

# NEWS OF FARM LIFE

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## Vegetable Plots Urged On Nation

### Prevalence of War Cited as One Reason for Gardens At Private Homes.

Among amateur gardeners this spring there is a pronounced swing to vegetables. There are several reasons for this. One is the prevalence of war in the world and a growing realization of the important part which home vegetable gardens play in national defense.

Then there is the growing vegetable. The gardener's best reward is the sense of accomplishment which comes when the seeds he has sown produce their harvest, whether this may be fine zucchini or tomatoes.

Some garden club leaders are urging that gardens be devoted chiefly to fruits and vegetables this spring; others that a portion of every garden be set aside for a vegetable plot. Here it is possible to grow food of a finer quality than can be bought in the market, with a substantial saving in cost, if the owner does the small amount of work required. Experience would be acquired which would become valuable both for the owner and his neighbors, should war gardens again become necessary in this country.

### List Suggested

In deciding what shall be grown in such a plot, these crops may be considered as necessary in most sections of our country:

- Beans Parsnips
- Lima beans Parsnips
- Beets Peppers
- Carrots Onion Sets
- Cabbage Peas
- Chard Radishes
- Cucumbers Swiss chard
- Lettuce Tomatoes

Eliminate, of course, those you do not like, and remember that it is better to grow small amounts of many things than to devote your entire area to relatively few vegetables which will likely be over-produced.

### Alternatives Named

One of the great advantages of the home garden is the opportunity it gives to grow animal vegetables which you might not otherwise try. To replace those omitted from the above list, or to add to it if you have the space, here are some suggestions:

Brussels sprouts for fall crop, celery, broccoli, especially the green sprouting, Chinese cabbage for fall salads, savoy cabbage, a great delerious variety of onion for fall green salads, collards, arugula, eggplant, celeriac, cress, kale, kohlrabi, leek, melons, mustard greens, pumpkin, okra, oyster plant, spinach, squash, both the winter kind and the summer varieties which are so delicious in the baby stage, especially the globe marrow, and "torpedo" and rutabagas, which are especially successful in sections which have an early spring and late fall.

Sweet corn should be a specialty in gardens which have room for it, for which no other crop is the home garden's advantage in quality so great.

A valuable through your seed catalog will produce other suggestions which should be considered in making up your seed order. Some new vegetable or variety added to your list will give you more pleasure than the staples, and it will be something to serve your friends when they come to dine.

## News of 4-H CLUBS

(By Josephine Wright)

The meeting of the Woodlark Forest club of Days Creek was held at the school Wednesday. Each member answered roll call by giving an Oregon forest tree. Many kinds of law were cleared up by this discussion. At the next meeting the club will continue to roll call by giving a tree which pertains to the use of machinery in the woods.

The proposed trip to our club was discussed. The arena was planned. Mr. Hill offered to furnish the money, and the remainder of the group are each contributing his share to the lunch consisting of baked beans, salad, pickles, coffee, nuts and cookies. The possibility of the trip, if this storm continues, was discussed. We are going to wait until the latter part of the week to decide.

Another meeting will be held Friday, at which time the final arrangements for our trip will be completed.

Marshall Matthews, president, presided at the seventh meeting of the Bachelor Bakers at the Days Creek school Tuesday. The seventh lesson on breakfast meats was studied after the usual business preliminaries were observed. All record books were filled out and many completed cards were handed in.

Arrangements have been made with County Club Agent E. A. Britton to show films pertaining to forestry, poultry, livestock, and scenic subjects at the Days Creek school Thursday morning, February 15.

The Forest Scouts, with Miss Thibault as leader, had a very interesting meeting Thursday. The highlight of the meeting was the

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with Major Hoopie



## To Stamp Out Cotton Surplus

**TWENTY FIVE CENT NON-TRANSFERABLE COTTON ORDER**  
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King Cotton is too fat—by millions of bales. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace plans to reduce the King's surplus by the same cotton merchants. Billed families will be able to purchase \$1.00 worth of green stamps, receiving, free, an additional \$1.00 worth of the brown stamp pictured above. With the \$2.00 total they may buy new cotton goods at retail stores.

excellent fall on "Forest Agent" club by the local leader. Another meeting will be held next week.

The second meeting last week of the Bachelor Bakers was held Thursday. The main topic of discussion was sandwiches. Each member told his favorite kind of sandwich and how to make it. Inquiries as to the quality of the cookies each club made was made by the president. Their project requires them to exhibit cookies at the fair. The boys are determined to receive A's on their projects and show the girls club that they can cook too.

