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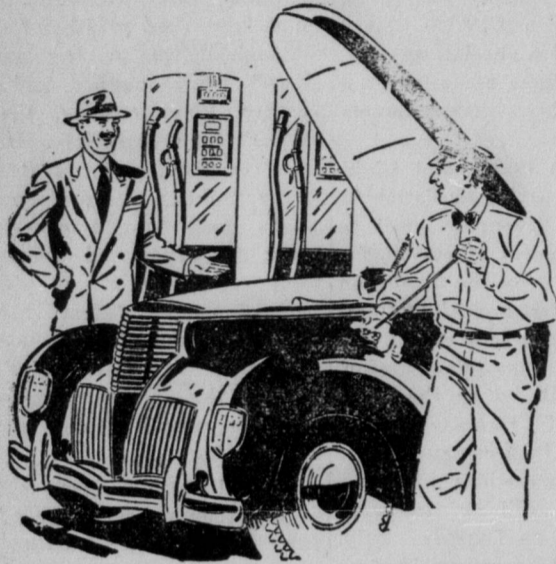
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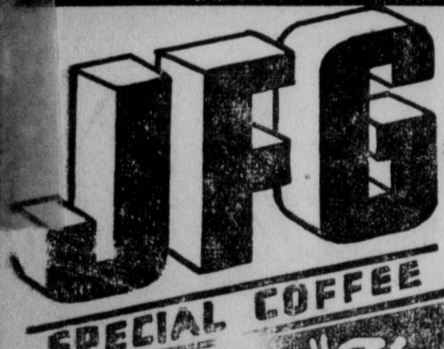


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Village Will Hold Centennial Fete

Rounds Out 100 Years as a Part of United States.

MONTEREY, CALIF.—This picturesque fishing village on the shores of Monterey bay is preparing to celebrate its centennial as a part of the United States.

It was 100 years ago this summer, on July 7, that Com. John D. Sloat, commanding a fleet of the U. S. navy, sailed into Monterey bay to take possession of the sunny little seaport which was then under Mexican rule. Commodore Sloat anticipated a battle before the town fell to his small fleet.

However, the inhabitants of the fishing village were of another mind. They welcomed the commodore and the dashing members of his command with festivities that lasted for two days.

In the 100 years that have elapsed since the flag of the United States was first flown above Monterey, the fishing village has become the sardine capital of the world. However, citizens still observe many of the picturesque customs handed down from their ancestors, those first hardy fishermen who left homes in Spain as far back as 1770 to cast their nets in the uncharted waters of a new land.

With the ending of the sardine fishing season, an activity that has become a 20 million dollar industry for the village, fetes and fiestas are held. During the sardine season, from August 1 until February 15, the village bustles with activity for 24 hours of the day. As the schools of sardines are spotted by the phosphorescent glow they create, all fishing is done at night and in the dark of the moon.

One of the picturesque sights of the Pacific coast which visitors make journeys here to see is the 75 to 80 purse seine vessel sardine fleet heading out to sea on a sunny afternoon for the night's fishing. These boats and their sea-wise 12-man crews range north along the coast of the Farallon Islands of San Francisco or south as far as San Simeon in quest of their silver harvest.

In the sardine nets, each handmade and valued at \$10,000, catches that range from 140 to 250 tons a boat are hauled aboard. During the season just ended sardine fishermen rang up a record catch of 24,100 tons in a six-day period, according to E. H. Bell, vice president of the American Can company, which operates a factory here to produce cans for the industry. To take care of the catch the can company's production lines ran throughout the week on a 24-hour schedule, turning out 2 1/2 million cans. Another record was established when the fishermen netted 18 million pounds of sardines in a single hour.

While the fishing season is underway mothers, wives and daughters of the fishermen work in the community's 13 canneries, sometimes from early morning until late into the night when the catch is heavy. With the ending of the season, the community resumes a leisurely pace reminiscent in many ways of an old world fishing village.

Here's Good Poultry Tip:

Put That Turkey in Hay

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. — For a plumper and more tender turkey the state department of agriculture at Rutgers university advises feeding the bird with—hay.

However, Prof. Paul Margolf advises using baled hay in preference to the loose stuff. He found the birds had difficulty picking leaves off the loose stalks and sometimes swallowed the whole stalk.

Son of Headhunter Talks

At Religious Conference

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA. — Sara Rore, a Solomon islands chieftain and son of a headhunter, was one of the speakers at a conference of a religious organization.

Black, with pierced ears, he was dressed in white shirt and dark tie, a civilian suit coat, cloth skirt, stockings and polished shoes.

He was ordained a minister in 1937 and has mastered typewriters, duplicators, printing and five languages, including English.

