



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Cold Weather Spells Bountiful Crops in Oregon

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(P)—Oregon's extended cold will set back the growing season about a month.

That's what the Oregon Association of Nurseriesmen was told here. It discouraged no one, however, for one of the best seasons of history is expected.

Speakers said demand for plants would be heavy—much of the demand created by cold weather killing of plants.

Avery Steinmetz, who led a round-table discussion at the association's winter meeting, said losses could not be estimated accurately until spring.

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Losses in the northwest are expected to be mostly in azaleas, camellias and certain choice roses. California losses are expected to be large.

The association referred to the legislative committee for further study a proposal to regulate the sale of fertilizer in the state.

Submitted by Knight Percy, Salem, the proposal would require fertilizer to be labeled by name and content. The proposal also would provide more money for chemical analysis of fertilizer by the federal government and would restrict the sale of fertilizer by soil analysis services.

WOOL MEN ELECT

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 7.—(P)—The Western Wool Handlers Association elected Harold G. Russell, Portland, Ore., president here.

The group, meeting in conjunction with the national wool growers association, named Milton S. Theller, San Francisco, vice-president; and James M. Coon, Portland, Ore., secretary-treasurer.

Directors named included R. A. Ward, Portland.

Improvement in Marketing Of Oregon Potatoes Seen As Industry's Principal Need

While merchandising practices in selling Oregon potatoes have improved greatly since 1940, there still remains much to be done to satisfy consumer preferences and make sure that uniform, high grade potatoes reach consumers.

Such is the conclusion of Dr. D. B. DeLoach, agricultural economist at the O.S.C. experiment station, and James C. Moore, assistant extension marketing specialist. In a report of an investigation made in cooperation with state departments of agriculture in Oregon and California and with several produce handlers and container manufacturers. The report has been issued as station bulletin No. 460, "Trial Shipments of Oregon Late-Crop Potatoes."

Improvements in retail handling have come with less frequent display of potatoes on sidewalks or front windows where they are affected by light, the investigation showed. On the other hand an excessive number of samples reached the market below minimum net weight shown, and there was evidence of too much rough handling of prepackaged potatoes at the shipping points.

Mesh Containers Preferred

Consumers prefer prepackaged potatoes in the open meshed containers so they can see the potatoes and judge for themselves, rather than depending entirely on grade markings, the report shows. They are not willing to buy in the solid type paper containers when they can do otherwise, unless they open them first.

A substantial part of the rough handling at the shipping point

seemed unnecessary to the investigators who said it could be corrected if the workers cooperated and if the grading belts and sackers were adjusted more carefully.

Approximately 14 percent of the potatoes shipped from Central Oregon were marketed in consumer sized packages, ranging from open mesh 5 lb. and 10 lb. bags to 50 lb. paper and burlap bags. From the Klamath basin about 10 percent were shipped in smaller than 100-pound bags in the 1947-1948 season.

Record Year in Sales Reported by Dairy Assn.

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(P)—A boom in sales during 1948 was reported at the annual meeting of the Dairy Cooperative Association, which serves nearly a dozen Oregon and Washington towns.

The co-op reported a record high in retail sales of \$5,373,819, and total sales of \$14,435,878—15 per cent above the previous year.

Will W. Henry, manager of the association, indicated he did not think the milk control law would be repealed by the state Legislature. "On the question of milk control, we have been having controversy with some people," he said. "But I believe the cause of the dairy farmer will be taken care of satisfactorily."

Consumers groups, who contend milk control keeps the price of milk too high, are seeking repeal of the law.

New Chemicals Show Good Results on Worthless Grass

So many questions have come to the O.S.C. experiment station on control of quack grass with chemicals that a mimeographed circular of information on various quack grass control methods has been published.

The authors, Virgil Freed and H. E. Bierman of the agricultural chemistry and farm crops departments, discuss cultural control, use of sodium chlorate, soil fumigants and oil weed killers with which considerable work has been done.

