



**SULPHUR DUSTING BY AIR.** This Bell 47-D utility helicopter is dusting a citrus grove near Houston, Tex., with sulphur. Until recently, dusting with sulphur had been considered highly dangerous. Now, however, aircraft of this model are permitted to do so, thus paving the way for expansion of helicopter dusting to Southeast states where sulphur is widely used to fight insects and disease.

**Rufus Upperclasses Take Trip**

The Rufus high school seniors and juniors enjoyed a three day "Skip Day" at Suttle lake. There was much excitement preparing for the trip which began early Friday morning, May 7. The principal D. D. Williams took his car and Mrs Harland McDonald took her car for transportation and also acted as chaperones of the students. Those going were Donna Smith, Velda Guilford, Audrey Blackburne, Shirley Yocum, Bill McDonald, Lorraine Millard, Bill Smith and Arleta Wristen. The various places of interest visited were head of the Metolius, Camp Sherman, City of Bend, Santiam Pass, and seeing the rock gardens near Redmond. They reported the time spent hiking, boating, fishing, and eating was fun for all.

The rooms were decorated in spring flowers when Mrs R. T. Dingle entertained the Home Economics club at her home last Thursday afternoon. Mrs Trace Fields was co-hostess at the one o'clock luncheon. The business meeting was opened by chairman Mrs Joe Morris. The roll call, "The Handiest Gadget in my Kitchen" was responded to by the club members present. Most of the afternoon was spent planning the dinner the club is giving for the Rufus graduating class and their guests Wednesday, May 19 at the Rufus grange hall. There was some discussion whether to have the regular meeting or a picnic at the June meeting.

Mrs Nellie Fields gave a current events article on the government and way of living, with map illustrations on the East India. Attending the luncheon and meeting were besides the hostess and co-hostess, Mrs Curt Tom, Mrs Grace Medler, Mrs Alta Smith, Mrs Marie Guilford, Mrs Lucille Fox, Mrs Minnie Morris, Mrs Lulu Wilson, Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers, Mrs Adeline McDonald, Mrs Pearl Jones, Mrs Bernice Morris, Mrs Loretta Smith, and Mrs Lois Steward.

aid were hosts at a dinner May 4, given at their home, honoring their son Bill, members of the Rufus high graduating class and faculty members. Bidden were the teachers Mr and Mrs D. D. Williams, Miss Jewel Penley, Thomas Lewis, Mrs William Domreis, and the seniors Donna Smith, Velda Guilford, Audrey Blackburne, and Shirley Yocum. Mr and Mrs D. D. Williams gave a "Weiner Roast" party Saturday night to help their son Dale celebrate his eleventh birthday anniversary. Invited to the party were Roger, Don and Arnold Miller, George Fox Jr, and Gayle and Neal Eaton, Vincent Rice, Paul and Mark Williams.

Mrs W. A. Morris, and Mrs C. A. Tom attended the Federation of Women's clubs last Monday in The Dalles. The state officers were present and a pot luck dinner was served at noon. Mr and Mrs Harland McDonald attended the dance at the Elks club in The Dalles May 6, which featured Griff Williams and his orchestra.

George Fox made a trip to Goldendale Saturday trying to locate some pipe which he wants to use for a winter watering system of his cattle. Mr and Mrs Don Macnab and daughters spent Sunday in Dufur with Mr and Mrs John Addington.

The 42 telephone line has not been completed but the work has stopped at present so the farmers could get to work in the fields harrowing the summer fallow.

Mrs George Fox spent Friday in The Dalles shopping and attending the play "Just Perfect" which was put on by St. Mary's academy seniors at The Dalles high school auditorium, and of which her daughter Dolores was a member of the cast. Dolores came home with her mother to spend the weekend.

Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers came Friday night from her home in Rufus to spend the weekend at the ranch home of her son and daughter in law Mr and Mrs Charles Kuypers. Mrs Kuypers is having her living room floor sanded and refinished, and the walls and woodwork redecorated.

