

TWO LOGS MAKE NO LOAD at all for this former Navy landing barge which can drag about 10 on each side when it's really loaded. Normally, the 55-foot barge makes two trips to shore a day, bringing in a total of 30 to 35 logs, which are beached with the help of a tractor. The barge is powered by two Chrysler marine engines.

Homemaker Courses To Be Expanded

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — A plan to broaden and strengthen adult homemaking education in Oregon by addition of such courses as home management, child development, and family finance has been announced by the state division of vocational education and the Oregon State College home economics education department.

Adult education courses in homemaking are currently offered through public schools in more than 90 Oregon communities with more than 13,500 men and women enrolled last year. Most of the classes are given at night for periods of two or three hours.

Major emphasis in the past has been on skill courses—clothing, upholstery, and some foods—but the new program is aimed at broadening course offerings to include other basic areas of homemaking. Addition of such courses will strengthen the educational program and better serve homemakers of the state, it was explained.

Bertha Kohlhaugen, state supervisor of home economics education, are leaders in program development. As the first step in the program, two one-day conferences were held last week at Oregon State College for adult homemaking teachers. Nearly 40 teachers and local vocational directors participated in discussions on how to make homemaking classes more effective and which additional courses are needed. O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education, met with the group.

Recommendations will be referred to adult education leaders in the various communities for their use in planning local course offerings.

Home management courses designed to help the homemaker better organize her time and work have been especially requested, it was reported. Colorado has an effective home management project built around a "wife saver" theme that was used as a sample project. Other courses suggested included family finance, family relations, teen-age guides, and child development.

HITCH IN HIS PLANS

TAIPEI (UPI) — The crew aboard the U.S. Navy Destroyer McDermut on patrol in the Formosa Straits has the usual collection of tattoos of mottoes, women, anchors, etc., but Seaman D. R. McCullough of Birmingham, Ala., is tattooed with a difference.

On his shoulder McCullough wears the words, "This sailor should go to Heaven. He spent his hitch in hell." McCullough apparently doesn't mean it. He enlisted recently for six years.

U.S. Dogs Take Big Bite Out Of Owners' Budgets

By ANTHONY ZECCA
PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — America is going to the dogs to the tune of a half-billion dollars a year.

That's how much it's costing us to let dogs lead a dog's life, said Harry Miller, one of the nation's leading canine connoisseurs and director of the Gaines Dog Research Center.

Miller pegs the nation's pooch population at 25 million, which includes 113 recognized breeds, one-third of all there are.

"There's no recession in the dog industry," said Miller. "It's thriving, with 40 per cent of the nation's homes having one or more dogs. We figure the total gross last year, including sale of puppies, food, shows, medical expenses and otherwise, was well over 500 million dollars."

Biggest item, he explained, was 325 million dollars for dog food, the likes of which Mother Hubbard's Cupboard never imagined. There are canned foods, meal types, baked goods, frozen foods. Then there are diets aimed at reducing obese dogs, those to aid the kidneys of aging dogs, other high protein diets for dogs who are under stress, and menus for just about every condition imaginable. Nervous dogs get tranquilizing drugs; listless ones get energy foods.

"For the most part," said Miller, "dogs are treated as members of the family. They get sick and old like humans, and they get medicine and hospitalization in the same manner."

Miller's book "Puppy and Dog Care" is a best-seller among dog owners, and its proceeds go to the Cornell Research Laboratory for Diseases of Dogs. But there are as many varied publications on dogs as cross-breeds.

You can, for example, get a national listing of hotels and motels which do not discriminate against dogs if you're traveling. There's a pamphlet on dog names; there's one that tells you how to enjoy a dog show, another on how to groom your dog and one entitled, "Our Dog's Health Record," in which you record all his shots, treatments and visits to the veterinarian, a counterpart to the "Our

STARLIGHT VISION AID

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Light from the stars is being put to work by the Army to help soldiers see at night. A new device will enable troops to see military objectives after dark by gathering reflected starlight or diffused light from skyglow and intensifying the image electronically. Called the "Cascaded Photosensitive Image Intensifier," the device was developed by the Army Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and the Radio Corporation of America.

"Baby" book. It even has a space for the pooch's picture.

Dogdom, in brief, is enjoying a boom, said Miller.

"We know that two out of every five homes being set up will have a dog," he stated. "In a great many cases, the dog comes before the child. If the couple raises the dog right, chances are they'll do a pretty good job with the child."

Livestock Packers See Decline Soon

By United Press International
Livestock packers and feeders in California are predicting a decreased payroll in their industries unless the Interstate Commerce Commission changes its ruling on lower truck rates for dressed meat and packing house products coming to the West Coast.

The commission allowed rates of approximately 35 cents per hundredweight below present rail rates to go into effect on July 6. This was done after cattlemen's associations, independent meat packers and other West Coast organizations had secured a suspension of the effective dates and had been granted a hearing date by the commission's suspension board, which was overruled by the commission's Division 11.

California industries, according to Floyd Forbes, manager of the Western States Meat Packers Association, are objecting to the commission's action which did not allow a hearing.

Forbes says it will only be a question of time until slaughter houses will be operating only on local livestock production. He says we ordinarily bring about a million and a half feeder cattle into the state each year. Those cattle will not be able to compete with intermountain and midwestern feeders who can pay as much as 1 1/2 cents more because of reduced shipping costs of dressed meat.

Forbes says California does not produce enough hogs, cattle or sheep to keep its slaughter houses going . . . and at certain times of the year it must depend on the Midwest to keep its plants going to capacity. Consequently, it will affect the whole agricultural economy of the state. Packers will have to lay off some of their help, feeders will not be able to buy as much feed stuffs or to employ as much help.

The California Cattlemen's Association will discuss the Interstate Commerce decision at its board of directors meeting in San Francisco on August 8.

Leptospirosis Plan Asked

Farmers could save themselves and the nation over 112 million dollars a year if they would inaugurate a vaccination program against a cattle and swine disease known as leptospirosis, the American Foundation for Animal Health suggested today.

The disease causes premature births of calves and pigs. In recent years, however, vaccines have been developed which will prevent it, and a vaccination campaign is now being urged on a nation-wide scale.

In calves, leptospirosis usually causes fever, prostration, labored breathing and jaundice, with death losses reaching considerable proportions. It also can cause a sharp drop in milk production among dairy cattle.

The disease is especially serious as a breeding hazard for swine, and infected animals may be spreaders or carriers for many months.

"We are foolish to confront one hundred million dollars in losses from a cause like this, when we now have a tool which will save us that huge toll," the Foundation said. "Systematic vaccination will pay great dividends to the farmer, and to the nation's economy as well."

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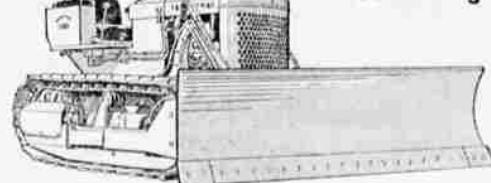
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