

Vast Horde of Grasshoppers Expected to Move About May 1

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Lakeview, Ore., March 18 (U.P.)—A vast horde of dormant grasshoppers, largest of its kind in the nation, will threaten destruction to a rich agricultural area when it resumes its relentless migration this spring, authorities said today.

Growers May Jump Incomes

Income of flax growers can be substantially increased if the growers will pull their crop on the basis of maturity rather than convenience, according to fiber flax studies conducted by the OSC agricultural experiment station.

Flax has its maturity, with a maximum quality and quantity of flax fiber, high seed germination and oil content with low wax content when it reaches the early golden yellow stage.

The proper state of maturity for pulling is when the majority of the green stems have turned golden yellow and have shed their leaves from the lower third of the stem, the investigations reveal. Seed bolls range from an occasional blossom to a few that are dry enough to rattle when maturity is reached.

This stage of maturity was reached between 78 and 85 days in trials conducted last year. Because the time will vary from year to year with the weather and other growing conditions, inspection is the only sure way of properly timing pulling operations.

The usual practice in Oregon at present is to pull flax after it has passed the optimum stage of maturity. After this time the line fiber yield and quality begins to drop rapidly and the percentage of wax to rise. The high wax content makes the fiber difficult to handle by the spinners.

Tom Hill Opens New Shop Here

Tom Hill, who started making candy when he was 17 years old back in Kansas City, Mo., and with the exception of time spent as a soldier in the first world war has been at it ever since, has opened a shop for the sale of sweets at 264 North High street.

Although products of his shop are already being retailed, formal opening will be held in connection with the annual "Spring Opening," March 23. At that time people will be given an opportunity to witness the process of candy manufacture.

Hill started his first activities in Salem with a "chocolate shop" on South Commercial street about 30 years ago. Later he moved to 12th and Leslie where he remained 10 years. For a while he operated a lunch room on North Capital street and abandoned candy making except for the Christmas trade.

After three years of operations at Valley Junction he again returned to Salem. His line now includes 40 varieties of chocolates as well as fudges, brittles, taffies, hard candy and a wide assortment of boxed candies.

Liberty Girl Scout Troop Starts Cooking

Liberty — Yvonne Pool was hostess to the Girl Scout troop 51 at her home on Rt. 9. The entire group is starting in their second degree of homemaking, which is cooking. The order of the day was a primary seam and the placing of a patch.

Working on the second class, in agriculture, arts and crafts are Janice Smith, Patty McMillin, Margo Hudkins, Shirley Hudson and DeLee Davidson.

Jackie Welch and Shirley Hudson were in charge of the entertainment, and Janice Smith assisted Mrs. Alvin Pool with the refreshments.

Mrs. Robert Morrow, who is the Girl Scout leader, has returned home from the hospital and is convalescing at her home on Boxwood Lane.

The grasshopper carpet, with a population of many millions spaced about 28 per square yard, lies astride southeastern Oregon and northwestern Nevada, with fringes in the northeast corner of California.

Voracious and meticulous, the hoppers will be on the move again approximately May 1, devouring vegetation with the efficiency of a new vacuum cleaner sucking up loose dirt.

"We expect severe damage from the grasshoppers throughout the crop season," said Elgin Cornett, county extension agent in Lakeview.

Cornett said that if the grasshoppers come out and continue to move in a northwesterly direction as they did last year, they could easily pose a serious threat to Warner valley, where last year there were 30,000 head of cattle, 20,000 acres of hay and 15,000 acres of grain.

Center of the horde is a point 35 miles east of Lakeview. The horde itself is 80 miles long and 40 miles wide. The infested area covers 1,011,840 acres, including 276,480 in Lake county and 458,880 in Harney county, Oregon, and 276,480 in Washoe county and 148,480 in Humboldt county, Nevada.

Cornett has received a map from the U. S. Bureau of Entomology, based on surveys taken last year when the grasshoppers were moving in a northwesterly direction six miles a day, stripping rangeland of sagebrush and grass.

The big red patch on the map, showing the outlines of the infestation, indicate there may be a movement this year toward California. Already there is a small infestation in Modoc county, Calif., northeast of Cedarville.

Cornett and other experts are uncertain what the locusts will do to agriculture because these particular hoppers are believed to be a new species, named the western range locust. Thus far they have concentrated in desert and rangeland.

"If we have a program of control of decent size, we can do some good," said Cornett. But federal entomologists fear that appropriation of control funds may come too late to destroy the hoppers while they are hatching. A committee headed by Oscar Kittridge of Lake county, has sought control money from the Oregon state emergency board. The board will decide late this month on an appropriation.

Cornett said a mixture of sawdust bran and poison, scattered by machine and hand in the infested area about hatching time, presently is considered the best control method.