Carl Thompson is doing the work.

D. D. Williams principal of Rufus school has sent in his resignation. He has accepted a position as principal at Colton, which has a school of 300 pupils. The Williams' will make their home in Rufus until July 15.

Mrs William Domries, the primary teacher at Rufus will not return next year, but has a school near Skyline close to Portland which is only five miles from where she and her husband are building a new home.

Miss Phyllis Medler, daughter of Mrs Grace Medler has enrolled in the Oregon School of Beauty at Salem. This is a rigid course for a straight year with but few holidays. The book work is done in the mornings, and the training work in the afternoons. Phyllis says she is now giving permanents to outsiders.

Eiton Medler went to Corvallis Friday to spend the weekend and attend the formal A.G.R. house dance of which he is a member, that was held Friday night.

Mrs Dick Yocum, and Mr and Mrs Lee Dehler motored to Heppner Sunday to attend the ball game between Wasco vs Heppner. The score was 7 to 9 in Wasco's favor. While in Heppner they also called at the home of Mr and Mrs J. M. Yocum.

Mr and Mrs Frank Adams of Arlington were Sunday guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Ray Brown.

Mr and Mrs Carl Thompson and Mr and Mrs George Jensen went to Heppner Sunday to attend the ball game between Wasco and Heppner. Jensen is the pitcher for the Wasco team.

Mr and Mrs Dick Yocum and Shirley and Joe Yocum spent Saturday shopping in Yakima Washington.

Mrs Pete Skow and Mrs Bertha Reid drove to Rufus from Weiser, Idaho, to spend the week end with their children. Mrs Skow is the mother of Ray Brown and Mrs Reid is the mother of Ted Reid who lives at Maryhill.

Mrs Leland Medler entertained Sunday with a dinner honoring her husband's birthday anniversary. Guests were Mr and Mrs Alex Macnab, Bob, Pat and Jo Macnab of The Dalles, and Mr and Mrs Bill Macnab and daughter, and Frank Mettler of this district.

**Sheep Shearing Lighter Since Drop Greatly In Numbers**

This shearing job is not as big as it once was. It has shrunk in two ways. There are fewer sheep and shearing is easier. Thirty or forty years ago there were 2 or 2 1/2 million clips to be removed in this state each year with hand shears or single-headed manpowered clippers. Now the number has shrunk to about 750,000 head, or less than a third the number on farms at the turn of the century, and multiple-headed gas or electric-powered machines have reduced the size of the job even further. Trends have been similar nationally. Domestic wool production this year is likely to be around 5 percent smaller than last year. The number of stock sheep decreased about this amount in 1947. This was the sixth year in a row that numbers have declined. And here is a striking fact about the sheep and wool situation in this country.

**Synopsis of Annual Statement**

Of the AMERICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, in the State of New York, this thirty-first day of December, 1947, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

INCOME	
Net premiums received	\$ 6,348,138.07
Total interest, dividends and real estate income	886,453.93
Income from other sources	161,242.84
Total income	\$ 7,395,834.84

DISBURSEMENTS	
Net amount paid for losses	\$ 2,687,225.08
Loss adjustment expenses	154,971.47
Underwriting expenses	2,454,774.31
Dividends paid to stockholders	350,000.00
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	0
All other expenditures	111,266.56
Total disbursements	\$ 5,508,137.42

ADMITTED ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	0
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	0
Value of bonds owned (amortized)	3,208,929.00
Value of stocks owned (market value)	9,007,789.00
Cash in banks and on hand	611,625.43
Interest and rents due and accrued	736,192.38
Other assets (net)	31,016.00
Total admitted assets	\$13,566,902.80

