

### State Inspections Of Export Grain Show Big Increase

Salem—Export grain inspections by the state department of agriculture during the last six months of 1956 more than doubled inspections for the same period a year earlier.

Export inspections from Oregon were 37,853,352 bushels and 16,122,088 bushels during the respective six months, according to the semi-annual report of the department's grain inspection division. The substantial increase is due to all-time high export movements set in July and August.

Portland and Astoria grain offices of the department more than doubled their export inspections of the same period a year earlier. Portland export grain inspections were 33,957,996 bushels compared to 15,326,636 bushels for the last six months of 1955. The 1956-1955 comparison of export grains inspected at Astoria was 3,895,356 bushels against 785,452 bushels.

Inspection of incoming grains at Portland, Astoria and Pendleton was slightly more than 57 million bushels or almost 17 million bushels above the same period a year earlier.

The department's Portland office alone inspected 50,642,152 bushels compared with 36,447,740 bushels in the last six months of 1955. Incoming wheat receipts were up more than two million bushels at Astoria. The Pendleton office showed 540,265 bushels compared with 489,266 bushels for the same period a year earlier.

Although inspections of incoming wheat at Portland increased almost 20 million bushels over the same period last year, other grain receipts at that office were down. Corn receipts were five times less and incoming rye was down three times in volume. Only small decreases were made in barley and oats receipts.

The volume of auto-truck delivery of grains between July and December, 1956, doubled over the same period a year earlier.

Grain receipts by river barge were 3,068,466 bushels or almost triple the 1,474,313 bushels of a year earlier. Receipts of grain from points east of the Rocky mountains also were up.

**4-H Club News**

**Central Point Pig Club**

On Monday, Jan. 14, the Central Point Pig club visited the Midway Meat slaughter plant. Here Mr. Gordon showed us what to look for on a market hog. He also demonstrated how to cut the hog, smoke it, and cure it.

This all proved to be very interesting to the members, and our thanks to Midway Meat for showing us through the plant.

The next meeting is Jan. 28, at the home of Karen Renfro.

Dave Foote, Reporter.

**Central Point Dairy Club**

Our junior leader, John Anhorn, was host to our club Jan. 7.

Our business meeting was conducted by our president, Sandy Higinbotham. We received our new record books and studied the parts of a cow.

Our next meeting will be held Feb. 4, at the W. C. Higinbotham home on Taylor Rd.

Carol Foote, Reporter.

**Six-O Sewing Club**

The Six-O Sewing Bees had their first meeting the 18th of January after school at Nancy Lusk's home on Oak at in Ashland. We elected officers. They are: president, Nelda Chapman; vice president, Judy Carpenter; secretary, Nancy Lusk; reporter, Faye Chapman; song leader, Barbara Bernardi. We also received our record books. Our next meeting is at Kathy Herlein's home in Valley View on February fourth.

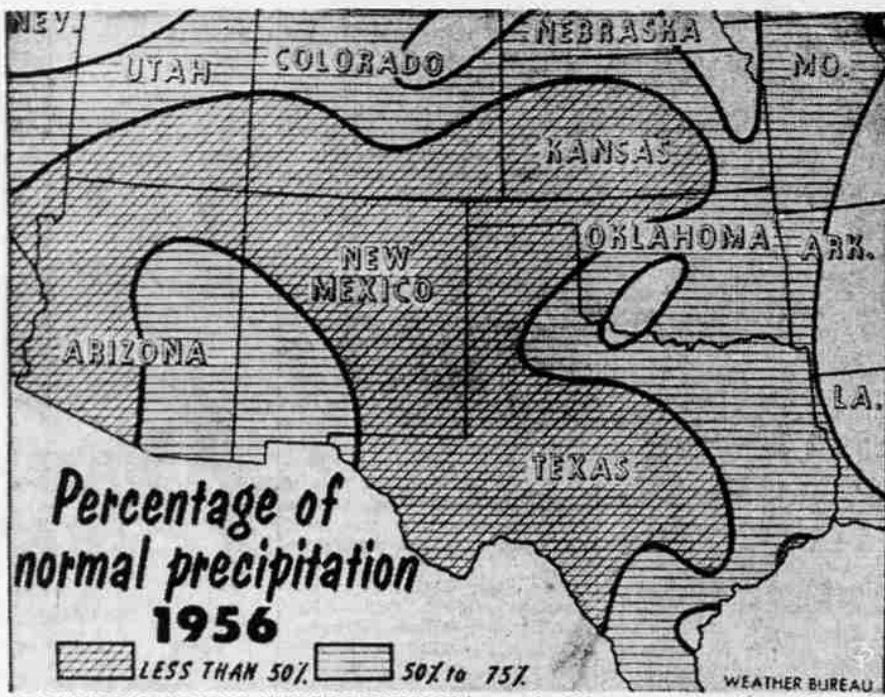
Faye Chapman, Reporter.

**Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Phoenix Sewer**

Phoenix—Mayor Vince Claffin today announced that a public meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, in the Phoenix Grade school gymnasium to discuss the sewer system now under construction in Phoenix.

Mayor Claffin urged residents in the south and east sections of B and C sts. to attend since topics to be discussed include assessments. Other information concerning the sewer system also will be available at the meeting, he said.

## Farm and Garden



BAKING UNDER THE WORST DROUGHT in nearly 300 years are portions of eight southwestern states shown above. The cross-hatched area has received less than half its normal rainfall.

### Changing Trends on Dairy Farms Reflected in Inspection Reports

Salem—Changing trends on the dairy farm are reflected in the report of dairy inspections made during 1956 by the state department of agriculture's division of foods and dairies.

O. K. Beals, division chief, said dairy farm inspections at 3670 dropped 212 from 1955, and the 10,317 fluid milk samples taken for laboratory analyses were down 1,021.

Dairy farm and dairy cow numbers are down from 1955, accounting for the decline in both farm inspections and drawing of official samples. However, while dairy farm numbers are down, herds are larger and the overall production of milk in Oregon last year was down only a fraction from the previous year.

**Sediment Testing**

Even more striking are switches reflected in the sediment testing of fluid and manufacturing milks carried on during the year. The dairy inspectors took 2,000 fewer sediment tests of fluid milk last year than in 1955—and this was primarily because more milk went to market from farm tanks than in the fast-disappearing 10-gallon cans.

About 7,000 fewer sediment checks were made on milk used in manufactured dairy products. This reflects the decreased amount of milk going into butter, cheese and similar products. Sediment tests on cream dropped from 1,240 in 1955 to 762 in 1956, meaning that less cream is being separated on the farm for manufacturing purposes.

**Frozen Desserts**

Sampling of frozen desserts—the state checks ice cream and meringue for fat and bacteria content—was also down: 1,738 samples were taken for laboratory check compared to 1,964 a year earlier. This, too, is in line with a decline in the number of establishments.

On the other hand, other dairy products sampled for analyses were up about 300. This increase was due mostly to sampling of cottage cheese products on the Oregon market. Inspection of cottage cheeses in 1956 followed the first official state

**Potatoes Lead List At Inspection Points**

Salem—Potatoes constituted more than half the inspections at eight Oregon shipping point districts during December. J. F. Short, director of agriculture, has announced. The inspections are made by the department's federal-state shipping point inspection service for grade certification of fresh fruits, vegetables and nuts.

The department granted certification to 3,985 carloads of products during December. The total 10 cars under the 3,985 carlot inspections for the same period in 1955.

Potatoes generally led the inspection volume. The December total of 2,256 cars was the largest since the new shipping year began July 1. A year earlier 2,131 cars of potatoes were inspected. Checks of pear shipments were up even more: 817 cars against 656 cars for the same period in 1955.

**Walnut Tree Pruning Should Be in May**

Residents desiring to prune walnut trees should wait until about the first of May to do so, C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent, advised today.

He said walnut trees will "bleed" excessively if cut now and death of the tree may result. He explained that cold winter weather causes sap to run more freely in walnut trees and it is virtually impossible to stop the flow if the tree is cut now.

Cordy added it is not necessary to prune walnut trees to increase production. Pruning of these trees is generally a matter of convenience to the owner in such cases as when a limb becomes an obstruction.

On an average winter day it is estimated that six million men, women and children are incapacitated by some form of illness or injury.

**Five Day Program Set for Short Course**

Salem—The five day program of the sixth annual Oregon agricultural chemical applicators short course opens Monday, Jan. 28, at Oregon State college. Agricultural sprayers and dusters may register for the course until 10 a.m. Jan. 28.

Those wishing to take the cultural chemical applicator list-state examinations for an agricide must register by 1 p.m. Jan. 31. Registrations are being accepted by mail at the college and state department of agriculture, cosponsors of the event.

### Dog Owners Alerted Of Rabies in Oregon

Salem—Dog owners must be alert to presence of rabies in Oregon, the state department of agriculture said today. The source of rabies in the Bend area has not been traced and may have originated elsewhere in Oregon, officials stated.

A rabid cat was found in Bend recently. Authorities instituted complete control measures and there is hope of preventing the spread to other areas.

### GRANGE

**Eagle Point Grange**

Farm and livestock prices are up a little and the future in farming looks somewhat better with lots of research going on in agriculture according to C. C. Hoover who gave a report at the Eagle Point Grange Jan. 15.

The legislative committee reported that since the legislature has not been organized yet there has not been much to report, but it looks like their problems will be mostly financial with more money needed for schools which might mean a raise in income taxes.

