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## FARMERS WARNED OF GERMAN ERROR IN RAISING MEATS

Young Bees and Hogs Should Not Be Marketed Until Fully Developed

KILL TOO MANY OF YOUNG

Will Result in Scarcity Requiring Several Years to Overcome; Also Much Meat is Sacrificed

Farmers of the United States, of their own volition, are making the same mistake that agriculturists of Germany did under government compulsion, at the outbreak of the war, and the United States as a result will suffer from lack of meats later on, just as Germany is suffering now, according to reports from the Chicago stockyards.

The mistake is the slaughter of young beef animals and improperly fattened or "unfinishing" hogs, which are being rushed to the market in great numbers, partly to take advantage of the present high prices, which the average farmer thinks are too good to last, and partly because of a rumor which has spread throughout the country that the government is contemplating in the near future fixing maximum prices for food products.

Every day thousands of hogs weighing from 175 to 200 pounds are being sent to the yards to be slaughtered. By feeding them a month or two more they might be made to weigh from 250 to 300 pounds. The loss of meat by this kind of marketing is enormous.

When the war started the German government, realizing that the country was to be blockaded by the British navy, but thinking the war would not be a long one, ordered the immediate slaughter of a great proportion of its food animals. The result was a temporary plenty, but breeding stock was encroached upon, and as a result as the weary years went by there was an ever increasing scarcity of meat.

A crop of wheat or corn can be raised in one season, but breeding stock on the farms cannot be replenished so rapidly, so that if the indiscriminate slaughter of immature stock does not cease packers fear that present prices will in another year be considered extremely low.

To Open Food Bureau. A food production bureau to act as a clearing house in the employment of men and women and boys and girls on the farms of Cook county will be opened in Chicago by the Cook County Truck Gardeners and Farmers' association in the plan to increase the acreage of farm crops this summer along the lines suggested by the federal government.

"The farmers of Cook county have been dependent to a certain extent upon labor agencies to get farm help," said Mr. Geweke, "but the class of help obtained from this source, of course, has been the expert help. What we will need now, if our crops are to be increased, are people to carry the crops through the weeding and harvesting season."

"We will be able to get enough expert farm help to plant the crops, as one man can plant as much as twenty men can harvest. But we must have some assurance that we will have labor to care for the crops after they have been planted."

Prefer Experienced Workers. Mr. Geweke said that the Cook county farmers would ask the Chicago board of education to help them obtain boys and girls from the schools, who will be provided with permits. A particular appeal will be made to the Polish and Bohemian sections of the city for help. The wages for unskilled farm labor, he said, would be from \$1 to \$2 a day during the weeding season and probably as high as \$3 a day during the harvest season.

Those who have had some farm experience will be given preference in employment.

James A. Patten has volunteered to help buy two carloads of seed potatoes provided others will join with him in the project.

The city authorities have under consideration a plan to place the vagrants of the city and the inmates of the Bridewell and other penal institutions not otherwise employed on a tract of land of more than 1,000 acres in extent near the Bridewell and raise there vegetables and other farm products. The plan has the sanction of the circuit judges and others interested. These "gardeners" would be under direct supervision of guards and compelled to work.

Miss Clara Timms of Eugene visited friends here this week.

## HORSE KICK PROVES FATAL

13 Year Old Floyd Martin Dies As Result of Accident

Floyd A. Martin, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Martin of Marcola died at the Springfield hospital at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, death resulting from a wound received by a kick from a horse, the accident occurring last Thursday. The boy was brought to the hospital last Friday and while his condition was considered serious since the wound was infected, it was hoped that he would be able to overcome the shock so that an operation could be performed in a few days.

However, septic embolus (poison material) formed about the wound and broke, the infection getting into the blood stream and causing death almost immediately. The body was sent to Marcola yesterday afternoon and interment was made in the Marcola cemetery.

## Local Men Make Important Change

Will Bishop of O. K. Barber Shop Purchases Interest in Dairy And Will Manage It

Will Bishop has purchased a half interest in the George A. Dorris Brook Farm Dairy and began learning the route Sunday morning. Mr. Bishop was formerly in the O. K. Barber Shop, in partnership with M. V. Endicott. He still owns a half-interest in the latter business, but will not be connected with the shop any longer. Mr. Endicott is conducting the shop alone now, but says he expects to have help soon. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop will make their home on the farm in the near future.