Final plans were made Friday for the all-day outing of the Woodlark Forest club. Visitors expected to accompany the members are Mr. Cronin, Mr. Southwick and E. A. Britton.

(By Harold Mayer)

The monthly meeting of the Glendale Forest club was held Tuesday. These were the club's first special prize of \$2. The club is going to take some of this money and buy a four-foot square of plywood. Each member will bring three or four photographs of his animals and place them in a cardboard box. When the club comes in the summer we will place it in the basement of the school, so people can see what our club has done.

Larry Davis gave an interesting talk at seven o'clock. He spoke of the importance of the soil in feeding the animal body, and the importance of the soil in feeding the human body. He also spoke of the importance of the soil in feeding the human body.

The annual meeting of the Glendale Forest club was held Wednesday. Edith Knight gave a report on the Saturday morning club of the Alti. Ed reported that the club had a good surplus question and sent it to the office of the president. If they use the question will be held at an airplane model of the club.

On February 10, an airplane contest will be held. All five members will participate and they will be introduced to the club.

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## SDA Inspections Reach Big Figure

### Many Irregularities Found in Oregon Rural Industries, Some Penalties Imposed.

Magnitude of the inspection work carried on each month by the state department of agriculture is reflected in the January reports from three divisions, which show more than 73,200 inspections in that period.

Bulk of the inspections were agricultural, which included: Cattle inspections for scabies, 514; sheep inspections, 22,481; swine inspections, 896; cattle tested for Bang's disease, 28,946 with 276 reactors; cattle tested for tuberculosis, 11,816 with 73 reactors.

In the foods, dairies, weights and measure division, 5,952 inspections were made exclusive of the work of the cream graders. This division enforces a variety of laws ranging from the egg and carbonated beverages law to the gasoline law. Incidentally, 34 of the 117 condemnations issued by this division again exclusive of cream graders were on gasoline pumps. In the 321 checks on groceries, it was necessary to seize 22 cases of macaroni, vermicelli and noodles and also some cereals because they were unfit for human consumption.

Violations Bared  
The cream graders condemned 628 cans of milk and three cans of cream because same was unfit for human use. Also, 212 milk cans were condemned for reasons.

Sixteen of the 186 bakeries inspected in January were found to be selling bread in plain wrappers in violation of the Oregon bakery law.

Fifty-three scales in Oregon stores were condemned and three weights were ordered thrown away. During the month, 2148 scales used in weighing consumer purchases were inspected, which means that less than 2 1/2 per cent were defective.

Violations of the laws under jurisdiction of the animal industry division resulted in arrest and conviction of four men last month. One defendant paid a \$10 fine for selling meat unfit for human consumption; another paid a \$5 fine for moving cattle from a southern Oregon county to Portland without first securing brand inspection; and two were given suspended five-year prison sentences for larceny of a calf.

Use of contaminated water in a slaughter house caused arrest of a southern Oregon man last month. Oregon records of the state department of agriculture. The owner admitted guilt and was fined \$75. He had previously been warned to remedy the situation.

## Farm Price Situation Not Fluctuating Much

After registering declines for several months following the speculative boom last fall, the farm price situation has not changed greatly during recent weeks, according to information by the U. S. extension service. The general level of prices received by farmers in the whole country for crop and animal products at mid-December was approximately 96 per cent of the 1910-1914 level, or 68 per cent of the 1926-1929 level. Prices in Oregon were slightly higher and the general level probably advanced slightly from mid-December to mid-January.

With the United States index of prices paid by farmers at 122 per cent of the 1910-1914 level and prices received at 96, the exchange value of farm products was indicated to be 79 per cent of the 1910-1914 purchasing power, or 85 per cent of the 1926-1929 average exchange value. Prices and purchasing power of some commodities are considerably above the general average, while others fall below.

## Oregon Grass Seed Is Asked for by Wallace

Samplers of grass seed made famous nationally through production in Oregon are being supplied to Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, by the farm crops department at O.S.C. Wallace requested this seed through N. E. Dohd, director of the western division of the AAA.

## Boy Scout Troop, Dads to Have "Hot Dog" Feast

Troop No. 7, Boy Scouts of America, will hold a Father and Son "Hot Dog" feast at the church on Thursday at 7 o'clock this evening in celebration of the Boy Scout week. Following the dinner, the regular scout meeting will be held and the fathers of the boys will be permitted to attend the patrol and troop sessions.

Drop Owens is scoutmaster of Troop No. 7, sponsored by Emporia west of the American Legion, P. L. Christensen is committee chairman and troop committee members are Harry Boyd, Paul Boyd, Dr. H. A. Sharpe and J. P. Moschenbacher.

