



OREGON BEEF CANDY was distributed to senators in the national capital by a delegation of Oregon Cow Belles and Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Shown presenting high protein candy to Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon are, left to right, Mrs. Frank Obenchain, Klamath Falls; Mr. Obenchain, Mrs. Henry C. Gerber, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Dave Campbell, Bly; Margaret Gerber, Mrs. Julian Arrien, Vale; Mr. Campbell.

Oregon's Beef Candy Taken To Washington

Senators were treated to "sweet meats" last week when the Oregon Cow Belles, auxiliary of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, distributed high-protein beef candy on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon arranged for the Cow Belles to distribute the confection in Senate dining rooms as a means of publicizing a new potential market for beef products. The distribution was handled by Mrs. Dave Campbell, Bly, president of the Cow Belle delegation; Mrs. Frank Obenchain; Mrs. Henry C. Gerber, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Julian Arrien, Vale; Margaret Gerber, also of Klamath Falls. The Cow Belles were accompanied by their husbands.

Mrs. Campbell disclosed that the beef candy was the result of a process developed by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coles of Prineville. The process combined dehydrated beef with sweets. Fresh beef contains approximately 17 per cent protein and 60 to 65 per cent moisture. By removing the moisture from the

fresh beef, the resulting dehydrated beef as used in this candy contains approximately 56 per cent protein, or about three times as much protein as in fresh beef. This candy contains 25 per cent dehydrated beef, which makes an ounce of the product the approximate equivalent animal protein of $\frac{1}{4}$ of an ounce of fresh beef. The high animal protein content of this candy not only assures "quick" but also "lasting" energy.

Before arrival of the Cow Belles, Neuberger had urged the Department of the Army to study inclusion of the high-protein product in military rations. The Army reported that the Quartermaster Corps technologists were "familiar with this product and have in fact made some suggestions to the manufacturers on ingredients and formulations for its improvement and have tested some of the sample products."

The Oregon senator was informed that Army food experts would follow development of the candy "so that prompt application can be made if the need should arise."

Treatment Speeds Germination Rate

If you hear a strange beeping sound one of these days when you're out seeding alfalfa, don't look to the skies for another Sputnik. It might be only your alfalfa seed.

At Washington State College, they're treating hard seeds (which are slow to germinate; with radio waves to "soften" them up. Germination increases from 60 per cent to 96 per cent.

The radio treatment seems to soften the seed so it absorbs water more easily. The treatment lasts only 25 seconds and doesn't appear to have any harmful effect on the later plants.

Even seed that had been treated and then stored for a year at room temperature germinated better in tests than untreated seed.

USES FOR OLD FRAMES

Old picture frames have many uses. They can be made into wall shadow boxes, for example. And if the frame is large enough, it can be converted into a coffee table with the addition of a leg at each corner, a base and a glass top.

State Studies Poultry Rules

Oregon's agriculture director, Robert J. Steward, attended a special meeting in Washington, D.C., recently to help develop federal-state cooperative agreements to carry out provisions of the compulsory federal poultry inspection act to go into effect July 1, 1958.

Steward is a member of a special committee representing the state directors of departments of agriculture. The committee has been asked to work with USDA marketing officials in planning the program.

"It is my belief that a federal-state approach to this problem is quite feasible. The federal government would bear the cost and provide the supervision necessary to insure proper standards of inspection. The cooperating state would administer the program, employing local qualified people through state civil service. This would bring about local administration of this important activity," Steward said.

The following criteria will be considered in determining whether or not a cooperative agreement could be developed:

1. A state must have a legal

base and the administrative capacity to perform the activity.

2. The state employment system must include adequate personnel standards for qualifying workers.

3. Federal standards would constitute the final authority.

4. Federal supervision on standards and technical matters would extend to the packing plant level.

5. The state would have to provide its services within maximum federal pay standards.

According to Steward, it was agreed at the meeting that USDA personnel would assume the responsibility for initial personnel training programs.

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RETURNING FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. where they presented Mrs. Richard Nixon, wife of the vice president, with a charm bracelet as a gift from the Klamath Cow Belles, are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Campbell, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Obenchain of Bly.