



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Home Extension Unit Conference Set for Sept. 1

Officers' training conference for Douglas County Home Extension Units will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Roseburg. Unit chairmen, vice-chairmen, secretary-treasurers and 4-H committee chairmen are asked to attend. The day's program starts with registration at 10:15 a. m. and ends at 3:15 p. m. Those attending will make their own plans for lunch.

Mrs. Margaret Tuller, extension rural housing specialist from Oregon State College, will be the guest speaker. She will discuss extension unit problems at the morning session.

Mrs. Paul Newman, Azalea,

will preside at the conference. Assisting her will be Mrs. Bloom, Roseburg, room arrangements; Mrs. Voorhies, Lookingglass, flowers; Mrs. Rychard, registration; Mrs. Munson, Umpqua, song leader; Mrs. Charles McCord, Dillard, pianist.

A feature of the afternoon program will be a play, "Meet With the Harmony Home Extension Unit," prepared by the Olalla unit.

Election of three members of the County Home Extension Committee will be held in the afternoon. The new members will replace Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Bloom and Mrs. Paul Urban, whose terms expire this year.

Instructions and materials for the different officers will be given in separate sessions as the closing part of the day's program. Mrs. Tuller will conduct the session for unit chairmen and vice-chairmen; Mrs. Holden McTaggart, county extension agent (home economics), will be in

Insurance Plan For School Pupils Retained

PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The school children's insurance program of the Oregon High School Activities Association will be effective again this year, the association reported today.

Thomas A. Pigott, association secretary-treasurer, said more than 27,000 Oregon students were covered last year.

Limited medical, dental and hospital benefits are paid for injuries suffered going to or from school or at school, with some exceptions. Not covered are injuries suffered in inter-school athletics.

Pigott said the plan is owned and operated by the schools of the state and the only requirements is that application be made to the principal of the school the student attends, accompanied by a fee of \$1 for the school year.

Record Meteorite Sent To N. Mex. University

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 30.—(AP)—The largest stony meteorite ever discovered in the world has been brought safely from Nebraska to the University of New Mexico.

The 2,000-pound mass, fragile despite its weight, came carefully encased in two inches of plaster from Beaver City, Neb. It was delivered here last week.

The huge aerolite, part of a fall observed in several midwestern states last Feb. 18, had buried itself 11 feet into the soil of a Nebraska farm.

Its excavation was completed last Wednesday by a group of scientists.

The meteorite is composed chiefly of magnesium aluminum silicate, with flecks of nickel-iron and other minerals.

Purebred Breeders Assn. Dates Annual Banquet

The annual Oregon Purebred Breeders Association banquet will be held Tuesday, September 7, in the junior dormitory on the Oregon State Fairgrounds. The announcement was made by Edgar A. Grimes of Harrisburg, association president, who said the change had been made to cooperate with the Oregon State Fair's farm organization day on that date.

Charge of the session for unit secretary-treasurers, and Frank von Borstel, Jr., county extension agent (4-H), will lead the session of 4-H committee chairmen.



Clearing, Leveling of Grounds At Senior High School Greatly Enhance General Appearance of Locality

By PAUL JENKINS
The driveway and parking area in front of the Senior High School has been enlarged, graded and soon will be oil-surfaced. The grounds lying between the High School, pictured above, and the Fullerton School, below, have been cleared, leveled and surfaced and now furnish much additional parking space.

The west driveway has been cleaned of unsightly rubble and weeds, the shoulders leveled and now presents a very much improved appearance. The school grounds undoubtedly look better to the nearby residents in Westmoreland and by the same token a fine view of that exceptionally nice district may be had from the school grounds.

Under the capable direction of W. J. Mess, building and maintenance superintendent, several of the schools needing attention the most, notably Benson and Senior High, have received a lot of repair work, both inside and out. Landscaping and other exterior improvements are of course immediately and most noticeable.

