

Astoria to Get Laboratory For Study

Research to Be Directed to Finding Better Marketing Methods

Research directed at finding better methods for marketing Oregon's abundant marine food resources will be carried on in a special laboratory at Astoria, under a cooperative arrangement approved by the state board of higher education at its recent meeting, announces William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college.

The work will be directed by the state college experiment station as a branch laboratory of the department of food industries headed by E. H. Wiegand. The funds for the special research are being provided by the agricultural research foundation, the Oregon fish commission, and Clatsop county. The county is supplying a laboratory and equipment.

Emphasis, at least at first, will be placed on finding new and better methods of processing crabs,

oysters, and tuna fish for wider market areas than these are now reaching, explained Dean Schoenfeld. Processes to be studied will include canning, quick freezing, or others found suitable. While most of the work will be done on marine foods, some research will be conducted on the processing of fruits and vegetables grown on the coast.

"Approximately half of the United States pack of frozen fruits and vegetables now comes from the western states," the dean pointed out. "Rather large acreages of fruits and vegetables suitable for such use are now being produced along the Oregon coast."

"Likewise, the seafood industry of the state has had rapid expansion, particularly as regards tuna fish. Many other seafoods, however, are reaching only a limited market because of inability to ship them long distances under present processing methods. It is hoped that the present research will develop methods for extending the market for Oregon crabs, for example, which, outside of the fresh market areas, is now largely occupied by foreign canned crabs."

Research will also be conducted looking to the development of by-products from sea foods, fruits and vegetables, and from the wastes from present processing plants.

Grades Should Aid in Buying Eggs

Department of Agriculture Names Standards of Sale

Many consumers purchase eggs blindly because they do not understand the terms used to designate grades and sizes.

And what is more important to the producer, many poultrymen do not take advantage of the highest possible price because they fail to take the eggs to town while they are strictly fresh, says Director J. D. Mickle of the state department of agriculture, which enforces the state egg law.

Briefly, state grades which confront the purchaser of eggs mean: Grade AA, strictly fresh with very little of the secondary or water white; grade A, slightly older than the top grade and with weaker body of both white and yolk. (Good quality storage eggs fall into the Grade A class.) Grade B, an egg which when broken out in the pan finds the yolk flat on the pan surface and both bodies of white blended and soft.

Besides quality terms, each container of eggs must show the size. The top or oversize eggs weigh 17 ounces or over per dozen. Other sizes graduate down to 15 ounces per dozen in this order: large, medium, small and undersize.

Operation Costs Cut Says Bean

Motor Transportation Department Operated More Cheaply in 1939

It required \$195,456 to operate the Motor Transportation Department of the State Utilities Commission last year, according to a statement just issued by Ormond R. Bean, Commissioner who took office on June 1st last year. For this expenditure on the part of the State in operating costs, revenues or last year accruing to the State for the benefit of good roads, new construction and maintenance of old highways totaled \$1,218,664.00, an increase of \$149,576 over revenues of 1938.

Bean's statement reveals that the cost operation was cut in 1939 over 1938 by \$1,335. The 1938 operating expense statement for the Motor Transportation Division of the Public Utilities Department of the State government totaled \$196,793.

The statement further reveals that the expenditures in the two years, figured on a percentage of cash receipts for administration of the Motor Transportation Act, was 18.65 in 1938 as against 16.07 per cent last year.

The report goes on to show that in 1938 a total of 359 formal hearings on applications and complaints were held and 468 in 1939; complaint investigations totaled 194 in '38 and 229 in '39.

Field audit recoveries totaled \$57,153 in '38 and \$53,129 last year. These recoveries are due to failure of licensed carriers to report properly and accurately all receipts as required by the Act. The Public Utilities Commissioner's office has 16 auditors on the road all year around. The number of field audits made in 1938 totaled 4,893 and in '39 the total was 4,654, a decrease of 239. Bean stated that he hoped these audits and audit recoveries might be decreased still further as the carriers are fully informed of the Act and its requirements.

Regulations Of Angling to Be Determined

Annual Hearing to Be Held in Portland February 16 and 17

Angling regulations for the ensuing year will be determined by the State Game Commission when it holds its annual hearing for this purpose on February 16 and 17 in Portland.

Sportsmen's organizations and other interested groups or individuals are invited to submit their recommendations regarding seasons, bag limits and open or closed

waters. No action can be taken by the Commission on methods of fishing or license fees, regulation of which comes under the jurisdiction of the legislature.

Farm Price Situation Now Unchanged

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Prices in Oregon were slightly higher and the general level probably advanced slightly from mid-December to mid-January.

With the United States index of prices paid by farmers at 122 per cent of the 1910-1914 level and prices received at 96, the exchange value of farm products was indicated to be 79 per cent of the 1910-1914 purchasing power, or 85 per cent of the 1926-1930 average exchange value. Prices and purchasing power of some commodities are considerably above the general average, while others fall below.

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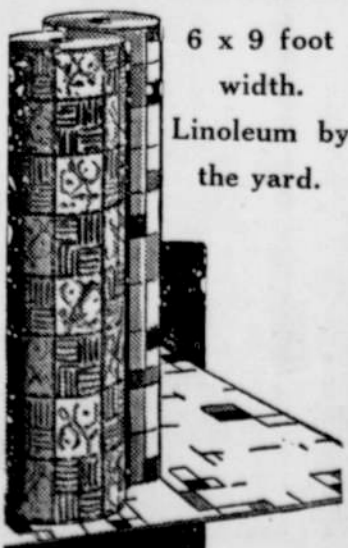


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GREEN BEANS	Briargate	can	10c	6 for	55c
TISSUE	Silk			3 Rolls	10c

—FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—

Oranges	Large 150 size	2 doz.	49c
Grapefruit	Arizona Seedless	dozen	29c
Carrots, Turnips, Parsnips		4 lbs.	10c

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