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Evergreen Grange Leads in Annual Killing of Pests

Douglas county grange hunters killed a total of 42,901 farm pests during the year 1940, according to Fred A. Goff, chairman of the county wide pest hunt. Seventeen granges participated in the annual contest, won by Evergreen grange, with a total of 8,649 pests and 841,875 points.

The total of pests killed included: 68 coyotes, 93 cougars and bobcats, 75 weasels, 3,321 rats, 142 hawks and owls, 267 crows and ravens, 601 gophers, 21,233 digger squirrels, 2,143 rabbits, 925 moles, 1,511 bluejays, 469 rattlesnakes, 12,596 mice.

Kellogg, Sunnydale, Glide, Riverside, South Deer Creek, Melrose, Camas Valley, Azalea, Loon Lake, Riddle and Evergreen granges received prizes of \$1.50 each for having filed a report each month throughout the year. The prizes in connection with the hunt are given by the Douglas County Pomona grange which sponsors the contest.

The record of each of the competing granges for the year is as follows:

Evergreen: 7 coyotes, 3 cougars and bobcats, 9 weasels, 289 rats, 43 hawks and owls, 41 crows and ravens, 16 gophers, 5,670 digger squirrels, 347 rabbits, 75 moles, 196 bluejays, 240 rattlesnakes, 1,607 mice. Total pests 8,649; total points 841,875.

Kellogg: 20 coyotes, 26 cougars, bobcats, 2 weasels, 350 rats, 35 hawks, owls, 29 crows, ravens, 43 gophers, 2,820 digger squirrels, 226 rabbits, 63 moles, 381 bluejays, 56 rattlesnakes, 280 mice. Total pests 4,340; total points 554,050.

Sunnydale: 16 coyotes, 17 cougars, bobcats, 6 weasels, 557 rats, 56 hawks, owls, 37 crows, ravens, 100 gophers, 2,099 digger squirrels, 113 rabbits, 10 moles, 198 bluejays, 5 rattlesnakes, 1,728 mice. Total pests 5,016; total points 531,050.

Glide: 4 coyotes, 4 cougars, bobcats, 29 weasels, 154 rats, 55 hawks, owls, 27 crows, ravens, 54 gophers, 2,676 digger squirrels, 293 rabbits, 33 moles, 169 bluejays, 23 rattlesnakes, 2,625 mice. Total pests 5,402; total points 462,500.

Riverside: 7 weasels, 410 rats, 44 hawks, owls, 30 crows, ravens, 37 gophers, 2,339 digger squirrels, 249 rabbits, 18 moles, 109 bluejays, 1,009 mice. Total pests 4,237; total points 424,850.

South Deer Creek: 1 coyote, 2 cougars, bobcats, 2 weasels, 107 rats, 32 hawks, owls, 16 crows, ravens, 8 gophers, 2,031 digger squirrels, 194 rabbits, 18 moles, 78 bluejays, 1 rattlesnake. Total pests 3,878; total points 310,200.

Melrose: 3 weasels, 221 rats, 41 hawks, owls, 58 crows, ravens, 22 gophers, 777 digger squirrels, 174 rabbits, 43 moles, 26 bluejays, 8 rattlesnakes, 999 mice. Total pests 2,375; total points 212,075.

Camas Valley: 11 coyotes, 32 cougars, bobcats, 4 weasels, 21 rats, 23 hawks, owls, 5 crows, ravens, 3 gophers, 577 digger squirrels, 103 rabbits, 92 moles, 49 bluejays, 806 mice. Total pests 1,726; total points 179,850.

Azalea: 3 coyotes, 15 rats, 40 hawks, owls, 9 crows, ravens, 109 gophers, 865 digger squirrels, 130 rabbits, 11 moles, 49 bluejays, 14 rattlesnakes, 115 mice. Total pests 1,540; total points 169,125.

Loon Lake: 2 coyotes, 5 weasels, 77 rats, 41 hawks, owls, 1 crow, 24 gophers, 528 digger squirrels, 125 rabbits, 175 moles, 101 bluejays, 11 rattlesnakes, 645 mice. Total pests 1,725; total points 149,775.

