

World News-Brief Items

VIA RADIO BROADCASTS

AIR LIFT CHUTISTS

U. S. ZONE, OCCUPIED GER. MANY—(Via Radio Broadcast): Four American airmen who were forced to parachute from a plane taking part in the Berlin airlift landed in the Soviet zone and were immediately sent to the hospital, in the American zone.

They suffered no injury and were reportedly back on airlift duty after a complete physical check up.

RED TRIALS PICK UP

NEW YORK CITY—(Via Radio Broadcast): After a series of delays, trial of United States Communist leaders started fresh on Monday. Federal Judge Harold Medina, who announced he would disqualify himself from presiding over the trial because of his feelings of prejudice, turned back attempts by defense council to prove present selection system was contrary to constitutional guarantees.

SEA RESCUE

OFF KYUSHU ISLAND, JAPAN—(Radio Broadcast): Forty crew members of a Jap freighter which ran aground off Kyushu Island, Japan, have been rescued according to announcement.

Scene of severe storms and high seas, the area also accounted for the collision of two other ships.

TRIAL IMPEDS

SOFIA, BULGARIA—(Via Radio Broadcast): Further tentacles of the present Bulgarian trials of 15 protestant ministers are indicated by reports that nearly half of the 138 protestant ministers in the country are under arrest charged with black market operations, treason and spying against the government.

RENT CONTROL PROTEST

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Via Radio Broadcast): More than 500 landlords at the nation's capitol paraded to demand the death of rent control on March 31, by congress. The protest, although vigorous, was orderly and no arrests were made.

Senator Sparkman, chairman of the senate committee in whose hands the fate of rent control rests, declared his group would continue work on the requested bill to extend controls but that the current filibuster against the filibuster gag rule might delay its presentation to the senate that the March 31 deadline of the present controls would pass without new legislation. Sparkman ventured the opinion that if the present rent control law succumbed they felt it would have little chance of resurrection.

Rent control is one of the important features of President Truman's "Fair Deal" program.

INVITE JOE STALIN

DAYTON, OHIO—(Via Radio Broadcast): Twenty teen-agers announce their invitation to Premier Josef Stalin, of the USSR, for a visit to Dayton where he would be able to personally observe the way of life in America.

The bid suggested, "Give America a week of Stalin and Stalin a week of America" as a means of setting up the foundation of a lasting peace based on understanding. A copy of the letter had also been forwarded to President Truman.

FRESH SPY TRIAL

NEW YORK CITY—(By Radio Broadcast): With Soviet Russia demanding diplomatic immunity for an aide charged to be a co-defendant in the stealing of federal secrets, the federal grand jury began its investigations of the fresh spy case. Involved is a woman who works on a government job.

The Soviet aide, who is attached to the United Nations council as a minor assistant, languished in jail, pending outcome, under \$100,000 bail.

SOVIET HUNT BREWS

SOVIET ZONE, Germany—(Via Radio Broadcast): A determined "witch hunt" brews in this zone of occupied Germany, by the Russian police seeking to track down alleged "turncoat communists" for inciting German nationals against the USSR.

The charge attacks reported defalcations by German communists who had suffered Nazi imprisonment during the recent war but who have refused to "go along" with Russian governmental ideas.

AXIS SALLY ON TRIAL

NEW YORK CITY—(Via Radio Broadcast): Mildred Gillars, the "Axis Sally" of war-time notoriety, was painted as having enjoyed a well-paid part in Nazi radio broadcast programs by government prosecutors who claim that after the "phony Nazi idea" blew up in her face she wanted to come home and have all forgiven.

LOST IN PENTAGON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Via Radio Broadcast): Louis Johnson, former American Legion leader, appointed to become the next secretary of defense, found himself lost in the maze of corridors in the Pentagon building, Monday, where he was to have conferred with Secretary Forrestal. Johnson will have until March 31 to "learn his way around" the sprawling military headquarters, as he assumes full command at that date.

Forrestal, meanwhile, has asked congress to review and rewrite present laws on military court procedures. He advises uniform laws and punishments to apply to all branches of the armed service.

