

Linn Co. Crop Income Drops

ALBANY—Linn county's gross income from 1953 farm marketings was \$18,820,000, a drop of 5 per cent from 1952, according to estimates released Wednesday by County Extension Agent O. E. Mikesell.

Lower prices for livestock, peppermint, some seed crops and farm forest products, and a further decline in turkey numbers were the principal reasons for the over-all decrease. Coupled with the lower gross income, Mikesell said, is a decline in net return to farmers because of higher costs of purchased items and increased taxes and interest rates.

The value of 1953 seed crops was \$5,000,000 which is the county's No. 1 source of income. Principal seed crops are common ryegrass, perennial ryegrass, alta fescue, chewing fescue, highland bentgrass, hairy vetch, common vetch, and Austrian peas. Linn county continues to lead the state in the production of seed crops primarily because of common ryegrass.

Fire Damages Home In North Albany

ALBANY — Fire in the C. H. Smithson home, North Albany, Tuesday caused an estimated \$2,500 damage and left part of the family of nine without sleeping quarters.

Assistant Fire Chief Cecil Burkhardt said the blaze began in the garage adjoining the residence, located about five miles west of Albany on the Gibson Hill road and swept up the wall to an upstairs bedroom.

According to Burkhardt, some discarded clothing and rags had been put into the furnace, where a small fire burned. Children opened the door of the furnace and some of the burning clothing fell to the floor of the garage, Burkhardt said.

More clothes stored near the furnace and some nearby trash caught fire and flames sped up the wall near the furnace.

No one was injured as a result of the blaze.

East Salem

EAST SALEM — Several items of business were considered at the Monday night meeting of the Hoover Parent Teachers Association which are of interest to residents of that school community.

The president asked for records to be used at the school. The April meeting of the state PTA, which will be held in Salem this year, Feb. 21, 22, 23, was announced, and Hoover association will have five delegates.

An association project considered is that of asking to have the boundary of the city limits extended to include the school property.

Water, fire, sewage and police protection are all considered. Joseph Wilson was asked to investigate what would be involved in consideration of this project further, and to report at the next meeting.

Don Sebura, representative of the school in the Salem Parent Teacher council gave his report of the last meeting when traffic safety on the highway for school children had been discussed.

Mrs. Mable Sumpter, school principal, announced that March 8-12 is science week and that March 11 would be special science day for Hoover school and it would coincide with open house night.

Robert Heard, cub master, reported that 20 percent of the present members of his Cub Scouts are graduating to Scout privileges and there is no scoutmaster for them.

Gus Moore, a member of the Salem school board, the park commission and executive secretary of the YMCA, was guest speaker. He passed out questionnaires which were filled out by the audience and then he tried to bring all up to date on school and park problems.

The regular meeting of Salem school board in the building next week was announced.

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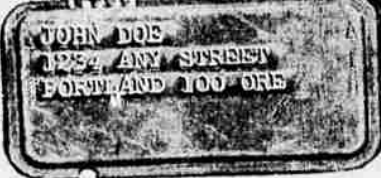
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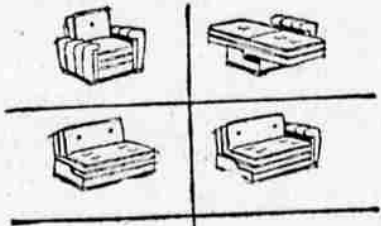
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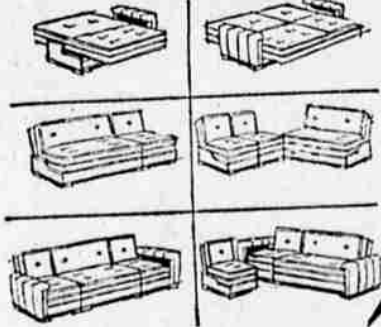


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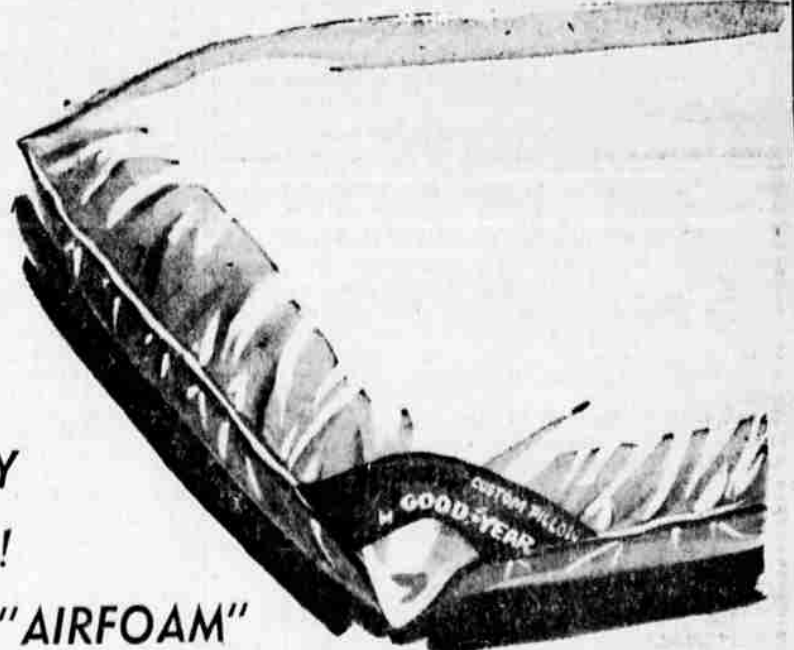
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