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Chemical Mixture Does Double Duty

Kills Weeds, Adds Fertilizer in Fields of Grass Seed and Grain, Tests Reveal.

What appears to be a practical large-scale method of eradicating annual weeds from fall-sown grain and grass seed crops, as well as for eliminating weeds from lawns, is being developed at the Oregon experiment station through research carried on by L. E. Harris, assistant agronomist. Successful results have been obtained on limited areas and will be tried out on a larger scale this season, says Harris.

Tests made here two years ago revealed that a commercial chemical called sinox was effective in eradicating annual weeds, including volunteer vetch or peas, from grain crops. Last year investigators got even better results by combining a smaller amount of sinox with the common nitrogen fertilizer, ammonium sulphate. The material is applied as a water solution containing 1/2 of 1 per cent of sinox, and 20 per cent ammonium sulphate.

Seed yield increased. Although this costs about \$3.75 per acre to apply, increases in yields of rye grass seed last season averaged \$20 per acre, and in some cases as high as \$28, from such applications. Increases come both from killing the weeds and from the fertilizer value of ammonium sulphate.

The material may be applied with any power spray outfit with a "boom" attachment to spray the liquid from several nozzles in front or to the side of the vehicle. Successful applications have been made from February 21 to as late as April 10, depending on the stage of growth. The younger the weeds the easier they are killed.

The same materials, but applied stronger, make the lawn weed eradicator yet found by the college. About 13 pounds of sinox paste and one pound of ammonium sulphate, each dissolved separately in about 14 gallons of water, before the sinox is added to the latter, will cover 250 square feet of lawn. Grass will turn brown but will quickly recover.

Distribution of sinox in Oregon is expected to be arranged this season, says Harris.

Campana Against Pear Psylla in 2 States Begun

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—An intensive campaign to wipe out the Pacific northwest's pear psylla is announced by the agriculture department.

Control of the pest, which has cost northeastern fruit growers large sums in the last 30 years, will be undertaken in cooperation with state agencies.

The insect, resembling in silhouette the 17-year locust, made its first appearance in the west last year. It was found in a very small area in Washington and Idaho, just east of Spokane, where commercial orchards are few.

In the most important pear-growing regions of the northwest, at Wenatchee and Yakima, Wash., and Hood River, Ore., only a few hundred trees away, no psylla has been found.

The psylla, the department said, is a very small dark reddish insect which lives on sap from pear tree leaves. It causes a black sooty fungus which interferes with the growth of the tree and the fruit, often making the latter so unmarketable it cannot be sold.

Filbert Orchard Pests Under Investigation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The bureau of entomology and plant quarantine has started an investigation at a Eugene, Ore., laboratory of filbert orchard pests.

A. S. Hoyt, acting chief of the bureau, offered the information in testimony before the house appropriations committee during consideration of a bill for the 1941 fiscal year. It was made public upon introduction of the agricultural appropriation bill.

Comparatively little is known about insect pests of filberts. Hoyt said "investigations on them are headquartered at a laboratory in Eugene, where special attention is being given to the chalcid, cherry moth, which appears to be the most important insect attacking the filbert."

Ice Cream Law to Be Drafted for Oregon

SALEM, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The Oregon Dairy Manufacturers' advisory committee has authorized the appointment of a subcommittee to draft a proposed ice cream law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes has directed the U. S. grazing service to lease grass lands from thousands of private owners within public domain areas of ten western states.

He acted under authority of the Pierce act of 1935 which for the

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Around the County

Glide

GLIDE, Feb. 5.—A rural telephone company meeting was held at the Oak creek community hall January 23. All the shareholders attended.

Mrs. P. W. Beckley and son, Charles, visited January 21 with her sister, Mrs. Lester Blakely, at Mrs. Blakely's home.

Mrs. Mae Beckley and Rose Emmit Clayton of Roseburg visited at the Bob Blakely home Tuesday.

A. M. Kemp and Albert Kemp have come to Klamath Falls where they plan to work. Mrs. Albert Kemp is moving to the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. A. M. Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. James Metz went to Eugene over the weekend to visit Mrs. Metz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Morton and their daughter, Marjorie, were in Roseburg Saturday on business.

Mrs. Frank Weaver and her daughter, Joyce, went to Portland Monday where they will have Joyce's tonsils removed at the Lombrocher clinic. From there they plan to go to Lakeview where they will visit Mrs. Weaver's brother, Alvin Mikessell.

Mrs. E. H. Bono and her daughters, Louise and Marjorie Bono, were in Roseburg Saturday afternoon on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Melos went to Roseburg Saturday on business.

