

FARM DAIRY AND POULTRY PAGE

Azalea Grangers Build Corral For Salvage Gather

AZALEA, May 11.—Construction of a corral on the grounds connected with the Azalea grange hall has been completed by the grange members in preparation for a salvage drive. Members are urged to collect all scrap materials, particularly metals, paper, rubber, etc., and to deliver the materials to the shed provided for collection. The final arrangements for the drive were made at the regular meeting last night.

It also was announced that an honor roll is being prepared to honor the Azalea men now in military service.

At the business session, Dorothy Morgan was installed as secretary.

During the lecturer's hour, an interesting program was presented, with each member responding to roll call by naming and describing a flower. A flower guessing contest followed, with Bernadine Sparks winning the prize. This was followed by a music guessing contest, in which Mrs. Lowell Curtis played parts of old and new selections as members tried to name the titles. Mrs. Frank Tripp took first prize.

Announcement was made that a potluck supper will be enjoyed in connection with the regular meeting May 18. The program for that meeting is to be arranged by Floyd Ames, Gene Brady and Roy Robinson.

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One-half a cup of the velvety orange filling of a Hubbard squash supplies more than enough vitamin A to fill the daily requirements for that nutrient of an active man. Watch for the deep orange color in foods—orange stands for champions.

Pumpkin also is rich in vitamin A. Let's assure our families of many squashes and pumpkin pies next winter by planning early on an adequate supply of these valuable foods from our home gardens.

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Hot Water Bottle Subs When Mother Hen Dies

LEONARDTOWN, Md.—Miss Veronica Abell didn't have much time to act when she discovered a setting hen dead, and the nest of eggs near the hatching stage.

She couldn't locate another setter, so she took a rubber water bottle, judged the temperature to what she considered about right, and placed it over the eggs.

A dozen healthy chicks are peeping around the Abell yard today.

Oregon Can Play Big Part in Food Drying Campaign

Oregon's food-drying facilities, which exceed in volume those of any other state, can be made quickly available to further the nation's war effort in a gigantic food-drying program if national officials will cooperate by indicating the type and volume of foods needed and prices to be expected, according to a comprehensive report submitted to Washington by William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college.

The report shows that when the last detailed survey was made by the state department of agriculture in 1938, Oregon had 281 food driers of various types, capable of handling 100,000 bushels of fresh produce per day.

The government is already encouraging the dehydration of many types of vegetables and is seeking a large volume of dried foods for shipment all over the world. Without sacrifice of food values, dried foods are light in weight, of small volume, need no refrigeration, and keep long periods, according to the college men.

Even at present production levels, Oregon has about 15 million tons of fruits and 13 million tons of vegetables per year suitable for dehydration, the report points out. Oregon's wide diversity of crops, furthermore, would make a year-round drying program possible, with small fruits, cherries, and certain kinds of vegetables to be dried in the summer, with apples, pears, potatoes, cabbage, and root crops to be dried the remainder of the year.

Oregon Meets Threat of European Pea Weevil

SALEM, May 11.—(AP)—The U. S. bureau of entomology, at the request of Governor Sprague, is conducting investigations into the spread of the European pea weevil, which has been discovered in the Puget sound area.

The governor made the request to prevent spread of the pea weevil into Oregon.

Sugar Rules Revised to Supply Beekeepers

SALEM, May 11.—(AP)—The war production board has revised its regulations so that beekeepers may obtain sugar for feeding their bees, the state department of agriculture said.

American Eagle 'Escorts' Oregon Food Across Sea

America's allies are looking to this nation for food as well as guns, tanks and planes, and products from Oregon farms are aiding in the battle against aggression all over the globe, the state USDA war board reports.

The American eagle symbol recently adopted as the U. S. "trade-mark" is flying over lend-lease shipments of Oregon cheese, dried and condensed milk, and eggs to feed the fighting forces of the United Nations. Because dairy and poultry products are this state's most important contributions to lend-lease needs, the state war board asks farmers to make every effort to meet production goals established for these commodities.

Oregon's share of the 1942 national dairy production goal has been set at 1,590,000,000—a billion and a half—pounds of milk. Meeting this goal will require an 11 per cent increase over last year's production. In the farm defense plan canvass last fall, Oregon farmers indicated that this goal could be attained.

Milk Output Lagging

Although there are 3 per cent more milk cows on Oregon farms this year, a war board survey shows that milk production so far this year is lagging considerably short of the goal. Poor early pasture conditions are seen as mainly responsible for the lag in production. To overcome this, farmers are advised to feed heavier and give their cows better care. In most areas, prices are favorable to heavier feeding, the war board points out. The O. S. C. extension service has issued four new brief bulletins to aid dairy farmers with their production problems.

The government's policy on purchasing dairy products has not changed, the war board reports. Since January 1, the agricultural marketing administration has been buying an average of one million cases of condensed milk, nine million pounds of cheese and five million pounds of dry skim milk every week.