Promising results have been had with two new chemicals, known as L.P.C. and T.C.A., the authors state. These chemicals are not yet readily available on the market and neither have experiments with them proceeded far enough to permit general recommendations.

L.P.C. is a grayish-white powder insoluble in water but which can be combined successfully with

weed oils. It is used in a strength of about eight gallons of oil to one pound of the chemical, and applied when the quack grass is 8 to 12 inches high.

T.C.A. is a water soluble salt that has to be handled with extreme caution because of its burning effect. It is showing promise as a selective killer of weeds, grasses, though it may also injure beneficial crops such as vegetables. Work with both of these is in its preliminary stages only.

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COUNTY AGENT MEETS

J. Roland Parker, county agricultural extension agent, met at Astoria with a group of 4-H leaders at the Grange Hall Saturday afternoon for the purpose of discussing 4-H club work.

The next 4-H meeting will be Feb. 19 in the afternoon at the Astoria Grange Hall. Parker will again be present. All homemakers interested in 4-H club work are urged to be present.

Marjorie Zeller Wins New Trophy

Marjorie Zeller of Brockway, outstanding 4-H club member and leader and now a student at Oregon State College, has added another trophy to the many she has already earned.

The latest is the Oregon Bankers Association trophy for "outstanding leadership," which was awarded at a recent 4-H Leaders Association meeting in Corvallis.

She also was the recent recipient of a 17-jewel wrist watch awarded as a prize in the 1948 achievement contest. It was the gift of Wilson and Co. of Chicago.

As a junior leader, Miss Zeller has led a total of four clubs and has been the assistant leader in two others. Her Brockway Safety Club in 1947 was the outstanding club of its type in Oregon that year.

She has led canning, cooking, and sewing clubs.

Speakers Listed For 4-H Leaders Meeting

Burton Hutton and Winnifred Gillen, state 4-H leaders, will address the Douglas County 4-H Leaders Association meeting in Roseburg Friday, Feb. 18. The meeting is to be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall.

The morning program, said Frank von Borstel, county club agent, will be devoted to topics of a general nature. The afternoon program will include discussion and display of specific club projects.

Hutton is a former Roseburg boy. Until he accepted the state 4-H leaders post last year, he was farm service director of a Portland radio station.

All 4-H leaders are invited to the meeting, said Von Borstel.

Grange Masters School Held at Sutherlin

A masters school was held recently at the Sutherlin Grange Hall under the direction of the state deputy, William Howes, and county deputy Paul Krueger. Gen-

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Co-Op Poultry Producers To Meet in Roseburg Thursday

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The business meeting is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock. Lewis G. Clark, Eugene, president of the co-operative, will preside. Talks are scheduled through the day on marketing and production problems, and on the business outlook of the industry.

Arrangements for the meeting, which will include a noon luncheon at the Umpqua Hotel, are being made here by R. L. Harmon, Roseburg, director of the co-operative.

Harmon, who has been a director since 1938, is not up for re-election and his successor will be chosen at the annual meeting. In District No. 9, which includes Douglas, Jackson and Josephine Counties, a nominating petition has been filed for J. Clifford Hess of Roseburg to succeed Harmon.

Lawrence Luy of Medford, the other director for the district, is up for re-election and unopposed.

eral instructions and discussions of floor work and officers duties were held during the evening.

Those attending the meeting besides Howes and Krueger were S. W. VanVoorst from Deer Creek Grange; M. H. McCord and Sam Ball, from Glendale Grange; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norton, Pomona master, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cracroft from Fair Oaks Grange; Lester Spencer and Mr. Lehne from Riversdale Grange; Master Eldon Sanders, Charles Swindler, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wahl, Mrs. Eldon Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Art Sheets.

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Oregon 4-H Leaders Elect at Convention

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 7.—(P)—Oregon 4-H leaders have re-elected their president, Mrs. E. F. Wright, Portland.

Also re-elected at their convention here was Mrs. Thelma Elliott, Adrian, second vice-president; Mrs. Hilda Highbe, Washington county, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Helen Walker, Lane County, information chairman.

