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Livestock Raisers Will Meet Here

Problems of Industry Will be Discussed by Three Experts From Oregon State College.

Livestock raisers of Douglas county are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Douglas County Livestock Growers Association to be held in the I. O. O. F. hall in Roseburg Thursday, March 25, beginning at 7:30 a. m. Sound moving pictures will be shown to illustrate the losses caused by improper handling of livestock on their way to market and methods of improving and developing pastures.

Dr. J. N. Shaw, veterinarian in charge of experimental investigations at Oregon State college, will discuss sheep diseases, paying particular attention to black disease, which has caused serious loss of lambs in several sections of Oregon and believed to be one of the contributing causes in lamb losses as being caused by this disease. Dr. Shaw will also be available to answer questions regarding other sheep and livestock problems.

Try Vegetables In "Uncommon" List

There are many uncommon vegetables which grow easily in the backyard. Some of them should be tried every year to see whether you like them.

Peppers are cousins of the onion, highly valued by Europeans. They are fried, sometimes baked, and often used in stews. They thrive better if transplanted. Use a dagger to dig this, and instead of filling in the hole, let the rain wash soil in gradually.

Kohlrabi is similar to the turnip, and is often cooked in the same way, but is sweeter. They are especially valuable in sections where turnips are difficult.

Peppers are not an uncommon but better and sweeter varieties can be grown in the home garden. Eggplants are usually available on the market, but can be easily grown at home. When breaded and fried in butter they are one of the finest garden delicacies. Don't start them until the weather is warm.

Pointed ear salad, or celery cabbage, is often called, is gaining in popularity and would be a welcome addition to your regular list of vegetables, especially the fall crop. It resembles celery leaves but the leaves are more firm and cabbage-like.

Salsify, a distinctive plant, is a tasty food with a distinctive flavor which is used in soups and stews. It is very hardy, and, like its cousin the Jerusalem artichoke, can be left in the ground all winter, and dug up for use whenever needed.

Good Seasoners
Olive is another good seasoner to give new tastes to old dishes. It can be grown in northern gardens if started indoors and then transplanted.

Celery, the root vegetable, gives the celery taste to cooked things much better than celery itself. It is good for salads, and will keep well over winter.

New Yellow Tomato, of Midseason Variety, Wins All-America Award

There are several reasons why many home gardeners like yellow tomatoes. Some home gardeners like their decorative appearance on the salad plate, alternated with red or orange fruits, against a background of green lettuce leaves.

Yellow fruits and vegetables are considered to be especially rich in vitamins, and yellow tomato juice has a vogue among some health seekers, though the scientific proof of superiority may not have been established.

Both groups of fanciers should be pleased with the new yellow tomato Mingoid which was awarded a silver medal in the All America Vegetable tests for 1940. Mingoid has smooth round fruits of medium size, just about right for slicing. It matures in 105 days which rates it as a midseason variety, and is a good producer.

Early and midseason tomatoes should always be given a start in doors. It takes the earliest varieties more than three months to bear their fruits.

They can easily be grown in seed boxes or cold frames, and stand transplanting without serious shock. The tomato crop is one of the most valuable possible in the home garden, as a few plants will give not only a supply for summer consumption but an ample surplus for canning, pickling and preserving.

Tomato vines may be allowed to run on the ground, if you prefer, or they may be trained to stakes, or fences. A fence with southern exposure makes an excellent support for them, and this grown tall picks up no more room than carrots in the small garden.

In putting the program on Thursday evening, April 4, this group will go to Ekefrose to put on a program there for the benefit of U. H. club scholarships.

The agricultural committee of the Roseburg chamber of commerce has practically completed plans for the 4-H marketing day program to be held on Saturday, May 13. This program will be held at the same time as that of the county play day for high school girls, which permits people out in the other school districts to see their same transportation for both groups.

County Club Agent E. A. Britton is just starting to check over the marketing essays and as soon as he has completed reading them, he will mail them back to the teachers and enclose rubrics for each of the marketing members and the teachers.

Wednesday evening of this week the county club agent and staff members of the national first prize and Douglas county first prize will go to the Kellberg grange with a program of picture slides dealing with livestock, poultry and fur.

Bishop's department store, Roseburg, has been added to the list of scholarship donors, which now also include the Douglas National Club, Tipton's dairy, U. S. National bank, Montgomery Ward and company, Paulson's Food store, Boston Dairy and Soda works, C. P. Penney company, Safeway stores, Henningsen's mart, Douglas County Flour mills, California Oregon Power company.

The 4-H clubs of Camas Valley are planning to hold their achievement program on Wednesday evening, April 3, at the school. All 4-H club projects have been completed and will be ready for display along with record books at that time.

Dates for 4-H club summer school have been announced for June 10 to June 21, both days at 9 a. m. Four-H club spring fair dates are announced for the south end of the county, May 9, north end of the county, May 19, and the central section, May 11. (Continued tomorrow.)

Apples Rate High In Value of Diet

When foods are selected on the basis of total value in the diet rather than on the basis of their chemical content, apples rate far higher in the scale of desirable foods than they are generally credited with in quoted lists.

