

CITY GARDEN WATER FILING EXCEEDS 400

Indicative of unprecedented activity in town gardening was the announcement by California Oregon Power company officials Thursday that more than 400 city gardeners have signed up for the victory garden credit refund allowable this year.

Copco garden sign-ups total 484, with approximately 70 outside the city in areas where other irrigation water is available.

The gardens for which refund applications have been filed range from 200 square feet to 12,000 square feet. The minimum size on which a refund is allowed is 200 square feet. Gardeners in filing for the refund should multiply the width by the length of the garden plot to get the square foot figure. This reminder was given because some gardeners have apparently understood the minimum requirement to be 200 feet square, rather than 200 square feet.

Those wishing to get in on the credit refund should notify Copco by May 25.

An example of what can be done in the way of victory gardens in the city and only one block from Main street at that, is the 100 by 100 foot garden being raised by Mrs. Bill Elliott on Pine and Eleventh streets.

Very decorative in the center of the plot is a large "V," made of boards painted red, white and blue, and filled with flowers. The rest of the garden is half in potatoes and the remainder in other vegetables such as peas, carrots, beans, etc.

With the exception of the plowing, Mrs. Elliott has done all the planting and cultivating herself. Though quite stiff and sore from the unusual exercise Mrs. Elliott says that she enjoys the work tremendously.

Several of the vegetables have begun to make their appearance and are two or three inches above the ground.

COAST FARM WORKERS GET GOOD WAGES

SEATTLE, May 20 (AP)—Pacific coast states rank with the nation in wages paid to farm workers, according to George R. Harvey, associate statistician for the U. S. department of agriculture here.

Washington farm workers now are being paid \$103 a month, plus board, compared with \$60.50 last year—"one of the sharpest rises on record," Harvey said.

In Oregon the monthly rate, with board, has risen from \$61 to \$97.50; the without board rate from \$35.05 to \$120.

Washington is the highest for "without board" rates of pay and only slightly behind California's "with board" pay of \$108 a month.

The agriculture department survey showed that even in the large dairying state of Wisconsin, pay is drastically lower than in any Pacific coast state. Monthly pay, without board in Wisconsin is \$59.75 as compared with \$49.25 a year ago.

Closing Date Set For Government Seed Purchase

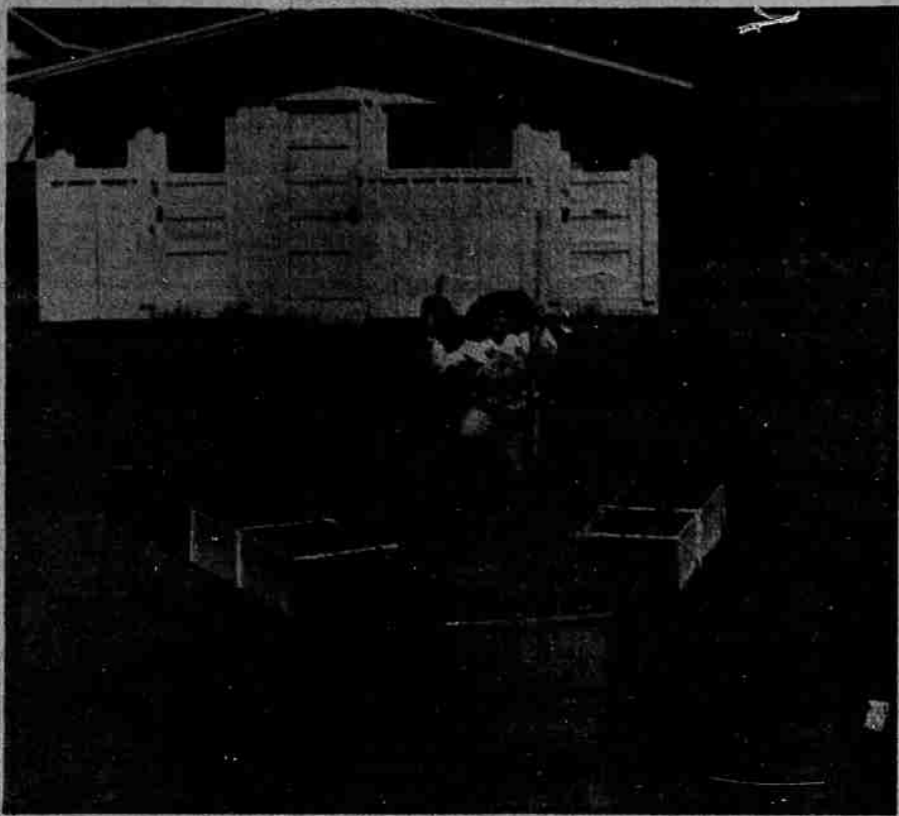
CORVALLIS, May 20 (AP)—Closing date for the government's 1942 seed purchase program has been set at June 1, the state AAA office announced today. Purchase of cover crop seed produced in 1942 will be discontinued on that date and growers still holding seed they wish to sell to the government have been advised to execute the proper papers with their county AAA committee before then.

