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## PEAR MARKETING POLICY APPROVED

### Renewal Urged by Growers After Hearing Showing Benefits Gained.

The federal marketing program for winter pears in force during the 1938-39 marketing season was definitely beneficial to growers, according to testimony given at a hearing held in Medford. This was one of four hearings being held on the Pacific coast to determine whether a similar but somewhat amended program will be in force again this year.

"We know from experience of two years ago that when 200,000 boxes of unclassified or lower grade Anjous were shipped from the Pacific northwest, the market was depressed," said R. H. Reter in testimony at the hearing. "With the program entered into last year, making possible the elimination of these grades in interstate commerce, there were improved returns to growers. The proposed marketing agreement would eliminate a volume of fruit most instrumental in reducing prices," he said.

Voluntary elimination of unmarketable sizes and grades has been carried out a number of times in the Medford district, according to Edward W. Carlton and Robert Norris, who also testified. They pointed out, however, that the objective of better marketing could not be adequately accomplished without other districts joining in such restrictions.

Hearings on the proposal to renew this federal marketing agreement have been held in Sacramento, Medford, Hood River and Yakima. Testimony at the hearings will be forwarded to Washington where such modification or changes in the original proposal will be made in the light of evidence given by growers and handlers at the hearing.

If the new agreement is given tentative approval by the secretary of agriculture, it will be referred to winter pear growers for their direct vote. The proposed agreement would be administered by a control committee consisting of six grower members and six handler members, elected two from each of six districts in the three states concerned.

## News of 4-H CLUBS

(By Jo Ann Casabeer, Roseburg)

The Chattering Squirrels met at the home of their leader on Fowler street, and went to the creek where we built a large bonfire and made biscuit curls and roasted wieners. Each member had good success with bread. This bread is quite an experiment, and I am sure if a few of you parents would try it, you would agree it is fine. It was decided to bake pancakes or griddle cakes at the next meeting.

(By Donald Tyler, Benson school area)

The "Hopful Rosie and Flower Garden club" held the weekly meeting at the home of their leader, Mrs. J. M. Bartley, on Thursday. Bonnie Tyler led the club pledge and songs.

Some new plants were displayed and controls for them were discussed. Due to the damp weather, many plants have been destroyed by pests. In one flower garden where naphthalene was used, the plants are growing nicely. We have lots of material for our scrap books. We will be very busy during the coming weeks taking care of our gardens and making scrap books.

Bob and Betty Matthews are in Corvallis enjoying summer school.

## SUMMER SCHOOL ENJOYED BY GROUP

By MAXINE WRIGHT, Days Creek

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 11.—The Douglas county group of 4-Hers who are here to attend the annual 4-H club summer school include 15 boys and girls. There is a range of 150 miles between the girls of Glendale and the club members of Smith river, showing participants from all parts of the county. They were transported by buses driven by John Dalley at Smith river, Floyd Light of Drain and Ray Wright of Days Creek.

Douglas county is very proud that one of its members, Miss Jean Ritchie, is president of all the 4-H club girls. She was elected president of her home, Alpha Tau Omega, Monday. Wednesday she attended a luncheon for the home presidents at Waldo, where she received the position of president, which she well deserves.

The Douglas county girls entertained the Deschutes county girls at a pajama party at their home. Following the arrival of our guests, a short program was enjoyed. The program consisted of an illustrated song by Miriam Clay-