Red Hills Grange Welcomes Visitors

Liberty — The Red Hills grange met at the grange hall. Many visitors attended from Woodburn and the Silverton granges. They were able to take part in the demonstration of grange work.

Frank Judd, master, presided at the meeting, and as the roll of officers was called each recited an incident about a bird or told a joke or story to commemorate St. Patrick's day.

A routine business meeting was held with a discussion on farming and legislation. Charles Ratcliff spoke on "Socialist Phase in England Today." Refreshments were served by the committee.

Masonic Lodge Guest Lafayette — The regular meeting of Joppa Masonic Lodge was held with several guests present: Leonard Hamner, D.D.G.M. from Newberg; Frank Knoll of Research lodge, No. 198 of Portland; Floyd Banks of Yamhill; Rod Campbell of Sheridan No. 64; Earl Coburn and Oden Morgaridge of Jacob Mayer No. 108 of Dayton. Mr. Knoll was guest speaker. Refreshments were served.



Kaiser Goes to Smelter—Bronze bust of Kaiser Wilhelm I, is lowered from the Berlin Palace of Peace en route to the furnace due to shortage of metals in Russian zone of Germany. This scene is a reenactment for Russian cameramen.

City Park at Lebanon Named In Honor of Dr. Joel Booth

By C. K. LOGAN

Half a century of service to residents of Linn county and the state by Dr. Joel C. Booth was noted in Lebanon this week by the naming of the city park at Hiatt and Sherman streets in his honor, capping a surprise testimonial banquet.

The dinner was held on the 93rd birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Westfall, oldest sister of Dr. Booth, who raised him from a youth, with speakers Mark Weatherford, of Albany, attorney and past member of the state senate; Dr. N. E. Irvine, who formerly practiced medicine with Dr. Booth; William Thomas, president of the Lions club; members of the Lebanon city council and Kiwanis club.

Dr. Booth was an Iowa farm boy coming to Linn county in 1896 where he began his medical career in the "horse and buggy" era, teaching school at Lyons, Waterloo and in other Santiam districts to obtain funds for his medical studies.

The future doctor was again forced to delay his studies when he served in the armed forces during the Spanish-American war, but after his discharge he completed his studies in San Francisco and the University of Oregon, joining his brother at Lebanon in 1900 when he began his practice.

Business was good in those days, for the young doctors were forced to keep three teams of horses and buggies in order to attend patients in outlying districts and rough roads and weather were never permitted to board during its earlier years and is active in shaping plans for the new community hospital.

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Edwin Smith Services Held

Final services for Edwin M. Smith, 80, who died at Corvallis this week after a short illness, were held here Saturday afternoon following services at Corvallis. He was a member of the business office staff of Oregon State college for 32 years prior to his retirement in 1947.

Smith was born in Polk county January 4, 1870 and graduated from the old Oregon Normal school at Monmouth in 1891, teaching school in Polk county until 1904 when he served as county clerk until 1914.

The following year he joined the college staff and became manager in 1925, serving in this capacity until 1940 when he was given an emeritus rating and continued as assistant comptroller and disbursing officer until he retired. In 1934 he was named assistant comptroller for the state system of higher education, a position he held in connection with his other duties until 1945.

Smith had been a prominent figure in college circles for a third of a century and while he had retired from active office duties, he continued his membership on the athletic board. He had been a member of the present athletic board since its incorporation in 1939 and was also a member of the forerunner of the present board for several years.

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Gen. Fairchild Of Air Force Dies

Washington, March 18 (U.P.)—Gen. Muir S. Fairchild, second in command of the U.S. air force died suddenly last night at the age of 55, after a long career in the nation's service.

Fairchild was stricken with a heart attack at his quarters in nearby Fort Myer, Va.

Born at Bellingham, Wash., on September 2, 1894, Fairchild first saw service as a sergeant with the Washington state national guard in 1916. Later that year he became a flying cadet, starting a military career, which saw him rise to the high post of

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air force vice chief of staff. Fairchild was appointed a second lieutenant in the aviation section of the army's signal corps reserve in March, 1918, while in France. From then until the end of World War I he flew bomber missions against Germany.

In 1919 he was discharged from service, and the following year he obtained a commission in the regular army as a flying first lieutenant. His progress from then on was rapid.

Fairchild was named vice chief of staff for the air force on May 27, 1948, after serving as commandant of the air univer-

sity in Montgomery, Ala. Besides the Distinguished Flying Cross, Fairchild wore a Croix de Guerre awarded him by France.

16-Year-Old Girl Held In Burglary Roundup

A 16-year-old girl, the eighth juvenile to be rounded up after the uncovering of a young gang of burglars and car thieves, was listed on the Salem police blotter Friday.

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