Mr. Dorris has been two years in building up his business, and now has one of the foremost dairies in the state. He also has a large asparagus farm from which he is shipping asparagus all over Washington and Oregon just now, and a large acreage of fruit. Since he has so many other things to claim his attention, Mr. Dorris will make Mr. Bishop entire manager of the dairy.

The Brook Farm dairy has 18 Jersey cows, all of which have stood the tuberculosis tests. The milk house of the dairy is 300 feet from any other building, has running water, is fly proof, has concrete floors, an airtight floor for cooling, and is equipped with a bottling machine. Everything is strictly sanitary. The dairy is one mile from Springfield.

## LOCAL BOY IS PROMOTED

Ferol Perkins Is Now Senior Corporal of Third Oregon Infantry

The many friends of Ferol Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Perkins of this city, will be glad to learn of his third promotion since he enlisted in the Third Oregon Infantry of the Oregon National Guard about a year ago, just before the troops were sent to Mexico. Since his return to Portland last October, Mr. Perkins has never missed a drill. He was promoted on the border to first class private, next to acting corporal, and last week, to senior corporal.

The captain in a talk to his company, gave Mr. Perkins especial mention, and then told the others that he deserves all he has gotten, that he has worked for it. Mr. Perkins has never had a black mark against him since entering the service.

## Will Hold Weekend Services

Reverend and Mrs. Chris H. Jensen leave tomorrow for Trent where Mr. Jensen will hold weekend services on Friday and Saturday nights and three services on Sunday which is Dedication day for the Trent Christian church. Ted Leavitt will sing at these meetings. A basket dinner will be enjoyed by the congregation and visitors on Sunday.

## \$4,000 Deal Is Made

Yesterday T. H. C. Brasfield sold 52 acres of land two miles south of Springfield on the Willamette river to Henry Sinner, who will take possession at once. Mr. Brasfield left yesterday for Shedd to look up a new location. The deal, of which the consideration was about \$4,000, was made through Gore and Rowe.

## Will Hold Pie Social

A program and pie social will be held at the Maple school one mile east of Springfield, tomorrow (Friday) evening beginning at 8 o'clock. Girls are requested to bring pies.

## FIRST BABY WEEK MEETING IS HELD HERE TUESDAY EVE

Interesting and Instructive Program Given Under Auspices of Parent-Teachers

SUGGESTIONS ARE OF HELP

People Must Realize That Health of Every Baby in the Community Is Concern of All

By Vera Williams. A most interesting and instructive program was given under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers association in observance of "Baby Week," Tuesday evening in the Baptist church.

Leota McCracken, Ruth Scott, Edna Duryee and Iva Hill sang a very pretty "Lullaby."

Mrs. R. L. Kirk gave a paper which deserves much credit. Its theme was: "What the Community Can Do for the Welfare of its Babies." Three points were considered. First what responsibility the community has for its babies; second what other communities have done; and third, what Springfield can do.

The health of every baby is the concern of every one in the community and not only the problem of the father and mother. Every seventh baby in the United States dies, its death being caused by conditions which the parents can not meet alone.

Dangers from impure water, impure milk, and poisonous flies threaten both the children of the rich and poor. Infantile paralysis does not kill as many children as does dirty milk. The baby needs pure water; the water from wells can be tested at the University of Oregon, as we can not afford an epidemic for either old or young at this critical time. What ever menace to health a community fights, reduces its death rate. We can work together to begin a fly campaign. Will you help reduce infant mortality by "Swatting the Fly?"

Little Dorothy Moore gave a very pleasing recitation.

Miss Anne McCormick spoke on "Food Preparations for the Mother and Child." She said in part: "The question of food is a most important one—for by scientific feeding, infant mortality may be greatly reduced. A great many of the children's diseases are due to improper feeding. Food bills never compare with doctor bills."

Mrs. J. E. Richmond gave a most appropriate solo.

Plans are on foot for an extensive campaign in connection with this important work. Next Sunday is to be "Baby Sunday" in the churches. Also a "Clean up" Campaign is planned. The next meeting of the association will be held Friday, May 25th. Every parent and friend of the school is urged to attend and help make these meetings as beneficial as possible to all.

## Children to Give May Day Program

Many Pretty Dances, Games and Songs Scheduled for Friday at the Lincoln School

Following is the May Day program to be given at the Lincoln school beginning at two o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon: Grand March. Song, "Welcome, Sweet Springtime." Game, "Oh, do You Know the May Queen?"

Crowning of Queen. Winding of May Pole. May Song, "She Comes." Flag Drill and Song. Flag Salute. Game, "Clap Dance." Game, "Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley Grow."