Riddle: 198 rats, 2 hawks, owls, 41 digger squirrels, 101 rattlesnakes, 4 mice. Total pests 346; total points 64,300.

Smith River: 1 coyote, 5 cougars, bobcats, 5 weasels, 436 rats, 9 hawks, owls, 6 crows, ravens, 150 gophers, 350 digger squirrels, 61 rabbits, 250 moles, 69 bluejays, 4 rattlesnakes, 679 mice. Total pests 2,170; total points 257,425.

Fred Weatherly: 2 coyotes, 2 cougars, bobcats, 1 weasel, 84 rats, 6 hawks, owls, 1 crow, 23 gophers, 885 digger squirrels, 23 rabbits, 70 moles, 34 bluejays, 6 rattlesnakes, 341 mice. Total pests 1,480; total points 144,975.

Nonpareil: 1 cougar, 1 weasel, 94 rats, 9 hawks, owls, 1 crow, 17 gophers, 343 digger squirrels, 30 rabbits, 13 moles, 17 bluejays, 154 mice. Total pests 680; total points 73,850.

Elk Creek: 23 rats, 1 crow, 1 gopher, 89 digger squirrels, 5 rabbits, 4 moles, 21 bluejays, 8 mice. Total pests 152; total points 19,250.

Smith River Juvenile: 1 coyote, 1 cougar, bobcat, 1 weasel, 135 rats, 6 hawks, owls, 2 crows, ravens, 14 gophers, 190 digger squirrels, 22 rabbits, 55 moles, 4 bluejays, 418 mice. Total pests 609; total points 75,800.

Elk Creek Juvenile: 13 rats, 3

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"No Foreign War" Plea Brings Flood of Supporters



Verne Marshall, chairman of the No Foreign War Committee, reading some of the thousands of names received at his Cedar Rapids, Ia., home in answer to his broadcast request for the names of "common people in the Middle West" to be used as signers of a telegram the committee sent to President Roosevelt. His 5-year-old son, John Randolph, is at the right.

Drama in the Ring—Bull Gets Revenge



Two bulls already killed a spectacular performance greeted by hats, corsages, even the tears, toward Alberto Caldera, in Mexico City's bull ring—then swift death. Before an hysterically excited crowd Caldera became careless. Thrilled by the applause—the third bull caught his body, tossed it up, and up again on massive horns—and the cameraman got the picture. Twenty minutes later Caldera was dead.

crow, 30 digger squirrels, 16 rabbits, 19 bluejays, 27 mice. Total pests 169; total points 17,425.

Mr. McKay Here—D. P. McKay, of Wilbur, attended to business in this city Saturday.

Nut Orchard Pruning Demonstrations Dated

Two pruning demonstrations will be held this week for the benefit of walnut and filbert growers. The first will be held on the W. Common farm on the Curry estate tracts at 10 a. m. Wednesday, January 8. The afternoon demonstration will be held at Busenbark Bros' farm at Melrose beginning at 2.

Walnuts and filberts both benefit from thinning out to open up the tops and train the trees. Heavy pruning or heading back is not necessary nor a good practice.

O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist at Oregon State college, will be present to discuss walnuts and filbert problems with growers as well as pruning practices.

Douglas 4-H Leaders to Meet Here Tonight

The 4-H local leaders of the county are meeting tonight in the junior high school in Roseburg. Mrs. Parker O. Ackley, president of the organization, announces that election of officers will take place, and plans will be made for meetings with leaders of the extreme south, north and west ends of the county. The meeting will begin at 7:45.

NOTICE

Regular meeting, Umpqua Post No. 16, American Legion—Tuesday evening. ADJUTANT.

Value of Oregon Farm Products in 1940 Shows Gain

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Estimated value of Oregon farm products for 1940 totaled \$312,571,000 compared with \$299,892,000 for the 1939, the Portland Journal said.

Agricultural experts and distributors said that fruit products turned upward, despite the sinking in value of pears and apples. They noted that apples made large improvement and final figures for the year may boost total value.

