

### RIGHT CARE OF POTATOES TOLD

#### Necessary to Heal Cuts Before Placing Tuber in Soil to Assure Good Yield

Low yields of potatoes are frequently caused by poor stands, and these in turn are often the result of improper handling of seed potatoes just before planting, according to specialists at Oregon State college. Most commercial potato growers know exactly how to handle seed stock to get best stands, but it is believed that hundreds of smaller growers could profitably follow a few simple precautions in this respect.

Planting potatoes immediately after the pieces have been cut is one frequent cause for poor stands or weak hills because rotting may easily start on seed pieces put in the ground before the cut surfaces have a chance to heal.

Dusting the cut seed with land plaster or sulfur is sometimes recommended to guard against this trouble, and it has proved effective in many instances. It is not necessary, however, according to experiment station plant pathologists, as a more simple method will give equally good if not better results.

#### Keep Potatoes Moist

This method is merely to make sure that cut seed is kept fairly moist and in a dark place where the temperature is not lower than 55 degrees, for a couple of days before planting. Cut potatoes under such conditions will go through a process known as suberization by which a corky layer is formed just beneath the cut surface which protects the potato piece almost as well as the original skin.

One might think that drying off the cut surfaces quickly would be the best way to protect them from rotting, but just the opposite is true, as drying cracks the surface, allowing the rot organism to get to the interior. Ordinarily the natural moisture is enough for the healing process if the cut potatoes are protected from sun or wind, but sometimes it may be necessary to add enough water to make sure they stay damp.

Other precautions in cutting potatoes are to make the cuts squarely across rather than slanting, so as to have a minimum of cut surface, and to discard any tubers that show signs of disease or discoloration when cut. Careful growers use two knives, keeping one in a bucket of formaldehyde solution at all times, and then changing knives whenever a discolored tuber is cut into.

### Can Jack Come Back?



Dempsey is in training for his attempt to win back the title of Heavy-weight Champion of the World.

### 4th Oregon Man Wins Automobile



WILLIAM H. SAUB, 442 Ainsworth Avenue, Portland, has been notified that he won the 1931 automobile in the daily nationwide Cremo contest announced each week night over the Columbia network. He is the fourth in Oregon to win an automobile in this contest. Mr. Saub is 43 years old and was born in Portland. He is employed in a shoe factory, is married and has a ten-year-old daughter. He has the choice of a Ford, Chevrolet or Plymouth automobile as a reward for writing his winning statement.

### MEMBERS OF QUILT CLUB WILL MEET ON FRIDAY

Mrs. Enoch Stuart will entertain for members of the Quilt club at her home Friday evening, April 1. Sewing on quilts being made by the group will be continued during the evening.

### JUNIORS SELL HOT DOGS DURING NOON

Members of the junior class at the high school held a hot-dog sale at the school Tuesday noon. Funds from the sale of hot-dogs will be used to provide the annual junior-senior banquet later this spring.

### East, West To Meet on Friday

#### Yaqui Joe, Indian, Meets Walter Achiu, Oriental, in Promising Armory Card

When East meets West something is bound to happen and that is what wrestling fans are hoping for Friday night when they will turn out en masse to watch Yaqui Joe, Indian mat artist from Sonora, Mexico, and Walter, 'Sneeze,' Achiu, Chinaman, test each others strength and skill. The Indian who downed the Bulgarian Tascoff, last Friday depends largely on toe holds for his victories. The Chinaman is a Sonnenberg artist.

Art O'Reilly has been given another chance at Tony Caponi, companion of Yaqui Joe, on the Friday night card. The junior welterweight belt which O'Reilly held for one week and lost last Friday to the Spanish-Italian wrestler will be at stake this week in the 45 minute special event.

The winner of this match will meet Whitey Potter of St. Helens on the card next week.

Vern Harrington, referee, wrestler, fighter, combination man did not like the rough stuff which the boys were peddling last week and made his powers known to them all. He awarded the main event to Yaqui Joe after each man had taken one fall, accusing the Bulgarian of rough tactics. He also awarded the O'Reilly-Caponi go to the latter when he decided that the Irishman was a little too rough.

The outcome of the match this week is up in the air. Fans have been depending on each of the main events to win their matches against opponents, but when they meet each other who will be the winner and who the loser. One must win and the other lose.

### TOMSETH BROTHERS SAIL FOR HONOLULU APRIL 5

A communication to the Springfield News from the U. S. Army recruiting station at Portland this week says that Edward H. and Bert J. Tomseth, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Tomseth, who enlisted in the infantry recently will sail from San Francisco, April 5, on the U. S. Troop Transport St. Mihiel for service in Honolulu.

### COOKING CLUB HOLDS MEETING ON THURSDAY

Members of the Cooking club of the Christian church held a business meeting last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. M. A. Pohl. A social hour and refreshments were enjoyed following the business session. Members of this group prepare the dinners for the weekly luncheon meetings of the Lions club.

### Bebe and Ben and the Baby



We don't know which to admire most, beautiful Bebe Daniels that was, or her handsome young husband, Ben Lyons, or their baby daughter, Barbara Bebe Lyons, just christened at Los Angeles. Little Barbara looks good to us.

