

# NEWS OF FARM LIFE

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## Lamb-Wool Show Set Here June 15

Site on East Washington Street Again Selected; List Of Cash Premiums Announced.

The Ninth Douglas County Annual Fat Lamb and Wool show will be held Saturday, June 15, on Washington street, between Main and Kane, Roseburg, where it has been held in past years, according to J. Roland Parker, county agent, in charge of arrangements. The Douglas County Livestock association is sponsoring the show, with the county fair board providing funds for premiums.

Exhibits will include pens of five fat lambs in the open class, single 4-H club fat lamb, and classes for medium, coarse and fine wool fleeces. Exhibitors must be in place by 10 a. m. Saturday, June 15, and entries are requested to be in no later than Thursday evening, June 13.

Breeders and owners of purebred rams and breeding stock will be given an exhibition space for such animals as they desire to exhibit and offer for sale. No premiums will be awarded on purebred animals unless in competition in the classes provided for a pen of five fat market lambs or 4-H club class. No charge will be made for exhibiting purebred rams and ewes offered for sale. However, entries should be made by Thursday evening, June 13, states Mr. Parker. In order that arrangements may be made to have sufficient holding pens for all exhibitors, premiums in the various classes are as follows:

Class I: Market Lambs: Lot 1, pen of five—1st, \$20; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$12; 4th, \$10; 5th, \$8; 6th, \$5; 7th, \$3; 8th, \$2; 9th, \$1; 10th, \$1; 11th, \$1; 12th, \$1; 13th, \$1; 14th, \$1; 15th, \$1.

Class II: 4-H Fat Lamb (single): Lot 1—single lamb: 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$4; 3rd, \$3; 4th, \$2; 5th, \$1; 6th, \$1; 7th, \$1.

Class III: Wool: Lot 1—Medium: 1st, \$3; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1. Lot II—Fine: 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50; 3rd, \$1.

Lot III—Coarse: 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50; 3rd, \$1.

Additional premiums may be awarded if competition justifies and there are sufficient funds available.

Douglas county sheep men were the first to sponsor a fat market

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

with Major Hoopie



EGAD, JASON, YOUR DREAM OF EGGS DEMANDS WE WAGER ON A HORSE WITH A SIGNIFICANT NAME! HERE ARE TWO IN THE SAME RACE: "RED HEN" AND "OMELET"—FAP! RED HEN 20 TO 1, OMELET 8 TO 5. HM! I RATHER LEAN TO RED HEN, JASON!

I LEAN LIKEWISE, MISTAH MAJOR—FO' ONE REASON, THE HEN SUTTINLY COME BEFO' THE OMELET THASS NATURE!

HOW'S THAT RED HEN HORSE OF YOURS, MOBE? STIFF AS A CRUTCH—NO MORE CHANCE TO WIN THAN A TURTLE IN A POLE VAULT!

How TO BEAT THE RACES!

lamb show, the first being held in June, 1932. The first show created considerable interest among sheep men over the state, and since that time nearly every sheep county in western Oregon of importance now holds fat lamb and wool shows, to encourage the marketing of fat lambs rather than selling a portion of the lamb crop as feeder lambs.

## Austrian Winter Peas for Seed Will Be Increased

PORTLAND, May 27.—(AP)—A survey of Oregon producers indicated today a 70,000-acre harvest of Austrian winter peas for seed this year compared with 38,500 acres in 1939.

The department of agriculture said the increase was general in western Oregon, particularly in Cheekman, Marion, and Yamhill counties. Conditions are about 75 per cent of normal because of stem rot and aphids.

The state will harvest about 65,000 acres of hairy vetch against 37,000 acres a year ago. The common vetch cut for seed is up about 25 per cent and Hungarian vetch 15 per cent. Additional seed production acreage also has been planted in various types of ryegrasses.

## Berry Picking Job Must Be Accepted, WPA Told

PORTLAND, May 25.—(AP)—E. J. Griffith, state WPA administrator, answered appeals for strawberry pickers today by advising project workers that bona fide offers of employment must be accepted.

"WPA employees must be capable of performing such work and the wage must not be less than the prevailing wage for such work in the community where the employer resides," Griffith said.

