

## Fastest Onion Harvest Is Grown By Planting Sets In Loose Soil

Onions grown from sets will mature about three or four weeks earlier than those planted from seed.

It is a quick sure method of growing green onions or scallions and also for the production of "cooking onions." Onion sets usually are sold by color, red, brown or white.

## Two 4-H Leaders Named For Free Trip To Chicago

Chaperones to accompany the Oregon 4-H club delegation to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, November 27 to December 2, will be Mrs. Eli McConkey, Astoria, and John L. Jones, Ben's, L. J. Allen, State 4-H club leader, has announced.

Both are volunteer 4-H club leaders and were chosen as a result of a statewide contest to pick two deserving leaders to serve as official chaperones. The two all-expense trips are provided annually by Aaron Frank, Portland.

More than 20 youngsters will be in the official party from Oregon, Allen said.

Mrs. McConkey has had 15 years of 4-H club leadership and Jones, 16 years. During 1949, Mrs. McConkey led clubs in cooking, frozen foods, canning and garden. She has been president of the Clatsop county local 4-H club leaders association for two years and has also held other offices four other years. He owns children are former 4-H club members and at the present time, two grandchildren are enrolled.

Jones is president of the Deschutes county 4-H club leaders association for the coming year having been re-elected to that office four other years. Her own child in 1940. He is a member of the executive committee of the state 4-H local leaders association. During the past year he actively led clubs in dairy, beef and camp cookery.

State extension agents Miss Esther Taskerud and Burton Hutton will also accompany the Oregon delegation to Chicago. The group will leave Portland the evening of November 24. They will return via the southern route.

Sets are obtained by planting seed thickly and not thinning the plants, which dwarfs the bulbs. When mature, they are dried, and stored until the purchaser of the sets replants them, and they start to grow again.

The soil for onions should be rich and loose. Small firm sets should be purchased for two reasons. Since sets are sold by the pound, the buyer will realize a greater number of onions by buying the smaller size. Onion sets over one-half inch in diameter tend to go to seed rather than form good bulbs.

Plant the largest sets in the lot you buy two to three inches deep, and use the resulting onions as green onions or scallions. Plant the smaller sets just below the surface of the soil, about four inches apart and let these mature for dry onions to be used in cooking.

Be sure to firm the soil well around the sets and water immediately. It is not necessary to plant all your sets at the same time. Successive plantings will furnish your table with green onions and your kitchen with cooking onions over a long period.

The home gardener who wishes to grow the large, mild, sweet onions so delicious for slicing on hamburgers or used in salads should plant the seed in January or February in the warmer sections of the west. California Red and Italian Torpedo are very fine varieties. Sweet Spanish is especially good.

Sow fairly thick not over one-half inch deep. The rows in the seed bed can be a foot apart. When the seedlings are a few inches high and start to crowd they should be thinned out. The thinnings can be used as green onions.

When the seedlings are about the size of a lead pencil the roots are trimmed back as well as the tops about one-third their length. Set the transplants 4 to 6 inches apart in double rows raised several inches above the surface. In about 100 days the tops should topple over and it is time to dig the onions. See that the onions do not suffer from lack of water at any time during their growing period. Thrips are about the only insect pests to contend with and these can be controlled with DDT spray.

## Future of 'America'



Accomplishments of the 1949 4-H club year which ended Oct. 31, are being reviewed as 28,000 Oregon 4-H club boys and girls participate in National 4-H Club Achievement week. During the past year, the addition of 200 new clubs brought the state total to 3,400 and total enrollment increased by 2,000 according to L. J. Allen, state 4-H club leader. Achievement week also marks the start of the 1950 club year, so old and new clubs alike are re-organizing. As their slogan implies, club members strive to "Make the Best Better."

## Clean-Up And Spray This Fall Advised For Pest-Free Spring

A thorough clean-up of the garden in the fall and the application of clean-up sprays are most important in the home garden.

In the vegetable garden remove the old tomato vines, corn stalks, cucumber vines or any of the other "garden ghosts" which remain to serve no purpose.

In the flower garden all dead tops should be removed from perennial flower plants, from dahlias and gladioli. Rubbish of all sorts should be raked up and burned or removed from the premises. Leaves from shrubs and trees should be put on the compost pile.

Examine crevices between the leaves of agapanthus, iris, day-lilies and other plants with grass-like foliage — convenient hiding places for snails and slugs which go into hibernation during the cold months. Look under boards and other objects under which sowbugs and pillbugs may live.

Fungus diseases may pass the winter on the branches of trees and shrubs and the ground around them. These spread by means of spores or specially produced reproductive bodies which are disseminated into the air, and also by a vegetable method, due to a portion of the mycelium (thread-like tubes) of the fungus being present in the seed or other portion of the plant, tuber, bulb or rootstock. This mycelium will remain in a dormant condition until the seed or tuber commences to grow and then grows along with the new plant.

Winter winds aid in distribution of the disease spores and so do insects of various kinds. Even the smallest mites that creep or fly from one plant to another carry disease. Snails and slugs also spread the disease spores.

Winter clean up sprays of various kinds are sold by garden stores. The strong dormant type sprays must be used only on deciduous plants when they are without leaves. On evergreens, whether coniferous or broad-leaved, use a milder spray, of summer strength. Lime sulphur is valuable for controlling fungi. Bordeaux mixture and the liquid copper sprays are also well known fungicides. An all-purpose spray may be used against the insect pests of both the chewing kind and those that drink plant juices. Follow the directions on the spray material you buy, to exert the maximum control of the disease and insects with perfect safety to your plants.

## Additional Standard Pear Container Use Authorized

SALEM.—The state department of agriculture has authorized for this shipping season only, the use of an additional standard container for pears, it was announced today by Frank McKennon, chief of the division of plant industry.

