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WEED WAR NEED IN OREGON STRESSED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—A report of the state planning commission said unless concerted action is taken to reduce losses from noxious perennial weeds, the agricultural income of Oregon would be affected seriously within 25 years.

Loss to 80,000 acres was estimated at \$1,500,000. Heading the list of infestations was wild morning glory, 22,000 acres; quack grass, 20,000; Canada thistle 15,000; white top 5,200; Russian knap 400.

The report said complete control of thistle in Baker, Wallowa, Clackamas, Yamhill, Marion, Linn, Benton and Lane counties would be so expensive as to be impractical.

It said white top had reached serious proportions in Baker, Crook, Wheeler, Jefferson, Malheur and Klamath counties. Recommendations were made for an additional \$10,000 allotment for experimental work.

OLD CROP POTATO SHORTAGE FORESEEN

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Jack Harris, manager of the Portland headquarters of the Pacific Fruit and Produce company, forecasts a shortage of old crop potatoes.

He said the outlook was for higher prices. Harris reported about 600 car loads available at Yakima, 150 in the Deschutes district and about 1400 at Klamath Falls.

Deschutes growers are asking fully \$3.10. A 50 cent rise is talked at Klamath but so far, he said, quotations are not above \$3.00 net to growers.

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OREGON TOPS BANGS DISEASE CONTROL

Oregon still leads all of the states in percentage of cattle tested for Bangs disease, according to the latest report from the federal bureau of animal industry, which cooperates with the state departments of agriculture and the land grant colleges in promoting this work.

The report shows 79.1 per cent of all breeding cattle in Oregon under supervision for this disease. The state with the next best record is Virginia with 58 per cent, followed by Washington with 48.1 per cent. In actual numbers of cattle under test, Oregon stands fourth, despite the fact that in total cattle population this state is far below many others.

At the time the report was made, Oregon had 481,311 cattle in 44,918 herds under supervision. Wisconsin, Minnesota and Oklahoma exceeded the Oregon total, although their percentages are only from 27 to 38 per cent. Virginia was the only state having a larger number of herds than Oregon under test.

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OUTLOOK GOOD FOR GRADE A PRUNES

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HYBRID FIELD CORN FOR OREGON SOUGHT

Development of Superior Types Undertaken at State College.

"Mule corn," a common name given to corn produced by use of special hybrid seed, is so superior in yield to ordinary types of corn that a project has been started for developing suitable hybrids for Oregon. Dr. R. E. Fore, assistant federal agronomist, is in charge of the work at Oregon State college.

Dr. Fore feels confident of developing some superior hybrids of field corn which will be equal in earliness and other necessary western characteristics to the present hybrids now successfully grown here. Already good hybrids of sweet corn are in use in Oregon and have proved their superiority, but the only field corn hybrids so far available have been developed in the middle west where conditions are entirely different from those here.

Hybrid corn gets its common name because, like a mule, it is a cross and it cannot be used again for reproduction purposes. This special seed is high priced, costing as much as \$8 to \$10 per bushel, because the breeding process involved in producing the seed is a long one and has to be repeated year after year in some of its aspects.

How It's Produced The hybrid seed is produced by first increasing corn of the various strains which are desired as parents. This is done by selecting the best plants from a stock from its own tassel, and excluding all other pollen. After several generations of this inbreeding, purified strains of desirable characteristics may be selected from the large number of ordinary plants that result.

Planting a row each of two strains side by side, removing the tassels from one row and saving seed only from that row.

This is the hybrid seed which is sold and which ordinarily has such improved vigor that it will produce from 15 to 50 per cent better yields of more uniform quality corn than that obtained from ordinary seed.

Seed from this cross, however, would be practically worthless as it would break down into all sorts of crosses in the second generation. Hence those using hybrid seed must purchase it new each year from those who make a business of raising it.

FOUR-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

A new Clothing club has been organized at Drain among pupils of the grade school by Mrs. E. J. LaSwell, who will lead the club. Officers of the club has not been reported. Members of the club are taking work in three divisions of the clothing. Division I members include: Donna Harris, Leona Hickethier and Susie Frier. Division II includes: Joyce Goralline, Maxine Long, Patty Cool, Betty Jacobs, Ada Cunningham, Juanita McCormack, Virginia Henderson and Betty Wyatt. Division III includes: Audrey Hand, Evelyn Spencer, Grace Robertson, Heather Crites, Doris Craig and Laura Mae Storns.

