

High Hog Fatalities Hike Price

CHICAGO, June 16 (AP)—If you're still paying high prices for pork two years from now, remember that too many little pigs died this spring.

Heavy pig losses were ascribed to bad weather, disease, and a large proportion of young sows among breeding stock.

The American Veterinary Medical association said livestock disease experts in the corn belt were "urgently attempting to track down the cause of tremendous losses in this spring's baby pig crop, but so far nobody has the answer," the association said.

"A wave of disease has knocked out all hopes for an increase in the fall pork supply. Instead, there probably will be less pork this fall and winter than consumers have seen since the end of price control."

H. M. Conway, market analyst for the National Livestock Producers association, said: "We have had many more reports than usual of disease killing off baby pigs this spring, but the cold weather and the breeding of sows had something to do with the losses."

E. L. Quaffe, animal husbandman for Iowa State college, suggested a virus infection might account for some of the large loss. He reported the infection might be transmitted by the mother to her unborn pigs. Another possible explanation was a nutritional anemia resulting from a lack of sufficient iron in the sow's milk.

DAV Conclave Ends Today

MEDFORD, June 16 (AP)—The Oregon department of the Disabled American Veterans elected Edward Branchfield, Medford, state commander and selected Coos Bay the next convention site at close of the 25th annual convention here over the week-end.

Resolutions urged retention of Camp White hospital by the federal government as a domiciliary hospital for veterans, petitioned congress for a national cemetery in Oregon and asked operation of the employment service by the federal government rather than as a state agency.

Other officers are: Charles E. Hoover, Roseburg, senior vice commander; Wayne Perdue, Salem, junior vice commander; Cor. Quayle, Portland, was re-elected treasurer and the Rev. L. H. Camp, Central Point, chaplain.

The women's auxiliary elected Mrs. Alice Tebbell, Newport, state commander; Mrs. Gladys Lawton, Grants Pass, senior vice commander; Mrs. Katie Johns, Salem, junior vice commander; Mrs. James Little, Medford, chaplain; Mrs. Josephine Ostrander, Salem, treasurer; Mrs. Floyd Dover, Grants Pass, state delegate to the auxiliary national convention.

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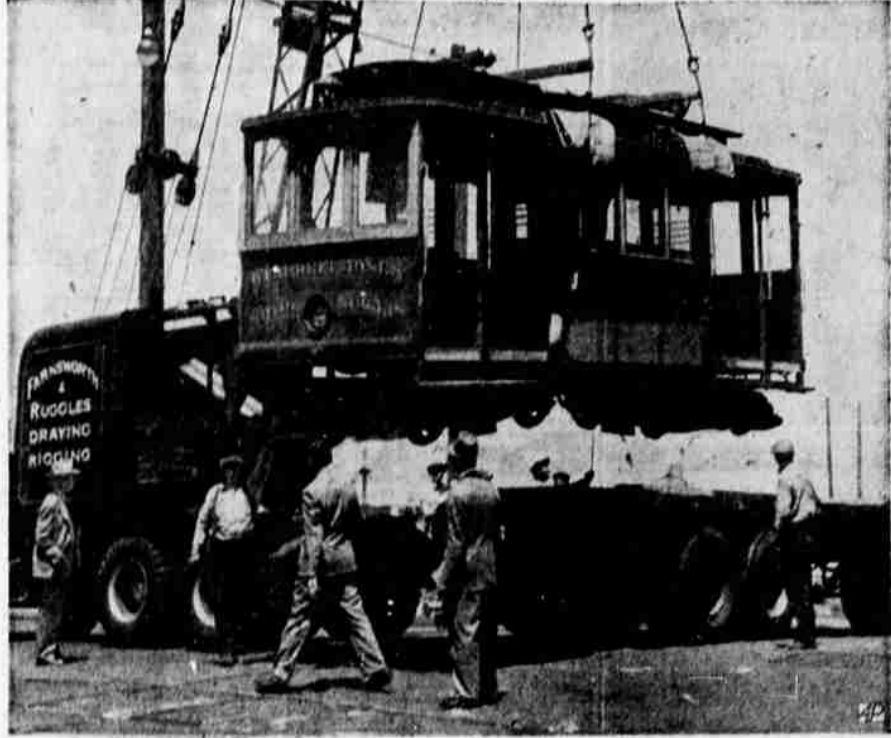
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Ambassador To Uruguay Named

WASHINGTON, June 16 (AP)—President Truman today nominated Ellis O. Briggs of Maine to be ambassador to Uruguay.