Tigers Slump As Spartans Walk Off With Dist. 9

Tigard high school, 1949 basketball champions in the TYV league, hit a season-end decline to fall by the wayside in district 9 elimination play, as Hillsboro high school's Spartans walked off with honors and right to enter the state tournament at Eugene.

Last Friday, Tigard's luck ran out when they were run over by Forest Grove by a margin of ten points. Saturday night, Hillsboro went on to defeat Forest Grove 49 to 32 and won the coveted honors.

DONKEY BUCKAROOS VIE IN GAME OF MARCH 11

Marble Cook, in charge of arranging riders for the March 11 donkey basketball game, which benefits the Kiwanis fund for underprivileged children, announces a full crew of 10 buckaroos who will take the floor.

On Team One will be: Bill Glasgow, Chuck Hullings, Jim Tsugawa, Bill Byrd and Lee Zumwalt. Team Two will include Councilman Jack Weiby, John Shaw, John Thomas, Jack Hampton and Gene Springer.

Game time is at 8 p.m. in the Beaverton high school gym.

TIGARD GRADES TOP COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Tigard Grade School emerged victorious over St. Mary's in the championship game of the sixth annual county basketball tournament for grade schools held last week at St. Mary's. Score for the decisive game was 30 to 23.

In addition to this game in the A series, a consolation game for other A teams was played Saturday evening with Beaverton defeating Cornelius 32 to 16.

In the B series Orenco proved the winner defeating Garden Home with a score of 23 to 20.

Father Anthony Gerache supervised the tournament.

ORE. STATE PICKS CROWN NORTHERN DIV. CROWN

Romping over the University of Oregon three games out of four in the windup performance of the Northern division of the Pacific Coast Conference basketball play, Oregon State College Beavers picked off the college crown from a hotly contesting Washington State College five that ruled the roost for a time—but not long enough.

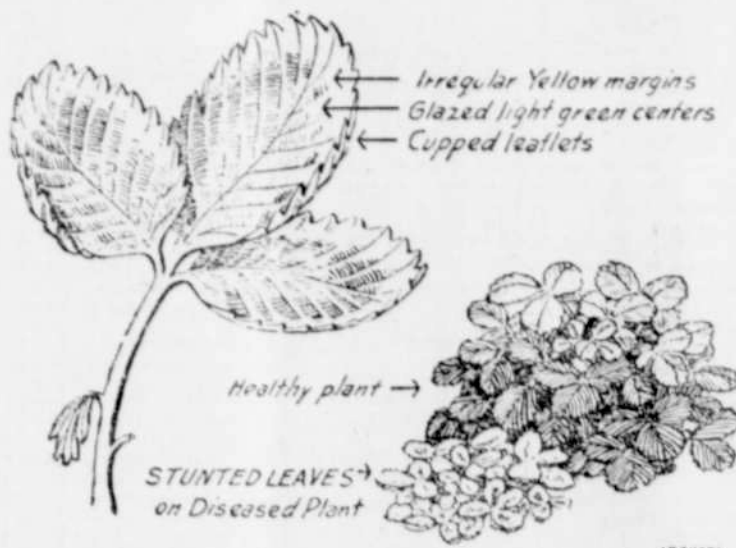
Back in December, there were many dopesters who gazed long into the depths of the sports crystal ball and came out with the prediction that OSC would romp home with its third division title in three years. Tally at the end of the loop play indicates that the prognosticators were on the right beam.

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Control Strawberry Yellows Disease By Selecting Healthy Planting Stock

STRAWBERRY YELLOWS

A VIRUS DISEASE



Today's illustration of the strawberry plant disease called "yellows" shows one of the virus diseases of strawberries that are found in Oregon. Others are "crinkle" and "witches-broom."

Control of the virus diseases is maintained by selecting only healthy plants as planting stock, and destroying any plants that are diseased. In a commercial planting, the grower must be alert to such matters as disease and insect infestation, but in home gardens frequently the straw-

berry patch gets only such attention as harvesting, weeding and watering.

Also the easy-going, neighborly practice of passing on extra plants to one's friends may spread disease, where this exists in the original planting. Those commercial growers who qualify for Oregon state certification have proved their plants are worth buying, and it is more economical to pay for the best.

