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Turkey Growers Ask FSCC Help

Buying of 200 Cars of Breeder Birds Would Ease Market's Distress, Brief Points Out.

The Northwestern Turkey Growers' association has filed a brief with the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation asking that action be taken to purchase breeder turkeys during the spring months to relieve a distressed market situation on the coast. The bulk of the turkey breeders in the west are located in Oregon and California.

It is the belief of the growers' association that if the FSCC can be induced to buy about 200 cars of the breeder turkeys to distribute through channels using but few turkeys the influence on the present congested turkey market will be a healthy one.

These birds could be used in the federal school lunch programs and in other programs in which poultry meat is included in the diet of those to whom the FSCC is supplying food.

Prices Take Big Drop

Last year there was a record United States turkey crop and this spring there is also a record supply still held in storage. As a consequence prices in eastern markets are 10 cents a pound less than a year ago.

The crop in the coming season will be considerably smaller than last year, but in the meantime growers are facing a serious problem in disposing of breeder stock that must be marketed in April and May.

News of 4-H CLUBS

The Kiwanis club will take its program to South Deer Creek grange Tuesday evening of this week. The grange members of South Deer Creek have published this week widely and are expected to have a large number of people from Roseburg in addition to Kiwanians. The Kiwanis club goes next week to Long Prairie.

The "Coca Cola" entertainers will appear at Garden valley in the Garden Valley Women's club building Thursday evening for that organization in the interest of 4-H club scholarship funds. This group has a splendid program prepared and will go out all set to do the best possible. Next week the same group will go to Glenary school.

The Douglas County 4-H Local Leaders association will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight at the Wilbur school. Leaders of Wilbur have arranged for a short program of entertainment and refreshments. The leaders will complete plans for the marketing day program which is to be held Saturday, and plan for 4-H spring fairs. The dates are already set for these fairs. Thursday evening, May 9, will be held the first fair in Canbyville. Friday, May 10, at Drain, and Saturday, May 11 in Roseburg.

The agricultural committee of the Roseburg chamber of commerce is all set for its part in the 4-H marketing day program which will be held Saturday. All marketing members and leaders will meet at the Lockwood Motor company at or as near as possible to 8 Saturday morning, when they will immediately set out on their marketing and industrial institutions beginning at 8:30. The first half of the group will arrive at the armory for lunch at 11:30 and the second half shortly after 12. Immediately following the lunch they will have free time for the balance of the afternoon and will be guests of Mr. Ben Radabaugh, local theater manager, at one of the theaters.

Camas Valley 4-H club leaders and members held the first achievement program in the county this year last Wednesday evening. The two classes were given by Mrs. H. T. Church and Mrs. T. W. Stiegel, displayed very nice clothing exhibits which were complete in every detail. The ecology club led by Mrs. Bertha Standley also had exhibits there as did the members of the woodworking club. These people all expect to exhibit at the 4-H spring fair to be held in Roseburg Saturday, May 11.

Around the County

Sutherlin

SUTHERLIN, April 2.—Kenneth Gamstock arrived the end of last week for a visit with his father, P. A. Gamstock, and other relatives. Frank Haviland, offered a path

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If the mare pictured above has any horse-sense, she'll stay on dry land next time she runs away. Louis Phelps of Danville, Va., was riding her near the Duu River when the girth broke, the saddle slipped down and frightened her. She bolted, leaped into the river and struck out for mid-stream. But the current carried the mare to the brink of a dam, where, as seen left, she balanced precariously. While rescuers pondered, she slipped (right) and was swept over. She was finally led out unhurt except for slight cuts.

ful injury last Friday when he was burned in a gas explosion, at the mine east of town, due to the shutting off of the electricity by the high wind of that day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Robertson and son, Donald, spent several days the past week visiting with Mrs. Robertson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hoyle, at Milton-Freewater.