It's a good guess that this improved appearance will result directly in an increase of interest in the school system on the part of the public. Have you noticed how a beautiful and fashionably groomed woman will receive a lot of attention from most of us? I suspect we feel a bit the same about our schools.

Livestock Entries At Fair to be Inspected

Every livestock entry in the Oregon State Fair in Salem, September 6 to 12, will be inspected prior to entering the barns by veterinarians of the state department of agriculture. A testing station will be set up under Dr. Charles Haynes at the main loading dock near the fair's principal livestock barn.

What's your birthstone, Daddy?

"I guess it's the grindstone, Sonny."

Did you ever hear about the guy who started on a shoeing and ended up with a slap in the face?

Dust Baths.

Someone asks why we don't have dustbaths to keep chickens free of lice. Hens love to dust. Yes, they do. And most of them will keep the lice off with a good dust bath, especially if you put in a little DDT. But goodness knows, there is enough dust in a chicken house without adding more. Besides, some hens and most of the gentlemen chickens are too shiftless to take a bath regular. Besides all that, we have stuff so much better to keep chickens free of lice. Let the boys at the Mill tell you all about it. But whatever you do, be sure to keep the birds loose free, because lice sure don't help production. Watch your turkeys, too.

Boy Friend: "I'm very curious to know what would happen if I should kiss you."

Gal Friend: "If you were VERY curious you'd know before now."

And don't ever forget, the Douglas County Flour Mill has been making good feed and setting low prices for over fifty years. The feed is better than ever. And prices lower, everything else considered.

Rail Embargo on Wheat May Last Another Week

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The rail embargo on wheat for export may last another week.

Terminal elevator operators decided yesterday that there still were too many loaded rail cars in ports. Their request for lifting of the embargo may not be made until next week's meeting.

Meanwhile interior elevators were overflowing. Wheat was stored on the ground at Moro, Wasco, Klondike, Biggs, Ione, Lexington, Heppner and Echo. Some estimated the overflow at more than \$1,000,000 bushels.

Japs Devise Diet To Put Speed in Horses

TOKYO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The Hokkaido Veterinarians' Association has come up with a new formula to make racehorses run faster.

It is powdered herring mixed with flour and the malt of sweet potato tendrils, phosphate lime and carbonate lime.

Experiments tried on six ordinary plugs, the association said, had all of them running above their heads and one of them won. The horses' coats took on a new sheen, too, the association said.

Fish have tongues, but they are comparatively immovable swellings in the floor of the mouths.

Diamond tools were first used in 1779.

FREE FOR FRECKLES

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Freckled-faced children could walk into the Chicago railroad fair for free between 10 and 11 a. m. today.

Officials of the big rail exposition on the lake front stipulated the children must have 100 or more freckles. They didn't say who was going to make the freckle count.

Trained Pig Turns On Radio, Pushes Vacuum Cleaner

By MAURICE PUTNAM

AP Newsfeature

MINNEAPOLIS.—"Priscilla, the Fastidious Pig," has joined a troupe of trained chickens playing the county fair circuit.

In fact, "Priscilla" has stolen the show and is now a star without knowing she is playing the role of a "guinea pig" for a psychologist.

Keller Breland, who is conducting studies in psychology, has trained the eight-month-old pig to turn on a radio, push a vacuum cleaner and pick up articles and place them in a basket.

Originally started last year as a groundwork for a degree in psychology, Breland's troupe of trained chickens attracted much attention at county fairs. So he decided to continue his experiments, using a pig, "Priscilla" is the result.

Chickens Versatile

In addition he has expanded the repertoire of the chickens. Last year their performance consisted of dancing and piano playing. This year, one has been trained to beat a bass drum

throughout the show. Another fires a small cannon that shoots small presents into the audience. A third, between feedings, answers questions from the audience that can be answered with a "yes" or "no."

Priscilla is definitely the star, however. Perhaps her most difficult trick—at least Breland says it was the most difficult to teach her—is to pick up stray socks from the floor and place them in a basket.

