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BRINGING HOME THE BACON—

Comparisons of commodity prices in the various countries of the world mean little unless they are related to wage rates. In other words, it is the ability of the workman to "bring home the bacon" that counts.

The U. S. Department of Labor has calculated the minutes of working time required to earn enough money to buy a pound of bacon in ten countries. It is a revealing example of the superiority of our living standards as against those of the rest of the world.

The average American worker works 30 minutes for his pound of bacon. His equivalent in Canada works 45, and in Great Britain, 53. In Ireland he must put in 96 minutes. Finally, the Soviet Union—that wonderful "worker's paradise"—is last on the list, with 466 minutes of work needed for that precious pound of bacon! The communist workers see bacon at long, long intervals, if at all.

These enormous differences are principally due to the economic and social systems under which men work. In the United States we have a free economy. That pound of bacon is one of the products of a highly efficient, extremely competitive industry which can live and prosper only if it meets the needs of free consumers. The same thing is true of everything else we buy, whether it be an automobile or a pair of shoes or a ticket to a movie. The fact that only a free economy can produce abundance for the masses of the people can't be repeated too often.

BEAUTY VERSUS BEER BOTTLES—

The slogan "Keep Oregon Green" should have an added line "Keep Oregon Clean." As the 1950 tourist season gets under way the annual roadside garbage accumulation begins. No mountain stream or leafy grove seems sacred. Beer cans and bottles are appearing along every highway and the natural beauty of the state of Oregon is again given its unsightly summer smearing.

Nor can all the blame be placed on out-of-state visitors, for Oregonians have a penchant for hurling discarded debris from speeding cars. On a week-end trip into the mountains the obvious deduction was clear that as a whole the traveling public is thoughtless.

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U. O. Graduates 11 Ashland Students

Eleven students from Ashland received degrees from the University of Oregon on June 11. Eugene Graft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Graft, 548 Iowa street and Joyce Mattson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Mattson, received bachelor of arts degrees. Robert Franklin Hoefs and Theodore G. Schopf received masters of science.

Bachelor of science degrees were received by: Robert Autry, son of Allen N. Autry, 495 Mountain avenue; Joseph Thorn Burdic, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Burdic, 122 High street; Donald DeLisle, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. DeLisle, 90 Seventh street; Mary Ann Delsman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Delsman, 1149 Oak street; Roger Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee F. Newton, Route 2; Dom Provost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dom Provost, 99 Union street; and James uackenbush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quackenbush.

Timely Topics

With the first band concert of the 1950 summer season on Thursday evening, Lithia park begins a schedule of seven day a week activities. In addition to the concerts at the Butler Memorial band shell, Sunday vesper services will be held regularly at 5:30 under the sponsorship of the Ashland Ministerial association. Rev. W. H. Tillman, pastor of the Baptist church, will be the speaker at the opening vespers next Sunday evening.

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Recent landscaping work around the Shakespearean theatre will add much to the appearance of the grounds by the time the August festival begins. A general policing of the area together with some vigorous weeding could further improve the looks of the exterior. Some have suggested that the approach from Main street known as Chautauqua Walk could be made attractive by a trellis and the removal of unsightly garbags cans.

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Flags flew from every halyard and staff in the downtown area on Wednesday in observance of Flag Day, but few appeared on the homes of Ashland residents. In fact an adult was heard to ask, "Why are the flags out today." Would that individual be able to repeat the Pledge of Allegiance?

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The sunburned bulletin appearing at the Plaza fountain has become a blind spot to local passers-by but tourists stopping for their experimental sips of Lithia water must not be very favorably impressed.

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Vacation may have begun for the kids, but for most of the mothers this has been th first of a series of worrisome weeks. Trying to channel exuberant spirits, so recently released from school authority, takes a firm hand. Already the parental blessing is being invoked upon those agencies which are programming the summer's youth activities. For every age group Ashland is providing recreational facilities. And between swims and hikes and picnics, perhaps an occasional lawn mowing may be imposed without too much objection.

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Returning Ashlanders, enthusiastic but weary from conventions and parades, are frankly reveling in the peace and calm of home. The roses and rhododendrons of Lithia park rival the professional displays of far away places beside being much easier to view at close range.

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It may be a long time before everyone can glibly refer to the Park View department store but it didn't take long for crowds to accept the "get-acquainted" invitation from the new owners last week.

Weather and Time Ideal For Setting Out Flower and Vegetable Plants

By C. B. Cordy, County Agent, Horticulturist

We have been waiting for an opportune time to set out some of our vegetable and flower transplants. A day which is cool and overcast, is ideal for doing this transplanting. Plants which are set out on hot days immediately wilt down and lose about a week's time getting re-established, but when set out in cloudy weather, no shading is required and the plants become re-established much faster.

