



race to Face—A farm boy and his entry are masked for the traditional annual carnival oxen race, held for the hundredth time in the Bavarian village of Aising, Germany.

## Big Bug Control Project Starts

Slated to get under way in about 60 days is the largest insect control operation ever attempted by the Oregon state board of forestry.

The project is the spraying of approximately 500,000 acres of bud worm infested forests of the state. A half million gallons of DDT solution will be used in spraying the forests.

The spraying is to start the latter part of May in the forests at Kinzua, Ore. Between 160,000 and 180,000 acres of timberlands will be treated there.

The department will start awarding bids for aircraft rental for the spray jobs in April. Dates for awarding the bids, the unit to be treated and the number of aircraft required are:

April 17, Kinzua unit of 160,000 to 180,000 acres, 16 single engine, 450 h.p. and four single engine, 300 h.p. for stand-by use; April 24, Ukiah unit of approximately 130,000 acres, 12 single engine, 450 h.p. and three single engine, 300 h.p. for stand-by use; May 1, LaGrande unit of approximately 100,000 acres, eight single engine, 450 h.p. and two single engine, 300 h.p. for stand-by use; and May 8, Enterprise unit of approximately 85,000 acres, one multi-motor capable of carrying 1,000 gallons of spray and one single engine, 450 h.p. for stand-by use.

In addition to these projects a 15,000 acre infested area in the Springfield-Roseburg area will be treated with the DDT in between the larger projects. Two aircraft will be required for this job.

All persons desiring to bid on aircraft rental may obtain the bid prospectus forms by contacting the Oregon State Board of Control, State Capitol, Salem, Oregon.

Dale Beaver, forester with the Salem headquarters, will supervise the Kinzua project; Lee Harter, the Ukiah project; Harold Dixon, the Enterprise unit, and Gene Mannoek the Springfield-Roseburg area. John B. Woods, Jr., assistant state forester, is in charge of the entire operation, aided by Research Director Dick Berry. Herman Poulin, experienced aerial duster and chemical man, has been attached to the forestry department for these insect control operations as operations coordinator.



No Hardship Here—This seal, frolicking among ice cakes reminiscent of its natural habitat, enjoys the frigid waters of its home in the pool of New York City's Central park.

## Contract Let For New School

Contract for the construction of a new high school building at St. Paul was let to the Bernard & Kirk Construction company of that community on its low bid of \$145,950, according to H. W. Bowers, school clerk.

Overall dimensions of the plant will be 139 by 218 feet with steam heat and an oil burner to be used.

The building will be an L-shaped one, one-story in height and over concrete slab on the ground. It will have concrete walls and a flat roof. The school will house six classrooms, a combination auditorium-gymnasium section, offices, locker and shower rooms.

Among other bids received was one for \$191,660 by Erwin E. Batterman, Salem. Two other contractors bid on the project.

## Unit Raises Money

Hopewell—Leonard Hickeron received high score prize at the Hopewell home extension party. Mrs. John Geister and Lloyd Luckenbill received low prizes, and Mrs. Ross Rogers, the special prize. About 60 at-

## Lora Lee Michel Now Court Ward

Los Angeles, March 16 (AP)—Lora Lee Michel, 9, who ran away from her life as a \$100 a day film actress, today faces an existence virtually that of an orphan—a ward of the court.

Juvenile Judge A. A. Scott yesterday said Lora Lee "will be kept in Juvenile Hall and studied for awhile, then she will be replaced in another foster home where she can have fun like any other child."

The child twice has complained to authorities that she was beaten and starved in order to keep her weight down for movie roles. Tuesday, however, she reversed her story and told Judge Scott her foster parents had been "wonderful" to her.

"Because Lora Lee is a problem child, without question, we expect to have considerable difficulty in finding a home to suit her needs," the judge said yesterday.

"She will be permitted normal visitation privileges from her foster parents and she may, if her viewpoint responds satisfactorily, be permitted at some future time to return to Texas with them in the event they wish to return there."

Her foster parents are Mr. and Mrs. Otto Michel, who adopted the child in 1945 in Texas. Since coming here, Lora Lee has played in a score of movies.



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## Basic School Funds Sent Out

Oregon's 1,347 school districts got \$8,512,442 today in basic school funds.

The apportionment is the second half of the allotment for the 1949-50 school year. The money comes from income tax receipts.

Amounts distributed today by counties:

Baker \$113,685, Benton \$149,291, Clackamas \$585,279, Clatsop \$176,293, Columbia \$189,998, Coos \$253,470, Crook \$52,377, Curry \$41,359, Deschutes \$153,844, Douglas \$328,748, Gilliam \$18,431, Grant \$58,975, Harney \$47,629, Hood River \$104,588, Jackson, \$404,863, Jefferson \$35,986, Josephine \$234,120, Klamath \$275,313, Lake \$45,741, Lane \$766,876, Lincoln \$168,605, Linn \$359,523, Malheur \$214,217, Marion \$476,187, Morrow \$39,903, Multnomah \$1,781,180, Polk \$162,238, Sherman \$18,830, Tillamook \$108,233, Umatilla \$235,414, Union \$131,974, Wallowa \$51,357, Wasco \$79,123, Washington \$391,778, Wheeler \$21,800, Yamhill \$245,019.