P. J. Wandrey called at the Edgar Shirley home one day last week en route to his home in Portland from a trip into California. Mr. Wandrey is a uncle of Mr. Shirley.

The high wind of last Friday did considerable damage to roofs in the Sutherlin vicinity.

Mrs. Herman Myers and Mrs. Calvin Rose are spending several days in Salem with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caldwell who have been residing on the D. A. Richardson ranch east of town, left Monday morning for Fortuna, California, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Anna Hultson has had a china closet and buffet built in her home. Jess Cooper did the work. R. L. Stearns was a business visitor in Roseburg Monday.

Miss Opal Wehler spent the weekend with Miss Pauline Truelle.

Mrs. Turley left last week for Roseville, California, where she will visit for several weeks.

Mrs. Maudie Vogelbeil returned to her home here Sunday evening from Eugene where she has been visiting her daughters, Mrs. Shippe and Mrs. Bill Hardesty, for the past several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Duval Daubenspeck have purchased the Cal Gilbert ranch property on Fifth avenue and will immediately remodel and repair it.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Daubenspeck of Marshfield are visiting with relatives here for a month.

Mrs. Mary Sellen, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Sellen and Josephine Young visited Louis Carr at the Veterans' Facility in Roseburg Sunday.

Jimmie Lane drove to Portland Sunday to bring his wife and two children to Sutherlin to make their home. Miss Edna Ruth Real accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lane.

Mrs. A. L. Real and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Luchterhand are spending a few days vacation on the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stave of Oakland were attending to business and visiting friends in Sutherlin Monday.

Riddle

RIDDLE, April 2.—Mrs. G. H. Griggs left Friday for Longview, Wash., where she was called by the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Owen Logsdon of Mrs. Logsdon and her cousin, Miss Ray Dauberty of Yonahla, visited here for a short time Sunday.

L. E. Logsdon returned to his home here Saturday after several

weeks visit with relatives at Junction. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Willametta Logsdon, who returned to Junction City, where she is teaching, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Logsdon remained at Junction to be with her mother, Mrs. Jacoby, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riddle were attending to business matters in Roseburg Friday.

The high wind that came about noon Friday did considerable damage about town, blowing down signs, tearing shingles off roofs and breaking a few windows. An old plane drier on the Abner Riddle place was wrecked and several trees blown over.

Mrs. Arthur Pfaff departed Sunday for her old home in Kansas where she will visit a month or six weeks with relatives.

M. S. Ryan is reported to be very ill at his home here. Mrs. S. H. Rockhill is also seriously ill and is being cared for at the home of her daughter, Roberta Kirk.

Mrs. L. Pierce of Lebanon has been a guest at the home of C. A. Riddle the past week. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Riddle home when they returned from a visit to Lebanon last week-end.

Faunnie Poole of Glendale was a recent guest at the home of her friend, Lillian Logsdon.

The teachers of the Riddle grade school have been re-elected to their positions as follows: Leona Hart, 7th and 8th grades; Bertha Blundell, 4th, 5th and 6th; and Wameta Wallace, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. The high school faculty has not yet been selected. Paul Campbell, assistant in the high school for the past five years, resigned his position earlier in the year, having an opportunity to take other work at a higher salary next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradstreet and baby daughter, Marion, returned Sunday from Portland where they had been visiting and attending to business matters since Wednesday.

Jack Moore, who has been employed at Astoria the past few months is visiting at his home here this week. He expects to enter the navy in the near future.

Miss Melba Wilson has accepted employment at the Alpine Lodge above Canbyville.

J. R. Lawrence returned to his home here Saturday from Mercy hospital at Roseburg where he has been recuperating from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Catching of Drain have been at the home of Mrs. Catching's father, M. S. Ryan, the past week assisting in his care.

Sew and Chat Club Changes Meeting—The Sew and Chat club has changed its meeting place from the Paul Smith home to the home of Mrs. Ralph Herman who will entertain the club Wednesday at a one-thirty dessert luncheon.