Yellows may be recognized by these characteristic symptoms: the leaflets are cupped, with their edges yellow, the centers green, with a glazed

RIGHT OR WRONG?

The letter below this reprint from The Oregonian of Feb. 6, are the comments made by N. Fievez, soil scientist with the Oregon Soil Clinic.

N. FIEVEZ

67 years old. Graduate of the University of Brussels with several diplomas and degrees. Forty years in scientific soil research.

appearance; the whole plant has a dwarfed look, due to the shortening of the leafstalks. Sometimes plants in uncongenial soil will have yellow leaves, but this is not the same. Due to too alkaline soil, it can be corrected by increasing soil acidity.

If any diseased plants are noticed in your home strawberry patch, and you cannot be sure what the disease is, dig up one and get it to the county agent, with a request for diagnosis. Send it promptly, and wrapped in a manner to keep it as fresh as possible.

Regarding the newspaper account of the yellow strawberries—it does not look to me as a virus. I would call it a virus only if they can isolate it, and give it a name.

But the description of the ailment is conclusive enough to make a sure diagnosis even by proxy.

Starting at the cross (marked on news clipping): "the leaflets are cupped"—meaning starvation, calcium deficiency. Later on the leaves will dry up. Under the same condition you and I would do the same. "The edges yellow, the center green, with glazed appearance, the plant is dwarfed with short leaf stalks, different in color in different soil, due to alkalinity, that can be remedied if corrected."

The whole is obviously erroneous, the transparency of the leaves, the size and the short stalks are all indications of malnutrition, since the mg (magnesium) is the principal element for the entire leaf development, lack of this element will fail to provide the necessary Chloroplast to elaborate the Chlorophyll which is the substance possessing the life capacity not only of the leaves and stalks but of the plant structure, depriving the plant of that important element is to doom the plant to a slow death by starvation.

There is no alkaline soil in your district for one hundred miles in radius, and if the plant can be revived by an acidic reaction, it does complicate the problem still more, FOR IF THAT is the case, then lack of ionization and low cation exchange is the problem, NOT THE ALKALINITY. I do not recall having had a PH much over 7 for your field, so the whole trouble so far as I can see, is soil poorly provided, and the result is, deficiencies, base absorption, low cation exchange and a tendency of Koolinization.

N. F.
(Nick Fievez)

TO OREGON FARMERS:

We regret very much that the following comment has become necessary, but it has been brought to our attention that certain uninformed persons in your territory have been sharp shooting at our Scientific Soil Balancing Program, perhaps they will explain the tenor of the above letter to you, we grant it is a hard pill to swallow when some one comes along that has deeper knowledge than they have, but they cannot stop progress, nor can they argue with results. Many of these so-called diseases are defects caused by nutritional deficiencies, which disappear when the soil is properly balanced. Some say this can not be done, BUT WE ARE DOING IT. The atomic bomb was thought impossible, but science made it.

When a layman argues with a scientist nowadays there must be some hidden cause. WHAT IS IT? Why should certain people resent our working on your problems, why should they want to monopolize this branch of agriculture? The laboratories of private enterprises have made the most worthy of our scientific discoveries (Du Pont, Westinghouse, Eastman Kodak, General Electric, etc.)

The plans of the Oregon Soil Clinic now underway, call for the establishment of a Soil Clinic in each County with a man trained in this scientific program to help you with your problems—working with an Ultra Modern Laboratory and a staff of the best soil Scientists, do you think this would not benefit Oregon's biggest industry (Agriculture)? And You?

We feel and have good reasons to feel that we have the best soil scientist in this part of the country, the reason his services were brought here was because we felt that the job was not being done as good as it might be, should any one object to our trying to improve a bad condition? If so, again I ask, WHY?

We have asked them to investigate so they will know what they are talking about, but no, they don't have time. We would much rather work with them, but if they will not do this we will accommodate them and fight with them if this is what they want.

Or better yet, let's both mind our own business and stop the sharp shooting and may the best program win. Let the results and the good judgment of the farmer decide.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. BIXBY

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