## Succession of Vegetable Crops May Be Obtained From Very Small Plot

VEGETABLE PLANTING CHART.			
	DISTANCE BETWEEN ROWS	DISTANCE BETWEEN PLANTS IN ROWS	REMARKS
LIMA BEANS	3 FEET	3 FEET	
STRING BEANS	2 FEET	1 FOOT	
BEETS	1 FOOT	3 INCHES	PLANT THICK AND THIN OUT
CABBAGE	3 FEET	2 FEET	
CARROTS	18 INCHES	6 INCHES	PLANT THICK AND THIN OUT. PLANT SQUARES WITH CARROTS.
CELERY	4 FEET	6 INCHES	TRANSPLANT 2 OR 3 TIMES
CORN	8 FEET	8 INCHES	PLANT CORN IN SQUARES TO INSURE BETTER POLLINATION.
CUCUMBERS	3 FEET	3 FEET	
EGG PLANT	3 FEET	3 FEET	
KOHLEBIEN	1 FOOT	6 INCHES	
MUSHMELON	5 FEET	5 FEET	
OYSTER PLANT	1 FOOT	4 INCHES	PLANT THICK AND THIN OUT
PARSNIP	18 INCHES	6 INCHES	PLANT DEEP BETTER IF LEFT IN GROUND IN WINTER.
PEPPERS	15 TO 24 INCHES	15 TO 24 INCHES	
POTATOES	2 FEET	1 FOOT	CULTIVATE IN HILLS
TOMATOES	3 FEET	3 FEET	
TURNIPE	1 FOOT	4 INCHES	PLANT THICK AND THIN OUT

CUT THIS OUT AND PASTE ON CARDBOARD FOR REFERENCE.

By exercising some thought in arrangement and intelligent feeding and using the same space to keep something growing all through the season at least some vegetables can be grown on almost any city lot on very small space.

It is quite surprising to see the amount of food that can be produced with a bed of asparagus, a half dozen tomato plants, a dozen cabbage plants, and a few rows of beans, lettuce and carrots.

The perennial, such as asparagus and rhubarb, should be planted to one side where they can be left undisturbed for a period of two to three years. The short-seasoned, early vegetables, such as radishes, peas and lettuce, should be kept together, so the space can be used later for another crop. Crops which last through the season should likewise be grouped together.

Drainage important. Vegetables are no different from other plants. They will do best in well-drained soil containing a sufficient amount of humus and plant food that has been spaded in as deeply as possible.

One naturally prefers crisp crops of spinach celery and lettuce so these fast-growing crops should be fertilized with high nitrogen content plant foods. Root crops such as potatoes, require a fertilizer with a high potash and phosphorus content.

With the passing of the cold season, immediately after danger of the last killing frost is past, all the tender vegetables, such as

beans, sweet corn, pumpkin, melons, squash, cantaloupes, tomatoes, peppers and eggplant, can be sown.

A succession of crops can be insured either by making planting at intervals of quick-maturing varieties, or by making one planting of such of several varieties which mature at different times. The modern seed catalog gives the number of days of maturity as a guide to the amateur gardener in making a selection.

Water Tomatoes Sprangly. Tomatoes planted in Coastal areas should be watered sparingly once the plants have become well established. Overwatering causes excessive dropping of flowers.

It is quite important in planting squash, cucumber and corn that the dates of maturity of several varieties be kept in mind when making a selection, otherwise, cross pollination might take place between the varieties of the same vegetable, and result in a breaking up into poor hybrids.

A practical touch of beauty may be added to the vegetable plot by planting a border of curled parsley around it. This will be evergreen in temperate climates and supply plenty of greens for garnishing purposes.

A planting of garnishing kale will supply the lady-of-the-house with lovely material for unusual table effects. Garnishing kale is no more difficult to grow than ordinary sorts.

pool of Green, several songs by Rae Dalley of Smith river, four guitar-harmonica solos by Patricia Glenn of Glide, group singing of 4-H songs, and a skit by Virginia Davis and Margaret Jennings. The pajama parade followed with Ellen Brady of Deschutes capturing first prize for the homemade pajamas and Maxine Wright of Douglas receiving second. First prize for boughten pajamas was won by Pat Glenn and second by Elyonne Boor, both of Douglas.

The Alpha Tau Omega house, in which the Douglas county girls reside, was the scene of a pleasant birthday party for E. A. Britton, Douglas county club agent. He was called to the house of supposedly important business but was greeted with the song "Happy Birthday to You," from the girls of his county. Later he was treated to a "cake feed" and visiting followed.

A party of the entire Douglas county group is to be held at the girls' sorority house Sunday afternoon. We are going to be honored by several musical numbers from the Horner family who lived at Glide. The Douglas county group picture will be taken at this time.

