



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Empire Lotus Seed Offers Profit Opportunity For Western Oregon

Here's another million dollar opportunity for western Oregon seed growers.

The crop is Empire lotus, a strain developed in New York state. Seed is now much in demand in New York and other eastern states, according to E. R. Jackman, O.S.C. extension farm crops specialist. He estimates that eastern dealers would spend a million dollars in Oregon next year if growers here had this seed.

For fall seeding plans, the specialist is suggesting that some farmers save land for Empire lotus which is spring seeded. The seedbed, however, can be plowed and readied this fall.

Speaking of fall seeding plans, Jackman calls attention to the fact that many of the soil build-

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Oregon Farmers To Get More Conservation Pay

PORTLAND—Oregon farmers will get \$335,000 more next year in the federal conservation program.

That will boost the total for the year to \$2,479,000, the state production and marketing committee announces, adding that rates of payment would be about the same, but the amount to a single farm could increase from \$750 to \$2,500.

Clackamas and Wasco counties may become test grounds for a new conservation plan. Instead of treating each year as an isolated unit, the new plan would set up a permanent improvement program for a farm. Payments would be made for the part of the program carried out each year.

State PMA officials will meet with Wasco and Clackamas county committees later to determine whether the scheme will be tried.

ing crops have price guarantees for their seed. He mentions specifically that hairy vetch, Austrian winter field peas, Willamette vetch, and crimson clover all have good prices in prospect for next year. All are good for the soil and fit into a permanent farm plan, he adds.

Ryegrass Also Good Bet. Common ryegrass, with a seven-cent-a-pound seed crop guarantee, is also a good fall seeding possibility. By adding plenty of nitrogen, the specialist points out, growers find that common ryegrass pays about as well as any other seed crop in the Willamette valley. When nitrogen is spread liberally on grass, the effect is much the same as where legumes are grown. The nitrogen builds up a root mass which later decays and returns a large quantity of nitrogen and organic matter for succeeding crops.

Formerly, when seeding time arrived, farmers took a swift look at their crop returns from the harvest recently completed, and seeded accordingly. That day is a thing of the past, Jackman asserts, now that the government has entered the farm price field.

Today, in figuring fall seeding plans, Jackman believes government price guarantees are important to study in line with good farming practices.

Extension Service Growing As City Folks Display More Interest In Rural Affairs

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—City folks are showing increasing interest in rural affairs. The job of the Department of Agriculture's extension service is growing bigger with the increasing number of calls upon the county agents for advice and assistance. And now many calls come from people in cities.

Karl Knaus, central states field agent, says in the government's Extension Service Review that expansion of cooperative extension work to people living in cities is due to the fact that many urban families started garden programs during the war.

Also, he says, there has been increasing emphasis on bringing information about opportunities for better purchasing of agricultural products. Trends of decentralization of industry and the increasing movement of people to rural areas surrounding industrial areas, with the desire of these people to grow at least part of their food supply, are other factors.

As for the farmers, Mr. Knaus says that more and more they are finding a community of interest with urban dwellers in the solution of such problems as finding markets for farm products, consumer understanding of good food buys, better community health services and national agricultural policy.

Interest Increasing. City people as well as farm people are learning more about rural problems by means of information brought to them through the press, over the radio, on the television screen. "This has dramatized urban interest in agricultural problems, and the experts get many calls on matters relating to gardens, small fruits, flowers, lawns and shrubbery," says Mr. Knaus.

"Such questions as control of insects on the roses, leaf spot on the lilacs, varieties of grass and fertilizers for lawns and desirable shrubs for landscaping are asked most often, but the questions almost cover the agricultural front." Today, he says, many agricultural agents hold winter garden meetings with city gardeners, help organize custom spray and other services and advise dealers in garden supplies on varieties, spray materials and fertilizers they should stock.

Another way the agent is helping city people is in landscaping the grounds of public buildings, planning playgrounds, sodding athletic fields and so on. In many towns the agricultural agent and the teacher of vocational agricul-

Turkey Growers Oppose Weight Discrimination

CORVALLIS.—(P)—Oregon Turkey Improvement association members were told here to work for elimination of weight discrimination in federal price supports.

W. T. Geurts, retiring president, said the existing regulations were unfair to producers of heavy birds. He said any permanent farm legislation should place turkeys on the same parity price percentage basis as wheat and other basic crops.

Dr. Paul Bernier, geneticist, said selective breeding falls into two classes. He said all breeders can mass select for maximum weight and maturity in the shortest feeding time. But selection for higher fertility, egg production and other characteristics was best left to breeders of pedigreed birds, he said.

Inflated Farm Prices Seen On Downward Trend

WASHINGTON—(P)—The downward trend in war-inflated farm land prices—first evident in western states last March—is spreading to other parts of the country, the agriculture department reports.

Land values in the country as a whole now average about 3 percent below the November, 1948, peak. Nevertheless they are still more than double the pre-war average.

Falling farm product prices and lower net farm income were said to be major influences in the receding land market. Government farm price-support programs are tending, however, to hold land prices steadier than they otherwise might be, officials said.

Looking ahead, the department said it appears likely that land prices will continue to show moderate declines during the next year.

Efforts Will Be Made To Rescue Lowell Thomas

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(P) The air force said today it might try to fly Lowell Thomas out of a remote village in the Himalayas, where he was injured when thrown from a horse.

Thomas, 57, author and radio commentator, was described by his New York office yesterday as having suffered injuries of undetermined extent while riding through a mountain pass on his way back to India from

Tibet. Efforts are being made to determine how seriously Thomas is hurt and whether there is any other way of bringing him out, his office is dispatching a plane.

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The above article was written many years ago by Arnold Glasgow. (We wish we could write something as pretty and as true!) It is just as true today, and probably will always be true. At least the part about the dog and his good points.

Hurrah For Turkeys
It now appears that the turkey man has a silver lining showing up in his cloud. Price for turkeys has stiffened, and actually raised a cent or two. We understand that one could

Uncle Hank Says
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realize about 33c for heavy tons net, if one had one right now. Anyway, as we have said all along, the gent who did a good job raising them, kept them free of worms and lice, and fed them UMPQUA TURKEY FEEDS is going to come out with all expenses paid, and a fair wage for the time spent with them.

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On That Bum Feed
Harry Bruffy is new in the chicken business, but he is sure catching on fast. Moved the pullets into a brand new house, all purty and handy. Pulletts showed appreciation by laying first egg at 17 weeks of age. And by this time they are hitting 60%, we bet.

Classified Section
About 30 good breeding cockerels, Markham strain, some already blood-tested and banded, six months old. R. B. Norman, Oakland.

HAVING made my prune dryer into a chicken house, have about 500 good prune trays. Useful in making screen porches or fences, and many other uses. Carlton Goff, Oakland, Ore.

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New Mama: "Why?"
N. P.: "The baby just fell asleep!"

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World's Grasslands In Bad Shape, Forester Says
BERKELEY, Calif.—(P)—The earth's land area is 30 percent grassland, says Dr. Arthur W. Sampson, University of California professor of forestry. And much of this area has been devastated by poor grazing practices, he says.

Nature Turns Backward Flip In South Dakota
RAPID CITY, S. D.—(P)—Confused by unseasonable warm weather, nature is doing a backward somersault in the Black Hills country.

The aroma of cherry, plum and apple blossoms fills the air. Lilacs, spirea and other spring flowers are blooming. Even the small culls Mrs. Norbert Deckerchove left in her potato field are sending up new shoots.

One rancher reported the spell of freakish weather has hit his flock of geese. They're laying eggs supposedly not due until next spring.

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