

First Report of Meat Inspection Indicates High Condemnations

The first report of Oregon's pilot program on compulsory meat inspection indicates that condemnation of meat during the inspection of 10 areas has been slightly higher than condemnations nationally by federal inspectors.

A total of 47 whole carcasses were condemned, 2,081 parts of carcasses and 13,823 pounds of meat food products.

Inspection Dates
Inspections covered by the report were conducted from Sept. 16, 1955 to Feb. 24 in central Oregon, Wasco, Klamath and Grant counties and all of western Oregon except Jackson, Josephine, Coos, and Curry counties.

The pilot meat inspection program was conducted in the Medford area last week. Inspection of animals was made both before, and after death. Post-mortem inspection was made of 8,480 carcasses and 39 of them were condemned. Reasons for condemnation of whole carcasses in cattle and calves were the existence of pneumonia, pyemia (a generalized infection causing formation of pus), ruptured bladder, infection of the lymph gland, emaciation, enteritis and melanosis and pericarditis. Sheep were condemned because of abscesses, emaciation and septicaemia; swine because of glandular infection, sexual odor, erysipelas, tuberculosis, icterus and cysticercosis.

Animals Condemned
Of live animals inspected three cows and five sheep were condemned, chiefly because of pneumonia, septicaemia, emaciation and abscesses throughout the body.

There were 2,081 parts of animals rejected without the whole carcass being condemned. There were 1,927 livers condemned. In cattle, 537 livers were rejected because of fluke (parasitic worms), 197 abscessed, and 25 because of parasites found in them. Of swine livers, 989 were rejected because of parasites, 47 because of abscesses, and 12, cirrhosis.

There were 109 heads, mostly hogs, rejected; 20 tongues; 16 heads, and 45 kidneys. Inspectors condemned 13,823 pounds of meat food products including 13,368 pounds of frozen

meats, 110 pounds of beef cheeks, 20 pounds of spoiled hearts, tongues and heads, 150 pounds of bacon and bacon jowls, 25 pounds of rancid lard, 20 pounds of rancid edible tallow, and 130 pounds of spoiled meat and meat food products.

The items were condemned while continuous inspection was in progress in the plants. In addition, four immature veal carcasses and 800 pounds of primal cuts of emaciated beef carcasses were condemned when inspectors re-entered two plants.

During the pilot survey the inspection teams are also checking on unsanitary practices and conditions and otherwise assisting in correction and the improvement of sanitation conditions found inadequate under a program of continuous meat inspection.

Easter Egg Hunt Set At Central Point

Central Point—Children here will hunt for prizes and 2500 candy Easter eggs at the annual Kiddies Easter party at the city park Saturday, March 31, at 8 a.m.

Preliminary plans for the party have been announced by Bob Pargett, chairman of the committee from the Central Point Merchants' association, sponsors of the event.

Races and games will be held for the youngsters and prizes donated by local merchants will be given to finders of prize egg and game winners.

Padgett has asked that any merchant wishing to give prizes for the event bring them to his shop on Fourth st.

Radar Equipment Bids Are Being Accepted

Sealed bids are being accepted by the Navy for construction of a wooden radar platform and provision of three antenna poles at the Naval Reserve Electronics facility at Grants Pass.

Bids may be submitted to Capt. J. R. Davis, 13th Naval District public works officer, building 232, U. S. Naval Station, Seattle. Specifications may be obtained on application to the district public works officer.

News About Books From the Library

By MISS HELEN WEBSTER
Medford Librarian

Automobile history is made attractive to both old and young in the many books at the Medford public library which offer widely assorted data about the old cars from the one and two-cylinder contraptions that made their first appearance around the turn of the century to the flashy models of the late '20s.

To middle-aged readers, they revive memories of the dust and duster days, and to the younger (who take the automobile for granted) they reveal how it got its start and the changes it went through from steam to electricity and, finally, to gasoline propulsion.

Progress Told
The progress of the American automobile and automobile industry from 1900 is shown in such books as "The Old Car Book," by John Bentley and "Merry Old Mobiles on Parade," by Hi Sibley.

In "Excuse My Dust," Bellamy Partridge offers a pleasant blending of the scholarly and the humorous in a book which gives first-hand facts by a pioneer who has lived through 50 years of motoring in America. "The Gasoline Age," by Carl Glasscock includes stories of the automobile builders.

Two other books make timely reading as interest is currently focused on Henry Ford, his philanthropic work, and the sale of Ford automobile stock.

Ashland Elks Vote \$120,000 for Lodge Building Expansion

Ashland — Ashland Elks approved Wednesday a \$120,000 expansion program for their lodge building at 255 East Main st.

Improvements will include construction of a one-story, fire-proof building with full basement on the site of the former Lithia theater. The first floor of the proposed building will be leased to a commercial tenant, and the Elks will use the basement for expansion of their lounge and dining room.

Low Bidder
Low bid of \$98,308 for construction of the 48-by-112 foot structure has been submitted by Carl Construction company of Salem. The remainder of the \$120,000 approved by the lodge will be used for furnishings for the expanded lounge and dining room.

Ashland Elks also elected William O'Brien exalted ruler at their annual meeting Wednesday night. Other officers elected were Leo Zupan, leading knight; James Madison, lecturing knight; Alvin Miller, loyal knight; W. H. Parker, treasurer; Jack Weaver, secretary; and Oscar Lowe, tyler.

Earl Schilling was named to the board of trustees for a five year term. Installation of officers will be held April 4.

4-H Club News

Gold Hill Sewing Club
The Flashing Seamstresses 4-H sewing club met March 21 in the Hamby school in Gold Hill in the sewing room. The members used the sewing machines and worked on their present aprons, with the help of leaders, Mrs. Al Bennett and Mrs. John Jore.