Mrs. Jewell Pickett has been ill of influenza at her home for the past five days.

Mrs. F. W. Wood and her daughters, Thelma, Betty and Nadine, and her son, Murray, Mrs. Beverly Holt and Mrs. Clara Wood left Thursday for Portland on a pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Struppan and their daughters, Leona, and Iris, left Wednesday for Eugene on business.

A group liked to Mr. Scott Sunday with Earl Pincum, who went to look at his trap line, Lillis Harris, Joyce Brooks, Earl Pincum, Harold Barker, Davis Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Vicer and Merilyn Vicer accompanied him. They found the weather unusually open and Mr. Scott had no snow on it. This is very unusual for this time of year.

C. D. Glenn has recently purchased a new model A Farm-VI tractor for use on his farm at Glide. Mrs. Campbell, who is Mrs. Glenn's mother, and Patricia Glenn were visiting at the home of C. D. Glenn over the weekend.

Two new fire extinguishers were purchased by the school board and placed on in either end of the Glide high school gymnasium.

Nelma Hanson of Glide, visited at the home of Lester Blakely Sunday afternoon.

Days Creek

DAVS CREEK, Feb. 5.—Alva Matthews who spent the weekend with his family here returned to his work at Grants Pass Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ray Wright returned Sunday from Portland where she had been attending to business matters and visiting relatives for several days. En route home she stopped in Corvallis where she saw a nest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Honecray, for a short time.

C. C. Hill went to Diamond Sunday after his mother, Mrs. W. C. Hill, who has been visiting there for several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. C. Brown.

Mrs. Ivan Welch and her brother-in-law, Cecil Connor, were business visitors in Roseburg Monday.

Mrs. Alva Matthews and Mrs. Arde Ferguson were shopping in Myrtle Creek Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dean and daughter, Wanda, of Mason City, Wash., were recent visitors at the home of Mr. Dean's brother, M. H. Dean. Mr. and Mrs. Dean, who were on their way to southern California, have many friends here as they formerly lived at Drew.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ciam, Mrs. Gordon Clark and daughter, Sharon, and Raymond Spore were among those going to Roseburg Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Poole were visiting in Grants Pass and Glendale Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Houston and son, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Perdue were business visitors in Roseburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright and daughters, Betty and Doris, of Roseburg, visited during the week-end at the home of Mr. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wright. John Hutchinson and Wayne Smith were attending to business matters in Roseburg Thursday.

Carl M. Hill, who is using his

Glendale

GLENDALE, Feb. 5.—Jerry Colony of Grants Pass spent Sunday at the Glendale landing light with his light two-passenger Luscombe cabin plane. A number of local people enjoyed flights in the plane. Mr. Colony plans to spend next Sunday here.

Mrs. Merle Johnson, Mrs. Frank Thompson and daughter, Sally Jo, and Ben Robinson visited at Grants Pass Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Teicher were

Retail Grocery Co-op Prospers

First Month of Experiment in California Satisfies All Except Competing Stores.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The state of California wound up its first month in the retail grocery business Saturday to the apparent satisfaction of almost everyone except its competitors.

Definite figures on the first month's operations of the experimental consumers' cooperative store set up by the state relief administration for the benefit of its clients were not available.

George Keller, the manager, was optimistic, however, as he worked on his balance sheet while customers drifted in, made their selections from displays on convenient, arranged tables, bought a little fresh meat from the butcher and paid for their purchases out of their relief checks.

The customers were optimistic, too—hopeful that they would receive a part of their money back in the form of dividends from the profits of the store.

Competitors Hit

Proprietors of nearby stores spoke just as feelingly—not of expected profits but of those they declared they saw slipping away from them since the new state store was established. They agreed they had lost trade steadily ever since the co-op was opened.

Keller, one of the two salaried employees of the co-operative, estimated the first month's business at \$3,400, which he said was \$100 better than had been expected. That amount of buying was done by some 700 or 800 families.

Other employees are relief clients, working at union wages long enough each month to earn the equivalent of 15 per cent of their relief checks.

A little more than half the merchandise is obtained from producers' co-operatives, and Keller said the percentage of co-operative produced merchandise is increasing. Most of it, as well as that bought from private sources, consists of the commoner staple necessities.

Big Train Seeks Seat in Congress

Walter Johnson feeds chickens on his farm near Germantown while announcing candidacy for Republican nomination from Maryland's Sixth district for a seat in Congress.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Leaders of 14 Oregon farm organizations supported Swift & company last week in a butchers' union boycott.

The farm organization leaders called the action "un-American" and said that many producers were faced with ruin because Swift handled about a third of all livestock produced and marketed in this area, as well as a big percentage of poultry and dairy products.

