

### TWO ACRES NEAR MEDFORD YIELDS DE VRIES LIVING

#### Fruit Crops and Vegetables for Home Use Produced — Roadside Market Is Source of Major Income

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The experience of N. O. De Vries, who for the last six years has been farming two acres on the Pacific highway two miles south of Medford, shows one way of making a living on little land.

While the two acres produce profitable fruit crops and vegetables for home use, as well as provender for the family horse, the major part of the owner's income is derived from a roadside market and from taking care of nearby orchards.

This tiny farm is kept in the pink of condition. Its main feature is one of the finest berry patches in the Rogue river valley. Long, straight rows of purple canes glisten in the spring sunshine. Latham red is the main variety grown. The canes are headed waist high and held between two wires on either side, tied together with binder twine.

Quality is sought.

Youngberry vines are trolled 'shoulder high. Three-fourths of the canes were cut out and the others headed back, because excessive vine growth makes small berries. De Vries aims in quality, rather than quantity.

De Vries gave away his first crop of Youngberries to introduce this variety when it was new. Now he sells all the berries he can raise for \$1 per 15-cup crate.

From a fraction of an acre 350 crates of berries were sold last summer at \$1 per crate, the price charged for all varieties.

One hundred more crates of loganberries could have been marketed at this figure. A few blackberries are greatly prized by people who know the high quality of this fine berry.

Plenty of water, judicious spraying and liberal fertilizing with poultry and rabbit manure produce market-topping berries. A small patch of heavy soil yields over four tons of oat hay per acre.

Borers Killed Off.

When De Vries traded for his present country home, it was a veritable wilderness, overgrown with weeds, brush and scrub oaks. The latter were grubbed out before breakfast, one each morning.

De Vries at that time was a shoe salesman recovering from a serious operation, and his doctor had advised "light outdoor exercise." He has learned fruit growing in Michigan and Washington and soon was busy working in nearby orchards.

One neighbor wanted to hire De Vries to grub out a peach grove which never had amounted to anything. Instead, the newcomer dug out the borers which were killing the trees and showed how the latter could be cared for. Last year more than \$400 worth of peaches per acre were sold from that salvaged orchard.

Elberta Pays Best.

Elberta is the most profitable peach to plant, De Vries believes, because it is so well known, therefore easier to sell. He has had enough pioneering in the introduction of new varieties.

De Vries sells not only his own fruit, but large quantities for neighbors, who leave to him the price and grading. Most of the produce turned over to him has to be resorted and repacked. Some small orchards were cared for and the fruit sold, while one neighbor grows each year a crop of peaches which De Vries harvests and markets.

Vegetables, as well as fruit, are sold. Customers come long distances each year to buy canning supplies of De Vries, because they always can depend upon his merchandise being as represented and prices fair.

After six very strenuous years, De Vries has slowed up and plans to take life a little easier from now on, being nearly 60 years of age. He enjoys selling things as well as producing them. The former requires less physical labor, therefore is better suited to older people, he declared.

### FATHER KISSES ACQUITTED SLAYER



Frank Stratz, 70, bent over to give a congratulatory kiss to his daughter, Vera Stratz, following her acquittal at New York of the charge of murdering Dr. Fritz Gebhardt, her lover, whom she admitted shooting. Samuel Leibowitz, her attorney, is at the right. (Associated Press Photo)

### PARENTS DAY AT ASHLAND NORMAL SET FOR MAY 2

ASHLAND, April 7.—(Sp.)—Parents' day at Southern Oregon Normal school on Saturday, May 2, will offer fathers and mothers an opportunity to acquaint themselves with what is being done in the Ashland institution. A full day of events has been arranged, ending with the showing again of the George Bernard Shaw production, "Candida."

Guests will register at the Normal between 11:00 a. m. and 1:00 p. m., at which time open house will be held. Following, business meetings will be held at 1:00 p. m. and 5:00 p. m., these sessions lasting one hour, for both fathers and mothers, while for the mothers a reception is being planned for 2:00 p. m. by the Associated Women students. Fathers will engage in baseball under the supervision of the Associated Men students at 3:00 p. m.

The crowning event will, of course, be the showing of "Candida," at which time parents will be able to see actual work being done in Southern Oregon Normal.

Proceeding the show, which starts at 8:30 p. m., will be the banquet at 7:00 in the Lathia Hotel.

Presiding officers for the 1936 season are: President, V. T. Jackson, Roseburg; Mrs. O. G. Crawford, Lakeview; secretary, Mrs. Anne Price, Klamath Falls.

