



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Annual Meeting Of Douglas Livestock Association Set Thursday At Pythian Hall

The annual meeting of the Douglas County Livestock association will be held Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Knights of Pythias hall in Roseburg.

V. K. Holcomb, president, states all livestock owners and individuals interested in the livestock industry are invited to attend. Reports on experimental feeding, market outlook, control of predators, theft problems and range improvement practices are included on the program to start at 10 a.m.

Dr. Fred F. McKinsie, head of the animal husbandry department at Oregon State college will speak on "livestock experimental feeding work" being carried on at the state college. Market outlook for livestock will be discussed by R. L. Clark, head of the Oregon State college extension division. G. H. Hansen, district agent of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service will review predatory animal control work.

The afternoon program in-

Enemies Of Pests Plan Annual Meet

Commercial pest exterminators from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia have arranged an annual conference with the first to be held on the Oregon State college campus next April for three days.

This announcement was made by Dr. Don C. Mote, head of the department of entomology of the O. S. C. experiment station, after he and representatives of the commercial firms had agreed upon procedure.

Purpose of the annual conference, to be rotated in future years, is to bring the commercial workers and the scientists together so the former may obtain latest information on the life habits and control of such pests as wood boring insects, flies, carpet beetles, clothes moths, roaches, fleas and other household insects, as well as such rodents as rats and mice.

The committee of the Northwest Pest Control Operators association which met with Dr. Mote to work out plans consisted of George A. Atchison, Ardee Maintenance company, Tacoma; D. V. Turkian, Sutherland and Turkian Scientific Pest Control, Inc., Seattle; and Merle H. Weaver, Weaver Exterminating company, Portland.

cludes control measures for ticks and lice of livestock by Robert W. Every, entomology specialist, Oregon State college; livestock theft problems, Chester B. Liechty, Theft Division, Oregon State Department of Agriculture; and J. F. Bonebrake, chairman, county PMA committee will outline range improvement practices available under the 1950 agricultural conservation program.

Livestockmen will find the meeting interesting and helpful in many ways, in the opinion of J. Roland Parker, secretary of the association. Douglas county is one of the leading livestock counties in the state and livestock numbers can be increased with improvement of range and pastures in the opinion of many producers. At the present time Douglas county has more sheep than any county in Oregon.

Seed Growers To Hear Of Conditions In Southern States At Coming Meet

How Oregon-grown alta fescue grass seed is faring in competition with Kentucky 31 in the southern states will be reported at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Oregon Seed Growers league in Portland, Jan. 9, 10 and 11, League Secretary E. R. Jackman, OSC extension farm crops specialist, has announced.

All general sessions will be held in the Multnomah hotel, starting daily at 10 a. m. says R. Wallace Rice, Grants Pass, president. The annual banquet Jan. 10 will feature Gov. Douglas McKay.

Two prominent seed industry spokesmen, Carey Strome, Junction City, and Alec Cellars, McMinnville have recently returned from attending the annual meeting of the Southern Seedsmen's association in New Orleans. They will report their findings on market conditions to the state's alta fescue seed growers the afternoon of Jan. 9.

Bulk For Forage

Bulk of Oregon's alta fescue grass seed, Jackman explains, is sold for forage and soil conservation purposes in the southern states. Kentucky 31, a similar grass, competes with alta fescue seed throughout the area.

New potato marketing techniques will be on display during the league's potato committee meeting the afternoon of Jan. 10. Chairman M. B. McKay, Troutdale, says the display will include waxed potatoes, specially processed peeled potatoes, canned and frozen French fries. Regular grades will be on display to show growers the spread in price between poor and good potatoes as well as price differences between various producing areas.

The malting barley committee plans to hold a luncheon meeting in Vancouver, Wash. Jan. 10. It will be followed by a tour of the Great Western Malting company plant.

Chairmen of the legislative, farm-owned cleaning plants, weeds, and marketing problems and outlook committees have also called meetings of their groups.

Discussion of weed control methods will be featured the opening day January 9.

Wheat Smut Increasing In Northwest, Oregon

Oregon and the Pacific Northwest seem well on the way to regaining the dubious distinction of being the nation's number one wheat smut disease sore spot. During 1949, 20.3 percent of nearly 19,000 farmer owned lots of wheat graded smutty, a rise of 6 percent from the preceding year, it was reported recently to the Pacific Northwest Smut Control committee by R. E. White, PMA grain supervisor, Portland, who handles federal grain inspections for the three northwest states.

White estimates that thirteen million bushels of the 1949 wheat crop in the three states will be marketed as smutty. In addition to cash discounts, Extension Farm Crops Specialist Rex Warren at Oregon State college, a member of the smut control committee, points out that presence of smut also affects yields adversely.

Los Angeles has been getting water from the High Sierra Mountains since 1907.