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Mail-Order Book Reveals Price Gaps

Mail-order catalogues as reference works are coming handy in congressional debates for showing the differences in prices paid by farmers between 1913 and 1940. This seems to be the only connection in which anyone in official life is willing to turn the clock back for twenty-seven years. However that may be, it is calculated that in 1940 a work shirt for the farmer's back cost 2.5 pounds more cotton, half a pound less wool, no more pounds of beef on the hoof, 5.6 pounds more in hogs, 13/100 of a bushel more wheat, and 3/10 of a bushel more corn than in 1913.

But shoes for a farmer's wife seem to have been more considerably the victims of fashion. Probably every farmer's wife of 1940 would apportion the shoes of 1913. At any rate, the shoes of today cost more in everything, including wool and beef, than in 1913.

Tools and implements have gone upward still more, according to the calculations,—completers by 111 per cent, or by 808 pounds of hogs. A great crop of hogs has brought hog prices low. Few farmers would now care to use a 1913 corn planter, and the calculations fail to take into account the improvement in production on farms for the human labor expended,—about 50 per cent for agriculture generally, according to the national resources board. It would be more for such a crop as corn. It is this increase that has provided for automobiles, radios, electrical appliances, and many other things.

Sow Rations Cut Down Pig Losses

Extensive pig losses, such as were experienced in some eastern Oregon counties last year, may be prevented to considerable extent by the rations fed the sow during the gestation period, reports the animal division of the state department of agriculture.

When sows are fed a good quality of animal protein throughout the gestation period, the average death loss of pigs during the first week after birth is less than 11 per cent, as against a 44 per cent loss when only grains and minerals are fed.

The pig and chicken eating vices of sows, too, are often due to lack of animal protein in the diet. The latter vice may be the way by which avian tuberculosis enters the hog drove.

Minerals, too, are often deficient in the sow's diet, and may be supplied either through legume or alfalfa hay or pasturage supplies, or through sterilized bone meal fed at the rate of a handful a day. Yeast, which supplies vitamin B, is helpful. A growth of yeast will take place if a yeast cake is placed in a barrel partly filled with water and ground grains and kept in a warm place for 48 hours.

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Wage Act Frees Cannery in Town Less Than 2,500

PORTLAND, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—Natural industries of the Pacific northwest complicate the working hour provisions of the wage-hour law. Regional Director Wesley O. Ash of San Francisco, said.

Ash, here to see whether the "rate of production" ruling has had an adverse effect on prices of agricultural products, conferred with fruit and vegetable growers, canning officials and labor representatives.

A cannery of packing house in a town of less than 2500 population which receives its supplies from a 10-mile radius is entirely exempt from the wage-hour law under the "rate of production" ruling.

Livestock Men Favor Land Classification, Blocking

CORVALLIS, April 8.—(AP)—CORVALLIS, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—Albert Powers of Corvallis was re-elected president of the Western Oregon Livestock association, E. A. McDonald, of Vernonia was named vice-president

Weevil Control Suggestions Made

Latest procedures in controlling the pea weevil on hundreds of thousands of acres of seed, canning and garden peas in the Pacific northwest, have been formalized at the fifth annual conference of federal, state and county workers interested in the pea weevil problem. Don C. Mote, entomologist of the O. S. C. experiment station, Kenneth W. Gray, assistant entomologist, and J. C. Chamberlain, federal entomologist stationed at Corvallis, were the three from Oregon who joined in drawing up recommendations.

April Right Time To Sow Perennials

Gardeners who plan to grow perennials from seed this year, and every gardener should do so, will have an easier time of it if they will sow in April instead of waiting until June or later.

When summers are hot and dry it is often quite a task to get seeds to germinate in June, and seedling plants must be given extra attention at that time to keep from being scorched to death.