## 'Wheelbarrow Larry' Makes Pike Peak

Pike's Peak Summit, Colo., March 16 (AP)—Larry Hightower, the only man to push a

wheelbarrow to the top of Pike's Peak, left the deserted summit house and started back to Colorado Springs today.

It took him five days to reach the top of the 14,110-foot mountain. Going down, he figured it would take about two days to cover the 26 miles.

The 49-year-old Ellensburg, Wash., man reached the top at 3:30 p.m. yesterday. His stubble of beard was covered with frost from the near-zero temperatures but said he was "feeling fine."

**Drop in Sugar Predicted**  
Portland, March 16 (AP)—A sugar company executive predicted yesterday that the price per 100 pounds would soon decline 10 cents at the refinery plant level. R. I. Herndon, general sales manager for the California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining corporation, said the price would soon drop from \$7.85 to \$7.75 at San Francisco. A similar reduction is already in effect on the Atlantic seaboard.

## Surplus Eggs Eyed by Britain

Washington, March 16 (AP)—The government was reported today to sell more than 1,000,000,000 of its price support eggs to Britain at prices averaging less than 13 cents a dozen.

Informants said U.S. and British negotiators were close to agreement on the multi-million dollar deal, probably the biggest egg transaction in world history.

The eggs—which have been de-shelled and dried into powder—are part of Uncle Sam's vast "surplus" food hoard. The eggs were taken off the market in 1948 and 1949 to hold up farm prices.

The big problem has been how to get rid of them without pushing down domestic prices.

The department has about \$1.30 a pound invested in egg powder. That is equivalent to about 43 cents a dozen.

If the deal with Britain is completed, informants said the sale price is expected to be less than 40 cents a pound (equivalent to 13 cents a dozen).

Actually, the transaction would return less than that amount to the treasury. A portion of the money the British would use would be supplied by the economic cooperation administration under the Marshall aid program.

Some reports said Britain was expected to take 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 pounds of egg powder. The U.S. government now holds about 85,000,000 pounds of egg powder.

## Legion Dinner Set March 27

Silverton—The anniversary banquet and birthday program of Delbert Reeves post No. 7, American Legion, is announced for Monday evening, March 27, with department and district officers to be invited as special guests. T. P. Heidenstrom is chairman of plans and Wesley Grogan, commander, official host.

Jake Kaufman was named by the commander as chairman of the Boy Scout committee.

The Legion voted favorably on holding the Pel Parade again this early summer with F. M. Powell to serve as chairman and to select his helpers.

No definite action was taken as to the sponsorship of a junior baseball team this season.

The report of the district 2 conference held at McMinnville during the past week was reported by Dale Evans and F. M. Powell who attended as delegates from Delbert Reeves post.

The post voted to table the report of the housing committee on the sale of an interest in the Legion Hall building to the Veterans of Foreign Wars post No. 3004.

A joint social hour and supper was held following the business session.

Argentina averaged 260 pounds of meat per person in 1948, Uruguay 227.

## Knuckle-Loving Husband Put On Probation

Newark, N.J., March 16 (AP)—When he beat her because she served him spare ribs instead of pig's knuckles with sauerkraut, she testified, that was the straw that broke the camel's back.

The woman appeared in family court yesterday to tell her story.

The trouble all started on their wedding night 13 years ago, she said, when her bridegroom tearfully confessed he really was from Pittsburgh instead of Baltimore as he had told her before they were married.

Since that first deception, things went from bad to worse, she claimed.

Lately he took to beating her when he came home from work, she said, but "never in the mornings and never on Saturday and Sunday when he doesn't work."

The acting magistrate put the knuckle-loving husband on six months' probation.

## 11 Growers in Hop Contract

Contract agreements to buy the entire crops of 11 hop growers were filed with the Clackamas county clerk this week by S. S. Steiner, Inc., Salem hop brokers.

Highest price offered for fuggles is 65 cents a pound with Gribble Bros., Canby route 3, agreeing to sell their entire crop estimated at 16,000 pounds for this figure. Peter and Rodney Olsen, Mt. Angel, will receive the same amount for an estimated 8000 pound crop and M. L. and Patricia White, Woodburn, were offered 65 cents a pound for an estimated 5000 pounds of the late cluster type.

Other contracts were: Donald R. and Evelyn DuRette, Aurora, 14,000 pounds of late clusters at 60 cents; H. H. and Emma Hansen, Hubbard, 16,000 pounds fuggles at 58 cents; W. B. and Lorene Hastie, Hubbard, 5000 pounds fuggles at 58 cents; Omer Marquam, Marquam, 11,000 pounds fuggles at 58 cents; Omer Miley, Aurora, 10,000 pounds late cluster at 60 cents; Arthur Olsen, Molalla, 30,000 pounds fuggles at 58 cents; Roland and Fieldia P. a. t. h. e. r, Woodburn, 8000 pounds fuggles at 58 cents and Elmer and Gertie Thompson, Woodburn, 5000 pounds late clusters at 60 cents.

**Streetcar on Display**  
Portland, March 16 (AP)—A Council Crest streetcar from the now historic Portland Heights line has a resting place. Portland Traction Company President Gordon Steele said the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry will get the ancient trolley car for display on the east side. He added that the city had seemed undecided about accepting another offered for public preservation and it had been scrapped.

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