



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Facts Of Filbert "Blight," Advise On Control Methods Given In O. S. C. Bulletin

More than 30 years of experimental work with filbert "blight" is "wrapped up" in a new 70-page technical bulletin of the O. S. C. experiment station, "Filbert acteriosis." This is the only serious disease of filberts in Oregon and Washington, but it has given continuous trouble since it was discovered by Dr. H. P. Barras of the experiment station in 1915.

The new technical bulletin combines information from earlier progress reports with the more exhaustive findings made in more recent years by the authors, Dr. Paul W. Miller, USDA plant pathologist; Dr. W. B. Bollen and J. E. Simmons of the bacteriology department.

The organism causing the so-called filbert blight is usually brought into the orchard on infected nursery stock; the authors report in a condensed summary of facts concerning the disease which follows the detailed scientific discussion.

Rainfall and the use of pruning tools without disinfecting them are the two main causes of spreading it from tree to tree and from one part of a tree to another. Insects have apparently no role in its spread.

In young orchards up to four years old control methods include proved practices all the way from selection of clean nursery stock well planted to care

Prune Harvest Wage Scale Set By Growers Here

A wage scale for harvesting and drying of this year's prune crop was set by local growers last Wednesday at a meeting in Roseburg. A rate of 10 cents a bushel box was set for picking with a 2 1/2 cent bonus for pickers staying through the harvesting season.

Common labor in orchards and dryers was set 85 cents per hour and skilled labor at \$1 per hour. Maximum charges for drying 2 1/2 cents for French type prunes and three cents for Italian prunes.

Growers were in agreement that they could not pay last year's wage rates for harvesting operations owing to lower prices and unstable market conditions. The established rates were felt to be fair to both workers and growers under existing conditions.

Buyers of dried prunes have not announced prices but have indicated they were interested only in the large sized prunes. Canneries are showing little interest in local Italian prunes and prices offered are well below that paid last season.

The local Italian prune crop is the largest in several years and the crop in the Pacific Northwest is larger than average. Extreme dry weather throughout the growing season and the heavy crop is expected to result in a heavy percentage of small sizes. Harvesting operations are expected to start this week and by Sept. 10 to be in full swing.

Bull Boards Parked Bus, Lays Down On Wide Seat

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 29—(AP)—A wayward bull boarded a bus marked "Oak Ridge" here last week and began acting like an atom bomb.

The bus, fortunately was parked in a storage lot and no one was aboard.

The fugitive from a packing house kicked out the windshield, tore up several seats, and then lay down in the wide seat at the rear.

The animal was routed from the vehicle by a packing firm's employee who came to claim him, but escaped and kept the neighborhood in an uproar for three hours.

The bull finally was towed away with a big rope looped around his neck.

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Oregon's Turkey Crop To Be Less Than Planned

PORTLAND —(AP)—Oregonians didn't grow as many turkeys as they planned.

The Department of Agriculture estimated 1,593,000 turkeys in the state now, 8 percent more than last year, but 22 percent of the number expected in January.

Oregon slipped from fourth to fifth place in turkey production. California is first; Texas, Minnesota, and Iowa follow.

Prices Of Raw Materials On Upward Climb; Later Boosts On Some Foods Are Forecast

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK, Aug. 29 —(AP)—Prices are going up on a number of raw materials and products that enter into every day living. In some cases the advances are likely to be short-lived. In others they are seasonal. But some are likely to stick long enough to show up in the monthly bills for some time to come.

Food stores will reflect later the price hikes at sources that began this week in sugar, coffee, lettuce, margarine and sardines. Advancing milk prices are forecast in some milksheds.

It may take a little longer for you to feel the week's jump in the prices of Douglas fir and southern pine lumber. But if they stick, they'll show up in housing costs.

If you are considering what it will cost to heat your home this winter, you may note that the price of fuel oil has started up already, that coal costs more. There are even rumblings and warnings that a severe winter might cause temporary shortages in some spots.

The price of ethyl anti-knock fuel is set to advance October 1, which may or may not affect your gasoline bills later.

The price of silver has advanced steadily this week. This is the season when the silver flatware makers buy the metal for processing in expectation of the Christmas trade.

Brass and bronze ingots have just gone up in price. This hike reflects earlier price advances in basic non-ferrous metals. The producers of lead, zinc and copper think they touched bottom on the prices of their metals in June, and say that the price advances since should hold. Their products are used in almost every durable appliance you buy.

Steel scrap prices, weak for months, have started climbing back up again—about \$2 a ton in recent days.