### A Little Girl With a Big Voice



Lily Pons, the diminutive French soprano, who is the most sensational "find" in musical circles for years, photographed in her home after an evening of singing at the Metropolitan Opera.

### These Women Will Run Their Town



The municipal election at Duvall, Washington, resulted in putting Mrs. A. S. Bourke into the mayor's chair after July 1st next, and a female majority in the Council. Mrs. Bourke (center), is discussing policies with Mrs. Cora L. M. Koney and Mrs. J. L. Miller, Councilwomen.

### NEW FORDS ON DISPLAY TODAY

#### Only Four Places in State Get Displays; Simmons in Eugene Gets Lane Car

Not since Henry Ford announced the first public exhibition of his Model A Ford in 1928 has there been such universal interest in the appearance of a new model of any car as is being manifest today in the appearance of the new V-8 automobile.

The same automobile is also being made with a four cylinder motor and in many different models. Only the V-8 is being displayed today, however, and that in only four places in the entire state of Oregon.

People of Springfield and Lane county will have to go to Eugene to secure their first glimpse of the new Ford if they want to see it this week as the only showing in the county is being made at the Simmons company. John Anderson and his staff at the Anderson Motors, Inc., local Ford dealers are cooperating with the exhibition in Eugene. The model will be on display there today, Friday and Saturday.

New cars will be brought here later and it is expected that sales will start in 10 days.

### Thurston

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Tracer from Junction City were in Thurston on Saturday evening calling on relatives.

The Easter services at the church were largely attended last Sunday and the church building was beautifully decorated. Mr. Beals built an addition to the stage of the church for a choir during the last week which greatly improved the building, arrangements are being made to have a regular choir for each service.

Shelby Walker from Portland is visiting at A. W. Weaver's. Mrs. Alberta Davenport and daughters from Eugene spent last week's vacation with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Damewood from Lorane have moved onto the Meig place to help with farm work. Miss Marjorie Grant spent the Easter vacation with friends at Marshfield.

Mrs. Oren Palmer from Elmira attended the ladies' aid at Mrs. John Price's last Thursday.

### Alice Herself



There really was an Alice, for whom the Rev. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, using the pen name "Lewis Carroll," wrote "Alice in Wonderland" seventy years ago. She became Mrs. Hargreaves and is still living.

### ANNUAL MEET OF HEALTH UNIT SET

#### Delegates From All Parts of County to Gather at Osburn for Dinner Session

Reports of work accomplished by the Lane County Health association will be heard tonight at the annual meeting of that group at the Osburn hotel. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 with a dinner and everyone interested is invited to attend. Reservations should be made as soon as possible with Miss Bessie Williams, county health nurse in charge of arrangements for the annual meeting.

E. O. Immel, president of the group will preside and Miss Harriett Thompson, secretary, will give the annual report. J. J. Rogers will give the treasurers financial report, and Mrs. J. Bishop Tingle will report on the seal sale work.

Representatives from each of the communities where the organization is active will report on work done. Mrs. C. O. Wilson, president of the Springfield unit will report for this city.

State representatives to address the meeting will include Mrs. Minette Twist, state field nurse and Mrs. Sallie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association.

## Home Building Boom Believed Coming

By Caleb Johnson  
There is probably no subject on which so many experts have had so many discussions in the past few months as the subject of home building in America. Not only in the conferences called by the President, but in every center of population and wealth in the United States, much earnest attention is being given to the problem of how to provide better homes for the great mass of American families, and to provide them at lower cost than has been possible in the past.

Many amazing facts have been disclosed in these conferences. Such a high percentage, in cities, in small towns and in the country contain what we usually call "modern improvements" that there is quite a general impression that practically everybody has such things as running water, bathtubs, sewer, electric light, furnace heating and the other refinements of life which come in that broad classification. As a matter of fact, only a small proportion of American homes have all of these and most homes have none of them. According to one authority, less than half of the homes of America measure up to minimum standards of health and decency, and the building industry has not even started to build good homes which are within the means of two-thirds of the population.

There are very few parts of the country in which a six-room detached house with these minimum modern improvements can be built today to sell as cheaply as \$5,000. Six thousand dollars is nearer the average minimum cost to the home buyer, of the poorest kind of a house that measures up to modern standards of arrangement and equipment. And \$6,000 is too much money for the average American to pay for a home.

The average income in the United States is about \$1,500 a year. Economists are in agreement that no family can afford to invest more than two years income in a home. That would put a limit of \$3,000 upon the home in which the average American could afford to invest. There will always be, of course, a considerable fringe among those of the lowest earning capacity who will never, under any circumstances, become home owners. But it has been estimated that about sixty percent of the people of the United States who are not home owners could afford to put from \$4,000 to \$5,000 into a home if they could get well built, durable and properly planned and equipped houses at about those prices.

So what these conferences on domestic housing are trying to do is to work out practical methods for providing homes such as will meet the needs of the majority of families at a cost per family of under \$5,000 for house and lot, and to devise ways of financing such building that will make it possible for buyers to pay for them out of income.

