

BOILER ONIONS CANNED HERE



Starr Foods, Inc., December 1 started the canning of boiler size onions at their plant on Mill street. First step in the process is the cutting of the stem and root ends from the onion, pictured top left, and lower left. In the foreground in the top left is Catherine Lenniger, 5725 McLeod, and shown clipping the ends; lower left is Mrs. Paul Berndt, Route 4, Box 314. Upper right, women on the touching-up belt finish removing skins from the onions. Lower right onions in the pans in which they fall on coming off the touching-up belt, are stacked and ready to go to the canner. In the center of the picture is Glenn Lengren, plant superintendent, and at right is the assistant plant superintendent, Wilfred Perkins.

which removes most of the skins. The next operation is the washing of the onion. This is done in a revolving reel washer. From here the onions go onto a belt where women remove any peellings not taken off by the machine and do the touching up of the onions for canning. At the end of the touching-up belt the onions drop into large pans in which they are transported to the canning operation, where salt is added to them before the lids are clamped on. As the cans roll out of the canner, about 250 cases of them a day, they move off to have their labels stuck onto them. Starr Foods, Inc., has its own

label, reading "Starr brand whole boiled onions." They, however, are not the only labels under which you will find the onions canned at Starr's, for they will also bear the labels of the private-label buyers. Next stop of the onion is the wholesaler and the store where you do your shopping. Then comes its final destination, the dinner table. Here you can find it in any of the dishes in which freshly cooked onions are used, creamed onions, stews, pot pies and oven browned in roasts.

TURKEY SHOW OPENS MONDAY
Roseburg (AP) — The annual Northwestern Turkey Show will open Monday at the Douglas county fairgrounds. It will run five days.

Men's Club Hears Lecture by Schulze

The Men's club of First Congregational church was entertained Wednesday night with an illustrated lecture by Dr. Daniel Schulze of the Willamette faculty about journeys through European countries in charge of a group of about 30 young people from various parts of the United States. The trip was made last summer, and the collection of slides included natural scenery, architecture, folk life and customs in all the countries visited. All were explained or commented on by Dr. Schulze.

Thousands at Opening of Lockwood Homes Project

Thousands of potential home buyers inspected and viewed the celebrated Lockwood home in Salem during Lockwood's grand opening last week. The home, which will go to some lucky Korean War veteran for a Christmas present, was received with enthusiasm and gained considerable favorable comment, Howard Anderson, Salem manager of Lockwood Homes said. He went on to say that the turnout proved that Salem people were the same as people all over the United States. "Give them what they want, for a price they can afford to pay, and you won't have any trouble selling your product," Anderson added. "A great number of sales are now being made."

People came from all over the state during the week-long affair, which was highlighted with local remote radio broadcasts direct from the Lockwood home over Salem station KSLM with Dave Hoss doing the reporting. Hogg Brothers Furniture beautifully furnished the three bedroom model home with furniture... other contributors for the furnishings are: Yeater Appliance, Valley Television, Master Service Stations; Al Laue. Anderson reported Friday that people were still coming out in droves to see the home which is located at the corner of Peck and Harris streets in Salem, and that many of those visiting the structure were veterans who had made application to win it.

Sites Viewed for First Wing Truman Library

Kansas City (AP) — Harry S. Truman says he hopes contracts for the first wing of the Truman Foundation Library will be let before March 1. The former President escorted two architects around the Truman farm at nearby Grandview yesterday to inspect three possible sites for the library. The building will house presidential papers and other mementos.

GRAND ISLAND WET
Grand Island — The Willamette river is again, for the second time this season, causing a slight inundation of parts of the Grand Island district. Foreign born people were about 13.4 per cent of the U. S. population in 1900 but only 6.7 per cent of the population in 1950.

Canning Onions New in Salem Industrial Life

By MARGARET MAGEE

Starr Foods, Inc., plant in Salem has solved one of the housewives' crying problems. No longer must she shed tears peeling for a dish of creamed onions, for stew or some other concoction demanding a goodly number of onions. December 1, the Salem plant started canning boiler onions of the Yellow Danver variety. They come in two sizes of cans, the 303, which is the retail size for use in the homes and the No. 10 can for hotels, restaurants and institutions. As far as is known, the Starr plant is the first to can onions locally. However, firms in other parts of the country have canned onion and they have been on the market. The new operation is timed to begin after the firm has completed processing prunes and provides employment for from 28 to 30 persons at a time when the cannery normally would not be operating. It is possible that the canning will continue for two or three months. In addition to providing employment onion canning is also providing a market for onion growers for the smaller size of onion. Those being canned this year are coming from Lake Labish and from Gaston and are received by the cannery after being graded out of the larger onions. Preparation of the onions and their canning is relatively simple. There is an odor, but after a short time of working on the onions, it is claimed they no longer bring tears to the eyes. Arriving at the cannery in the usual red mesh bags, with which all are familiar, the onions are dumped into boxes and placed in front of the women, who cut off both the root and the top ends. This is the first step in the preparation for canning. This group of women, numbering about 18, works along a belt. Once the two ends have been sliced from the onion it moves along to a 12-foot hot water blancher, which helps in loosening the skins of the onion. As the onion comes out of the blancher it drops into an abrasive peeler, the whirling disk of

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