In transplanting we break off practically all of the very tiny rootlets, which are the only ones effective in taking up moisture and plant food materials. This root loss can be reduced somewhat by taking a small amount of dirt with each of the transplants, then the efficiency of the few remaining roots in this chunk of dirt can be increased by watering them and adding a small amount of fertilizer to the water. The use of one tablespoon of ammonium sulfate or four tablespoons of complete fertilizer to a gallon of water is very beneficial to these small transplants.

Brussel sprouts, cabbage, sprouting broccoli and celery, or even tomato plants, could be set out to advantage now. It is too late to plant the seed of any of these and expect a crop before winter. As long as we are in the garden we may as well set out a late planting of sweet corn, and we find that now is also an excellect time to plant pole beans and winter squash. Late planted pole beans do not seem to be as severely attacked with a very destructive wilt. Early planted pole beans frequently develop to the blossom stage and then, just overnight, many of the plants will wilt down. Kentucky Wonders seem to be particularly susceptible. Beans planted now are more apt to succeed, and by growing them carefully, a good crop can be obtained before frost kills the plants down.

Late planting of winter squash has a similar benefit in that they are not attacked as readily by the squash bugs. In addition to late planting, if the seed are planted in rows instead of hills, then if the bugs killed out quite a few plants we still have an abundance of them left and, by practicing some control measures, good crops of winter squash should be produced. The Hubbard and the Banana are two favorite winter squashes and both of these are quite susceptible to squash bug attack.

Another garden job for now would be the application of fertilizer wherever sawdust was used as a mulch or to loosen the soil. These sawdust mulches are very good and when worked into sticky soil, they certainly do loosen it up. However, this sawdust does remove most of the fertility from the soil and unless some fertilizer is added, the plants just fail to grow. One pound of ammonium sulfate broadcast on a 10x10 foot square or where plants are growing, the use of one-half pound of ammonium sulfate or two pound of complete fertilizer on a 20-foot row, will overcome this retarding effect of the sawdust. Those growers who have used fertilizer in conjunction with the sawdust are very pleased with it. However, we do find that some people have overlooked the fertilizer, and the sawdust is robbing their plants and turning them yellow.

Some other garden reminders for the week end are:

Dust your grapes with sulphur for mildew.

Water your asparagus to force a good growth of fern.

Spray your violets for red spider.

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Turning now to one of our ornamentals, we find that the elm leaf beetle is now hatching in large numbers and is starting to feed rather hungrily in the elm leaves. This pest soon eats all the leaves off an elm tree unless controlled. Being such a heavy eater makes its control rather easy. The use of one and one-half pounds of DDT to 100 gallons, sprayed onto the elm leaves, will give control for the season. Of course, if the trees are large it takes power equipment to get them, but on small to medium sized trees the job can be done with a hand sprayer. If you want to use a hand sprayer, then use a heaping tablespoon of 50 per cent DDT to a gallon of water.

Generally speaking, the elm beetle has the peculiar habit of being worse on the lower leaves early in the season and then working up. This favors control by the small home owner because he is best able to cover these lower leaves. Frequently if the lower half of the tree can be pretty well sprayed, it will control the beetle on the whole tree. Indiscriminate tree spraying is not suggested, as very often trees are not even attacked by the beetle.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC EXAMINES CHILDREN

Beginning Thursday of this week the "well child conference" will conduct a pre-school health clinic at the Women's Civic clubhouse from 1 to 4 o'clock with Dr. A. E. Merkel in charge of examinations and immunizations. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling the public health nurse, Miss Clink at 2-1181 between 4 and 5 p.m. The Public Health association is sponsoring the project.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Oh—My Aching Feet!

Other night just as I was settling down with a book and a mellow glass of beer, the wife calls down, "Joe—I almost forgot—you and I are going over to the High School and take dancing lessons!"

Now, I can waltz with the best of them, so I put up a quiet struggle against going but it was no use. Turns out it was the class in square dancing. And from the look on some of the other men I judged I wasn't the only one there who had been taken by surprise!

Miss Williams and Curly Lawson taught us what to do with our feet, and before it was over, darn if I wasn't actually enjoying myself. Going back next week, too!

From where I sit, we sometimes get an idea into our head for or against something and then hang onto it for dear life. Whether it's square dancing, or the right to enjoy temperate beer or ale now and then, we owe it to ourselves as Americans to take an open-minded attitude — that's even *after* we make up our minds about it!

Joe Marsh

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