As announced last fall, the seed purchase program will be continued for the 1943 crop on substantially the same basis as last year.

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"V" Garden in Mid-Town Area



Here is Mrs. Bill Elliott taking a brief respite from the cultivating of her 100 by 100-foot garden on Pine and Eleventh streets. The large red, white and blue "V" above is filled with petunias and other flowers, adding a colorful touch to the vegetable plot.

Cultivate Carefully; Don't Share Garden With Weeds

When your Victory garden has become well established, the important problem is how to take care of it properly.

Providing the good care needed by a successful garden is an all-season job, but if you are faithful during the first part of the season, the work of the latter part will be much lighter.

During the early stages, the crops probably will need working about once a week to keep down weeds. The plant food you have added in the form of fertilizer should go to nourish the food crops, not the weeds. So should the moisture. Weeds draw heavily on both, and also shade out the vegetables. Your plants cannot produce good crops if they have to fight a constant battle with weeds for food, water, and sunlight.

Best Remedy Is Hoe
The best remedy for weeds is a hoe in the hands of a gardener who wants his plants to have good care and a fair chance to produce food. Here are some pointers on how to use your hoe:

As soon as the garden is dry enough after a rain, break the crust to prevent baking as well as to destroy weeds. But don't do this while the ground is too wet, or the soil will be lumpy and harder than ever.

When you start to work with the hoe, remember that a weed, no matter where it may be in your garden plot, is using plant food and moisture your vegetables should have for vigorous growth.

If you dig too deeply when you cultivate, there is danger of damaging vegetables roots near the surface. You can turn out small weeds with a hoe very easily and still do only shallow digging. If there are weeds so close to the plants you can't reach them safely with tools, pull them out by hand.

Experienced gardeners seldom leave pulled weeds, even small ones, lying where they fall because they've learned the weeds may take root and start all over again. Careful gardeners gather them up to throw on the compost heap.

Many successful gardeners recommend mulching with dry lawn clippings or straw to help keep down weeds. Mulching has other advantages: It helps to hold moisture in the ground. It helps keep tomatoes and cucumbers clean and protect them from damage by soil-borne rots.

Don't Work Wet Plants
A gardener who is careful to



Don't hoe weeds when ground is wet. Always use shallow cultivation.

keep weeds away from his vegetables is less likely to have as much trouble with insects and disease as a careless gardener. Weeds give these destructive agents a home and nourishment.

This outside support greatly increases their chances to become established for their work of destroying your own food plants.

Do not work among your plants when they are wet from dew or rain. If disease should be present, spreading the water around may also help to spread the disease.

NEXT: How to use fertilizer economically.

Spaghetti, Meat Balls Give Lionel Barrymore Aches

HOLLYWOOD, May 20 (AP)—Meat balls and spaghetti necessitated professional medical attention today for Lionel Barrymore, cast as a physician in most of his recent films.

The veteran actor is a patient at St. Johns Catholic hospital in nearby Santa Monica. His physician, Dr. M. A. Seymon, said last night Barrymore was suffering from "food poisoning," but should be able to return to his screen work in a few days.

Notice

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SUMMARY OF LAST WEEK'S MARKET TREND

(Editor's Note: The following market information is supplied from material obtained over the government leased wire in the office of the extension economist at Oregon State college. The material, in the form of a weekly summary of trends in the livestock market, is not intended to replace spot day by day market reports.)