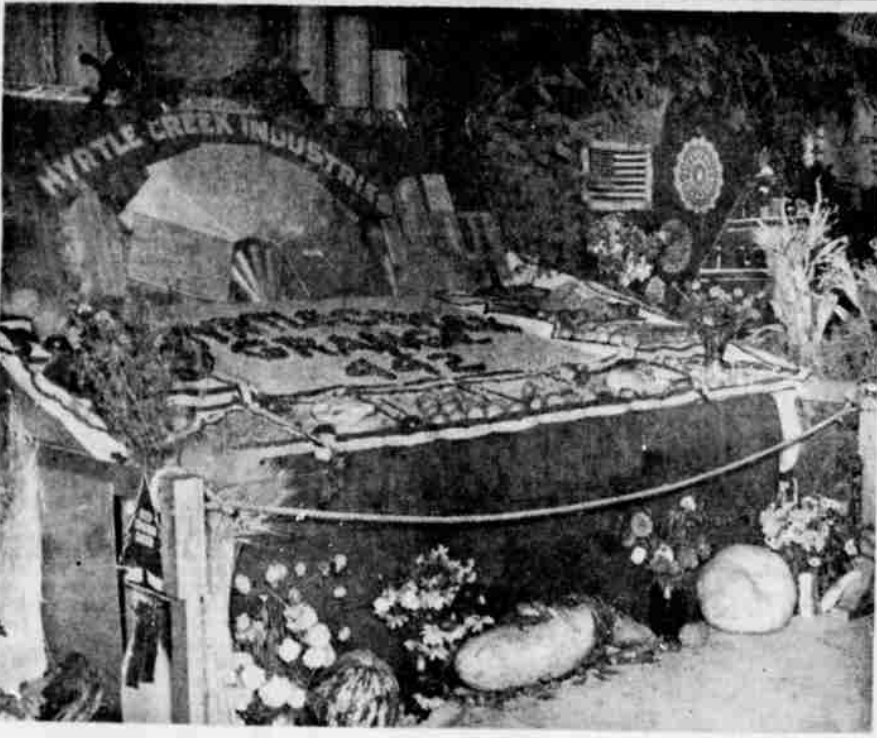
Also, freight rates on the railroads are going up, adding that much more to the costs of getting not only steel but almost all other commodities.

Lull or Reversal?

Against all these price advances, of course, can be arrayed a list of price reductions recently. The price trail is no one-way street. Clothing prices have been cut, here and there. Meat and other food items are expected to ease in price this fall.

And there is a large and thoughtful sector of economic observers who think the recent slowing down in price declines and the recent upswing in many commodities should be called a lull rather than a reversal of a trend.

These are the ones who believe that what has been called the mildest postwar deflation in history is really an Indian summer, a false and deceptive respite before the real winter of price drops sets in.



PRIZE DISPLAYS—Blue ribbon went to the Riversdale Grange booth at the county fair Saturday. The display featured canning, fresh fruits and vegetables, baled hay, and fleece wool. Red ribbon went to Myrtle Creek Grange entry, and white ribbon to the Evergreen Grange. The blue ribbon booth is pictured at top. In lower picture, Myrtle Creek display is shown in foreground, Evergreen's to the right, in background. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

Wider Water Use On Farms Means More Stock Profits, Better Health For Family

Water is cheap, but how it is handled on the farm can make considerable difference in the net profit returned to the farmer, says M. G. Huber, O. S. C. extension agricultural engineer.

Cows watered two or three times a day, for example, drink about 40 percent more water than those cows watered but once. Likewise, cows having water available at all times produce at least 10 percent more milk and butterfat than those with limited water available.

In pointing out that Oregon farms are 92 percent electrified, Huber says that 63 percent of the state's farms are equipped with electric water systems. That figure is exceeded only by New Jersey where 69 percent of the farms have electric water systems. A good many additional Oregon farms have water supplied through gravity systems from springs and reservoirs.

Steers and hogs will fatten more quickly and with less feed when water is readily available. In states with wide yearly temperature ranges, egg production tests have shown that hens lay at least 19 percent more eggs when warmed running water is provided during the cold winter months.

Probably the greatest value from running water, and something that cannot be measured in dollars and cents, is increased sanitation and better health for the farm family. Electricity on the farm makes possible every water convenience of the urban dweller, Huber adds.

Another intangible bearing heavily in favor of water systems is the decreased fire hazard. About \$100,000,000 is the annual toll of farm fires. Water under pressure has saved many a farm home or service building as well as livestock, he concludes.

Hog Triples In Brass, Hunting Dog, Saddle Nag

LA GRANGE, Ky., Aug. 29—(AP)—Oldham County fair visitors may really see something—a Hoosier hog that triples in brass as a hunting dog and a saddle horse.

Jack Hough, Portland, Ind., the farmer who owns Barney, the hog, claims Barney is as good as a pointer in flushing game.

"Bring Barney to La Grange and he can compete in the horse show, the dog show and the hog show."

Thus read an invitation to Hough from Roy Garr, dog show chairman for the fair opening today.

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On That Bum Feed

It is possible that some of the salesmen for competing companies who have so glibly been telling folks that the Douglas Flour Mill "just simply can't make good feed at that price" doesn't understand what we mean by saying "On that bum feed." Some of these salesmen are new to the territory, and should be excused for not understanding our bum sense of humor.