## Calf Minus Tail May Receive Fly Swatter

STAYTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A calf without a tail was born on the Raymond Minten farm a few days ago, and Minten doesn't yet know whether to keep it.

Minten said that if he keeps it, he'll have to give the calf a fly swatter next summer.

## Proper Land, Water Use Needed, Dairymen Told

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Conservation and constructive use of land and water are imperative needs in the United States, E. H. MacNaughton, First National bank president, advised the annual meeting of the Dairy Cooperative Association.

"The day is gone when men can explore land for its riches, then cut a bonanza crop and then move on to a new section," he said.

MacNaughton urged cultivation of the view that federally-financed projects do not "represent something for nothing." He predicted that the time would come when farm and timber lands were zoned in a manner similar to metropolitan districts.

No fees are charged for attending this three-day short course.

## Honey Must Be Labeled, Oregon Producers Told

Considerable Oregon honey that does not carry a proper label has been found on the market, department of agriculture food inspectors report. All honey offered for sale must indicate the grade on the container. Honey intercepted for lack of grade has been released as soon as the proper label has been supplied.

## Sutherland

SUTHERLIN, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Floyd Squires returned Sunday from Good Samaritan hospital in Portland where she has been receiving treatments.

The P. N. G. club is sponsoring a Valentine card party at the U. O. O. P. hall next Wednesday evening, February 11.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Snook left Friday for Oregon Lake to visit for a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Ray Scudburgh and family.

Monte Roundtree returned last Tuesday from a two months visit in and near Santa Ana, Calif., with relatives.

William Labke was in Sutherlin Thursday visiting with friends. Mr. Labke is a former resident of Sutherlin.

Miss Elvira Wofford returned to her school work at Sacramento Junior college at Sacramento last Thursday.

Miss Helen Allen left Saturday for Portland where she will visit friends and relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wahl were business visitors in Roseburg last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Webster are the parents of a boy born February 7, at Mercy hospital in Roseburg.

Mrs. George Short, Miss Alberta Short, Mrs. P. C. Trozelle, Miss Pauline Trozelle, and Miss Bonnie Alcorn shopped and attended to business in Eugene last Thursday.

Those attending the surprise birthday party last Tuesday night at Harold's room stand in honor of Miss Lucille Woodley were Bonnie Alcorn, Pauline Trozelle, Doris Carr, Betty Barze, Lewis Allen and Leonard Barze.

Miss Alvira Wofford visited last Sunday in Grants Pass.

Lyle Smith made a business trip to Eugene Friday.

Fred Madigan left Friday morning for Portland, where he will attend to business for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Holland and son, Ross, left Friday for their home in Seattle after a few days visit here at the J. W. Culver home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cook have sold their home to A. L. Real and they will leave soon for California where Don is to be employed in a gold mine.

W. P. Graham, who lives a mile south of town is the owner of a calf born without a tail.

## Soils Course Set 3 Days at O. S. C.

The program for the soils improvement short course, scheduled for February 12 to 15 at Oregon State college, has been arranged to be of special value to farmers, land owners, reclamationists, conservationists, and those interested in the fertilizer and irrigation equipment industries, says Dr. W. L. Powers, head of the soils department at the college, who recently announced the detailed schedule of events.

The program for the first day will deal with soil surveys, lime, humus, and drainage in relation to land use and soil conservation, says Dr. Powers, in addition to college specialists, J. H. Christ, director of the Soil Conservation service in this district, will be among the speakers.

The second day will be devoted to problems of soil fertility, during which reports on recent research work at the college will be maintained some 60 soil fertility plat ranges, including 1000 different plots for testing various fertilizers.

The final day of the course will emphasize reclamation of cut-over land, and many angles of present irrigation development in this state.

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## Prune Purchases Await Federal Board's Plans

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Foreign markets offered limited inquiry for prunes last week and most packers delayed purchases until announcement of federal surplus commodities corporation plans.

The federal agricultural marketing service reported the eastern movement slow because earlier purchases lasted longer than expected. Current quotations for packed prunes ranged from 65¢ cents for 30-lb to 21-1/2 cents for 75-lb.

Last month's export loadings were dropped to 46,828 pounds from 1,258,381 in December and 745,175 a year ago.

Prunes were included in the

## Oregon Land Allotment For Flax Increased

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The agriculture department has allotted Oregon an extra 1,000 acres for flax production under the AAA in 1940, Senator McNary was informed.

The department said the acreage would be increased 1,000 acres a year until a maximum of 10,000 acres was reached. The present quota is 5,000 acres.

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