Clarence Davies explained the school bill to be voted on Jan. 31 at the Eagle Point school gymnasium. According to the report Eagle Point school district has become eligible to be a first class school but it needs a majority vote to withdraw from the rural school district. Also part of the education report was a poem read by Mrs. Jim Edge entitled "The Best Memory System."

Mrs. Paul Force, HEC chairman, reminded the members that the next HEC meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. Ed Hayes, Jan. 30 and that the next Pomona meeting was scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26 at Shady Cove and everyone should take either a salad or dessert.

On the display table was a collection of cactus wood, china dishes and unusual rocks.

Chaplain Mrs. William Perry reported that Howard Short and Paul Olsen were ill and that Mrs. Ross Cline was improving since the last report.

For the lecturer's program Earle Jossy showed a film "Power Country," picturing the area served by the California Oregon Power Co. in southern Oregon and northern California, especially the new Toketee project.

**Four Refrigerated Plants Open in 1956**

Salem—Four new refrigerated locker plants were opened in Oregon, while 18 went out of business in 1956. At year end, 469 locker plants were operating under state license, according to the annual report of Robert Pentney, locker plant supervisor for the state department of agriculture.

Twelve of the 18 owners closed plants due to deficit operations. Individual causes such as fire and death accounted for the remaining six closures, Pentney's report showed.

## Hog Price Prospects Have Good Outlook in 1957, Economist Says

Corvallis—Hog price prospects look good for 1957, but farmers shouldn't count on a repeat of 1954 prices, although \$20 hogs are back in the picture, M. D. Thomas, Oregon State college agricultural economist, has announced.

Oregon's favorable feed situation, good hog-raising climate, and strong pork market have combined to put Oregon swine growers in a strong competitive position this year, the economist stated.

With about 10 per cent of national population, the Pacific coast raises only 1 per cent of the pigs. This usually keeps coast hog prices the highest in the nation, Thomas pointed out.

Nationally, the fall pig crop was 4 per cent smaller than a year earlier. Spring farrowings are expected to be 2 per cent smaller than last spring and 10 per cent less than the spring of 1955.

Adding to the optimism of fewer pig numbers is the Oregon feed situation. Another bumper barley crop is anticipated from acres diverted from wheat production under government production quotas.

The economist advised swine growers to get barrows from the coming spring pig crop to market before mid-September. He also recommended selling

### Local FHA Office to Process Farm Loans

Grants Pass—Loans to eligible applicants of Jackson and Josephine counties can now be processed by the local office of the Farmers Home administration in Grants Pass, E. M. Denny, local agent has announced.

Recent legislative changes permit FHA to make farm housing loans repayable for periods up to 33 years at 4 per cent interest to farm owners unable to obtain credit they need from other sources, Denny said.

Purpose of the farm housing loan program is to provide essential farm buildings, he said. Denny added a farm housing loan or other buildings essential to operating a farm.

Loans will be secured by a mortgage on the farm, subject to existing liens, and by such real estate security the FHA deems necessary to protect the government's interest, he said.

Additional details on the farm housing loans may be obtained by contacting the local FHA office, box 311, Grants Pass.

### N. J. FARMS

Trenton, N. J.—(U.P.)—New Jersey leads the nation in percentage of farms electrified and tops all eastern states in the average number of kilowatt hours of electricity used monthly per farm customer, according to the state's Farm Electrification Council.

While the digestive system, nutritional requirements, and growth rate of rats are similar to those of humans, the OSC scientists say more testing is needed before the treatment gets final approval for human food.

### LAMENT FOR BEAVERS

Corinna, Me.—(U.P.)—Orlie L. Sprague, a member of the Maine Legislature, was moved by nostalgia when he learned there wasn't a beaver in the new legislature. He recalled that in the Maine House 50 years ago "121 members wore mustaches or full beards and only 30 were smooth-shaven."

### Preservation of Food Takes Step Forward in Tests

Corvallis—Another step forward in preservation of foods through irradiation has been announced by Oregon State college agricultural chemists.

Chemists E. C. Buoi and J. S. Butts reported that four generations of rats were fed a 60 per cent diet of irradiated meat over a two-year period with no harmful effects.

The research project, one of several in the country, is for the department of defense. The primary objective of the long-range work is to supply troops with fresh meats and other foods that require sterilization through canning or freezing.

Should commercial-scale irradiation develop, fresh meats and other food could be easily transported to troops in distant parts of the world, particularly in the tropics where processing by freezing is costly.

Test rats were fed on irradiation-preserved beef organs—kidney, heart, brain, and tripe—that was ground, mixed, and sealed in cans. Half the cans were subjected to high intensity gamma irradiation, the other half were frozen for preservation.

Rats on the treated diet grew as well and produced as many young as those on the non-irradiated diet.

Experiments with human test-subjects have been underway for the past two years at the Fitzsimons Army hospital, Denver, where no adverse effects have yet shown up.

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