Student committees include Dorothy Jackson, Roseburg; Mark Sealey, Coquille; and Della Willard, Ashland; publicity, Harriet Bones, Myrtle Point; Robert Prentice, Medford; and Myrtle Gearhart, Ashland; hospital-ity, Joyce Baniab, Medford; and Nellie Bredelova, Myrtle Creek; reception for mothers, Carlyle Burgoynne, Biddle; Robert Webb, Prineville; and Boss Bagland, Klamath Falls; baseball for fathers; James Baughman, Ashland; Rachel Bones, Myrtle Point; and Beatrice Palmer, Medford; banquet, Angus L. Bowmer's staff will handle the play details.

### Heads Big Ranch



W. Percy Folsom, head of the pioneer J. E. Smith Livestock company of Pilot Rock, Umatilla county, is one of the best known wool growers in the state. The company specializes in pure-bred sheep. Folsom was installed in 1935 as worthy grand patron of the Eastern Star lodge.

The explorer who tries to visit Lhasa, Forbidden City of Tibet, is detected by a political and religiously-biased well-nigh impossible to penetrate, a recent observer wrote.

Sea horses are primarily inhabitants of warm waters, although occasionally found in cold seas.

### WILD LIFE TOUR HERE THURSDAY; PUBLIC INVITED

Bringing to the people of Jackson county the drama of wild life and the importance of its conservation, E. C. Jerome, chairman of the Jackson county council, today stated that all arrangements were completed for the visit to Ashland Thursday noon and Medford Thursday evening of the wild life tour of the natural resources unit of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association.

Both meetings are open to the public, the first of which will be held at the Lathia hotel, Ashland, at 12:10 noon. Dr. Irving E. Vining will act as chairman. The evening meeting will be held here at the Hotel Medford, at 7 o'clock. Entertainment and god speaking will make this one of the outstanding treats enjoyed by this community for sometime, Mr. Jerome said.

Visitors to attend.

The following will be among outside visitors: Dr. Alfred Cookman, lecturer and naturalist, assigned by the United States army; Tod Powell, the "Woodman" of the San Francisco Chronicle; and Lou I. Herrington, executive secretary of the Fish and Game Development association, San Francisco.

William M. Rugh, regional director, U. S. biological survey, Portland; M. B. Pratt, chief, division of forestry for California; and James A. Snook, chief, division of parks, California.

Lee Wallace, member of the Oregon game commission; Fred P. Cronemiller, chief, division of wild life and range management, San Francisco; and E. N. Kavanagh, chief, division of wild life and range management, Portland.

Officers coming.

J. S. Hunter, chief, bureau of game conservation of California; August Bade, superintendent of game farms of California; and two representatives of the Civilian Conservation Corps from Medford and Redding districts.

Burt K. Snyder, president of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association, Lakeview; A. H. Gronwaldt, vice-president, and T. L. Stanley, general manager, both of Redding, Cal., will also attend.

### Officers Coming

New pupils may join the classes now and the association welcomes the associate membership of all local artists. Officers, teachers and members met last Saturday evening to discuss plans for another public art exhibit to be held in June, and from now on all class work will be done with that objective in view. Two new features are being considered for the exhibit.

### Portlander Plans Non-Spin Airplane

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Construction of an airplane which will not spin in making dives and consequently can be leveled off safer, was announced today by Buford Johnson of Portland, amateur builder.

Many veteran pilots like planes which will spin, but some beginners don't, he explained. Harold Wagner made a test flight in the ship.

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### ART ASSOCIATION AIDING STUDENTS

Many fine pictures have been completed by students of the Southern Oregon Art association in the classes being conducted at their studio at 107 East Main street. The present courses, schedules and teaching faculty are as follows: Tuesday evening, 7:30, show card, P. W. Foster; Wednesday afternoon, 2:30, fashion designing, Fred Binkoff; Friday afternoon, 1:30, pastel drawing, Mrs. E. Edmondson; Saturday afternoon, 1:30, oils (French method) landscape, Mrs. Minnie B. Hene; also Saturday afternoon, 1:30, oils, landscape and still life, Max Siemes.

### FRANCE'S DEBT IS \$1000 PER CAPITA AS COSTS MOUNT

PARIS—(UP) Under the New Deal in America every child is born with a debt of \$1,017.25 hanging over its head. The figure for France is \$1,000.

While Republicans were figuring out the exact indebtedness per capita in America, French statisticians discovered that remaining to the gold standard and conservative policies had resulted in about the same per capita tax.

The finance committee, making its budget report for 1936, pointed out: "We are experiencing a rapid rise in total of the national debt. It increased by 4,646,000,000 francs in 1931; by 17,609,000,000 in 1932; by 41,700,000,000 in 1933; by 20,377,000,000 in 1934; so reach, according to the last balance sheet, carrying us to the month of August, 1935, the figure of 333,376,000,000 francs (53,376,000,000 dollars) in comparison with December 31, 1930, a total increase of 70,000,000,000 francs (\$11,000,000,000).