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Total unpaid claims	\$ 975,406.00
Unpaid loss adjustment expenses for unpaid claims	25,000.00
Total unearned premiums	5,208,302.28
All other liabilities	297,000.00
Total liabilities, except capital	\$ 6,505,708.28
Unassigned funds	0
Surplus as regards policyholders (net)	1,094,915.54
Total	\$13,566,902.80

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received	\$ 48,003.72
Net losses paid	40,337.29
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	0

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Net premiums received	\$ 5,711.21
Net losses paid	2,391.44
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	0

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received	\$ 1,275,566.67
Total interest, dividends and real estate income	158,653.18
Income from other sources	44,649.27
Total income	\$2,478,771.12

DISBURSEMENTS	
Net amount paid for losses	\$ 716,369.45
Loss adjustment expenses	52,416.18
Underwriting expenses	1,041,462.38
Dividends paid to stockholders	100,000.00
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	0
All other expenditures	61,736.43
Total disbursements	\$1,972,024.44

ADMITTED ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	0
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	0
Value of bonds owned (amortized)	1,550,040.00
Value of stocks owned (market value)	3,716,720.00
Cash in banks and on hand	322,403.63
Interest and rents due and accrued	382,526.49
Other assets (net)	5,904.00
Total admitted assets	\$4,999,544.08

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Total unpaid claims	\$ 315,079.00
Unpaid loss adjustment expenses for unpaid claims	7,500.00
Total unearned premiums	2,135,000.00
All other liabilities	98,259.20
Total liabilities, except capital	\$2,655,838.20
Unassigned funds	0
Surplus as regards policyholders (net)	1,343,705.88
Total	\$4,999,544.08

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received	\$ 155,419.83
Net losses paid	12,000.00
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	0

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Net premiums received	\$ 1,725,669.30
Total interest, dividends and real estate income	1,625,729.01
Income from other sources	847,601.57
Total income	\$4,208,999.88

DISBURSEMENTS	
Net amount paid for losses	\$ 1,625,729.01
Loss adjustment expenses	7,925.71
Underwriting expenses	2,395,000.00
Dividends paid to stockholders	1,609,633.23
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	665,106.11
All other expenditures	0
Total disbursements	\$4,663,424.06

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Value of real estate owned (market value)	None
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	None
Value of bonds owned (amortized)	10,092,908.27
Value of stocks owned (market value)	5,108,317.45
Cash in banks and on hand	691,076.13
Interest and rents due and accrued	13,859.20
Other assets (net)	606,125.11
Total admitted assets	\$21,600,399.43

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Total unpaid claims	\$ 287,354.73
Unpaid loss adjustment expenses for unpaid claims	5,899.17
Total unearned premiums	1,892,894.69
All other liabilities	606,125.11
Total liabilities, except capital	\$3,792,273.70
Unassigned funds	None
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**THE PIT IN KANSAS CITY.** This picture shows commission merchants and brokers as they bid spiritedly for commodity grains on the Kansas City board of trade which Rep. Clarence Brown (Rep., Ohio) charged with receiving and handling "more orders from the District of Columbia than any other state." Grain pits came into limelight with congressional investigation into grain speculation by government officials who might take advantage of their inside information to profit in commodity trading.

Last January, fewer sheep were counted on farms than at any time during 82 years. That is as far back as the records go. In efforts to improve the position of the wool producer and lessen further declines the govern-

ment will support wool prices again this year through a loan and purchase program similar to those in operation for several years. Support prices on most graded 1948 clips were increased a cent a pound April 1.

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Of the MASSACHUSETTS FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, of BOSTON, in the State of Massachusetts, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

INCOME	
Net premiums received	\$2,775,566.67
Total interest, dividends and real estate income	1,625,729.01
Income from other sources	847,601.57
Total income	\$5,248,897.25

DISBURSEMENTS	
Net amount paid for losses	\$ 1,625,729.01
Loss adjustment expenses	7,925.71
Underwriting expenses	2,395,000.00
Dividends paid to stockholders	1,609,633.23
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