JEAN RITCHIE HAS HIGH 4-H HONOR

By E. A. BRITTON

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 11.—Specialist Jean Ritchie, president of the 4-H girls at this year's summer school, was honored by being presented to Governor and Mrs. Sprague today following the regular assembly program at which the governor spoke. Jean feels highly honored with her position and is doing the job nobly.

All sheep club 4-H members are requested to have their lambs tagged (plans only) on hand at the Fat Lamb show Saturday, June 17, on Washington street in rear of Wharton Bros' implement house. Premiums in this class are for 1st place, \$5; 2nd place, \$1; 3rd place, \$5; 4th place, \$2; and 5th, 6th and 7th, place, \$1 each.

In addition to the regular program, the Women's auxiliary of Wool Growers' association is offering a premium of \$5 to be awarded to a sheep club member who has been doing good work and increasing his project. The winner to be someone other than one who places high.

Badoura Club to Meet.—The Badoura club, Daughters of the Nile, will meet at one o'clock tomorrow, Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Albert Shedd on the Medford road, instead of at the M. B. Green house.

## LAMB-WOOL SHOW ENTRIES ROLL IN

### Competition at Exhibition in Roseburg June 17th Will Be Keen.

Arrangements have been completed for holding the eighth annual Fat Lamb and Wool show Saturday, June 17, on Washington street, in the rear of Wharton Bros' implement house in Roseburg. Entries are coming in rapidly with many competing for the first time. Special interest is being shown in the pen of 5 market fat lambs and it is expected that keen competition will make it difficult for the judges to determine the first prize winner. Premiums in this class range from \$20 for first prize down to \$5 for 14th.

A number of 4-H club members are expecting to exhibit fat lambs, according to E. A. Britton, county club agent, who reports that he has a good number of 4-H club boys and girls with especially fine fat lambs this spring. Breeders of purebred sheep are showing an interest in the show by requesting exhibit space for displaying purebred rams of various breeds. Purebred rams will be offered for sale by breeders in the show. It is expected that interest will continue to increase in purebred rams, as for the past several years winners of pen of 5 fat lambs have been sired by purebred rams.

Sheep raisers interested in exhibiting in any of the classes at the show are requested to make entries no later than Thursday evening, June 15, in order that the management may have sufficient time in which to arrange for adequate number of pens and facilities for properly exhibiting all entries.

Entries may be mailed or telephoned to the county agent's office. Sheep raisers not receiving entry blanks may secure them by calling at the county agent's office or writing for an entry blank.

## YONCALLA GRANGERS GO TO STATE MEET

YONCALLA, June 12.—Mrs. Rhoda Rychar, matron for the juvenile branch of Elk Creek grange; Mrs. Annie Kruse, master of Elk Creek grange; Jake Wilson, secretary, and Mrs. John Weber, left Monday for Corvallis, where they will attend state grange. With them were 18 members of the juvenile grange, who have worked hard all winter, putting on programs, etc., to earn money to take the trip. The degree staff has new satin capes to wear and will put on several drills during the session. Those from

## PEACH GROWERS TO MEET IN ROSEBURG

### SALEM, June 12.—(AP)—Scheduling of seven public hearings in many cities this month to assemble data on which to determine the advisability of applying the Oregon marketing act to the fresh peach trade was announced Saturday by J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture.

Petitions from peach growers asking that the act be invoked for their benefit were presented to the agriculture department June 5 by a committee headed by Morton Tompkins, chairman of the state grange agricultural committee. The petitions proposed that a marketing agreement be drafted in time to cover the 1939 peach crop. The marketing schedule includes Roseburg, June 22, Douglas county growers.

## PEAR CROP IN 1939 TO BE UNDER RECORD

WASHINGTON, June 12.—(AP)—The 1939 pear crop will be under the record crop of 1938 but above the 10-year average, the U. S. crop reporting board predicted today. A 27,315,000 bushel harvest was expected. The crop last year was 22,316,000 bushels, the 10-year average 25,444,000 bushels.