Griffith added that workers taking seasonal private employment would be given preference on WPA projects after the seasonal work has been completed.

A group of boys and girls are meeting at Clalla school today for the purpose of discussing a vegetable gardening project. This group would like very much to organize a club.

According to E. A. Britton, county club agent, summer school plans are going forward rapidly. He expects to send a complete list of delegates to the state club leader at Corvallis by Friday of this week.

Mr. Britton states that he will send a letter to each delegate giving full instructions regarding what to bring and where to meet and other incidentals. It is expected that more than seventy will attend this year. The group will be transported in school buses driven by Ray Wright of Days Creek and Rufus Pfister of Drain, and the baggage will be transported by Daphnia's Transfer service.

By VERA E. PUNDT. The last meeting of the Twenty Little "Savers" clothing club of Reedsport was held Thursday

## Want Free Bees? Here's Chance to Get Them

SALEM, Ore., May 27.—(UP)—The state department of agriculture received the following letter from a bee-keeper who was apparently as mad as a hornet over the apathy of some bees.

"If you will pay me back the money I have paid you in the last three years, you can have all my bees, honey and all; or I will give them to anyone that will put them in the fellow's pants that made such a law."

No one has accepted the offer so far.

Sewing demonstrations were given by Phyllis Wright and Lottie Mae Kyles, and by Thea Rose McDonald and Bonnie Burling.

The girls presented Miss Cecilia O'Leary with a myrtle vase in appreciation of her efforts with them during the winter. The girls and their mothers expressed appreciation for what the girls had learned, and hope to carry the work next year.

At the spring fair at Drain the club did very well there with ribbons.

E. A. Britton, county club agent, visited the school at Days Creek Wednesday to pick 4-H club delegates to summer school which will soon be announced.

The Woodcrafters Forestry club held a meeting at the school Wednesday. After the business meeting had been conducted there was a discussion of our air broadcast. Most of the students have begun to write their idea for a broadcast. These were criticized and complimented. Our overnight trip has been postponed until the seventh of June. Definite plans will

be made in the near future. Achievement pins are to be presented at an assembly Wednesday, May 29, 1940. These pins signify the completion of one or more projects during the past year.

Cucumbers, Squash Must Avoid Frost

Squash and cucumbers are best planted when the nights are balmy, all danger of frost passed, and the soil warm and in good tilth.

Soil preparation is always the important consideration for crops sown where the plants are intended to grow. The tiny seedlings must find it relatively easy for their roots to push down after moisture and uniform warmth.

Cucumbers and squash thrive best in a very rich, loamy soil, one on the heavy rather than the sandy side. Where barnyard manure is used it should be thoroughly worked into the soil sometime in advance of planting. The surface soil should be well pulverized before attempting to sow the seed.

One ounce of cucumber seed will be sufficient for one hundred hills. The seed should be covered about one inch deep. Cultivate frequently after sowing, in order to keep the soil loose and friable and discourage weed growth. When the plants have four to six leaves, thin to about eighteen inches apart. Regular cultivation and light irrigations will supply all necessary moisture. Keep the cucumbers picked off as fast as they reach the size desired. If any are allowed to ripen, the plants cease to set on more fruit.

Avoid excesses of lime or ashes, because they can harm the plants. Popular cucumber varieties for home gardeners are: Straight-S, All-American gold medal winner; lemon cucumber, long green; Gherkin and early fortune.

Summer varieties of squash which find great favor for table use are: the white and green type of early white bush scallop; zucchini; giant summer straightneck and summer crookneck.

About four ounces of seed of the summer squash varieties will be required to plant one hundred hills, by placing six or eight seeds in each hill. Cover with an inch of fine soil and press down firmly. When the plants come up, thin them so that only three or four of the strongest ones are left in each hill.

## Rules For Clean Milk Suggested

Warmer weather calls for extra care in milk production and in handling milk, regardless of size of the dairy. For good, clean milk the state department of agriculture offers these suggestions to farmers and dairymen:

Watch for mastitis in cows. Remove cows from weed-infested pastures several hours before milking. Feed kale and roots after milking.