North Portland had a slightly larger supply of cattle Monday when 1500 head were received, although only 900 were offered locally. Two loads of choice fed steers brought \$17, which was about even with highest top prices paid previously and higher than for any sold last week. Medium to good fed steers brought \$15 to \$16.25. Even a lot of good 525-pound stocker steers brought \$15.25. Grass steers predominated at San Francisco, with medium grades selling from \$14 to \$15, with one exceptionally good load bringing \$15.50. At Chicago the supply of choice steers was smaller than usual, with prices reaching a top of \$17.25 for heavy weights.

Oregon ranges improved considerably in April, though they were still below normal on May 1, as were farm pastures. Soil moisture conditions are such as to indicate good prospects for late spring and early summer feed. The condition of livestock remained poor as the upturn of pastures came too late to affect the general condition. Livestock feeders have been warned by the commodity credit corporation that the 100 million bushels of feed wheat made available early this spring will be exhausted around July 1. Sales of this feed wheat since March 25 have averaged around one million bushels per day.

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More damage to fruit was caused by frost, particularly in Jackson, Malheur and Union counties. Strawberries are ripening in some of the milder areas.

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Eastern movement of spring lambs from California has been much smaller than usual, with only 25,000 head shipped as compared with 167,000 on the comparable date last year. Eastern markets have been depending more on old crop lambs, while western centers have had greater numbers of spring lambs than usual.

Fair progress has been made by early lambs in most sections of the country except in the Pacific northwest, according to the May 1 report of the U. S. department of agriculture. Both weather and feed conditions have been fairly good throughout California and the southwest in contrast to the backward spring and

considerably under those of a year ago.

HOG MARKETS
Hogs again made up the bulk of the supply of meat available at North Portland Monday, when 2500 head were offered locally. Carload lots were down about 25 cents compared with last week's close, while truck-lots sold at 40 to 50 cents lower than last week. Best quality drive-ins brought mostly \$14.75 to \$14.85, with sorted carloads at \$15. At San Francisco the price was a trifle stronger, with a top of \$15.20, while at Chicago prices also advanced to a top of \$14.60.

Though hog supplies are relatively more plentiful than other classes of livestock at North Portland, the offerings are still

Wool Markets
With manufacturers well bought ahead, there has been little or no interest in further purchases of grease wools on the Boston market in the past week. All grades of scoured wools were in good demand but scouring plants are booked several months ahead. Wools consigned to the commodity credit corporation are arriving at Boston in fair volume from western states. Small lots of wool are reported being purchased at uneven prices in the middle west, though some local fleece wool dealers are completely out of the market. Most purchases have been made

slow feed development in the northwest.

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Save Your Plant Food by Fertilizing Only Where Roots Can Get Full Value



Here's the way to get the most good out of the least fertilizer when planting seeds, or during subsequent feeding of established plants: This gardener has dug two shallow, parallel trenches about five inches apart, and in each has scattered fertilizer thinly. Now he will fill in the two fertilizer trenches and make a new trench for seed planting midway between them. Growing plants are fertilized in the same way, so that the material doesn't touch the stalks but will be held in the ground to enrich the roots.

With supplies of fertilizer limited, Victory gardeners are interested in knowing how far they should go with side dressings during the growing season.

Garden specialists say the leafy green vegetables, important to healthful diets for their vitamins and minerals, should get first priority on your stock of Victory garden fertilizer. They need plenty of nitrogen to produce vigorous green leaves that are tender and nutritious.

So, the leafy green vegetables, particularly cabbage, spinach, chard, and lettuce, should get three side dressings, at the rate of about a pound and a half to a hundred feet of row. Use it in the way to get the most out of it. Scoop out a shallow trench on each side of the plants and about two or three inches away from them. Apply the fertilizer and level off the trench with the rake.

Apply Three Times
Make the first application when the plants are three or four inches high, the second when they are half grown, and the third just before they reach maturity. Naturally, each application will be very light.

If you wish to give tomatoes, pole beans or any of your vegetables besides the green leafy ones some additional plant food, one application should be sufficient if your garden soil was well prepared and fertilized to begin with. Apply it when the plants are about half grown.

Dike Break Floods Idaho Farm Land

DUBOIS, Idaho, May 20 (AP)—A break in the dike of the eastern side of Mud lake flooded more than 300 acres of land and drowned several head of livestock, Watermaster Elvin Henninger reported today.

High winds pounded waters of the lake against the dike, which was of new construction, just before the break, he said.

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