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Consider Turkeys in 1949.

Way back in 1924, just a quarter century ago, agricultural leaders of the state met on the Oregon State College campus and talked about what they thought the best crops for Oregon farmers to raise, and how much of each crop. Even though that first meeting was 25 years ago, many of the recommendations made then are very appropriate today.

Among other recommendations made by that first conference was one that the turkey industry in Oregon be increased. We wanted a crop that would sell at a high price per pound, so it could bear the high freight rates all Oregon products have to carry to get to market.

Of late years, there have been county conferences on the most suitable crops for the different counties. Such a county wide conference was held at Roseburg a few weeks ago. It was unanimously decided there that Douglas County should increase turkey production above last year's small crop.

In 1948 Douglas County produced 80,000 turkeys. It is thought by the County Agent and others at the conference that we should raise 175,000 turkeys in the County. The reasons advanced are our climate which is as near perfect for turkey production as any in the U. S., and the fact that BREEDING and FEEDS in the county insure rapid gains, and early maturity at a low cost per pound of turkey.

As for 1949, consider a few facts. Cold storage bindings on Jan. 1 were a little over 50 million lbs., compared to 82 million lbs. last year, and a 5-year average of 85 million lbs. Not many late turkeys to be killed, but more breeder hens to go to market later in the season. Apparently the carryover will not cut much ice in the price for 1949.

Intentions are to increase the national crop by about 25%, which will make a little more than 39 million birds, compared to 31 million last year, and 44 million in 1945, the big year.

Grain prices have been dropping fast back in the "breadbasket of the world," (the Mississippi Basin). And even now, turkey starter feeds are comfortably below the figure of a year ago. It is believed by nearly all economists that feed prices will drop considerably by the time turkeys will be eating heavily. Poults will sell at about the

same price as last year. Your careful consideration of these facts will convince you that you can make money with turkeys in 1949. Possibly not as much as you did in 1948. After all, 1948 was one of those years a turkey grower dreams about, and seldom sees. We tried to get you into the turkey business last year. This year probably won't be as good, but we honestly believe it will be the best year for several years, with the exception of 1948.

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Chicks For Sale.

This old-fashioned winter has us all so dizzy we feel like we had spent a half hour in a Mix-master. Maybe that explains something. Anyway, we have baby chicks for sale right here at the Mill. A few in the battery at all times. If you want a few, day-old or started, drop in any time. Also, be sure to see how the brooders are working, and how well the chicks are doing. In spite of our Alaska Winter. Remember, we can sell you any number of things from one to umpteen thousand. Never saw chick grow like they are this year.

Santa Claus Coming to Town.

There are two sides to every story. Some folks still believe in Santa Claus, and others have had their illusions shattered. But there is still a chance for you to get something for nothing! And, as you might suspect, that

chance is at the Douglas Flour Mill.

Next week we are going to give you 25 sexed cockerel chicks. Free, mind you. They cost you nothing. No strings tied to them. You can brood 25 chicks under a box with an electric light bulb; or in the box with a hot water jar; but the best way would be to take out a unit of one of our electric batteries; or one of the special ready-made electriclight units that sell so cheap. Only \$4.95, capacity, 50 chicks.

Watch next Monday's News-Review. On the "Farm Page" you will find a coupon. Fill it out, and bring it in Feb. 16th. We'll have 25 chicks waiting for you, as long as they last. We hope none of you borrow the neighbor's paper to try and get more than 25, as we want to treat everybody alike.

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Dad: "Not necessarily bigamy, son. (Aw, Mom, please lemme in, 'sawful cold!)"

Home is where a man can say anything he pleases. Nobody pays any attention to him there, anyway.

Sanitation Needed.

Pink pills in the drinking water won't do too much good, unless you also use a little creosote. Keep the litter dry. One good way to help maintain dry litter is to set all feeders and water fountains up on either slat or wire platforms.

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