"My Hobby Club" has been organized at Glendale to follow up the work done in the same project last year. Mrs. L. D. Horner was selected as leader of the club. Helen Horner was elected president of the club, Lavern Cancon vice-president, and Harvey Boss as secretary. The other members of the club are: Eugene Fox, Lawrence West, Guy Moore, Harold Marr, Lavola McMillen and Dorothy Spaulding.

A 12-year-old 4-H club girl, Lila Paine, of the Woodland school at Gazelle, has turned to poetry. She has submitted the following which should be of interest to other 4-H clubbers. Woodland 4-H Health club you see, is just the thing for you and me. I am joining it right today, I'll work so hard, and then There's even time to play.

Now that I'm a regular member, I shall know how to pass that long Month of December. I'll make pies and maybe a cake And it will be so much fun to bake For my own, dear-sake.

Head, Heart, Hand and Health Yes, they all will lead up To your wealth I am just beginning to see, How much good 4-H clubs are for me. Come, let's laugh, let's sing Let's shout and play Come, and join our Health club today.

Many times questions are asked by club members as to what their stories of 4-H club work should include. Then, also is the question, what will 4-H club work do for me. The following story written by a Douglas county 4-H club boy will serve to answer both questions.

WHAT MY 4-H CLUB WORK HAS MEANT TO ME!

Strange, isn't it, how some things seem to grow of their own momentum, like snowballs gathering size as they roll down a hill! That is the way it is with my club work. I am interested in farming and there is nothing that pays better than cows and pigs, so when I became old enough to take up club work, my parents helped me to get started.

My first 4-H club project was Health; then I took two years of Bachelor Sewing. I began to feel too grown up for such things so I started raising corn. I could just reach the cultivator handles at that time, but I have grown, until now cultivating is almost like play.

Last year, I purchased two purebred gilts. In the spring, they had eight little pigs. I had no previous experience with the pigs, but I soon found that to keep them secure, one must have a good strong pen or yard, for if one has not, and there is any chance for them to get away, they will be gone.

4-H club work, in a way, takes the place of a "big brother." It takes care of all my spare time; I get acquainted with the very best young people of my age from all parts of the county and state; I take exhibits to the fairs and go on judging tours, and there is no part of it which I do not enjoy. At the 4-H summer school, we get new ideas, meet the state and county leaders and instructors, and enjoy a varied program of work and play.

If a young man desires to be a farmer and has made up his mind that he likes farming, if he believes in it, and can see its opportunities, then I can see no reason why he cannot make a success in farming. In fact, these rules apply in making a success of any business. It is necessary, that a person be very serious and thorough in carrying on the business after he has once started.

I know of no better way to get a good start than to take up club work. It begins at the beginning, in any kind of life's work, which one may choose.

I have chosen farming, for with all its drawbacks and all that has been said against the farm, it still offers splendid opportunities to the person who has the right stuff in him.

I am self-supporting, due to the prizes which I have won from my 4-H club exhibits and from the surplus corn which I have sold, after keeping enough feed for my pigs. This year, I am keeping six gilts and am looking forward to a real drive of hogs, from which I expect to realize a nice profit. For the reason that it takes some hogs up to three months longer to mature than it does others, even though they are fed the very same ration, I have chosen the Polak Chinas as they grow from piglet to packing house size in a shorter time than others, and are a real bacon type of hog.

My leader, E. A. Britton, has started me off on the right track by teaching me to get good stuff and keep it good, and by teaching me the importance of taking care of one's stock, at all times. The inherited desire of everyone, to have something of his own, is so strong that one will make sacrifices, if necessary, to achieve success. And this is just what 4-H club work teaches young people. This speaks highly for club work, for in training young people to succeed in their work, it is training them to be better citizens and neighbors.

Next year, I will grow more corn, and I plan to improve it in every way possible. I will be too old to be a club member before many more years, but I will always be a club worker and booster, and my motto will always be "Make the Best Better."

OUR BOARING HOUSE with Major Hoople



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