

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE FIGURES



The people of this State are great fruit eaters and statistics show there are 302,389 lemon trees, 177,281 mandarin trees, 1,057,077 apple trees, 555,143 peach trees, 134,910 plum trees and 167,624 cherry trees. On the vegetable side we produce each year 52,020 tons of potatoes, 10,535 tons of carrots, 1,937 tons of onions, 21,969 tons of pumpkins, 1,803,439 half cases of tomatoes, 924,314 bushels of peas and 289,516 cases of lettuce. What a magnificent salad all that would make!



LIVESTOCK

At present, we also have 3,620,953 head of cattle, 53,676,000 sheep, 292,829 pigs, 6,879,000 fowls and chickens, 165,000 ducks, and 195,000 turkeys.



DECREASE IN HORSE BREEDING



At the Royal Easter Show last year, one of the cattle judges deplored the fact that our horses were on the decrease and statistics show just how far our equine population has fallen.

In 1939, we had 531,355 horses whereas now we have only 310,600.



EGG PRODUCTION

Last year, New South Wales produced 78,661,000 dozen eggs.



FACTORY EMPLOYMENT

In New South Wales, there are no less than 17,129 factories employing on an average 407 people each, and meeting a yearly wages bill of £211,399,000.

Garden Competition Again

Seed Firm's Fine Gesture

The generous gesture of a Sydney Seed Firm has made it possible for a large-scale garden competition to be held again this year for all Aboriginal schools in the State. Last year the competition was won by Nanima School and it will be this school that will have the honor of having its name first inscribed on the beautiful shield which has been donated by Arthur Yates and Co., one of Australia's leading seed merchants.

Nanima will hold the shield until it is awarded again at the end of September, and it is expected that the Editor of *Dawn* will make the presentation at Nanima in the very near future.

Donating the shield to *Dawn*, one of the Directors of Arthur Yates and Co., Mr. E. Gattenby, said, "It is our desire to help you in your most commendable efforts to improve the lot of the Australian aborigine and it is hoped the provision of this shield will help attract as much interest as possible in the competition. Additionally, we would like to donate 100 packets of vegetable and flower seeds which could be used either as a prize, or you may desire to distribute them well beforehand so they could be used for growing the products which would be shown at the competition."

The Editor has decided that the packets of seeds will not be used in conjunction with the schools' competition but will be made available to Station residents for their home gardens.

Two packets of seeds will be forwarded to the first fifty people writing in to *Dawn*. Readers must enclose a 3½d. stamp for return postage.

The school competition for the Arthur Yates shield will be open to all Aboriginal schools in New South Wales and will be conducted between June and September, inclusive.

There is no entry fee but all schools wishing to enter must advise the Editor of *Dawn* by 1st. June



Three Bellbrook beauties, Maureen Holten, Laurel Cohen and Judith Holten.