

Oregon Meat Inspection Is on Voluntary Basis

By MARGARET MAGEE

Does Oregon have adequate meat inspection laws? Is the consuming public protected in the meat it buys?

Apparently the laws are in the minus column. There is none covering the inspection of meat, except on a voluntary basis.

The condition now existing is explained by Oregon's Director of Agriculture E. L. Peterson as being one where a producer can slaughter and sell any animal he owns to a meat dealer with no inspection.

Producer slaughtering, however, is not a major problem for as Peterson pointed out, there is actually not a great deal of producer slaughtering, except in the case of veal.

But even in slaughter plants there is no inspection of animals either before or during slaughter, except when the owner wishes to give it.

This does not mean though that all of the meat purchased in Oregon is not inspected.

Some plants have federal inspection, which is required for interstate shipment of meat, and others do it on a voluntary basis, hiring and paying the salaries themselves of a licensed veterinarian as inspector.

Of the state's 133 slaughtering plants, eight have federal inspection, 15 are under the state's voluntary program. Three horse-meat plants also have federal inspection.

Evidence that meat has been inspected is the stamp of vegetable dye found on the principal parts of the meat.

Under the voluntary program for inspection the inspection is conducted in accordance with state regulations. These follow essentially those of the federal bureau of animal husbandry, a division of the U. S. department of agriculture.

Not to be confused with the inspection of the meat is the licensing and inspection by the state of commercial slaughtering establishments. In this instance the inspection is of facilities for the purpose of sanitary slaughtering conditions.

Peterson and the state veterinarian, Dr. R. R. Younce, both pointed out that meat inspection can be complete only if it entails both ante-mortem inspection (inspection of the live animal) and hot post-mortem inspection (the inspection of viscera immediately after it is drawn from the animal).

Younce explained that in the inspection of a live animal a fever and a visible disease can be caught, while in the post-mortem, which is pathological, the lymph glands and vital organs are examined. Through this examination such things as tuberculosis, systemic blood poisoning and tape worm fistula can be located.

One thing that cannot be found in the inspection of pork is trichinosis. It is for this reason that so much emphasis is placed on properly cooking pork.

The veterinarian further noted that the pathological check not only gives better utilization of the by-products, such as for medicinal purposes, and leads to better marketing.

Peterson commented that by the post-mortem inspection it could be determined whether an infection was local or systemic, pointing out that a bunch that appeared on an animal's head or neck might be local and in no way affect the rest of the meat.

On inspection in general, Peterson said people have a right to know what they are buying. Relative to lack of meat inspection he noted that, as far as he knew, there had been no human fatalities in Oregon traced to meat coming from disease contaminated animals.

Meat inspection, Peterson feels, can't mean anything unless you have it all the way through the slaughter plant and

Silverton Man Held for Shots

A complaint of assault with a dangerous weapon was filed against Wallace Joerg, Silverton, Monday, by his wife, Carlene, and the man was arrested by sheriff's deputies on the charge.

Mrs. Joerg charged that her husband fired two shots at her with a .22 caliber rifle during a family argument Sunday night. One shot went over her head and the other into the floor, she stated.

Joerg denied shooting at her, although admitted there was a family argument over religion Sunday night. He asked continuance in district court Tuesday to consult counsel. He is being held in lieu of \$3500 bail.

Presentation of Flag At Garfield School

A flag presentation was made Tuesday at 11 o'clock during the Garfield School assembly by members of Capital Unit No. 9, American Legion auxiliary, Mrs. O. E. Palmateer and Mrs. Fred Gahlsdorf.

The annual Flag Code contest sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary was conducted by the sixth graders in the 29 city schools with over 600 flag codes distributed by the American Legion committee of the auxiliary with Mrs. Helen McLeod, chairman.

The test was taken on February 11 with Garfield school having the highest percentage, Middle Grove, second and McKinley third.

The large silk flag is a traveling flag, but in case a school wins it for three consecutive years it remains the property of the school. The flag was won last year by McKinley school.

Mrs. Carol Blake is the sixth grade teacher and Mrs. May Smith, principal. Accepting the flag for the sixth graders were Walt Cauble, club president, and Suzette Taylor, class president.

Worthingtons Guests
Grand Island — Mrs. Raleigh Worthington and son, Floyd, of Grand Island visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill at Salem recently.

mal industry inspection. Each quarter is stamped and wrapped in clean muslin and sewed. The outside wrapping is of burlap and this, too, is sewed and tagged that the meat has been examined. On arrival in the states, U.S. BI officials again inspect the meat.

"Of course lots of things can take place after its arrival," Peterson said.

C. B. Anderson Quits as Police Judge at Silverton

Silverton — C. B. Anderson resigned from serving as municipal judge at the regular meeting of the Silverton city council, Monday evening.

J. H. Hainsworth of 411 Lewis St. was the only applicant for the vacancy.

Anderson succeeded Attorney Kenneth Brown in October of 1952 on Brown's taking over his work as district attorney at the Salem office.