In April and May, however, we usually have cool, moist weather which hastens germination and is favorable to the young plants. Many of the perennials germinate best in cool weather. Delphiniums, for example, grow best in a temperature of 40 degrees.

When seeds are sown in April or early May the seedlings should be transplanted in July so that they have room to develop into sturdy plants. They will be large enough by fall to be planted in the border where they are to grow.

There is no garden operation which saves money faster than growing one's own perennials. When plants are purchased they are relatively expensive because of the long growing period, the intensive care they have had and the large percentage of loss. Plants have never been grown successfully in large scale operations because of the limited area over which they can be distributed satisfactorily and the high cost of packing such fragile subjects for shipment. The gardener who grows his own pays only for the seed. The task of caring for the plants and observing their growth is a fascinating recreation, if he is a true garden fan.

Among the perennials with which beginners will have little difficulty are columbines, dianthus, delphiniums, galliardias, coreopsis, hollyhocks, pyrethrum, sweet williams, veronica alpicata and violas.

Pound of Bent Grass Has More Than 8 Million Seeds

Bent grass has more seeds per pound than any with which seed inspectors for the state department of agriculture deal. One inspector reports that there are 8,154,000 bent grass seeds per pound—but he didn't count them! There are 10,000 such seeds in a gram and 454 grams in a pound. At the other extreme is spring vetch, which has less than 9,000 seeds per pound.

Case Dismissed

BROOKLINE, Mass.—They didn't even docket this dastardly case. An 8-year-old boy telephoned police and asked that policeman be sent to his home at once. The officers wanted to know what for.

"Ma has taken my shoes because I didn't do my home work and I want the policeman to make her give them back so I can go out with the gang."

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February Egg Production Reveals Large Decrease

SALEM, April 8.—(UP)—The agricultural marketing service of the U. S. department of agriculture has estimated the total production of eggs during the month of February at 2942 million, compared with 3076 million in 1939 and 2961 million in 1938.

The February production is equivalent to 8172 thousand cases compared with 8544 thousand cases last year and 8208 thousand cases in 1938.

Total production dropped below that of the past two years because of the low rate of lay during the first half of February, despite the fact that the number of layers had increased.

February's production, however, was above the 10-year (1923-38) average.

Olalla

OLALLA, April 3.—Mrs. Madge Barness, Miss Fieta Hory and Miss Kathleen Standley called on Mrs. Jamie Adamek the first of the week.

Fred Byron and Earl Ollivant spent the afternoon with Cell and Henry Ireland Tuesday.

Jim Adamek has been improving his place by building a new pocket fence around the yard.

Mrs. Carl Parkhurst has been spending several days visiting friends in upper Olalla.

A number of farmers from Olalla and Tenmile went to Lookingglass Thursday afternoon to attend the irrigation demonstration at the Lige Ollivant place. Among them were Charles Lowell, Jim Barnes, Roy Carnall, Ralph Heater, Earl Ollivant, Jim Homolka, Harvey Norcraft, Frank Albro and Jack Parrott and Ralph Richter from Camas Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carnall called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrott in Camas Valley Saturday afternoon. Mr. Parrott, who is one of the most progressive dairymen in Douglas county has recently installed an electric milking machine. The Parrott farm is served by the new West Douglas IRE line.

Cell and Henry Ireland were transacting business in Roseburg the last of the week.

Miss Nella Arnold called on Mrs. Frank Adamek Wednesday.

Surplus Butter Purchase Extended

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—(AP)—The federal surplus commodities corporation announced today it had extended the surplus butter purchase program to the four principal Pacific coast butter markets—Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The government's program of buying price-depressing surpluses is designed to assist farmers by preventing demoralized market conditions.

Effective April 8, either fresh or storage butter may be offered under the extended program. All butter must grade 89 score or better.

All butter purchased by FSCC is donated to state welfare agencies for distribution to relief families and for use in free school lunches and for undernourished children.

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by JOHN CLINTON
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