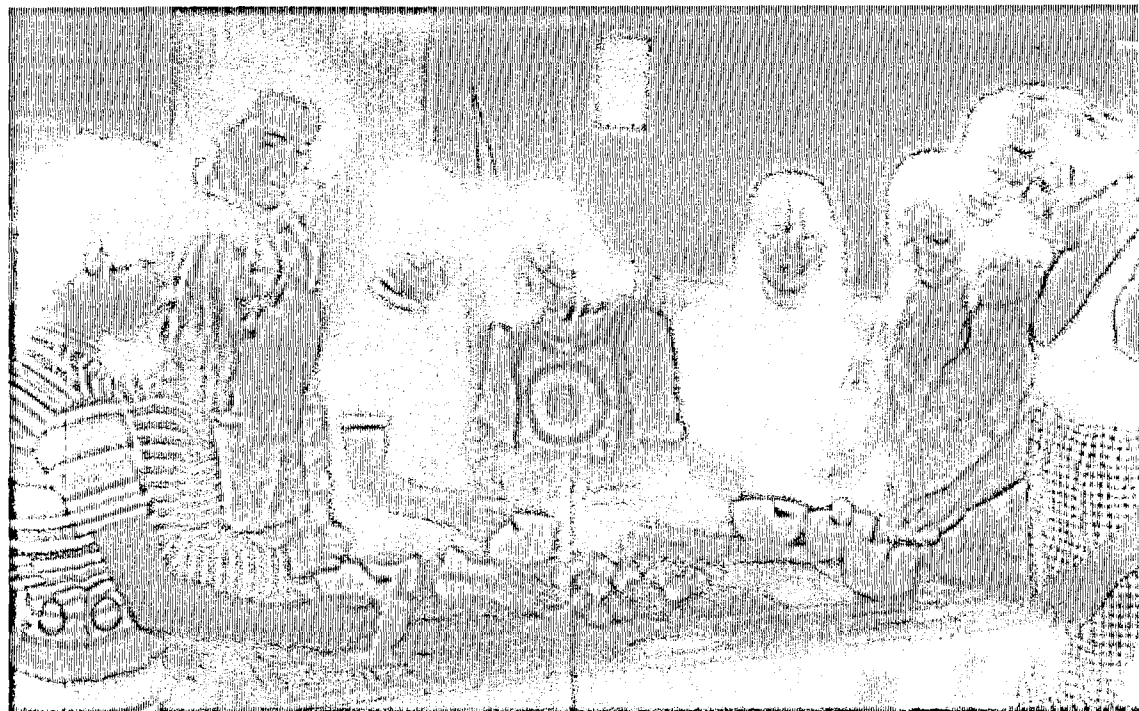


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EASTER CUSTOM — Shown decorating Easter eggs used in a hunt today are members of the Iha-Wicohan-Okihi Camp Fire group in Alliance with Mrs. George Sakata as leader. The eggs, donated by Langmacher Feed Co. of Alliance, were taken to the Head

Start Center on South Potash Avenue today for an Easter egg hunt. Pictured, from left, are Jodi Hart, Jeanne Wacker, Mrs. Sakata, Rhonda Hansen, Tracy Sakata, Kelly Piihl, Peggy Kraft and Teresa Leachman.

(Times-Herald Photo by Don Lawson)

Beet Checks To Be Sent April 14

DENVER (AP) — Sugar beet growers in five states will have received a 67-year record high cash return of \$86.7 million for the 1971 beet crop by April 14, Great Western Sugar Co. announced Wednesday.

On April 14, the company said it will send out \$8.1 million in checks to growers in a supplemental payment on the 1971 crop, bringing the total thus far to \$86.7 million, or \$16.54 per ton.

The price per ton, the firm said, is up 93 cents per ton over payment received for the 1970 crop through mid-April a year ago.

The final payment on the 1971

crop is to be made in October, and a spokesman said a total payment of about \$18 per ton is expected if current market trends continue.

The payments are being made to 4,200 beet growers in Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska, and Montana.

"Of the \$8.1 million to be distributed on April 14, growers in the Nebraska District, including Wheatland, will receive about \$1,821,973," said Bill McGuffey, district general manager at Scottsbluff. "This represents an average payment of \$1.63 per ton. The total received by growers in the Nebraska District so far for their 1971 crop is

\$19,305,940., or an average of \$17.23 per ton."

McGuffey added that Nebraska and Wheatland growers had received more for their crop this year than last since the 1970 crop payment was \$16,542,033. He stated that contracting of the crop was now under way in all areas of Nebraska and should be finalized by April 12. The mild weather and recent timely precipitation in most areas has allowed for ideal seed bed preparation, and planting is well under way.

The improved price of sugar and the timely planting of above average acres makes an optimistic outlook for 1972.