Wash and brush flanks and udders of cows before milking.

Use well-constructed well-timed, sterile utensils.

Keep dirt out of milk. Strain milk with a single service cotton filter strainer and not with a cloth.

Most important is immediate cooling of milk. Place it in a tank of cold running water and stir often. Running water from the cooling tank to the stock tank saves water and is effective.

Keep milk cool. Cover container with wet burlap and do not set milk can in sun along roadside while waiting for truck.

Wash the truck drivers' cover milk cans with wet burlap or other suitable covers.

## Loans to Wheat Growers Continue on 1939 Basis

CORVALLIS, May 27.—(AP)—The government's 1940 loans to Oregon wheat growers will be made on the same basis as a year ago, N. C. Donaldson, director of the state AAA office, announces.

The rates, based upon Portland terminals, are: No. 1 hard federation, white rederation, hard and bluestem grading hard white, 74 cents. No. 1 soft white, No. 1 western red, No. 1 hard winter, No. 1 white club, No. 1 red winter, No. 1 western red and No. 1 northern spring 73 cents.

Country point rates will be figured as in 1939, i. e., Pendleton rate 14.4 cents less than at Portland. County AAA committees will

## Farmers Will Suffer From War, Mickle Warns

SALEM, May 27.—(AP)—State Director of Agriculture J. D. Mickle warns that farmers will suffer from the effects of the European war.

Asserting "the war has spread its bad effects upon American farmers to a serious degree," Mickle said:

"We find our fruits, vegetables, canned goods, grain and many other products shut out of foreign markets, which means that they will have to go to an already overstocked market at home. This, in turn, will mean a further lowering of prices to our American farmers."

The director, saying a long war would reduce profits of farmers, said "it therefore behooves us to tighten up our belts in the application of the old saying that 'forewarned is forearmed.'"

## Tent Caterpillars Raid Western Oregon Trees

The tent caterpillar is giving fruit growers of western Oregon, extending from southern Oregon to the Columbia river, the worst trouble in years if not in all time, reports Horticulturist Charles A. Cole of the state department of agriculture. The infestation is best controlled by cutting the caterpillar clusters out by hand and burning, preferably in late afternoon.

In apple orchards where spraying is done, the arsenate of lead spray will take care of this pest. Cole says orchardists need not be alarmed that the infestation will be greater next year, as it is probable parasites will handle the situation.

On Saturdays in good weather, a group of men in Franklington, N. J., play marbles. The oldest player is 84.

## Hogs Mustn't Eat Just Any Garbage, Dept. Warns

Hogs must not be permitted to run wild over a community garbage pile or any miscellany of garbage, warns the state department of agriculture foods and dairies division. Under state regulations, garbage which is fed to hogs must be segregated and fed from a floor or feeding trough that can be washed thoroughly.

## Self-Feeders Produce Good Results at Union

Self-feeders used in cattle feeding experiments at the eastern Oregon livestock branch experiment station at Union this past season saved both labor and feed, reports D. E. Richards, superintendent. These feeders are constructed so that grain could be fed in the same feeder which kept fresh hay available.

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## "SMARTEST MOVE I EVER MADE"

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### THE SPIRIT OF 76

by JOHN CLINTON

From Seattle, IH sends in a contribution which I wish you'd clip out and paste down in the corner of your windshield.

You'll keep purring right on Without a ping with Triton!

In fact I think we'll have the boys at Union Oil Stations greet you as you drive in with just such little songs — if Western Union can do it, why can't we? Singing Lubrication!

Well, song or no song, we've noticed how your motor seems to want to go like the dickens when you've just had 'er filled with Triton! It's like the horse we had at home — give her a bag of oats and she'd almost stand on her head.

Our engineers tell me their scientific tests show good reason for this improved performance you get with Triton.

They've perfected a means of refining Triton that makes it a 100% pure paraffin base oil. Besides, it forms so very little carbon, itself, that it allows your motor to burn up the old carbon left by other oils!

It usually happens in 2 to 3 thousand miles. I know it does, because I use it in my Hispano-Plymouth, and I get nary a ping, even when I tramp the foot pedal all the way to the floor.

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