

Douglas County's Broccoli Crop Destroyed by Recent Cold Weather, Says Parker

Douglas County's broccoli crop is "gone"—destroyed in the recent period of extreme cold weather. But it is yet too soon to determine the full extent of damage to other local crops as result of freezing, said J. Roland Parker, county agricultural extension agent.

About 150 acres in Winston Section, Myrtle Creek, and Garden Valley were planted with broccoli, Parker said. He added "it's hard to estimate financial loss" to farmers with their broccoli as prices and the cost of seeding vary so from season to season.

Also suffering in the cold weather are fall-seeded grains, vetch, and fall-seeding pastures. Parker said he didn't look for any "serious damage" to fruit crops, but that it is "to early to tell."

Oddly enough, the current sun-

shine, if it lasts, won't be beneficial to agricultural products, Parker pointed out, because reflection of the sun on the snow which still remains, produces a harmful effect on plants, just as similar reflections cause humans "snow blindness."

It would be better for the crops if the weather were to remain cloudy for a few days longer, said Parker.

The cold weather has "knocked down" egg production in poultry to a certain extent, too. Hens are not producing as well during freezing weather as when it is warmer.

Bulls Sterilized By Cold Wave in Nebraska

SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., Jan. 31.—(AP)—The bitter cold wave is sterilizing some bulls in this region, says Dr. F. W. Brand, a veterinarian.

Older bulls are being most seriously affected, Brand said. The permanency of the condition will not be known until later. Brand said most of the bulls were registered and all were Herefords.

Rats Roam as Disease Kills Cats in England

LONDON.—(AP)—An epidemic of what farmers are calling "cat flu" is killing off the cats in Eastern England.

The Minister of Agriculture said many kinds of drugs and serums, including sulfa, have been tried but nothing has helped.

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Favorable Changes are Seen In New Method of Reporting, Completing Farm Practices

Douglas County farmers participating in the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program will find favorable changes in the method of procedure of reporting and completing practices, said Ted Dunwoody, secretary of the Agricultural Conservation Association.

Rather than declaring their intentions at the first of the year and completing reports of actual work done at the end of the year, as has been done in the past, operators will be required to apply for prior approval immediately before beginning the practice. Upon approval of the County committee, a time limit will be set for completing the job. If the work is not done in the time allowed the operator may apply for an extension.

Each practice will be reported upon completion, and a definite amount of money will be credited to the producer's account. Approval may be given for several practices during the year up to the \$750 maximum credit.

Under this new procedure an operator will know before he starts a practice just how much assistance he can count on. Under the old system he seldom could be sure of the amount of payment until long after he had spent his

money. By waiting until a farmer is sure he can go ahead with the work, funds will not be tied up by operators who sign up for a large program but fail to complete much of it.

Operators to whom the assistance of these payments means the most will not need to reduce their program because payments may be limited to much less than handbook rates.

Applications for payment can be submitted earlier and checks in payment can be expected sooner.

The aim of the Agricultural Conservation Program is to help individual farmers establish sound conservation practices. Every farmer can participate and receive some financial assistance in carrying out, on his own farm, practices that will help him use the land wisely and well to his own benefit and for the benefit of the coming generations.

A handbook of practices will be issued to all farmers within the next few weeks. Those interested in the program may receive further information by writing or calling at the county ACA office, 321, Pacific Building, Roseburg.

Fort Worden Library, Club Razed by Flames

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Fire destroyed the Fort Worden Officers Club and damaged the post Library early yesterday, with loss estimated at \$65,000.

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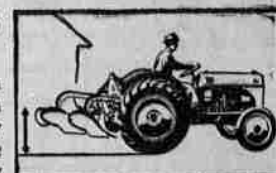
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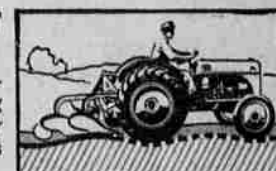
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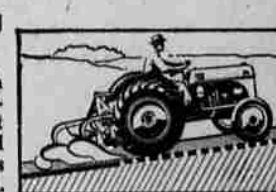
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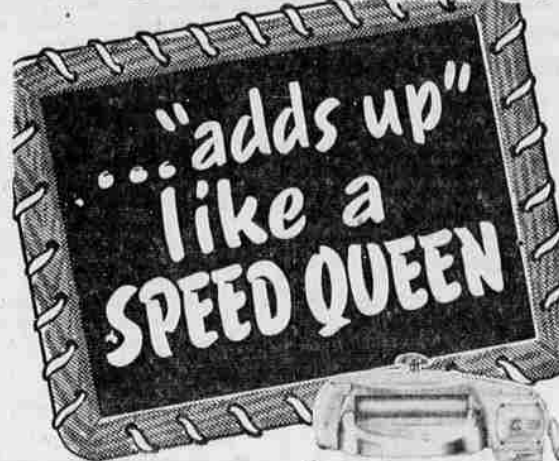
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