All members are to have all projects finished before school is out this summer, and be exhibited at the local county lamb fair.

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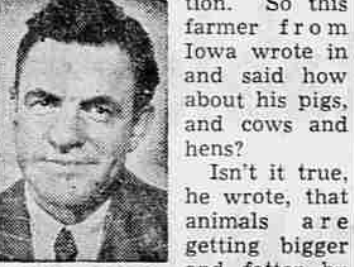
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A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Harman Nichols

Washington—(U.P.)—Not long ago I wrote about how man is getting bigger by the generation. So this farmer from Iowa wrote in and said how about his pigs, and cows and hens?

Isn't it true, he wrote, that animals are getting bigger and fatter by the year, too? And don't they have more generations per sty, corral and coop?

That was a question, multiple as it were, that deserved looking into.

Turned out the galled man of the soil from the wonderful state of the Hawkeye had a good point.

This all started with what I thought was an innocent little piece about bigger beds being put in a new motel here. It seems the architect got nose and decided to look into the growth of man.

He found that in the Civil War there were twice as many men over six feet than in the Revolutionary War. Also our lads in World War II ran an average of an inch higher than in War I.

But getting back to hams, steaks and chicken legs. The Department of Agriculture says that it is mostly the feeding that makes a hog fat, also steers and mother hens.

The company of Ezra Benson, Inc., has a booklet with a drawing showing a 1910 hog—a puny little critter. It stands beside a slobber, vintage of 1930, but even this guy is overshadowed by one dated 1955.

Different breeds were put into three starting groups with average starting weights just over 51 pounds. Those fed new rations gained 2½ times faster than those fed the 1910 variety. When the experiment was over the pigs on modern rations weighed 200 pounds; those on 1939 rations 103 pounds, and the little 1910 guy looked skinnier than before weening.

The Iowa farmer can look in the back 40 acre pasture and see

that his steers are getting bigger, too. His Department of Agriculture will tell him what he probably already knows.

More than a decade ago, his steak on the hoof gained only two pounds a day. Today, with improved feeding, the steer puts on weight at the rate of 2½ pounds a day.

And if the farmer from Iowa is still worrying, all he has to do is look in his chicken coop or take a peek at the Department of Agriculture chart for better living for the sweeter gals of the hen house.

Modern biddies are producing eight slices of white meat per breast and the chickens of yesterday were rail-thin by comparison. Here's the record:

On the rations fed chickens over an eight-week period in 1930, the chick weighed in at 1.62 pounds. In 1938 that was increased to 1.89 pounds. In 1946 it was 2.17 pounds. A real whopper was produced in 1954—2.81 pounds.

First thing we know we'll have to build bigger stys, enlarge the corral and move out of the manor house to make room for the chickens.

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As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Worrying Is One Form Of Unpopular Selfishness

The person who worries makes himself and everyone he is with either unhappy or uncomfortable. Thus, his worrying is a selfish trait which should not be permitted to continue. At first, the thought that worrying is a form of selfishness may be new to you. Most people think merely of the effect worry has on the one who worries but not on the people who are with him.

To understand why this is a form of selfishness, you must understand why people worry. Some do so because they have a poor sense of values. They imagine things that might happen without bothering to consider how probable or improbable such things will be. If they were more realistic in their approach to the matter, they would recognize that worry is totally unnecessary.

Then there are those who worry because they find it a quick and easy way to gain attention and sympathy. They know people will pay more attention to them and try to comfort them if it is apparent they are disturbed than if they are calm, cool and undisturbed.

And, finally, there are those who worry because they enjoy feeling sorry for themselves. They become so wrapped up in their own affairs and own concerns they cannot be bothered with anyone else or anyone else's problems. They, too, are selfish as are all people who think mainly about themselves and their own interests.

Form of Selfishness
Because worry, no matter what motivates it, is a form of selfishness, it will inevitably make people unpopular. No one who makes other people uncomfortable or who bids for their sympathy and attention, can hope to be really well-liked by them.

True, the worrier does get sympathy and attention. People are likely to be kind and considerate enough to want to help or comfort the worrier in any way they can. But this does not necessarily bring with it the respect and interest essential to true friendship. When a person really likes another, he must have respect for him, a thing he cannot do when he is aware of the fact the person is selfishly bidding for attention and sympathy by worrying.

LETTERS FROM READERS
Squeamishness: "I am one of those people who simply cannot stand the sight of blood or of anyone in pain. How can I cure this?" —S.J.

(A) Squeamishness, or inability to stand the sight of any living creature in physical discomfort, is a learned form of behavior which can be cured only by substituting a new form of behavior in its place. If you want to get over being squeamish, you must convince yourself the person in pain or discomfort is far more important than how you feel about the matter. Then, you will concentrate on trying to help that person relieve the pain. By doing so, you will have little time to think of your own personal reactions to the matter.

Family quarrels: "My husband and I get along very well except when some member of

his family comes to see us. This makes him critical of everything I do and leads to arguments and fights." —J.S.T.

(A) Your husband is trying to put his best foot forward, as the old saying goes, when members of his family are around. He wants to impress them with his superior role in your family and with his ability to create a superior home. If you do anything that falls short of what he expects, he criticizes you for it. Try to make him realize that his behavior leads to a much worse impression in the minds of family members than if he behaved as he does when you are at home alone with him.

Childish hobby: "My son, who is 10 years old, loves to collect all types of insects, such as butterflies, beetles, etc. He mounts them, puts names under them, etc. Because he is so wrapped up in this, he spends little time with the boys. How can I get

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