Canners exhibited greater interest in berries with strawberries setting the pace and a late rally aiding raspberries. Low prices impeded loganberries, youngberries, blackberries and currants.

Cherry prices were high, but the Willamette valley crop was a near failure and the mid-Columbia sector had low production.

Apricot and peach crops were large with quality and price favorable. Western Oregon's prune crop was the poorest in years, but eastern Oregon's had a fair volume. Prunes were low on the fresh fruit market, but dried prunes brought advanced prices.

The cranberry output was the largest in history.

Disease of Hogs in Oregon Cleaned Up

Necrotic enteritis, a hog disease that has been pretty prevalent in Oregon as well as in other states the past year, has been virtually cleaned up, the animal division of the state department of agriculture reports as the year comes to a close. This infectious disease is greatly aggravated by improper diet and insanitary surroundings.

"The disease is such that animals in the incubation stage would be difficult to diagnose. Hogs are frequently sold through auction sales yards, which at the present time are not required to have hogs inspected before sale from such yards. It is probable that some hogs have become infected in the passage through these public auction yards.

Livestock associations of the state are working toward new legislation for Oregon which will control to greater degree these sales yards. Dr. W. H. Lytle, chief of the animal division, has been informed.

Better Insurance Policy Is Offered to Farmers

The Truck Insurance Exchange, an affiliate of the Farmers Automobile Inter-Insurance Exchange, is pioneering a new, low-cost farm and ranch liability coverage, a new departure in insurance, according to Fred A. Goff, district manager.

In the past, he states, it has been the general practice for a farmer to select hazards against which protection was desired. Liabilities provided insurance only against the specifically described hazards.

The new system, Mr. Goff says, provides one policy which protects against liability incurred by the farmer's trucks, cars, tractors, livestock, premises, personal acts or any other form which may arise in connection with the operation of his place, unless specifically excluded, thus placing all liability under one general coverage.

AAA Committeemen of Oregon Called to Meet

CORVALLIS, Jan. 6.—(AP)—County AAA committeemen in Oregon will meet for three days at Oregon State college Jan. 15-17, inclusive, N. C. Donaldson, state AAA executive officer, announced.

The 1941-42 agriculture program will be discussed.

The session will bring together some 180 officers of the 36 county Agricultural Conservation associations including the three county committeemen, the county secretary, and in some instances the assistant secretary.

Several national AAA officials from Washington, D. C., will attend the conference to join in the discussions of the 1941 program, proposals for 1942, and general administrative matters.

Oregon Ranks 28th in Ice Cream Manufacture

Oregon, which ranks 34th among the states in point of population, stood in 28th place in the production of ice cream for the year 1939. A. W. Metzger, chief of the state department of agriculture division of foods and

dairies reports after a survey of federal statistics for all the states.

Oregon's ice cream production in that year was 2,648,000 gallons, or 2.43 gallons for every man, woman and child in the state.

Poultrymen's School To Be Held in Roseburg

Poultrymen of the county will hold their annual winter school at the I.O.O.F. hall in Roseburg Thursday, January 9, according to J. Roland Parker, county agent. The school will open at 10 a. m. and close at 3:30 p. m. Poultry specialists from Oregon State college will be present to discuss important poultry problems with growers.

The program includes motion pictures on breeding for bigger and better eggs, in addition to discussions on "Feeds and Feeding" by W. T. Cooney, "Laying Cages Versus Floor Pens" by N. L. Bennion, and "Poultry Diseases—Their Prevention and Control" by Dr. E. M. Dickinson. All poultrymen or persons interested in the raising of poultry are invited to attend.

Chick-Brooding Guide is Issued

A practical guide on chick brooding and rearing by Frank L. Knowlton, poultry husbandman at Oregon State college, has just been issued as Extension Bulletin No. 549. The bulletin contains suggestions on brooder houses, artificial yards, various kinds of brooders and their capacities, feeding equipment and methods, rations and schedules for feeding and general brooder management.