Before this can be done there must be a good many revolutionary changes from the present methods both of building and financing. Of that there is general agreement.

Home building is one industry in which there has been no change in methods for hundreds of years. Houses are still built—except for the steel-framed skyscrapers of the big cities—by the most expensive processes. In every other industry labor costs have been cut down, in proportion to raw material costs, but in the building industry the opposite has been true. The same methods of construction are used with building trade labor at from \$10 to \$15 a day that were used when labor cost a dollar a day. And labor is the biggest item in the building of a house. It will continue to be the biggest item so long as each house is manufactured as a separate unit on the spot.

One of the solutions which certainly will be adopted sooner or later will be the use of materials which can be fabricated in factories and assembled on the building site with the minimum of labor. Metal frames that can be bolted together by unskilled labor are being experimented with, and are found to be more economical than frames built of lumber by hand on the job. Wall board of many kinds, which can be produced in large sheets and attached to the framing quickly and by low priced labor will supersede old-fashioned lath and plaster to a large extent, so the experts believe. The same will apply to roofs and to outside walls. And it is generally agreed that materials now available can be put together to build attractive houses which will be more comfortable in winter and summer, more durable and much less expensive, than even the best frame house that can be built under present methods.

Window frames and sash all made of pressed metal, metal door frames and doors, have been found to be almost as cheap in first cost and very much less expensive to install than the wooden doors and windows, and their frames fitted by hand, which have long been in general use. New kinds of flooring materials are said to be much more economical to lay down and much more durable when once in place than wooden floors.

It isn't all going to happen at once, but there seems to be little doubt that all over the country we are going to see houses and groups

### Easy to Live to 100



Dr. Leonard F. Case of Los Angeles celebrated his hundredth birthday by giving this rule for longevity: "Eat and drink what you like, but not too much." Simple, what?

Of houses built by various adaptations of new processes and the use of new materials which will serve as object lessons and which will appeal to the next generation as more desirable than the old types of homes.

Much more attention is being given to the planning of small homes than ever before, to give them the largest amount of useful space at the smallest expense for enclosing that space. To do this economically we are going to see more houses built in groups, partly attached to each other, perhaps, and centering around community parks, playgrounds and gardens. In the cities, of course, low cost housing can only be achieved by piling houses one on top of another in apartments, but most people would rather live in a detached house than in an apartment, and there is still a hundred times more unoccupied land available for dwelling purposes than there is land already built upon.

Of course, modern, low-priced homes will all be equipped with all the modern conveniences, and some experiments are being planned for a single furnace or steam boiler to heat an entire group of houses, cutting down the cost and the labor requirements of domestic heating.

Great attention is being paid to the problem of financing small homes. The ideal that is being aimed at is to enable a family which has saved \$1,000 to buy a \$5,000 house and lot without having to pay an excessive profit either to the builder or to the people who lend the money for the rest of the purchase. The high cost of second mortgage money has been one of the handicaps of the small town and suburban home buyer. The talk among the financial institutions which have taken part in these conferences is that first mortgage money ought to come down to five percent or lower everywhere, and that money should be made available for installment second mortgages at a cost or not more than seven percent or thereabouts instead of the nine, ten or eleven percent, which is the general rule today on second mortgages.

I think there is no doubt whatever that out of all this discussion we are going to see a speedy revival of small home building all

over the United States on a very much larger scale than ever before, and this is not only going to give local employment to enormous numbers of men, but it will provide business for the manufacturers and producers of every sort of building supplies—cement, lumber, steel, plumbing supplies, heating equipment, and all the rest. It will mean a revival of industry so widely distributed and providing for the needs of so many people that I believe there is a great deal in the thought that our next long period of prosperity is going to be based largely upon the building of small homes.

## 12 COMMUNITIES START GARDENING

#### Agents to Help in Year Round Projects; Assistance Is Offered Individuals

A year round vegetable garden project has been started in 12 different communities, through organized groups in Lane County, according to Gertrude L. Skow, Home Demonstration Agent. This project is handled through the office of the County Agent, O. S. Fletcher, and the home demonstration agent.

Individuals who are interested, but who have not, for some reason or other, been able to attend one of the community meetings are urged to get in touch with Mr. Fletcher or Miss Skow immediately. The material is available by calling or writing. They are prepared to furnish the following material:

The Farm Vegetable Garden bulletin No. 432 giving recommended varieties, amount of seed to plant etc., mimeographs containing a Suggestive Planting Plan, suggestions for the approximate amount of different classes of vegetables to plant per person for a year's supply, and a calendar of activities for a year in the garden.

Any individual desiring to enroll as cooperators will not only receive this material but will also receive timely information throughout the year from Mr. Fletcher and Miss Skow. Among the activities of the cooperators will be a field trip in May or June when Professor A. G. H. Bouquet, head of vegetable crops at the State college will assist in constructively criticizing typical gardens and discussing any garden problems brought by the home gardeners.

Several have already signified their intention to keep records of the yields from gardens. Material for these records is also available to all cooperators.

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