Dr. A. Manville, of the division of nutrition in the Oregon medical school, stated recently in an address to short course students at Oregon State college.

"Foods cannot be fairly compared on the basis of calories, mineral content, or even vitamin content alone," explained Dr. Manville. "Some cereals, for example, show good values for phosphorus in chemical analyses, and yet may hold that phosphorus in entirely unavailable form. The same is true in regard to the calcium content of spinach."

It is quite true that the apple does not contain much calcium and, because of other attributes, it will actually increase by 12 per cent the absorption of calcium from a given diet in comparison with what would occur if the apple were omitted from the diet.

The apple not only presents its own calcium for absorption but facilitates the absorption of the calcium in the remainder of the diet.

Dr. Manville also pointed out that, on a basis of comparative costs of various foods measured in calories, apples are more economical than most of the common fruits, and are ordinarily many times more economical than citrus fruits in this respect.

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FLAPPER FANNY



"Better turn it on again, Ted—Dad raised Cain last month because the light bill was so low."

U. S. Check of Crop Loans to be Made

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Uncle Sam will take stock this week to determine whether he has made or lost any money during the last year on a billion dollars worth of crops he owns and loans he has made to farmers and farm surpluses.

An inventory taken a year ago showed a deficit of \$119,000,000 due largely to a shrinkage in values and storage costs.

Involved in the stock taking will be loans made by the commodity credit corporation under the "sever-normal granary" phase of the AAA crop control program. The corporation is authorized to make loans to growers on surplus which, if sold, would tend to depress prices.

Farm officials estimated that on the basis of current prices, the corporation would show a surplus of upwards of \$75,000,000 as of March 23. The surplus, officials said, would be represented by increased values of cotton and corn owned outright by the corporation as a result of foreclosures on past-due loans.

Plowing Right Exercise for Feet, Medic Asserts
LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 25.—(AP)—Plowing, says Dr. Russell Jones of Indiana university school of medicine, is "perfect exercise" for feet and legs.

Nursery Thieves in Oregon to Get Full Law Penalty
Nurserymen of Oregon, who this spring are experiencing considerable loss due to thievery, are determined to put a stop to this practice and to see that those involved are apprehended. Get the full penalty at the law, according to the bureau of nursery service of the state department of agriculture.

Restrictions in Shipping Caives in Oregon Cited
Calves under six-months old cannot be shipped into Bang's disease (resistance) counties in Oregon, except under certain conditions, announced by W. H. Lytle, chief of the division of animal industry of the state department of agriculture. An order to this end went into effect March 15. Five counties, Clatsop, Lane, Curry, Yamhill and Washington, are Bang's disease areas, and other counties are in line for this rating.

NO CALVES, PLENTY MILK
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Babies Best Crop Of Alaskan Colony

JUNEAU, Alaska.—The federally-established farm colony in the Matanuska valley has found babies are its best crop, according to Harry De Land, of Palmer, who was sent here to induce the territory to buy the colony's \$150,000 schoolhouse for \$1 cash.

Transfer of the structure, erected by the Rural Rehabilitation corporation, to the territory is desired by the colony now "on its own and determined to succeed."

The Land said 200 children have been born to the former midwest farm families since the first arrived in 1935, and that the colony's first native-born babies will start to school next year.

Recent federal census figures showed a valley population—colonists and others—totaling 1,411, of whom 214 live in Palmer, the colony "capital."

The census also revealed there were 267 farms in the district of at least three acres each, producing at least \$250 in field crop of livestock products per farm last year.

Washed, Graded Potatoes Enrich Nebraska Growers
ALLAMONA, Neb., March 25.—(AP)—A success story of Nebraska "apples" was the big topic at Nebraska potato improvement association sessions here last week.

Howard M. McLean, area manager for the Nebraska Certified Potato Growers cooperative, told how growers cracked the Chicago market on a big scale, netting top prices by a simple new practice.

They washed their potatoes and graded them in a uniform high quality pack.

As a result, he said, an estimated 2,000 carloads of Nebraska "apples" went to market this year, as compared with about 50 in past seasons. And the No. 1 Nebraska Triumphs topped the market consistently, McLean asserted.

Garden Lovers to Have O.S.C. Week-End Program
OREGON STATE COLLEGE.—This campus will become the center of interest for Oregon garden club members and others interested for the week-end May 3, 4, and 5 when an educational program for garden enthusiasts will be combined with prepared tours of 50 Corvallis gardens. The entire program has been worked out in cooperation with the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs in connection with the current campaign to in-

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still already constructed decorative iron gates at the entrance to the state college campus.

Climax of the three-day program will be a large outdoor garden tea to be held on the Memorial Union lawn Sunday afternoon, May 5.

Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, wife of the governor, Mrs. Beatrice Walton Sackett, member of the state board of higher education, officials of college clubs and wives of state college officials are included among many accepting invitations to participate.

Nine Butter Makers Pass Rigid Oregon Examination
Nine of the 12 butter makers who wrote on the state examinations conducted last week by the state department of agriculture passed the rigid tests, reports A. W. Metzger, chief of the division of food and nutrition.

Major violations have to do with noxious weed content and germination discrepancies.

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