The protesters said they represented about 48,000 farmers and asked that there be no compulsory closed shop or lifting hall, no secondary boycott or "hot cargo," and a free flow of commerce with no stoppage of public service pending settlement of controversies.

Loan Applications Far Exceed Quota

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The farm security administration announced 274 Oregon tenants, share-croppers and farm laborers have applied for loans to purchase farms this year, although only 17 loans can be made in the state.

During the first two years of the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act's operation, said the FSA, applications were received from 174 tenants in Oregon, and 15 loans were approved. Many of these applications are being reconsidered along with the new ones for the year ending next June 30.

For the first two years, Congress appropriated \$25,000,000 and a total of \$180,000,000 were approved. For this year, the appropriation was \$10,000,000, and the FSA expects to make 6,371 loans.

Funds are allocated to the states on the basis of farm population and the prevalence of tenancy. County committees composed of local farmers are now reviewing applications and certifying farms so that loans can be made to permit as many as possible of the new owners to operate their farms this year.

Swift & Co. Get Farmers' Backing in War on Union

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Business Visitors at Grants Pass Monday

Mrs. George Randolph and daughter, Mrs. Halk, spent Monday at Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Frost and son, Glenn Frost, attended to business at Roseburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wunsch and daughter, Gladia, and Donald Wunsch attended the basketball game at Grants Pass Monday evening, in which the "House of David" team was featured, playing against the Winnetron team of the city league.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Olson and Mrs. C. B. Austin shopped and visited at Roseburg Thursday.

H. M. Eberle was a week-end visitor at Grants Pass.

Mrs. B. B. Gardner, Mrs. H. D. Y'blood and son, Tommy, Mrs. Ira Lewis and Mrs. E. E. Mouchett visited at Grants Pass Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lev Hansen spent Sunday with relatives at Williams.

Mrs. Lloyd Baker and infant daughter, Beverly Anne, were discharged from the Josephine General Hospital at Grants Pass Tuesday, and returned to their home here.

Azalea

AZALEA, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Lowell Curtis and her father, J. E. Hartle, shopped in Roseburg Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Booth and daughter, Marjorie, were in Myrtle Creek Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Condray spent Monday evening in Grants Pass.

Ben Nichols from Riddle was here on business Sunday.

L. S. Johns transacted business in Roseburg Saturday.

Mr. King, a cattle buyer from Dismuir, California, was here on business the last of the week, and visiting old friends.

Those attending the Douglas County Pomona grange at Evergreen grange Monday night from here were Mrs. Walter Tanner, Dorothy Turner, Jimmy Morgan, Lewis Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Fair, Emory Eastman, Vernon Eastman, Floyd Ames, and Mr. and Mrs. William Jantzer.

They all took the fifth degree except Mrs. Tanner and Mrs. Jantzer as they had already taken it.

Mrs. Franklin Schroeder and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fisher were in Roseburg Monday on business.

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Family Labor Camps to Be Ready About March 1

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—The farm security administration homes at the Yakima, Wash., and Dayton, Ore., family labor camps will be ready for occupants about March 1. Other shelter facilities will open with the start of seasonal agricultural work.

The 47 homes at Dayton and 48 at Yakima will rent for \$8 a month, Walter A. Duffy, regional director, said.

Families with possibilities for re-establishment on farms through the FSA rehabilitation program will receive preference.

Lending Power of Land Bank Chief Is Extended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed a bill extending the lending authority of the land bank commissioner until June 1, 1942. Previous authority expired Thursday.

These loans, considered important in the refinancing of farm mortgage indebtedness and financing of farm purchases since 1933, may be continued under the legislation with funds already available to the federal farm mortgage corporation.

Death Takes F. W. Sargent, Former Railway Official

YONCALLA, Feb. 5.—Rosen Burt, brother of Mrs. Lucy Samler and Miss Sue Burt, passed away in Portland January 29th. Mr. Burt

DAILY DEVOTIONS

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One of the great perils of life is measuring our duties by our own resources. An engineer does not estimate the size of his train by the strength of his own arm. He uses the power of a great engine to decide how many cars he can haul. He multiplies his own army by the strength of his engine. We too often try to face our difficulties in the light of our own ability. We look at the seriousness of our task and draw back saying that we cannot do it. We are asked to take a position of responsibility and we refuse to accept it because we feel we are not equal to it. We cannot. It is a small task that we can perform alone. The load we can carry is very light. The river we can wade is very shallow. Then, when we take God's resources and make them ours through faith, we can do all that is required of us. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." We live in a world of many perilsities. We are like children, lost and bewildered until we link our lives with God. Amen.

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