In the absence of the mayor, Harry Carson, no action was taken in selecting Anderson's successor.

Reading of resolutions, passing of ordinances, discussion of events of local interest, also featured the meeting, with Carl Hande, Jr., presiding as mayor in the absence of Harry Carson, Sr.

Members present were City Manager Robert Borland, and Aldermen Dr. R. J. Van Cleave, James Hollingsworth, Earl Hartman and Norman Eastman.

The police judge's report showed a month's total of \$362 in fines; eleven juvenile arrests and warnings, numerous drunks, wrong parking, speeding, and numerous minor offenses.

Civil Defense
The Marion county court advised Silverton that the town's cash share for the civil defense activities was \$9,500, the letter specifying the needs for this statewide fund.

The Oregon State Highway commission refused the city aid in improving one block on South James Ave., suggesting that blanks be filled out and sent in for the 1954 allotment.

Dr. R. E. Epeneter, president of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce, R. A. Fish, and Max Hubbs, appeared before the council requesting the privilege of conducting business sessions in the main room of the police station headquarters. The aldermen left the question up to Chief of Police R. E. Main.

Ordinance No. 413 was passed on its first reading. This is an amendment to Ordinance 340, providing for the changing of a zone on Welch and Phelps Sts. near the hospital, from residen-

tial to commercial. Ordinance No. 414 was passed on third reading, concerning shrubbery and signs that interfered with clear view of drivers of cars or trucks.

The group voted to take necessary measures to prohibit parking cars near the ambulance entry side of the hospital, as sufficient parking space had been provided in the rear of the building.

The prospective managers of the drive-in theater asked that a certain area in the neighborhood of Bartlett and Mill streets be changed to zone 3, that provides for the construction of commercial buildings.

The aldermen wanted the city planners to pass judgment on this request before definite action was taken. Swing hinge-covered waste containers are to be tried out to help in keeping the streets clean. Discussed at length were water drainage and sewage for areas that are fast building up with new homes.

Hubbard Food Sale
Hubbard—The Ladies Aid of the Hubbard Community church is sponsoring a food sale at Welch's Red and White store, Saturday, March 7, beginning at 10 a.m.

North Marion High Activities

Members of the North Marion band will be entered in the district solo and ensemble contest at Corvallis, Saturday, March 7.

Dale Calloway will enter the solo division with a cornet solo; the clarinet quartet consisting of Judy Albers, Geraldine Zehner, Suzanne DeArmand and Wendell McLin will compete; also the trombone quartet consisting of Robert Beal, Keith Hoefling, Keith Driver and Wayne Van Liew; the saxophone quartet composed of Joan Solberg, Howard Mickelson, Robert Jeskey and Ronald Jeskey and the brass sextet will be entered in the junior division with Arjil Shrock, trombone, Jackie Berkeley, baritone horn; Bobbie Rappe, bass horn; Russell Colgan, French horn; Ronald Jeskey, second cornet and Kenny Spence, first cornet. Hal Beyers will accompany the contestants at Corvallis.

Connie Beard and Janice Ray, delegates to the North Marion Future Homemakers of America will attend the state FHA conference in Corvallis, March 6 and 7 with Mrs. Jack McLaughlin, advisor of the FHA at North Marion.

The Band-Parents club meeting Thursday evening, March 5 at 8 p.m. will be combined with

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a band rehearsal. Eno Hamaro, Portland, from the Oregon Temperance league will speak to the junior and senior classes at North Marion high school Thursday. The monthly student council meeting will be held Thursday, March 5, at the school.

Can't Reform "Voice", He Would Abolish It

Washington (AP)—The chairman of a house appropriations subcommittee that passes on funds for the state department called today for abolition of its Voice of America radio. "You can't reform that outfit," Rep. Clevenger (R., O.)

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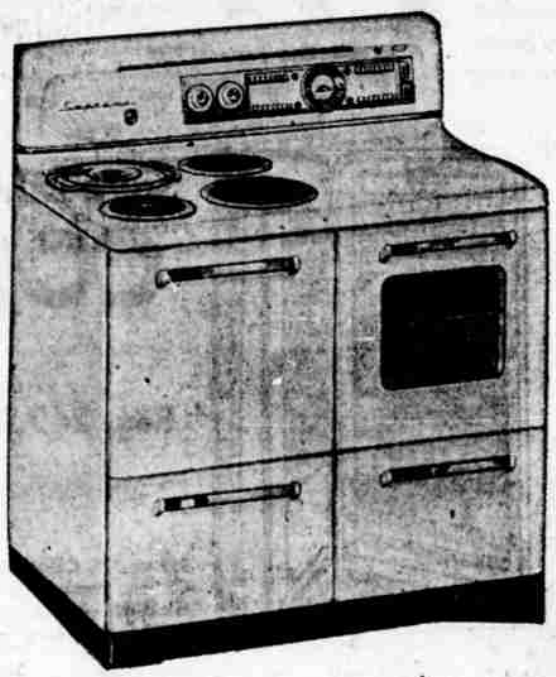
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