from May to September, his plants now being at peak bloom. His choicest flower at present is a camellia type begonia measuring eight inches in diameter. It has been in blossom for more than three weeks.

There are many varieties and types of begonias, according to this gardener, which makes pollination and the final bloom an event to look forward to. His gardens are an attraction to many flower lovers, including out of town guests.

Livestock Auction Plans Are Started

Albany—W. A. Vollstedt, Albany, will again head the bidder's contact committee for the Albany and Lebanon Kiwanis club sponsored 4-H club fat livestock auction sale August 31, it is announced by O. E. Mikesell, chairman of the Albany Kiwanis club agriculture committee. Harold Fisher, Albany, will serve as vice-chairman, and A. J. Wilson, will organize a similar committee for Lebanon.

Other members of Vollstedt's committee are: Roy Collins, Lowell Seaton, Glen Wilfert, Clifford Knodoll, Neal Craig, Chet Loe, Harold Arnett, and Frank Zarones.

Ed Fortmiller, city recorder, is chairman of the clerking committee and will be assisted by representatives from the three Albany banks.

Dan Roth, Albany auctioneer, has been again secured to cry the sale which is one of the state's best. Roth sold 136 animals in the record time of one hour and 35 minutes in 1948.

The sale will be held in the 4-H club fair building in Albany, and will start at 8 p.m., DST.

CIO Vote Tractor Strike

Chicago, Aug. 13 (AP)—Members of the CIO farm equipment workers today threatened to strike against the International Harvester Tractor Works to back up demands for "an adequate wage and a pension plan."

The workers voted 2,698 to 471 last night in favor of striking "if necessary."

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Truman Renews Welfare Plea

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—President Truman today renewed his plea for senate approval of reorganization plans creating a department of welfare and transferring the bureau of employment security from the federal security to the labor department.

In a letter to Vice President Barkley, the president said: "If these plans fail, the whole great endeavor to reorganize the executive branch in accordance with modern principles of administration and management will be imperiled."

Mr. Truman's letter said that "a public campaign has been investigated against them, and a majority of the senate committee on expenditures in the executive department that they be disapproved by the senate."

He said objections raised to both plans "appear to me to be ill-founded and mistaken." He said that if they are rejected, "a serious blow will be dealt to the prospects for further progress."

He added: "Every special interest group concerned with the operation of the government will be encouraged to try to block further steps toward efficiency and economy."

Mr. Truman disclosed that he had discussed the two plans with former President Herbert Hoover within the last few days. "He shares my concern that their rejection would be a real setback to the effort to reorganize the executive branch of the government," Mr. Truman asserted.

Police Seeking Loot From Fairview Store

Lebanon—Police are still without clues in the weekend theft of articles from Fairview store and the Richfield service station on Highway 20 three miles east of Lebanon.

County officers are cooperating with state police in the investigation. Taken from the Fairview store were four rifles, 10 boxes of shells, four automatic reels, electric toaster, two flashlights, 15 to 20 cartons of cigarettes, stamps, small amount of cash, two wrist bands and a .22 pistol.

A lighter loss was felt at the Richfield station, with the loss confined to candy, flashlight batteries, fountain pens and small change.

Man Buried Under Tons of Sand Dies

Seattle, Aug. 13 (AP)—Buried alive when tons of sand caved in at the bottom of a well, Eldon E. Berkey, 33, died last night before rescuers could free him.

Berkey, a resident of the Juanita district near here, was helping John Mareek of Kirkland deepen the well on Jack Haugen's land near Bothel when the cave-in occurred.

Rescue workers recovered the body two hours later.

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EARLY BIRD TO GET WORM New Gadget Devised to End Up and Downs in Meat Prices

By OVID A. MARTIN (Associated Press Farm Reporter)

Washington, Aug. 13—Farmers may get their first experience this fall with the government's latest gadget for ending periodic ups and downs in prices and supplies of meat.

The gadget is a provision in the agriculture department's price support program for hogs. It is aimed at giving a better price break to the farmer who raises, fattens and sells his hogs early prices than he now gets because there no longer would be a sharp price break just at the time when he has the most hogs to sell.

The consumer no longer would have to pay very high prices in the late winter and late summer because there would be larger supplies of meat at those times.

To encourage farmers to spread out hog farrowings and marketings, the price support guarantee is highest in those seasons when hog marketings—and pork supplies—are usually the smallest.

This variable price support pattern has been in effect for several years. But farmers have had no experience with it because prices have been far above support levels.

The situation is expected to be different in the fall. A big increase in last spring's pig crop is expected to be reflected in a heavy market run of hogs in the late fall and winter—in

Most farmers breed their sows so that they will farrow in the spring and early fall—when the weather is usually most favorable for pigs.

What is needed, says the department, is a change in the breeding pattern so that more pigs will be born in the late winter and more in the summer and hence fewer in the spring and fall.

Both the farmer and the consumer would benefit, says the department. The farmer would

Report Revolt North Albania

Rome, Aug. 13 (AP)—Reports published in morning newspapers here today quoted Radio Athens as saying a revolution had broken out in northern Albania.

The report, which was not credited to any source, said fighting was underway between Albanian army units and partisans. It said the revolt was being directed by agents of Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia.

Albania, which is cut off from land communication with other Soviet satellites, has been on the outs with Tito since he was expelled from the Cominform (Communist International Information Bureau). Several Albanian leaders charged with being pro-Tito recently were executed by the Albanian government.

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Aug. 12 (AP)—Diplomatic sources here said today they had no knowledge of a revolution in Albania as reported by Rome newspapers.

Government officials here also disclaimed knowledge of an Albanian revolt, as did officials at the Albanian legation. The Albanians said they did not believe the report.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 13 (AP)—The Little Rock zoo's only Yak—a furry, cold weather animal—died of sunstroke yesterday. Zoo officials said the animal's temperature reached 108 before death. "Tibet is the native habitat of the fur-bearing yak."

fact so heavy that it may pull prices below government support levels.

Government officials believe the experience of having to sell hogs under the variable price support standard will lead many farmers to spread their future raising operations over a longer period of time.

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