



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Douglas County Conservation Plan For 1949 Completed; 500 Take Part

Farmers of Douglas county have pretty well completed all conservation practices for 1949 and are now planning for 1950, according to J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the county PMA committee. Incomplete records indicate that 500 farmers in Douglas county carried out conservation practices under the 1949 ACP. This is about 17 per cent of all the farms in the county.

mean too much of some things now at the expense of not having enough later on, but it does mean using the land to provide a balanced abundance today and a continued balanced production for the future."

The county allocation of funds for assisting farmers in carrying out approved conservation practices in 1949 was \$62,500. About 50 per cent of this will go to the farmers for seeding pasture.

New Strawberry Hints Big Yield

This practice is important in Douglas county because our soil is organic matter and nitrogen, and is suited to grazing more than cropping.

It soon will be time to sign-up in the 1950 Agricultural Conservation program. The county allocation of funds for the coming year is \$64,000. Chairman J. F. Bonebrake explains that since these are public funds to be used to protect the public interest in the soil and water resources of Douglas county, each farmer as well as each farmer committee-man has a responsibility to see that every dollar is used to get the most conservation possible. The people of this county through the government are cooperating with farmers, he emphasizes, by sharing in the cost of conservation practices which assure a continued abundant—but balanced—production from the land.

PUYALLUP.—(AP)—A new strawberry developed in Washington is yellow-resistant and promises to out-yield an old favorite, the Marshall Berry, by 50 per cent, a researcher reports.

Addressing the Western Washington Horticultural meeting, Dr. C. D. Schwartz said the new variety, named the "Northwest," may yield nine tons per acre. It was developed by him at the Western Washington Experiment station here.



BULLY FOR HER . . . FOUR OF THEM!—Cleo, a 6-year-old Holstein cow, casts a wary eye about as her newborn quadruplet bull calves make their camera debut at the Sarafin Morris farm near Newman, Calif. This is Cleo's second set of quadruplets, bringing her total offspring to 11.

Most strawberries are not good canners, but Dr. Schwartz said the "northwest" gives promise of being a good canning berry. He rated its freezing quality as about on a par with the Marshall.

New Spray Hailed In Chemist's Talk

PUYALLUP.—(AP)—A chemist hailed the development of a new form of parathion spray which should kill fewer people and more bugs.

The spray, a poisonous farm chemical for the control of mites and aphids, was used widely this year and has been reported highly effective on the little crawlers.

R. D. Eichmann, Portland chemist, described the safer spray in a talk on the insecticide situation at the annual meeting of the Western Washington Horticultural association. He said, however, it had claimed a "number of lives" this year and cited four such instances.

The new developments, Eichmann said, are wet formulations. One is a paste mixture of parathion and DDT and the other—a slurry of water suspension of parathion. They replace dusts and wettable powders.

It was the inhalability of the powder that made it deadly, Eichmann explained, with deaths resulting from breathing the dust or powder.

Even the wet form remains highly dangerous, he warned, and still is not meant for internal use by humans.

Good old DDT was hailed by the speaker as "still the most important insecticide in the Pacific Northwest." It's 1949 record was particularly cited for knocking off the codling moth, pea aphids, potato flea beetle, alfalfa weevil and the lygus bug on legumes.

Eichmann disposed of the bugs but another speaker, Dr. Folke Johnson, associate plant pathologist at the Western Washington Experiment station, brought word of a new virus which threatens the \$5,000,000 raspberry industry.

The Washington raspberry, principal variety grown in these parts, may be infected with one or more new viruses, he said. "It is not impossible, though unlikely, that the virus causing strawberry yellows may have been transferred in some way into raspberry plantings," he said.

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Farm Bureau Won't Support Brannan Plan

CHICAGO.—(AP)—The American Farm Bureau Federation has rejected the Brannan plan for direct subsidies to farmers.

The action was taken at the close of the powerful group's 31st annual meeting.

The federation's 5,000 agricultural leaders from 48 states voted in favor of continuing and making more flexible the compromise farm support program enacted by congress this year.

After refusing to permit administration sponsors of the secretary of agriculture's plan to address them, the delegates adopted a stern indictment of the Brannan proposal.

