

# Grasshopper Horde Battle In Future Will Depend On Report Of 1949 Invasions

By WILLIAM F. LOWELL  
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (AP)—Whether another attempt will be made to stop the grasshopper hordes before they begin to fan out again from breeding grounds in western states probably depends on reports to be made to the house appropriations committee on this year's operations.

Members of the committee were obviously puzzled this summer at the department's change in methods for combating the insect. They sat down hard on its request for \$3,500,000 to complete the job and brushed off the senate's attempt to provide the needed money.

"We had to take what we could get," Senator Hayden (D-Ariz.) said

plumly. He had backed the full \$3,500,000 appropriation to fight the hoppers.

The house originally voted \$1,500,000 to do the job. The senate later raised this to \$3,500,000. The final compromise approved and later signed by the president granted \$1,750,000 for the work.

This is a special appropriation and is in addition to other funds made available by congress for the 1949 and 1950 fiscal years to fight not only grasshoppers but other insects as well.

Here are some of the questions that puzzled the congressmen and the answers they got from Dr. S. A. Rohwer, chief of the bureau of entomology, and his associates, during hearings on the last appropriation request:

Why, if the work is confined largely to only a little more than 5,000,000 acres in two states, is it a federal problem?

Answer: Because this has been determined to be the breeding ground of the hordes of hoppers that fan out over the crop and range lands of the Dakotas, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and perhaps as far south as Texas.

If the source of these hoppers has been known for some time, why hasn't something been done about it before?

Answer: Devices, machinery, new kinds of tools and poisons are available for the first time this year.

Are the grass and crops that may be saved worth the money that the campaign will cost?

Answer: More than \$3,000,000 worth of crops already had been saved (by July 26) in areas of California and Montana.

(A department spokesman said later that the first dust bowl was created by a grasshopper invasion in 1932 of an area about 20 miles south of Winner, S. D. The hoppers, he said, ate even the grass roots and, with nothing to hold it, the light soil blew up.)

Will the campaign exterminate the grasshopper?

Answer: No, but, if the big infestation is knocked down, the department feels confident that the grasshopper problem will not be of the character it has been this year, nor will it spread over so wide an area as if it were not attacked at the source.



**HEADS LEONS**—Cecil Sharp, above, is the new manager of Leons store at 525 Main in Klamath Falls, Sharp, 26, has been in the employ of Leons Oregon Ltd. for the past five years. He started with the firm in Eugene in 1945 while he was still attending the University of Oregon and later managed the Leons store at Salem. Then he was named manager of the Leons store at Astoria, his home town, where he has worked the past two and one-half years. Sharp succeeded Al Lent, former manager, who has gone into the furniture business at Sullivan's. Sharp is married and the couple has one child. He has purchased a home at 4719 Clinton street. Leons is featuring a "Clean Sweep" sale this week.

## THE DOCTOR SAYS

### Surgery Best For Goiter

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D.  
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The thyroid gland lies at the base of the neck in front. It is a gland of internal secretion, that is, it does not have a duct or passageway which empties its secretion elsewhere as the salivary glands do into the mouth. The secretion from the thyroid goes directly into the blood stream.

When the thyroid is behaving normally, it produces just enough secretion for the needs of the body. Among other things it acts on other glands and helps to maintain the pulse rate. Once in a while the thyroid gland starts misbehaving and produces either too much secretion or a secretion which is in some way abnormal. This results in a condition developing which we call toxic goiter.

A drug called thiouracil and more recently some of its relatives have been tried. These drugs seem to be satisfactory for some patients but not for others. Like all strong drugs they must be given with care. Now radioactive iodine is given in some cases and this form of treatment is proving quite promising.

NOTE: Dr. Jordan is unable to answer individual questions from reader. However, each day he will answer one of the most frequently asked questions in his column.

The Doctor Answers  
 QUESTION: What effect does pyorrhea have on the system? Is it necessary to have all the teeth extracted?

ANSWER: In pyorrhea there is infection of the gums along the edges of the teeth. There may be some absorption into the system from these infected areas but the effects of this absorption are frequently difficult to determine. The advisability of extracting the teeth is questionable and depends on many conditions.

#### \$5,000 BLAZE

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 22 (AP)—The Valley Lumber company planting mill and warehouse was damaged by fire yesterday. Owners Juel Bestul and Charles Kudlac reported four trucks were destroyed along with the lumber, asphalt roofing, paint and building supplies in the yard and warehouse. Damage was estimated by Fire Chief Homer Grable at \$25,000.

## Blood Sold To Buy Booze, WCTU Charges

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22 (AP)—The president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union today urged charity blood banks to stop accepting "obviously unfit" blood from donors seeking money to buy liquor.

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin told the 75th annual WCTU convention that the practice of selling blood for drinking funds has become prevalent among vagrants whose term is "peddling the red."

Referring to an article by William J. Elocum in Collier's magazine, the WCTU head said the blood bank practices discussed were investigated by the temperance organization early this year in Chicago.

"What our investigators knew to be true," Mrs. Colvin said, "was met with general denials by clinics and doctors.

"Nevertheless, most clinics using it certainly know where the blood comes from, and banks take advantage of the donors by paying them as little as \$3 a pint, sometimes up to \$8, while the price of most leading hospitals for good blood is \$25 to \$30.

"Steps by health authorities are certainly indicated if the banks and clinics do not stop the practice."

### Pioneer Community

Myron Hurlbut had the misfortune Saturday of falling from a loaded hay wagon and breaking his right arm at the elbow. He is in the Klamath Valley hospital.

Mrs. Harvey Mesner of Klamath Falls and Mrs. William Worden of Portland visited here Monday.

Rod Frain has been moved home from Klamath Valley hospital having been there the past 10 days. He is still convalescing at his home here.

Mrs. Dean Chism and family of Lincoln, Calif., are visiting at the R. E. Hurlbut home. Mrs. Chism and Mrs. Hurlbut are sisters.

Mrs. Clyde Laird of Fall Creek stopped to visit Rod Frain on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Everhart were visitors on Wednesday. They plan to make a trip soon to Missouri, their old home state. They plan the trip by motor and expect to be gone some time.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Peterson are proud grandparents. Their son Eldon and wife have a new baby girl. She tipped the scales at five pounds thirteen and one-half ounces.

Mrs. Lena Cavin of Hornbrook is visiting at the W. L. Frains' this week. She also plans to visit relatives in Klamath Falls.

### Woman Drowns In Necanicum River

SEASIDE, Aug. 20 (AP)—A 70-year-old woman drowned in the Necanicum river shortly before midnight last night after plunging from the bridge.

A group of boys saw a woman's coat, hat, and purse on a railing, and turned on a flashlight on the waters to see a woman's body.

Police brought the body of Mrs. Lila Pearl West, Cannon Beach, ashore. Artificial respiration was futile.

### BUILDING BIDS

SALEM, Aug. 22 (AP)—Sealed bids for construction of an office building at Salem are to be received by the Oregon state highway commission at 9 a. m., daylight saving time, September 20, in the green room of the Imperial hotel, Portland. Plans and specifications are available in the office of Whitehouse, Church, Newberry and Roehr, architects, 619 Builders Exchange building, Portland 4.

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