Briggs, a veteran foreign service officer, now is director of the department's office of American public affairs.

Briggs, a 48-year-old native of Watertown, Mass., succeeds Williamson Howell, who died at his home in Bryan, Texas, May 22.

Woman Killed In Butte Creek Wreck

OREGON CITY, June 16 (AP)—Mrs. Viola Stricklin, 75, Yoder community, was killed and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Guy L. Stricklin, seriously injured yesterday when the automobile they were riding plunged off the Butte creek road.

Coroner Ray Rillance reported the driver, Guy Stricklin, told of attempting to pass a truck on a curve and not having enough space. The truck was driven by Arnold Kliffner, Molalla.

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Well Known Clergyman Dies

PORTLAND, Ore., June 16 (AP)—Dr. Charles Cupp Poling, 88-year-old retired clergyman and father of three widely known clergymen, died at his home yesterday after a long illness.

Poling, who came as an evangelist missionary to Oregon in 1884, was superintendent of the Evangelical conference in Oregon for 20 years, and president of several church colleges.

He leaves three sons, all in the ministry: Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of International Christian Endeavor; Dr. Paul Newton Poling, a Presbyterian church executive; and Dr. Charles Samuel Poling, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Arcadia, Calif.

Three daughters and his widow also survive.

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Mt. Wilson Observatory Announces New Star Find

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From Mt. Wilson observatory comes the recent announcement that on a photograph taken May 16 there was found a 9th magnitude star showing the "bright intense hydrogen-alpha (spectral) line." Dr. I. S. Bowen, observatory director, concluded that this was "probably a nova."

Since the term "nova" means "new," such stars are sometimes called "new stars." Various novae have blazed forth in the sky during historical time. As they were generally entirely unknown before these outbursts, it was usually assumed that they were actually new stars, likely creations never before existing. Although recent discovery is merely a telescopic star, several in the past have had at their best been quite bright, a few even so brilliant as to be visible in full sunlight.

It is now certain that novae are not new stars, but simply intense brightenings of dim stars that have existed through past eternities of time. In many cases, photographs of a certain region of the sky years earlier show a faint star in the exact position occupied later by a nova.

The earliest nova of which we have a record was the star observed by the ancient Greek astronomer Hipparchus in 134 B. C. and reported as "one born in my own age." Many believe the Star of Bethlehem was a splendid nova. Carefully observed was the radiant nova appearing in the constellation Cassiopeia in A. D. 1572, and fully described by the noted Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe. He considered it a miracle. It became as bright as Venus. In A. D. 1604, Kepler observed Nova Ophi-

chi, which about equaled Jupiter. During the 20th century several conspicuous novae have gleamed forth in the starry heavens. The star spectacular were Nova Persei, 1901, and Nova Aquilae, 1918. A few others, such as Nova Herculis, 1934, and Nova Lacertae, 1936, reached only the brilliance of the Big Dipper stars. To one who is familiar with the stellar groups, it is almost disconcerting to notice some evening a star which is instantly recognized as a stranger.

These exploding stars usually rise to maximum in only two or three days, often increasing thousands of times in brilliance during this period. The decrease to the original luminosity usually requires several months, or a few years.

The cause of these outbursts is not certain. Some have thought that two stars in the vast expanses of the universe have collided or approached so near to each other as to produce tidal strains. Others suggest that the star may have dashed through a nebula and become enormously heated as when a meteor speeds through our atmosphere. A more recent theory holds that delicately balanced forces inside the star itself are in some way upset and, acting with trigger effect, start inconceivably powerful sub-atomic chain reactions. Terrestrial atomic bomb explosions are very feeble examples.

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