They said "the ultimate effect of such a program would be nationalization of agriculture and the distribution system," the cost would be "staggering," and it "would place a ceiling on opportunity in agriculture."

The convention re-elected Federation President Allan B. Kline of Vinton, Iowa, who has led the opposition to the Brannan program.

The expressions on price supports were part of a 68-page sheet of resolutions which included:

Support of the ECA and the recommendation that emphasis be placed on self-help among European nations, leveling of tariff walls and solutions of currency difficulties.

Support of President Truman's point four of foreign policy—to make American technological skills available to the world; support of the international food and agriculture organization and the United Nations; and urging of continued efforts for international atom bomb control.

Oregon Specialty Crops Increased

Oregon's specialty field and drug crop production doubled during the war years and the acreage has dropped off only moderately since. O. S. C. extension agricultural economists point out in a new statistical yearbook, extension bulletin number 696, "Oregon's Specialty Field and Drug Crops."

Copies may be obtained free from county extension offices or by writing direct to the college.

Covering the period 1915 through 1948, the publication deals with such crops as hops, fiber flax, peppermint, flaxseed, dry beans, sugar beets raised for sugar, and dry edible peas.

Hops still show the highest economic value among the specialty crops, the authors point out. Production problems and lower prices, however, have reduced the Willamette valley hop acreage, where 90 percent of the Oregon crop is raised.

White hops still account for more than one-half of the state's specialty crop income, sugar beets, dry edible peas and peppermint, by comparison, show the greatest recent increase.

During the period 1935-1939, cash receipts from farm marketing amounted to \$4,000,000 annually from the specialty group. During the three year period, 1945 through 1947, cash receipts from the same group averaged \$21,000,000 annually.

Return of European flax fiber to U. S. markets at the end of the war and high income from other crops have contributed to reducing Oregon's fiber flax acreage below the pre-war level. A wartime high of 18,000 acres in 1942 had fallen to 2,000 acres in 1948, the economists indicate.

Electric Wood Heating Data Gathered By OSC

OREGON STATE COLLEGE.—Results of studies into the use of high frequency heating in the manufacture of Douglas fir plywood or other laminated fir products have just been published by the engineering experiment station here in bulletin form.

The bulletin, No. 28, is technical in nature and reports on the research by J. J. Wittkoff of the electrical engineering department, and M. D. McDonald, Oregon Forest Products laboratory, into the "Dielectric Properties of Douglas Fir on High Frequencies," used as the bulletin title as well.

Use of high frequency apparatus as a source of heat to cure resins, glues quickly is already standard practice in some large plywood plants, the authors point out. With additional information the process can have much wider application in related industries wherever wood is glued together, they say.

The bulletin, obtainable free, is intended as a reference work for those interested in this field. Studies with other woods are contemplated.

WORTH CACKLING ABOUT WILMINGTON, Calif.—(AP)—

Ever since Mrs. William Shanks' little red hen laid a double-yolk egg at the age of four months, it's maintained a record worth cackling about.

The New Hampshire Red followed up with a series of two-yolkers and even a few triples. And now, on the basis of its latest effort, Mrs. Shanks feels she owns a real hen of distinction.

She says her chicken laid an egg weighing just one ounce less than half a pound. It had four yolks, measured 7 3/8 inches around the center and 9 3/8 inches lengthwise.

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Merry Xmas

This no doubt sounds trite, but still it is the truth. It seems only a few weeks ago that we were wishing you a MERRY CHRISTMAS for 1948. And here it is a whole year later.

We will be closed on December 26th, and again on Jan. 2nd, 1950, since the big days fall on Sunday. Quite a coincidence, huh? So be sure you get enough feed on Saturday so your birds and beasts will enjoy a big Christmas feed too.

Also, be sure that you ask early for your 1950 calendar. You will need it to keep up with the times, and besides, so many of our customers use our calendars to help in their record keeping. It is also a reminder to you of the appreciation we feel toward you all through the year for your continued patronage.

Our Christmas wish to you is that, even though you may not have been perfect little boys and girls all year, that Santa Claus will fill your stockings with everything you have been wishing for, and that everything will fit, so you won't have to spend the next few days exchanging.

SO, AGAIN, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY.