The temporary container is 3 3/8 inches deep, 13 1/2 inches wide and 16 1/2 inches long, all inside measurements. Original request for the container was made by the Roy Webster Orchards of Hood River for use in a single layer pear pack to be tried on the California markets.



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## Farmers Urged To Plan Ahead For Best Results

Farmers of Douglas county who plan well and plan ahead of the time the conservation practices to be carried out, will be able to use the agricultural conservation program most effectively in meeting their conservation problems, says J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the county PMA committee.

He points out that the practices and specifications for 1950 ACP differ little from those for 1949, and primary effort in Douglas county will be in the direction of encouraging farmers to gear these practices to their most essential conservation needs. Farmers cooperating in the 1950 program are urged to study the conservation problems of their farms and to plan their programs for the coming year so as to take care of first needs first.

Conservation problems which need special attention in Douglas county, according to the chairman, are: drainage, increasing the carrying capacity of our grazing land and the addition of fertilizer to supplement our depleted soils. And these will receive special attention in the year ahead.

Practices for 1950 which will receive special emphasis are: Seeding, clearing, fertilizing and drainage.

The county chairman warns farmers that it is easy to "get in a rut" in their conservation work by carrying out routine practices year after year, overlooking those which fit into a year-to-year conservation effort aimed at continuing balance production.

The chairman refers to the use

## UMM, Filbert Stuffing For Thanksgiving Turk

Make your Thanksgiving dinner a completely home-grown affair with Oregon turkey, cranberries and filbert stuffing, suggests Miss Agnes Kolshorn, O. S. C. extension nutrition specialist, who offers this recipe for Oregon filbert stuffing.

Multiply the following recipe according to the size of your turkey.

1 quart cubed or broken bread-1 1/2 cup chopped chicken fat or other fat, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, 1/4 cup butter, 2 cup finely chopped celery, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 to 1 1/4 cup finely chopped filberts.

Heat diced chicken fat until partially melted. Add onion, celery and salt. Cook slowly until celery is softened. Add 1 1/4 cup water. Pour this mixture slowly over the diced bread. Add more water if needed to moisten bread slightly. Add chopped nuts.

A few each of carrots, beets, spinach and radishes will provide fresh vegetables for the table at a nominal cost.

of lime and phosphate to illustrate his point. Both may be needed to keep the land "strong" and to build up resistance to erosion through increasing the growth of grass and legumes. But other practices may be needed to make the lime and phosphate effective in contributing to the main conservation objective. A pasture may need to be reseeded or a shift to contour farming may be necessary. The chairman urges each farmer to study his farm and with the help of his local committee to plan to use the ACP in 1950 where it will do the most good.

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## Champion Turks Going To Turkey And White House

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Nov. 18.—(P)—The best bird in the Pacific coast turkey show is going to be eaten, appropriately, by the president of Turkey.

—Thanksgiving Day.  
Gene Malecki, manager of the turkey show here, picked out the grand champion bird to fly to President Ismet Inonu at Ankara, Turkey.

The 36 1/2 pound tom, raised by Richard Reyme, McMinnville, won the grand championship yesterday. It was christened "Unity" in a name contest.

Malecki will fly the live bird to Turkey, leaving here Saturday, and arriving at Ankara Thanksgiving eve. Enroute he will deliver another turkey—the grand champion dressed bird, entered by Loren Johnson of Scappoose—to the White House. Among the winners yesterday here were Gath Bros., Turner,

Ore., best pen of three hens and one tom, best heavy young hen, Newton and Hortense Fruit, McMinnville, three most uniform toms.

Spray peaches, plums and nectarines with dry lime sulphur or lime sulphur solution in December and February. This will prevent curly-leaf and other fungi.

Sow the seeds of annual larkspur and poppy where the plants are to remain.

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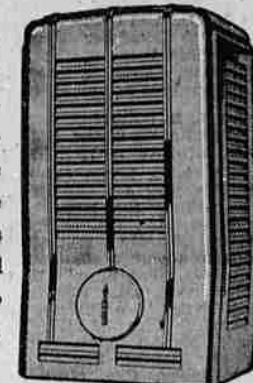
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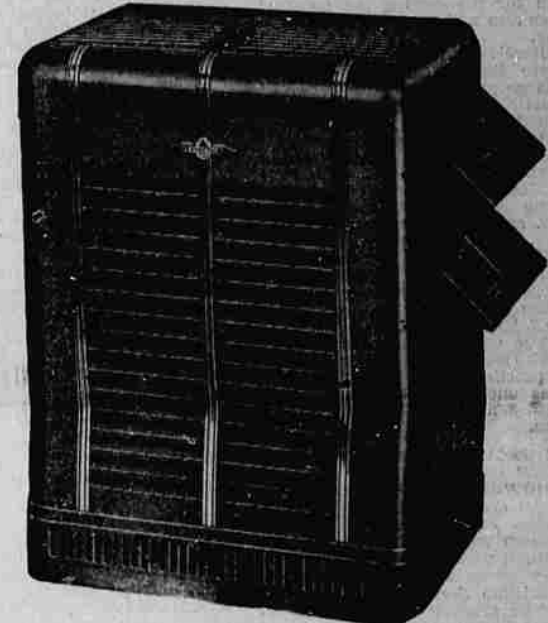


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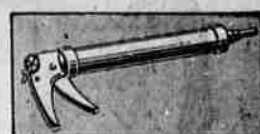
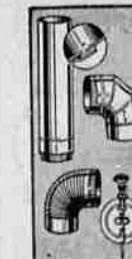
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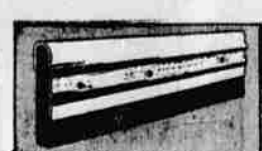
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