Flower Song, Girls. Sailor Boy's Drill and Song. Wreath Drill. Song, "Wake, Says the Sunshine." Windmill Song, Boys. Shepherdess Dance.

L. C. Fisher and Mrs. Fisher of Wealding are registered at the Springfield hotel this morning.

## S. H. S. HAS SECOND LARGEST GRADUATE CLASS THIS YEAR

17 Seniors Will Get Diplomas on Evening of Friday, June 8

M. S. PITTMAN IS SPEAKER

Womens' Rights Must Have Prevalent Among '17ers Since Eleven of Them Are Girls

The second largest graduating class of the Springfield high school will step out from school into real life on the evening of Friday, June 8, when will occur the tenth annual commencement exercises of the institution. Professor M. S. Pittman of the Oregon State Normal school will be the speaker for the occasion. Already plans are going forward for the exercises, which will probably be held in the Methodist church.

Last year the local high school graduated 19, the largest number in history. This year there are two less, which fact is attributed to the stringency of the times occasioned by the war, says Principal P. M. Stroud. Some of the students were compelled to work this year, who otherwise might have finished high school with this class.

Feminism has evidently prevailed in the senior class this year, since 11 of the 17 dignified '17ers are girls. The majority of these young ladies are training for the teaching profession, although some are taking commercial work. A majority of the young men of the class is taking a general high school course. Probably a good showing from this class will be made at the University of Oregon and other institutions of higher learning when registrations are made next fall.

The class roll is: Leota McCracken, William Rodenbo, Nina Boesen, Floyd Bartlett, Grace Thomas, Will Machen, Lillian Mulligan, Lewis Grandy, Ruth Lansbery, Ruth Scott, Esther Brattain, Lucile Smith, Bertie Bruce, Edna Platt, Fay Smith, Otis McKee, and Virgil Signor.

Mrs. Bally Administratrix. Mrs. Ethel C. Bally has been appointed as administratrix of the estate of her husband, Milton G. Bally, who died April 17. The estimated value of the property of the estate is \$2000. M. J. Dury, E. A. Fegels and Harry Stewart were named by the court to make the appraisal.

## May Day Fete Is On for Tomorrow

Annual Event Will Be Staged on S. H. S. Campus; Delightful Program Planned

The Springfield high school will hold its annual May Day program Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, on the high school campus.

The program will be as follows: General Assembly. March of High School Student Body. Girls Flag Drill. Royalty March—Form:

1-Herald. 2-Student body president. 3-King Jerry and Queen Dorris. 4-Pages. 5-Crown-bearers, and 6-Maids of honor. Ovation, by Senior Class. Maids of honor dance. Song by general assembly. "I Know a Bank." Danish Dance of greeting. May-pole dance. Song general assembly. "Welcome Sweet Spring Time." Song All.

Star Spangled Banner. After this the program will be conducted by Walter Moore who will have charge of the girls baseball games, the contestants being the girls who take their lunches against those who do not; then a tennis tournament which will end the days festivities. Misses Vera Williams, Effie Rhodes and Esther Campbell are drilling the students for the fete.

## WANTS TO CONTRACT BEANS

Eugene Man Will Take All He Can Get of Certain Varieties

A chance for local farmers to make sure of a buyer for their beans next year is offered by J. J. Light of the Ideal Flour and Feed store of Eugene, who as agent for P. Pastore and company of Boston, direct exporters, has decided to contract for all the beans he can get in the vicinity of Springfield and Eugene the coming season.

Nearly all of the large varieties are desired by Mr. Light. He says he will take all he can get of the large varieties, such as the white and red kidney, the limas, the ranberry, or the bird egg bean. In view of the great interest in bean culture being manifested through the country this spring, Mr. Light expects to receive large quantities of first class stuff this fall.

## Tiny Son Gladdens Home Only 5 Days

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker Have Sympathy of Community in Death of Baby

John Franklin, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker, passed away at 12:15 o'clock this morning, peritonitis being the cause of death. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the W. F. Walker chapel. Reverend W. N. Ferris preaching the sermon, and the fraternal orders of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to attend in a body. Interment will be made in the Laurelhurst cemetery.

The baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker last Friday evening, and his advent caused the greatest possible joy to the parents, grandparents and all other relatives and friends. He was taken ill with a few days, death coming early this morning. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of this little one. Besides his parents, the baby is survived by a sister, Lillian.