Pig Learns Slowly

He says the sock stunt was the hardest because a pig doesn't have the instinct to lift and drop things. Altering of the pig's behavior patterns and changing responses to each stimulus brought success, however.

He worked six months with Priscilla, he said, and enjoyed it. Pigs are "interesting animals to work with."

They're smart as dogs in many respects," he says, "and incredibly stupid in other ways. Their vision is poor, their hearing good and their sense of smell acute. You work up from there."

Iron ore from the Lake Superior region is used for about 85 per cent of U. S. steel and iron production.

The North African chameleon has grasping hands like a human, and a prehensile tail like a monkey.

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Why Not Be Sure?

Do you keep books? Or do you have books and just keep them? There is only one way to know whether you are making money or not, and that is to keep complete records.

We talk to people who tell us they are making thousands of dollars a bird on poultry. The next guy says he is either going broke, or is just keeping chickens for the benefit of the feed companies. Both these men are probably mistaken, because neither of them keeps records, and can't be sure.

The past year, certainly nobody got very rich in the chicken business. Still, we doubt that many people lost money. The grower who says he lost heavy never has the figures to show JUST HOW MUCH he lost.

And on the other hand, the man who has kept records practically always shows a fair margin for his labor and business judgment. This is true of the past year when feed has been so high in comparison to the price of eggs and poultry meat. We know quite a few poultrymen who have had to pay pretty substantial income taxes, and that's certainly proof that they made money.

Now in the coming year, there seems to be no doubt. Everyone who raised pullets sees the price of feed coming down, with the greatest shortage of eggs on record, and high egg prices a cinch. Those who didn't raise them, now wish they had, and there is quite an inquiry for pullets.

Well, it takes about five months for a new hatched pullet to grow up and start laying eggs. Why not get some baby chicks right now? They would start laying early in the year of 1949, and only a major depression will keep the price of eggs down before that time. Or, you might find a fryer raiser who would sell you his pullets, instead of taking them to the butcher.

But whatever you do, be sure that you keep records. Know what the score is. If chickens make you money, raise more of them. If they lose your hard-earned cash, let somebody else raise them. Because we can be certain there is money in 'em for somebody.

On That Bum Feed.

We tested some pullets last week for Ed Markham of Camas Valley. They were five months and 13 days old, and 265 pullets were laying up to 137 eggs, and picking up fast. Ed is 'fraid that's too much eggs; wonders how to stop 'em. Well, he could change to some other feed, but we thought he raised them for egg production.

Nope, UMPQUA EGG MASH and plenty of UMPQUA SCRATCH won't hurt 'em a single bit. And it's down another nickel this week, too.

Regarding Prices.

We have seen several price lists lately. Every feed company is sending them out. (We have been doing it some time.) They are all "way" above prices for UMPQUA FEEDS. But don't let anybody kid you that you have to pay high prices to get good feed. Hundreds of UMPQUA feeders have proved to the contrary too many years. Over fifty years, in fact.

Some places where they pay back a "REFUND" at the end of the year, the EXPECTED REFUND deducted from current prices leaves UMPQUA FEEDS still from five to thirty cents a sack the best buy. And when we say "BEST BUY" we mean quality as well as price.

"Good morning, Ma'am," said the man from Conco. "I hear there's something in your house that don't work."

"Yes, he's still upstairs asleep."

Rabbit Hutch Cards.

Keep a record on your rabbits. Find out if they are paying, and which ones are paying best. Ask for the rabbit hutch cards. They don't cost you anything, and might help you find your best does.

Also, it is time to start out another year of egg records. Most pullet flocks will be coming in soon. If they aren't already. It is a fine idea to keep a daily egg record on them. We have those convenient egg record charts, which will give you the entire year's records, egg production, mortality and all on one card. Convenient for filing for future reference. Get a card for each pen of pullets or hens. They are for free, too.

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