



**PLANT LIFE.** Although the begonia is ordinarily a short-lived plant, this impressive specimen is threatening to become a centenarian. Already 50 years old, the angel-wing plant is flourishing and shows no sign of withering. It is owned by Mrs. Eula Stricker, shown above, of Okaville, Illinois, who was given the plant by her mother-in-law.

**Peek Will Manage New Stock Market**

RED BLUFF — Ellington Peek, well known operator of the livestock auction yard at Anderson, California, has been employed by the Valley Livestock Marketing Association of Stockton and Dixon to manage the association's new super-livestock market to be constructed between Red Bluff and Cottonwood, L. W. Feldmiller, the association's general manager stated.

"Our cooperative feels extremely fortunate in obtaining Peek's services. He has been highly successful in developing the Anderson auction from a weekly total of 150 head of cattle to as many as 800 during the past three years," he said. Feldmiller stated that livestock men throughout all Northern California counties have been high in their praise of Peek's ability to sell livestock at top figures.

**Burger Identity Topic Of Meeting**

Thomas Bailey of Klamath Falls was in Salem May 26-28 attending the semi-annual staff conference of the State Department of Agriculture's division of foods and dairies, weights and measures. Bailey is district representative in Klamath and Lake counties for the foods and dairies division.

During a discussion on labeling and advertising of packaged food products, O. K. Beals, division chief, stated that the Oregon Food Act requires truthful advertising of packaged food products as well as truthful labeling. He said the department is stepping up its work in this field.

The hamburger standard of identity put into effect January 13 came under discussion by the staff who enforce the regulation. Salem officials stated that an amendment to the original order will soon go into effect. The purpose of the amendment is to allow higher priced specialty ground beef products to be sold under their trade names, such as chip steak and choppettes. This amendment will keep the Oregon standard in line with federal regulations.

Considerable attention was given to the general field of public relations and regulatory programs.

**SUPER-SALESMAN**  
OKLAHOMA CITY — F. H. Eischen is an enthusiastic supporter for the Lions Club eye bank, which gathers pledges for the donation of corneas after death. An Oklahoma City policeman stopped Eischen for a traffic violation. While the officer was writing out a ticket, the booster signed up the policeman to donate his eyes.

Keep a chart of stain removal techniques near the laundry area, together with a batch of flexible plastic material samples, each with a safety pin attached. While sorting the wash, "tickel" the articles which will need special handling.

**Easy Spread Butter Developed at OSC; New Process Listed**

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Butter that spreads smoothly when cold has been developed by an Oregon State College scientist and may soon be on the market in the Northwest.

Dr. G. H. Wilster, OSC dairy manufacturing scientist, developed a new churning process which turns out butter that will spread smoothly at temperatures as low as 48 degrees Fahrenheit. The process requires varied temperatures, after pasteurization, and precise churning and butter-making techniques.

More than 23,000 pounds of butter have been produced at OSC by the new process. All samples have been waxy and smooth. Butter made by standard methods is usually hard, crumbly and difficult to cut or spread when cold.

Hard, crumbly butter is primarily a problem during fall, winter, and early spring when dairy animals receive little green feed. However, it is possible to make crumbly butter even during summer months with carefree churning and other inaccurate methods, Dr. Wilster explains.

The new butter cuts easily when removed from the refrigerator, yet does not become sticky at room temperatures. Dairy plant managers and government butter graders rated it superior to standard butter in spreading qualities in recent tests.

Importance of butter "spreadability" was emphasized in a recent market study showing that 92 per cent of U.S. butter users like butter best as a spread for such foods as bread, crackers, and rolls.

Easy spreading qualities of the new butter were not affected by long periods in cold storage at sub-zero temperatures. This has aroused interest of the U.S. armed forces for long distance transporting of food supplies.

**View Hog Prices With Optimism**

The U.S. Agricultural Marketing Service says prices of hogs . . . previously ticketed for possible trouble in 1958 . . . have set a bright record so far and may be reasonably good throughout the year.

Prices climbed above \$20 per hundredweight early in the year and they are likely to stay near or above that figure possibly until mid-summer. Their decline this fall will not be severe.

**TOURISTS: WELCOME TO OREGON.**



**Benson In Beef With Cattlemen**

Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson is in a squabble with Rad Hall, executive secretary of the National Cattlemen's Association, over high beef prices.

Benson said recently that you can price any food commodity so high that you get real resistance. He said the nation was reaching that point with beef . . . particularly the better cuts.

Hall replied that cattle prices are just now approaching reasonably profitable levels. He said cattlemen have been put through the wringer in the past five years by the workings of the free market.

**Weights, Measure Forms Are Mailed**

The State Department of Agriculture has mailed application forms for 1958-1959 weights and measures licenses to 10,600 persons and firms who were licensed last year, according to Walter B. Steele, deputy state sealer.

Current Oregon licenses for scales and liquid measuring devices (gasoline and other pumps and meters) expire June 30.

Oregon law requires all wholesale and retail scales and liquid measuring devices to be licensed through the department. Fees vary from \$1 to \$30 depending upon the type of scale or measure.

As a side-light Steele says automation installed the past year has greatly reduced the time required to prepare the applications. Previously the department hired an extra employe for three months each year to send out applications and issue licenses.

**DOG ODDITIES**

By Harry Miller, Director, GAINES DOG RESEARCH CENTER

**NORMAL TEMPERATURE OF THE XOLOIXCUINTLE, HAIRLESS DOG OF THE AZTECS, IS 104 DEGREES F., 3 ABOVE THAT OF OTHER BREEDS**



**RIPPY, 2-YEAR-OLD GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG OWNED BY SAM TERLINSKY, PLAINVIEW, N.Y., HAS A GOLD TOOTH TO REPLACE ONE HE BROKE OFF**

**WHEN COLUMBUS DISCOVERED THE NEW WORLD, THE ONLY DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN NORTH AMERICA WERE TURKEYS AND DOGS**



**UNNEEDED**

Metal armor for ships was unnecessary until mid-19th century because artillery until then could not pierce heavy oaken timbers, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Lettuce wrapped in foil will not turn brown in the refrigerator, and will stay crisp longer.

**MUCH IN LITTLE**

Rhode Island measures only 48 by 37 miles, yet includes a township of 49 square miles with a population scarcely more than 700, and a city, Central Falls, just over a mile square, with more than 23,000 inhabitants.

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