For their benefit, and not for our customers and prospective customers, we mention that when they call UMPQUA FEEDS "BUM FEED" it's a different brand of humor than when we call it the same thing. We'd like for them to come in and tell us how they KNOW we "can't sell good feed at our price."

They tell you that because we are a small town, hick outfit, that we can't buy this and that and some other thing. We should love to remind them that the country is full of salesmen who are selling everything that their companies have ever heard of. Any small miller can buy anything he wants these days. In fact, he needs sales resistance to keep from buying too much.

Besides, we're not such a dinky outfit, at that. We sold close to a million dollars worth of stuff last year! We sold that much because we were making good feed which was giving satisfactory results. And at a much lower price than these salesmen's companies were selling. And, do you know, we have a suspicion THAT explains their frantic efforts to talk you into quitting our BUM FEED for their high priced feed.

Now, just to show these salesmen, who are so careless with their facts, because they are new to our territory, we will once more make our statement of so many years. OUR CUSTOMERS MAY COME IN AT ANY TIME AND READ OUR FORMULAS, THEN GO OUT AND WATCH THEM BEING MIXED. We are proud of what goes into our BUM FEED. Our customers don't have to take the word of some glib salesman. We'll tell you exactly what, and how much goes into UMPQUA FEEDS. And again, we remind EVERYBODY that YOU CAN PAY MORE, BUT YOU CAN'T BUY BETTER FEEDS.

Uncle Hank Says



Bring On Your Grain.

We are selling so much feed these days that we now have a little room for more grain. Bring in your samples and let us make a bid. On good quality oats, we will pay \$45.00 per ton, good barley \$50.00 and good speltz \$50.00. These prices are considerably better than are being paid in the valley, but we won't have to ship any out, so can give you the benefit of freight charges.

Beet Pulp

Those dry pastures make the family cow long for something juicy. A little beet pulp, especially if you moisten it up makes her mouth water. We have the best pulp, too. (Low price, too.) And speaking of beet pulp, we are going to add a bit of it to UMPQUA MILKMAKER right off now. It is about equal to corn in some nutrients, and cows surely like it at this time of the year. So get UMPQUA MILKMAKER, and then give the old gal a bit extra beet pulp besides.

Get After Them Lice.

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"Mommie, how do you get the cubic contents of a barrel?" "I don't know, sonny, ask your dad."

On That Bum Feed.

Salesmen skip this one. Mrs. Bess Blakely on Idlewild Route has a bunch of 35 Bard Rock pullets about six months old. The other day the flock produced 33 eggs.

Claude McCully, the Buckhorn fryer man saved four cross breed pullets for his breakfast eggs. Picked three hard shelled and 2 soft ones one day last week.

Jess Rice of Dillard bought 600 R. I. Red pullets last spring. 22 were cockerels, she gave six to a neighbor, we culled out 8, and tested the rest. Sure proves that birds can keep alive on UMPQUA FEEDS, eh?

Just to prove that it pays to raise good stuff, Ernie Wheeler Camas Valley Dairyman sold a pair of heifers to Coos County dairymen for \$800.00. Ernie uses a lot of MILKMAKER, but thinks his good cows wouldn't eat much more than scrubs.

Congratulations To Fair Board.

We think the Douglas County Fair must be the best in the state. For the first one in 37 years, we don't see how it could have been improved on. Big crowds, and a very fine showing by the kids and granges. The races proved exciting and interesting to many who had never before seen horse racing.

Let's look forward to next year, and if possible, make it even better. We think it would be fine for farmers to bring in their produce and stock, as well as their youngsters. See you next year!

Hay, Hay!

Got in a swell bunch of Eastern Oregon alfalfa the other day. Douglas County raises the best peaches in the world, but we can't say the same for alfalfa. This high elevation hay is a bit better. If your pasture is getting dry (Whose isn't?), supplement with a bale of this good highland hay.

We also got a good buy on ground barley at \$60.00 and rolled barley at \$62.00 a ton.

And, don't mention this to a soul, but we have some tolerable good feed in the way of turkey grow at \$4.40, egg mash at \$4.25, developing mash at \$4.15. We think this is really good stuff, though our competitors know different.

Anyway, we sell every sack with a "MONEY-BACK" guarantee of satisfaction with every sack.

For a special bridge luncheon, prepare creamed chicken and season lightly with curry powder. Pile it into fresh pineapple shells that have been cut in half and hollowed out. The pineapple itself may be cut in finger lengths and passed as an accompaniment to the chicken along with coconut, salted pecans or almonds, and chutney.

When fat in the pan gets on fire, smother it with wet towels. Never pour water on it because it makes the fat spatter and may spread the blaze.

Beauty experts say that eye brows are one of the most expressive features and much reflected feeling or emotion can be hidden when they are covered by glasses.

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