



HORSE BLOOD-DONOR — Richard and Mary Criley feed sugar to Brownie, 15-year-old horse, at the laboratories of Wyeth, Incorporated, Marietta, Pa. Brownie weighs 1,600 pounds but has given more than 2,000 pounds of blood for use in tetanus antitoxin. Blood is taken twice a month, about two gallons at a time. Richard and Mary are children of Dr. B. R. Criley, immunologist at the laboratories.

Housing Faces Ag Committee

Good housing for migrant farm labor is important in getting and placing workers who harvest many of Oregon's most valuable crops. Yet such housing is limited and much of it is sub-standard, with little attention given to sanitation, pure water supply, or adequate cooking facilities.

This information was turned up by the statewide rural life committee headed by L. E. Francis, Tillamook, which met in Portland recently. The committee is one of 11 planning for the Oregon agricultural conference Mar. 27-29 at Oregon State college.

Mrs. Lee Holliday, Klamath Falls housing subcommittee chairman, reported an outstanding cooperative labor camp is operating near Milton-Freewater. This helps stabilize the farm labor force in that area. The Athena Pea Growers association also maintains a good camp for single workers, she said.

The Hillsboro and Hood River areas have taken some steps to improve their situation, but conditions are not yet entirely satisfactory, she added.

Throughout the Willamette valley with the possible exception of hop areas, adequate housing for migrants is scarce. That available frequently falls short of minimum needs.

What can be done to remedy this situation, which has a vital bearing on Oregon's farm income, will be discussed at the agricultural conference.

Hereford Show At PI in '52

PORTLAND (Special)—A national Hereford show will headline the events at the forty-second annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition to be held here October 1 through 11.

Choice specimens of the Hereford breed of beef cattle will compete for a record \$15,000 in premium money during the show, officials of the Pacific International and the American Hereford Association announced today.

How Secret Can The Boys Get?

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—When is a bus accident a military secret? When the bus is being used to train civil defense drivers — says Defense Instructor Clarence G. Lahey, a municipal railway inspector.

A Muni bus, driven by a woman trainee under Lahey's instruction, jumped a curb Tuesday night, knocking down a pedestrian.

Lahey declined to give details. Military secret, he said.

Police were not so secretive. They said Ella B. Payne lost control of the bus while making a turn John Nuchupoff, 69, was taken to a hospital with a broken leg.

CG Reports On '52 Dues

A confidential Government memorandum is quoted by the March issue of Country Gentleman to give farmers some idea of what to expect in the next year or so.

The memorandum is not official policy but it does reflect top-level thinking on the probable trend in both military and civilian production planning.

The military schedules now call for reaching peak defense expenditures of about \$4,000,000,000 a month by the end of this year or early next. It is planned to hold them at about that level through 1953 and then to begin to taper off in 1954, if there is no change in the war outlook.

The memorandum forecasts that the maximum inflationary pressure of the defense program will be felt about the middle of this year. Although the production of civilian goods will begin to increase while purchasing power remains about steady, starting early in 1953, it is figured, the supply of civilian goods should be in good balance with demand.

In terms of farming, this should mean a pretty firm market and fewer shortages than expected.

Rotation Top Weed Killer

Crop rotation remains the most effective practical method for control of many farm weeds. Except for certain noxious species, weeds are not able to thrive indefinitely on crop related land, points out Tulelake Farm Advisor Ken Baggett, University of California Agricultural Extension Service.

Annual weeds are restricted by a rotation that includes a small-grain crop, a cultivated crop, such as potatoes, and a legume crop. Certain other weeds are held in check by rotations that include smaller crops such as alfalfa. Weeds that are troublesome in irrigated pasture are reduced by rotations that include crops such as potatoes, alkali clover, and small grain.

Publications, telling of different methods of weed control can be secured at the Farm Advisor's office in Tulelake.

14 YEAR CHOW
A Texas rancher this winter fed cattle 4,000 tons of grain sorghum that he had put in a trench silo fourteen years ago, says the March issue of Country Gentleman. The silage was in excellent condition and cattle ate it with relish. The rancher says it was the most economical feed he ever used, having been put up when labor and feed were low-priced.

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Mink Farmers Troubles Bring About Discussion

Obtaining an adequate feed supply is one of the problems facing the state's mink farmers.

R. H. Watt, Bay City, chairman of a statewide committee preparing a report for the Oregon State College agricultural conference March 27 to 30, says mink diet which is 70 to 85 percent fish by preference causes a continual headache for producers. Not only must fish be obtained, but mink are picky and choosy about the condition of their fish. It must be fresh, so most fur farmers must install expensive refrigeration equipment.

The investment for both ranch and breeding stock, the committee says, is the chief handicap facing anyone having plans to gain an industry foothold. At present Oregon has about 150 mink fur farms with a total of some 30,000 breeders. Annual kit output approaches 75,000, Watt states. Income from breeding stock and pelts is approximately \$1,500,000 annually.

The trend is toward fewer ranches housing more mink, the committee has learned. R. E. Dimeck, head of the Oregon State College fish and game department, serves the committee as secretary.

Although Oregon mink farms run toward conservative sizes, quality is better than that found in areas where farms are larger. In Wisconsin and Minnesota, for example, some single farms turn out 30,000 kits during a single season.

Another of the problems facing mink producers is the fact that theirs is a strictly luxury business, and markets are buffeted materially by economic ups and downs. In addition to feed supply problems, little research has been done on nutrition and disease.

Distemper is the chief disease problem. Although shots are available, serums have not been developed to a point where complete control is possible.

Members of the committee headed by Watt include R. C. Jackson, Newberg; Harvey Ronne, Salem; C. A. Smith, Seaside; C. W. Stacey, Salem; Eugene Finlay, Jefferson; Otto Geddes, Imbler; Ted Jacobs, Tillamook; Eugene Nardon, Astoria; and Andrew Waris, Clatskanie.

Portland Bus Strike Talked

PORTLAND (AP)—Portland Traction Company drivers voted Monday night either to strike to get their demands by April 1 or to arbitrate if the company will agree to do so.

Harvey Thomas, union business agent, said the strike authorization was by a 3-1 margin of the 1,250 drivers. But he said if the company will arbitrate the points in disagreement, the drivers will approve.

The drivers seek a 15-cent hourly wage boost a cost-of-living escalator clause and various other benefits. Contract talks have been under way for two months without much progress, Thomas said.

Planes Win Out Over Train Travel

WASHINGTON (AP)—Air travel mileage exceeded pullman travel mileage last year for the first time on record.

The Civil Aeronautics Board said domestic airlines flew 10,500,394, 600 passenger miles last year, while rail travel on pullmans totaled 10,432,306,000 passenger miles.

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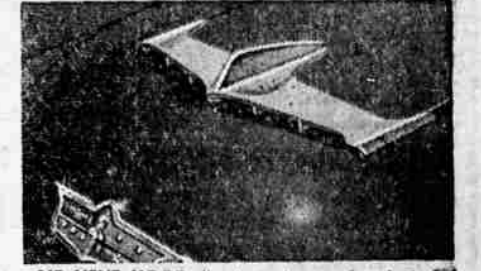
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