Reveals Japanese Got

American Weather Data

LOS ANGELES. — The Japs intercepted and broke U. S. weather codes, but failed to take full advantage of the information, Col. Theodore R. Gillenwaters, — General MacArthur's top weatherman, said recently.

Gillenwaters, home on terminal leave, said the Japs got all the meteorological data they wanted, despite censorship rules against mentioning weather.

Red's Atom Bomb to Be Ready in 3 Years

SAN FRANCISCO.—Dr. Irving Langmuir, one of 16 American scientists who visited the Soviet Union last year, says this country and Russia probably will have enough atomic bombs in 6 to 10 years to wipe each other out. He estimated the Russians would have their first atomic bombs in three or four years.



Production of Hens Can Be Controlled

All Factors Must Be Operated Efficiently

The hen has long shared honors with the cow as being the world's most efficient machine. This model of the mechanics of the hen will give some idea of the egg factory.

When eggs are laid on consecutive days, the yolk of one egg is



discharged from the ovary about 30 minutes after the laying of the previous eggs.

Hens must be bred with the internal capacity to produce eggs if they are to be profitable. But the best bred hen in the world will not be profitable unless well housed, well fed and well treated. No other farm animal will respond as rapidly to proper—or improper—management. In order that eggs complete the cycle every 24 hours, all working parts of the hen must be properly functioning. This takes a well-balanced ration along with ideal conditions.

Protect Farm Trees

There are several methods that have proven satisfactory in protecting young trees against rabbits and other animals. Tar paper may be wrapped around the tree, or chicken wire may be stretched to circle the tree.

An effective guard may be made from discarded garden hose, which may then be wrapped around the young trees. This guard may be used year after year, requires no fastening as the hose will always retain its cylindrical shape.

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Harvesting Asparagus By Improved Method

In the past asparagus spears were cut by using specially designed knives. The spear was cut from 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches below the surface. Specialists at Michigan State college say that this is all wrong. By holding the new growth of asparagus just below the tips between the thumb and finger it can be broken off down to the tough part. Grower will get a premium for asparagus so harvested.

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Conservation News

By L. B. HAIR

Tom Hallard of Marion, Rt. Rob Johnson of Marion Rt. 2, and other McDowell farmers have recently had their sericea lespedeza cut for hay. These farmers say that their stock like cericea lespedeza hay very much.

Farmers who mow sericea when the plants are about 12 inches high,

take soon after mowing, and store the hay in the barn the following day are usually well pleased with the quality and quantity of the hay.

E. F. Burgess, soils expert of the Catawba Soil Conservation District, made a soil survey last week of several farms in McDowell county including: C. R. McCall, C. A. McCall, W. A. Plemmons, Howell Buchaman, G. D. Walker, C.Y. Banning, E. G. Dypport, V. Foster, Jim Hogan and Frank Turner.

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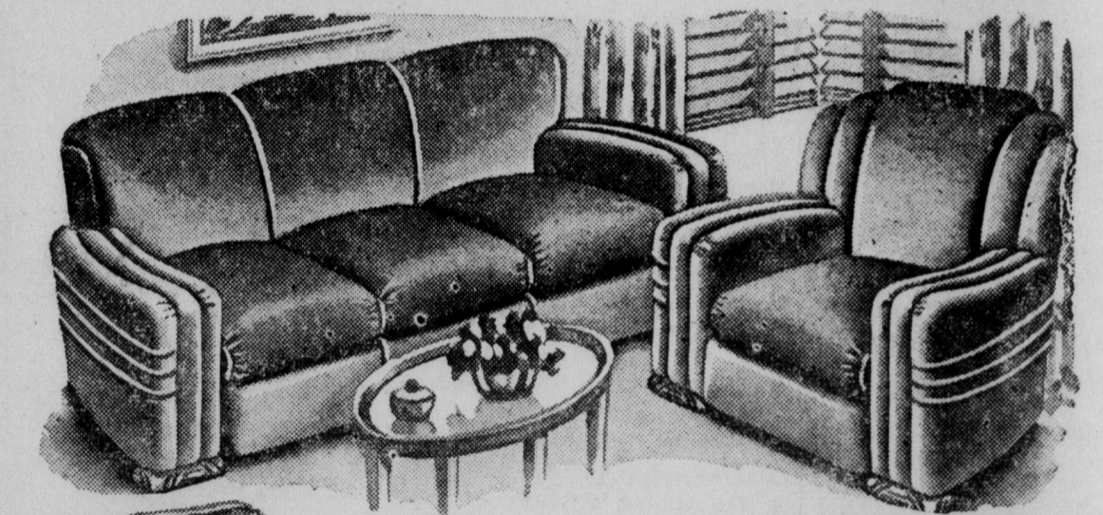
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