

**South America As Seen by Local Lady**

Mrs. Mildred Swain is writing to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott, from South America, where she is with her husband, who is employed by the government rubber research.

Continued from last week

**WE GO TO BELEM, PARA**

On Tuesday, January 18, 1944, Joe left Constantinople—the Pan Air Base in Manaus—and headed for Belem on the east coast of Brazil. He had been called to Belem on company business and since the plane was already loaded I was unable to get passage as I had wanted to accompany him and really see Belem for the first time. On my return trip from Africa we had merely stopped for fuel at the airport and did not come into the city at all.

Because of a late start they were unable to make Belem in one day and Joe spent the night at a little town called Santarim on the Amazon River half way between Manaus and Belem and reached Belem Wednesday, the 19th. Santarim is the Pan Air Do Brazil stop for lunch, usually, and for overnight when the time is short. The passengers are accommodated at an old style hotel with hammocks or hard beds offered for a "good night's rest."

As usual the Grande Hotel in Belem was over crowded and Joe spent the first night at the Men's Staff House which is operated by the hotel and is a lovely building with good accommodations and even inner-spring mattresses. He says that he didn't sleep a wink the first night since he was so used to the hard Brazilian beds that the change was too much for him.

I had booked passage on the plane leaving Saturday, January 22nd, however the schedule was suddenly changed and in a flurry of rushing and packing I barely caught the flight to Belem leaving Thursday morning, the 19th. Because of the mad rush only three passengers were able to catch the plane before departure from Manaus so we had plenty of room enroute. The weather was beautiful when we took off and the sky the deepest blue with bits of cotton clouds carelessly tossed here and there. This good luck lasted about thirty minutes when we hit a tropical storm and our pilot turned

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and twisted, went up and down, turned back and went around part of the storm and still we went on. I held my breath for fear he would abandon the trip and return to Manaus but by clever maneuvering we hit edges of the storm here and went through part of it there and finally settled on the Amazon River at Santarim after bouncing the tops of the big waves in an effort to settle down on the surface of the water. This was to have been our lunch stop but try as we might we could not get close enough to the pier to tie up for fear of pounding the plane to bits against the sides of this permanent structure. The rain came down in torrents and the wind slashed at the poor workers on the pier. Finally a brave soul rowed out to our plane in a surf and brought cold roast chicken and sandwiches and we had a cozy lunch on board the plane. Mr. Thomas, one of the passengers, braved the elements to go ashore to purchase some of the famous Santarim baskets for his wife in Belem but the remaining two of us stayed on board. The storm did not let up but we took off regardless and headed for Belem. Reading on board the plane was a bit difficult because

of the constant jerking and bouncing and sometimes dropping so I fastened my seat belt securely and promptly went to sleep. Occasionally I nearly popped my head off and came to with a start but otherwise I enjoyed the trip immensely and awakened just out of Belem.

**Brighter Outlook For Ore. Poultry Raisers**

A much brighter outlook for Oregon poultrymen for the remainder of the year was predicted recently by G. C. Keeney, general manager of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers, who expressed a belief that

egg prices will rapidly rise to a point at or near established ceilings.

Speaking to members of the Oregon Baby Chick association at their annual meeting at Oregon State college, Keeney said that demands for eggs are increasing rapidly and that the picture has changed from a surplus to a point where there might almost be a shortage later on.

The feed situation is also reasonably good, he said, with the outlook practically reversed from what it was six months ago. Protein concentrates, which were short at the beginning of the year, are in reasonably good supply now and the industry is more concerned about grain conditions. In general, he explained, the general poultry situation is much improved over six months ago.

Ambrose Brownell of Milwaukie was elected president of the Oregon Baby Chick association, succeeding Mrs. H. A. Watzig of Roseburg. F. E. Fox of Corvallis was named vice president and Frank O. Erickson of Hillsboro was re-elected secretary-treasurer. New directors are Mrs. Watzig; Lloyd A. Lee, Salem; George Peterson, Eugene; Mrs. Bernice Chase, Aurora; and Ross Hart, Beaverton.

A hope that the poultry industry would not depend on or ask for too much government control in the post-war period was expressed by Dr. E. E. Boyd, Kansas poultryman, and president of the International Baby Chick association. He advocated curtailment of production in line with supply and demand.

Oregon hatcherymen have voluntarily cooperated with the government request that the industry curtail production and avoid hatching chicks during the summer months for egg production. Fred Cockell of Milwaukie reported. Thirty per cent fewer chicks have been hatched for the first five months this year than for the same period a year ago, he said.

**Present Care of Plants Urged for Strawberries**

Next year's strawberry crop will depend in large measure on the care given the strawberry plants immediately after this year's harvest, says O. T. McWhorter, Oregon State college extension horticulturist.

Fruit bud formation in the single crop strawberry takes place in late summer and until late fall, McWhorter points out in extension circular No. 435 on "After Harvest Care of Strawberry Plants." He recommends that plantings which are to be cropped next year receive the care necessary to promote favorable growing conditions for fruit bud formation during the late summer and early fall.

Such care includes cultivation, fertilizer application, disease and insect control, ample moisture supply and runner removal. The circular, available at all extension service offices, gives detailed information on these after-harvest practices.

Marshall Kelly is visiting in Grants Pass.



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