"The purchase of day-old sexed pullets is a practice now generally followed on Oregon commercial egg farms where the Leghorn breed predominates," says the author in the bulletin. "If the chicks are properly handled while being sexed, there is no injury to them as chicks, or later as laying pullets.

"The mortality of sexed pullets during the brooding period is generally lower than for unsexed chicks of the same quality principally because of two factors: first, day-old pullets have twice as much room under the brooder because only half as many as straight-run chicks are put under one brooder; second, the sexed pullets cost twice as much as unsexed chicks and naturally receive more attention and care."

THE FEED BAG

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Greetings

The time of year has come again when we would like to have a few words with our customers and prospective customers. To do that, we find the best way is to again bring into being this little newspaper within a newspaper. So you may be watching "The Farm Page" each Monday for the next few weeks, during which time we hope to help you and ourselves.

The purpose of "The Feed Bag" is two-fold. First, to advertise what we firmly believe to be the "BEST FEED DOLLAR VALUE" available in Douglas County; and, second, to give you, as feed consumers, enough good sound advice and suggestions to make it worth your while to read "The Feed Bag."

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Turkey Saddles

Ever see any of those new adjustable turkey saddles? We have them at the Mill—good for several years, and you can make them fit any turkey. Also "Sag-proof" leg bands for either turkeys or chickens. The kind that doesn't cut into their legs.

Cold Weather Feeding

A few flocks of hens are experiencing a "lay-off." Some of this could have been prevented, and much of it can be helped by feeding heavier on grain during these cold days. Darn few commercial flocks ever had too much scratch grain.

County Meetings On Farm Outlook, Defense Billed

A state-wide series of meetings reaching all counties in Oregon on the general subject of "The Agricultural Outlook and Its Relationship to National Preparedness," has just been announced by William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college. The new series, as was the case with former outlook conferences held periodically since 1924, will be under the general direction of the extension service of which Schoenfeld is director and William L. Teutsch is assistant director.

This new series of meetings, which will start in January and continue through March 1, will serve as a follow-up to the 1938 economic outlook conferences in which a general conference organization committee was set up with four sub-committees. These sub-committees dealt with land use, farm crops, livestock, and farm home and rural life.

The plan is to bring the members of the general committee and these four sub-committees together in each county rather than to hold large mass meetings. These committee members, together with the representatives of 4-H clubs, AAA committees, soil conservation district supervisors and so forth, will devote themselves to the following three subjects:

1. To study past recommenda-

tions in the light of changing world conditions.

2. To recommend such further adjustments in the county's agriculture and in conditions affecting farm home and rural life as seem desirable.

3. To consider the contribution which rural people can make toward national preparedness.

The schedule for Douglas county calls for the first meeting to be held February 13 with L. C. Jenkins assisting the local extension staff and the county farm and home leaders.

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Five Minutes Till Midnight

Right now a lot of poultrymen and turkey growers are straddling the fence, trying to decide the annual question of whether or not to continue in their respective businesses.

With the next few issues of "The Feed Bag" we will discuss some of the alternatives, and will hope to help you in making your decision. But in the meantime, as the heading of this paragraph suggests, you haven't much time.

So, unless you have something very definitely better in mind, let us suggest that you order your baby chicks or pullets or the eggs right away, while you can get your favorite dates, and while the good breeders still have good stock on hand. On one point you can't go wrong: Get the best you can in the way of breeding, feed them properly, and—well, you might miss, but we don't see how.

Must Have Been Baby Snooks

A little girl was put in an upper berth in a Pullman for the first time. She kept crying, until her mother promised that God would take care of her. After a little silence she called, "Mamma, are you there?" "Yes, Dear." "Daddy, are you there?" "Yes, Dear." Just then a passenger lost patience, and said, "We're all here—your father, mother, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins! Now, go to sleep!" After a moment's silence, the little girl asked softly, "Mamma, was that God?"

not selling stock of that breeding, we will promise you better vealers or steers and bigger heifers that will give more milk. What we really need is not more, but better cows. (Sgd.) YOUR TESTER.

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