Uncle Hank Sex

THE LONESOMEST FEELING IN THE WORLD IS TO BE LOOKING DOWN THE WRONG END OF A GUN.

changed things. Last winter was a corker, and proved to many keepers that it paid to become sheepmen. The ewes that were fed brought enough wool to pay their board, and brought either single or twin lambs which made the grade.

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Two ladies were discussing another (you know how it is, Mom).

Said Kitty: "Let's see, her husband was a judge, wasn't he?"

Said Kat: "Well, everybody thought so—until he married MER."

Had You Noted?

The price of eggs is still down. Had you noticed that the price of UMPQUA FEEDS were down a fraction too? We sharpened our eyes and figured how we could save a nickel off here and there, without in any way lowering the quality. What we can't savvy is, at the time we were dropping our prices a bit to help you out, most other feed companies felt impelled to hike theirs about the same amount.

On That Bum Feed

Mrs. B. J. Hardy has a fine flock of leghorn pullets. Just shucking out eggs for Gosh Sakes. When egg prices hit the skids, she decided to do something about it. So she changed abruptly from a high priced feed she had been using right over to UMPQUA MILK EGG MASH. It will seem strange to many of you, but we were not surprised when she said the birds seemed happier, are laying just as many eggs, and best of all, Mrs. Hardy is a heap happier over the size of her feed bill. You too, can get at way. For a Merry Christmas, let us suggest you feed your laying flock UMPQUA FEEDS. They always come thru in the pinches.

Things Will Change

Eggs are cheap. It has happened before. Anually, in fact. It will happen again. Wanna bet on it? Next fall a lot of people are gonna wish they had raised chickens. Egg prices will be high again. If you set eggs you can't sell, or buy from a good grower, you can get the cheapest chick in years. And they will pay you well next summer. Don't miss a chance to get in the dough.

Tourist: "You mean you've lived in this out-of-the-way place over 50 years?"

Old Timer: "That's what I mean."

T.: "But really, I can't see what you can find to keep you busy."

O. T.: "Neither can I. That's what I like about it."

(We gotta notion to go there Mondays.)

Looking Ahead

It is a bit early to make too definite plans for 1950. (Don't that date make you feel older!) But we would like to call your attention to a fact that you have no other way of learning.

Last year, we tested 9,841 turkeys for breeders, besides whatever other testers may have tested. This year, as nearly as we can learn from those best qualified to know, there will not be more than 6,000 birds. That's a loss of over one third. Even if these breeders gave phenomenal results, say 20 poulters per breeder, (a very optimistic figure), it would mean only 120,000 turkeys for Douglas County in 1950. The County planning board recommends about 175,000. Let's get our orders in early, so we don't have to import poulters from other districts. Remember, the outlook is much brighter than at this time last year.

Sheepmen and Sheepkeepers

Seeing the fuss in the papers about high property taxes, we heard a swell idea the other day. Edith, our bookkeeper, you know, says "Why not a withholding tax on taxes? Then it would come painless—like the rest of our taxes, and wouldn't spoil our Christmas season like this year." We believe Edith has something there. We don't holler about paying 30% of all our income for all other sorts of taxes.

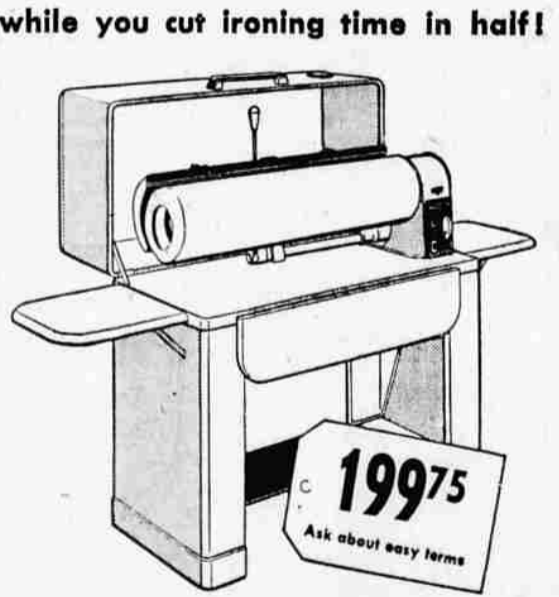
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