AMA has stepped up its egg purchases recently to prevent heavy spring production from causing price slumps. Present rates of lay and the increase in numbers of hens in flocks on Oregon farms indicate that the goal for a 13 per cent increase in egg production will be met.

Gardeners Must Battle Cutworms, Beetles and Slugs

One of the first battles "Victory Gardeners" will have this spring or early summer will be with insect pests. Cutworms, twelve-spotted beetles, and grey garden slugs are among the most common insect enemies in every vegetable garden and frequently the most destructive.

The cutworm lives over the winter usually as a caterpillar, and is right on the ground ready to eat the first young plants that come up. It usually feeds at night and hides in the day time. If the first young plants, as cabbage, set in the garden are found to be cut off just above the ground, cutworms are likely the saboteurs. The best way to get rid of cutworms is by broadcasting a poisoned bait a few days before any plants are set out. The following formula makes enough poisoned bait for a city garden or one-third of an acre: coarse wheat bran, 5 pounds; white arsenic or Paris Green, 3 ounces; water, 2 to 3 quarts, to make a crumbly mash. Bait recommended for earwigs is also effective. **Beetle Costly Pest**

The 12-spotted beetle lives over the winter in the adult state and comes out of hibernation with a voracious appetite, looking for something green to eat. It is a general feeder and will attack most garden plants. The beetles will collect in numbers, beginning their feeding when the young plants first appear above the ground, and often kill out whole plantings before the gardener is aware of their presence. Control may be secured by dusting the infested plants with a mixture of calcium arsenate powder, 1 pound, and lanolin, 20 pounds, when the plants first appear above the ground. Repeat the application every few days if the beetles continue to be present.

Slug Also Ravenous

The grey garden slug lives over the winter in the adult stage and also the egg stage. The slugs begin hatching early in March, and the tiny little slug emerging from the egg shell is a voracious feeder. Plant seedlings just pushing through the ground are favorite food. The grey garden slug is controlled by a bait consisting of 1 1/2 pounds of metaldehyde and five pounds of calcium arsenate thoroughly mixed with 100 pounds of wheat bran. Commercial preparations of this bait may be secured from any seed and feed dealer, either in the loose bran form or in a pellet form. As little as 4 pounds of loose bran bait per acre has given good control. The bait should be broadcast very thinly over the garden and along the edges a few days before any garden plants are set out or before seedlings begin to come through the ground.

Grow Spice Herbs, Gardeners Urged

Oregon victory gardeners may have an opportunity this year to supplement the dwindling supply of spices from abroad by growing an herb garden, points out J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent. Most of America's spices came from the far east. With supplies from there cut off, there is likely to be considerable need before the year is over for home-grown materials to take their place.

Most seed stores serving Oregon list from seven to as high as 25 different kinds of herbs and seasoning materials which may be grown in most parts of the state, points out Mr. Parker. Among these are parsley, summer savory, basil, sweet marjoram, dill, nasturtium, anise, sage, mint, thyme, chives, tarragon and garlic.

Many of the green leafy herbs, such as parsley, are high in essential vitamins and minerals in addition to their flavoring value. Parsley is a good source of vitamin A when used in large quantities.

Potato Worm Survey To Be Conducted in Oregon

SALEM, May 7.—(AP)—The federal bureau of entomology and plant quarantine has chosen Oregon as one of the few states in which it will conduct a potato tuber worm survey to make studies which may be the basis for revisions of potato tuber moth quarantines in states where such quarantines exist, the state department of agriculture said today.

The Oregon survey, in which Oregon State college and the state department of agriculture will take part, will be made in Klamath, Melheur, Deschutes and Baker counties, the Hornistown area and the Willamette valley.

The department said it believes there is no tuber moth in the state.

In charge of the Oregon survey will be Dr. J. C. Chamberlin of the federal bureau's field laboratory at Forest Grove.

Playing Child Drowns in Klamath Falls Canal

KLAMATH FALLS, May 9.—(AP)—Billy Gray, 8, was drowned in the reclamation service canal here yesterday when he lost his footing while attempting to retrieve a tennis ball.

The body was recovered in less than half an hour but police and fire department inhalator squads were unable to revive him.

The boy's father, George S. Gray, is agent here for the American Railway express. His mother and a brother also survive.

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titles in seasoning. Many of these herbs can also be dried and stored for winter use.

Still Time to Set Out Farm Victory Garden

Those who haven't yet started a farm victory garden, for any reason, still have plenty of time for growing the principal summer and fall crops, according to J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent. At least 16 plantings of vegetables are listed for after May 1 in Oregon Extension Bulletin No. 587, "The Farm and Home Vegetable Garden."

Once again Mr. Parker is calling attention to the importance of planting gardens this year, both for the value to the individual family and as a part of the national war effort. Everything points to less food being available

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