In the 1936 budget, interest on the national debt eats up half the revenue—roughly 20,000,000,000 francs out of 40,000,000,000. If it continues to increase at the same rate, in 15

years the interest would equal the whole of this year's budget.

If to the national debt of 333,376,000,000 francs — \$52,000,000,000 — which doesn't include increase since August, 1935, or the 16,000,000,000 francs which it has been announced the government will have to borrow this year) are added the debts of the departments of municipalities, amount to the staggering total of 600,000,000,000 francs (\$93,600,000,000). And that makes, per head 15,000 francs, or \$1,000 owed by every man, woman and child in France.

### INJURED SHERIFF RETURNS TO POST

Sheriff Syd I. Brown, injured in an auto accident on the Pacific highway near Yreka, Cal., two weeks ago, returned to his office today for the first time since the mishap. He is still sore and suffering slightly from chest hurts, but recovering rapidly.

Sheriff Brown also received a severe cut over his left eye, which caused a heavy loss of blood.

The accident occurred when the auto Sheriff Brown was driving hit a "loose shoulder" on the highway, causing the auto to momentarily get out of control and plunge into a ditch. District Attorney George A. Coddling, riding with Brown, escaped injury. The two officials were returning from an extradition hearing at Sacramento, Cal.

### Pear Market Yesterday

CHICAGO, April 6.—(AP-USDA) Pear auction: One car California arrived, none on track, one sold.

Oregon D'Anjou, 720 boxes extra fancy, 1.85-1.95, average 1.92; 250 boxes fancy, 2.05-2.25, average 2.13.

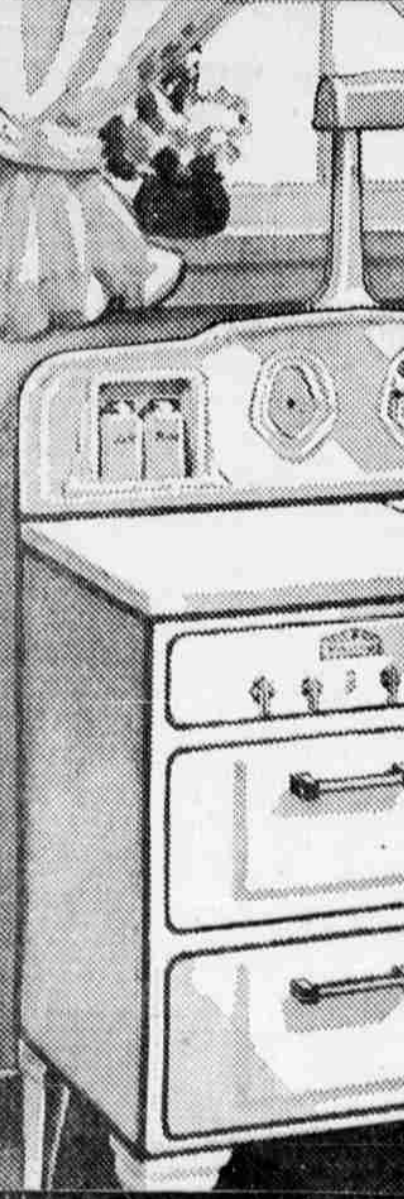
NEW YORK, April 6.—(AP-USDA) Pear auction: Fourteen cars arrived, 13 Oregon, 3 Washington unloaded, 10 on track, 2 delivered.

Oregon D'Anjou, 4,027 boxes extra fancy, 1.45-2.60, average 2.10; 2,550 boxes fancy, 1.30-2.35, average 2.02.

Nellis, 1,650 boxes extra fancy, 1.35-2.15, average 1.74; 1,424 boxes fancy, 1.20-1.95, average 1.62.

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### OREGON LEADS AREA IN MARCH INSURANCE

Oregon led the entire territory of the California-Western States Life Insurance company in volume of business written during the month of March, according to an announcement made today in Portland by Earl J. Knutson, manager for the state. Word of the record, which set a new all-time high for the company, was made public here by Howard V. Scheffel, district organizer with headquarters in Medford.

"The splendid record made by the California-Western States Life Insurance company in Oregon during the past month is extremely gratifying to us," Scheffel said today. "The southern Oregon district made a material contribution to the new all-time record which reflected the general improvement of conditions in this section of the state."

### Portland Denies Criminal Dumping

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Statements by Chief Detective Yorla of Seattle that Portland and other Oregon points are "dumping" unwanted criminals on Seattle are unfounded, as far as Chief of Police Harry Miles of Portland knows, he said today.

He said Municipal Judge Julius Cor refused to give vagrants "tickets" or orders to get out of town in 24 hours. Instead, he sent them to jail.