## EXAM DATES ANNOUNCED

May 17 and 18 Is Time Set for Eighth Grade Finals in County

County Superintendent of Schools E. J. Moore announced yesterday afternoon that the state eighth grade examinations will be held in the various school districts of the county May 17 and 18. The examinations will be conducted by the chairman of the board of education in each district or by some person designated by him. The law does not permit the teachers in the various schools to conduct these examinations which determine eligibility to the high schools of the state.

Some of the school districts are planning to dismiss both boys and girls in the eighth grade as soon as they have taken these examinations, so that they may help at home with farm and garden projects.

## HONOR GUARD MAKES PLEA

Local Girls Want Potatoes to Plant for Distribution to Needy

Help your country by increasing the food supply! Drop good potatoes with several eyes into a box at Holbrook's Hardware store on Main street or into a box at the Springfield high school.

This is the plea of the girls Honor Guard of Springfield and Eugene, who will take complete charge of 50 acres of land mid way between the two cities in which they will plant beans and potatoes. The girls will do all the work themselves, except plowing.

The crop will be distributed among the needy of the two cities.

"Now see who will be the first to help. Bring as many potatoes as possible free from disease and with several eyes."

## Youngsters Receive Writing Awards

Miss Grace Walker reports the following good record of a number of her pupils of the Sixth B class in writing. Winifred Long has earned the "Progress Pin" given for doing the first 100 Palmer drills satisfactorily; and the following other pupils have earned the Palmer button: Mabel Humphrey, Crystal Bryan, Lenice Herrick, Amy Coy, Donna Warner, Madge Warner, La Rue Stevenson, and Harry Gossler.

## READY TO DRAFT MEN FOR THE ARMY IS WORD RECEIVED

Sheriff Parker Has Received Instructions from Governor Regarding Conscription

DEFINITE ORDERS AWAITED

Details for Drafting First 500,000 Men Being Worked Out by War Department

Sheriff J. C. Parker has received a letter from Governor Withycombe giving him preliminary instructions regarding the drafting of young men for war service. Sheriff Parker is ready to begin the work but is waiting more definite instructions from the government which will be forthcoming as soon as the conscription bill is signed by President Wilson.

## Details Are Worked Out

In the meantime the machinery for drafting the first 500,000 men is being worked out by the war department.

The local electoral systems of the precincts will be utilized for the huge task of registering and sifting out the exemptions.

Although the details are far from completion, the system in general will be as follows:

On a day designated by proclamation, probably before September 1, all the men in the nation between the ages to be set in the conscription bill will be ordered to visit the polls and register themselves.

## Cards will Designate Class.

Upon registration they will be given cards designating the number of the class in which they will be called for examination.

It is planned to use the local officers precincts and cities to seek out "Slackers" who fail or refuse to register. Under the bill, a heavy penalty will be imposed for failing to register.

Then calls by classes will follow. As each class reports the men subject to exemption under the bill—munitions workers, men with dependents, men engaged in industries vital to the military machine and other classes such as agricultural workers, to be fixed by the President—will first be weeded out.

After that the remainder will be again sifted by physical test and the unfit rejected. Then another class for examination will be summoned, and the process repeated until all the men of the nation, physically fit and not subject to exemption, are determined.

It is expected the jury-wheel system to determine the first levy by lot will be used. These men, chosen from the ranks subject to service, will comprise the first levy. They will then await the order to go to the training camps.

## DECISION HELD UP 3 DAYS

Settlement of Parker-Moore Case to Be Made Monday Instead of Today

Because of an enforced trip to the Siuslaw on the part of Attorney J. M. Deavers, County Judge H. L. Brown will pass on the Moore-Parker case at 2:00 o'clock Monday afternoon instead of this afternoon, as was at first decided. The case was tried and all the evidence heard in a trial lasting the greater part of the day Tuesday. It was taken under advisement by Judge Brown, acting as juvenile judge.

Both the state and the defense introduced a large number of witnesses. District Attorney L. L. Ray appeared for the state and J. M. Deavers, former district attorney, for the defense.

## Finishes School and Enlists

Clarence Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hill of this city left for Vancouver this morning, having enlisted in the engineering corps of the United States army. For the past year Mr. Hill, who graduated from the Springfield high school last spring has been teacher of the Upper Camp Creek school in district 3. His school would not have been out until next Wednesday, but he resigned to enlist and was allowed full pay. The directors were so pleased with his work that they will leave the position of teacher for that school open for three months in the hope that Mr. Hill will be able to accept it again.