U.S., Canada Wool Production Down

This year sheep ranchers and farmers in the United States and Canada have fewer sheep and have produced about 200 million pounds less wool than in 1942.

In this part of the world, cattle raising and cash grains have paid better in recent years than sheep raising. Then, too, fat lambs have brought more favorable returns than wool, so sheepmen have sold more lambs than usual for slaughter and kept fewer for flock replacements.

Six Producers

But the United States is just one of the smaller of the big six wool countries. Foreign relations officials of the U. S. report the other five principal wool producing countries, Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, Argentina, and Uruguay, together produced a bigger share of the world's wool this year than before the war. Uruguay more. Argentina not quite as much. Production in the Union of South Africa, the chief wool country of Africa, is still below pre-war.

First

But the total wool clip in Australia and New Zealand — the first and second wool producing countries of the world—is somewhat larger this year than before the war.

The officials note that the output of merino wool has increased proportionately more than the increase in the world clip. Prices of merino compared with crossbred wool prices have favored the increase.

Chinese Reds Begin Education Reforms

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—The Chinese Reds have begun to remold their higher educational system, but obviously are going slow. In a broadcast heard here by the Associated Press, the Peking radio said curricula for colleges and arts and sciences had been revised.

"This marks the beginning of the reformation of the old educational system in universities and colleges in China," declared the broadcast. Dialectical materialism, historical materialism and what the Reds call "new democracy" are required subjects. Russian is required as a foreign language course "whenever possible."

Officials Itch For DDT

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—When City Health Director Dr. J. C. Geiger ordered the janitor at the city health center to spray the balconies every month with DDT, he posted this explanation:

"We have pigeons. The pigeons sometimes carry psittacosis. They also carry mites, and, I regret to say, lice. Once in a while I have an itch. Then I have to scratch. The spray, therefore, is for everybody's protection around here, but mostly for my own."

Any celebration of Christmas was a crime in the Puritan England of Oliver Cromwell.

CAUGHT IN WINTER'S GRIP—Symbolic of the new icy grip winter has on a large part of the United States is the freighter George F. Rand, grounded while bucking ice in Saginaw Bay, Lake Huron. An ever-thickening field of ice closes in on the 532-foot ship, loaded with 8000 tons of coal, threatening to imprison it for the winter.

OREGON JUNIOR VEGETABLE GROWERS WIN THREE NATIONAL CONTEST AWARDS

Oregon junior vegetable growers were named winners of three state awards in the 1949 Production-Marketing contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association today as the organization concluded its fifteenth annual four-day convention at Washington, D. C.

State-wide honors went to Violet Kay Klobas, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Klobas; Walter Haley Pritchard, Jr., 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Pritchard, and Donald Kenneth Sorensen, 17-year-old son of H. S. Harbour, all of Bend. They were awarded cash prizes from the $6000 in scholarships provided each year by A & P Food Stores to encourage better production and marketing of vegtables by farm youth. Other results announced by Prof. Grant B. Snyder of the University of Massachusetts, adult advisor to the association, included the awarding of the national championship along with the top $500 scholarship to Russell L. Sears, Jr., 20-year-old grower of Cummington, Mass.

Largest of the three prize-winning projects in Oregon was that of young Pritchard who tilled seven-tenths of an acre on his parents' 40-acre Deschutes County farm, raising a diversified crop of 18 different vegetables which he sold for $421. Total cost of the project was less than $100. His outstanding crop consisted of 10,290 pounds of Deschutes Netted Gem Potatoes valued at $247. Active for six years in 4-H Club work, this ninth-grade schoolboy during the past year has won numerous awards for his garden produce, including a blue ribbon for his potatoes at the state fair.

Walter Pritchard

Violet Klobas

Not to be outdone by the boys, Violet converted her garden project into an NJVGA prize-winner this year through careful planning and close observation of her 3060 square-foot plot on her parents' 80-acre farm. A high school sophomore, she has been active in 4-H Club work for the past six years and participates in many school and civic affairs. Her diversified crop of 15 vegetables also won for her a place in the county fair judging this year. Her garden exhibits have placed in fair competition for the past six years, taking first place in both 1946 and 1947. Sales of her produce grossed better than $2 an hour for Violet.

Young Sorensen, a high school junior, has been a member of the 4-H Club for seven years, but started a garden project this summer for the first time, winning one of the three Oregon state awards from NJVGA. Winner of garden judging at the county fair, Donald grossed $215 on his crop of 20 different vegetables.

Inspections Help Halt Crop Insects

Quarantine officials report that during the past year they found prohibited plant material on about a fourth of 43,000 ships coming into U. S. ports. They actually discovered destructive insects and diseases on much of that material.

Even more serious is the danger of plant pests slipping into this country by airplane. To prevent that, they inspected more than 60,000 airplanes at 51 ports of entry, including inspections and treatment with an aerosol containing DDT of planes about to take off rom Hawaii for the continental United States.

They intercepted in a number of those planes living adults of the oriental fruit fly, a destructive insect which attacks more than one hundred kinds of fruit, as well as cotton. This year the quarantine officials also inaugurated pre-flight inspection of planes heading toward our mainland from Puerto Rico.

They inspected 3300 pullman and passenger coaches from Mexico, as well as 7-½ million trucks and automobiles to prevent pests, particularly the citrus blackfly, from getting into this country.

SONGS SCANDAL

BREMEN, (AP)—After a drinking party, seven German policemen drove through the city singing Nazi songs. They were discharged from the force, police headquarters reported.

Youth Does 4-Year Stint In 30 Hours

CHICAGO, Dec. 1 (AP)—J. Edward Nelson, 17, has just whizzed through four years of college in 30 hours.

"It's always been theoretically possible," according to amazed officials of the college of the University of Chicago.

Edward is the first student to demonstrate by 14 placement tests that he possesses the equivalent to a general education. So instead of working on credits for a bechelor's degree, he will begin immediately to work on his master's degree in mathematics.

The tests, introduced at the college in 1942, recognize a student for what he knows and not for the number of courses he has taken. All students are given the tests during a five-day period to determine their academic standing.

Bronx, Rome

Edward, son of a YMCA secretary in Rome, Italy, attended the Bronx High School of Science in New York City and completed his junior and senior years at the Institito Giovanni Verga when his family moved to Rome.

He brushed aside suggestions that he is a genius.

"It's all what you learn and where you learn it," he said. "I firmly believe, however, that teaching methods and courses are more comprehensive in European schools."

In Rome he attended school about four hours a day but always spent at least another three hours on his homework, Nelson told newsmen.

The federal government's telephone bill for calls in the city of Washington alone amounts to more than $3,500,000 a year.

WELL-OILED HIGHWAY

HAMBURG (AP)—A Danish truck driver lost his cognac laden trailer on the highway near here. He only noticed his loss when he tried to park.

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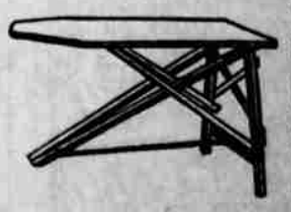

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