The board said it expected Washington, Oregon and California orchards to supply about 62 per cent of the crop and estimated the Bartlett harvest in the western states at 11,221,000 bushels, compared with 15,861,000 last year. The Oregon crop was set at 4,089,000 bushels compared with 4,249,000 last year.

## STATUS OF NATION'S FARM DEBTS SHOWN

WASHINGTON, June 12.—(AP)—American farmers owe about \$8,250,000,000, federal farm officials estimated today. Included in the debt is about \$7,000,000,000 in mortgages on farm real estate and \$1,250,000,000 in short-term obligations. The agriculture department reported that short-term debt increased about 28 per cent during the last half of 1938, due largely to commodity credit corporation loans to farmers on cotton, wheat, corn and other commodities. The farm real estate debt has shown a decline of more than \$3,500,000,000 since the 1929 peak period.

## RIVERSDALE GRANGE HAS ACTIVE PERIOD

### KELLOGG June 12.—Mrs. Wanda Ware, lecturer of Riversdale grange, presented her troupe of "neo-entertainers" at the Kellogg grange hall Friday, June 9, to a large audience. Their clever jokes, good singing and extra fancy dancing was appreciated by everyone. The two little pickaninies showed special talent as they sang and danced.

The Kellogg grange Home Economics club will meet at the hall Thursday, June 15, for their regular monthly meeting. The accident prevention program will be in charge of Mrs. Leona Madison, with the current topic of "Fires" to be considered. Explanation of first aid methods for burns will be heard. These topics are proving very interesting and instructive and all members are urged to be present.

Overseer Homer Ladd will be in the master's chair at the grange meeting Wednesday evening, June 14, as Master Cornelius Miller will be in Corvallis attending the sessions of the Oregon state grange. William Smith and Paul Anderson were elected by the members of the Kellogg 4-H club to go to summer school at Oregon State college. One of the scholarships was awarded to the Kellogg grange by Heminger's Mart and one was from funds raised from a program presented by the Kiwanis club in the interest of this work. A report of their trip will be given at the second grange meeting in June.

A second party will be given by the Home Economics club Friday, June 30.

## Three Generations of Riddles Served in 3 Capitols of Oregon

RIDDLE, Ore., June 12.—Three generations of the Riddle family served the state of Oregon in each of its three capital buildings, the Riddle grange learned at its regular meeting Thursday evening. Representative G. N. Riddle, who made an interesting talk concern-

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## DOUGLAS POMONA PICNIC ARRANGED

KELLOGG, June 12.—The Fisher grove at Kellogg will again be the scene of the annual Douglas county Pomona grange picnic, Sunday, July 16. The fancy drill contest is being scheduled for 10 o'clock. This feature is creating much interest and there will be some keen competition this year among the various organizations.

The Pomona unit of the Young Grangers' auxiliary will have charge of the booths where refreshments will be sold during the day. Lively music, clever skits, humorous readings and a speaker with a message of interest to all will make up a program that will be

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## NEW WEED CONTROL BILL APPROVED

### WASHINGTON, June 12.—(AP)—Senator Clark of Idaho will introduce shortly a department approved noxious weed control bill, the first such measure that has had the blessing of Secretary Wallace and his experts.

The bill is very similar to Clark's previous weed bills, which he introduced while a member of the house of representatives, except that the department of agriculture wrote into it a few reservations giving the secretary a little more discretionary authority in the distribution of funds.

Clark said he did not like the new bill "in some respects" but added that "inasmuch as departmental approval is almost indispensable in order to have the bill enacted into law I thought I better take the form of bill acceptable to all."

There is little likelihood that the new measure will get congressional consideration this session, but Clark feels that by introducing it now and getting all necessary and favorable departmental reports before the agriculture committee of both houses the way will be cleared for early action when congress convenes again next January.

## PRIZE COW GIVES 43 QUARTS DAILY

ENID, Neb.—(AP)—Production of enough milk to leave one quart daily at your doorstep for 43 days is just one day's work for V. S. Kilt Paulus, University of Nebraska College of Agriculture Holstein.

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