Tour Of Malting Company Planned

A feature of the annual Oregon Seed Growers league in Portland Jan. 10-11 will be a tour of the Great Western Malting company of Vancouver, Wash., which will be open to all interested in malting barley production, according to Dr. D. D. Hill, head of farm crops at OSC. Gilbert Courtwright and Roland Schaad, both of Union county, are chairman and secretary of the malting barley committee of the league.

In addition to a tour of the plant, the program will include an on-the-spot discussion of the barley research program by Dr. Hill; malting barley production by Richard Henzel, Klamath

county, and proposed malting barley grades, probably by B. W. Whitlock, federal specialist of Portland.

Sheep Circular Shows Way To Greater Profits

A workable set of sheep records will net Oregon sheep producers greater profits and will speed up improvement of stock through the more efficient selection of animals, W. C. Gadmus, research assistant in animal husbandry for the OSC agricultural experiment station, reports in a new station circular.

Titled "Sheep Records for Greater Profits", the publication presents a simple record system developed by the animal husbandry department that can be

used to advantage by any commercial or purebred sheep producer. Copies of the publication may be obtained free from county agents or from the college.

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The State of the Nation

We see by the papers that the President thinks the good old U. S. A. is in fine fettle. All we need is a boost of a few billion in new taxes, to help finance Europe, and the Brannan Plan.

The Guvment now has on hand "surplus crops" which were bought with taxes to support prices, amounting to \$3 BILLION. We should have more BILLIONS to give Europe, India, and other seaports, so they can buy this stuff, and show the Guvment a profit.

Well, that's probably the correct thing to do. But suppose we check a bit, and see how the guy is coming out who buys this Guvment supported stuff. For instance, the guy who produces eggs, pork, turkeys, milk and butter.

A sizable hunk of this 3 billion dollar surplus is wheat and corn, which are the principal raw materials in the production of the above stuff. To get close to home, wheat is our common feed in Oregon, so let's check that.

In 1949, wheat was supported at somewhere around \$2.17 a bushel. This was pretty tolerable close to the support level in 1948 too. For 1950 this will be lowered to around \$1.97. (Suppose the poor wheat farmers can survive such a cut?) Remember, a big wheat farmer puts in a few days in the fall planting his crop, with huge machines, and another few days in summer, harvesting it, with other huge machines.

Now how about eggs? Last year the "support price" was 35c a doz. This year it is supposed to be 25-27c, a cut of almost one third, compared to about 5% on wheat. And the egg producer works every darn day in the year, including Sunday and Christmas. A year ago today, wholesale eggs in Portland were 62½c a doz. Today they are 42½c. Last year the Douglas Flour Mill sold wheat at \$4.30. Now it's \$4.10.

We could add that hogs are now selling at around \$17.00. Last year they were close to \$25.00. Turkeys dropped from 65c last year to 44c top this season, and right now it might be hard to get a bid on hen turkeys.

We quote: "Farm prices for eggs during January and February will be supported through the purchase of dried whole eggs in the Midwest from driers who have paid producers prices for shell eggs averaging not less than 25c a dozen at the farm or 27c at the plant."

Uncle Hank Says:

SOME ARTISTS SAY THEY HAVE TO BE INSPIRED TO DO THEIR WORK—TH' BEST INSPIRATION IS AN' EMPTY STOMACH.

will be more farmer votes needed, come election time.

DO WE WANT SUPPORT PRICES? It is our opinion that support prices have hurt most producers more than they have helped. The wheat farmer may be an exception, yet he is selling his birthright of free enterprise for a mess of pottage dug up by his fellow citizen taxpayers.

Many of the basic crops are now under Guvment controls as to acreage or on the allotment system. Notably wheat. And we fail to see how any crop, be it eggs or wheat, can be supported without production finally being controlled also.

UNLESS!! It is suggested by some of the smartest brain trusters that we take this 3 billion dollar hoard and DONATE it to the starving hordes of India. Might be as smart as to give Europe the cash to buy it from us. It would also give the Indians enough extra energy to produce a few million more population, which could use that much more surplus in later years.

Well, we give up. As Mom says, "We just don't get it." We just remind you that the taxpayer and the consumer pay the bill, no matter who, if anybody gets any benefit. The taxpayer also pays extra because the Guvment just doesn't spend our money as efficiently as we could ourselves. And it isn't half as much fun letting Uncle Sam spend it, either.

We'll probably need all the luck of the Irish, if we ever get back to normal again. Why don't we write Harris Ellsworth and Guy Cordon about it? They can do something; we can't.

ed awhile back, lumber and leg horns, you know, well, the leg horns have averaged over 81¢ for the past 3 months, and still goin!

Coxey Mortality and Profits

Most of the mortality in poultry flocks, and much of it in turkeys is due directly and indirectly to coccidiosis. In addition to mortality, resulting low vitality cuts profits and production.

We have always said if you could prevent "coxeys" you could count on a much sweeter deal with chickens. And now, we are offering you the way to realize the poultryman's millennium.

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He: "I can't see what keeps you gals from freezing to death."
She: "You're not supposed to."

More Goody Coming

Another car of Cotton Seed Cake on the road. At \$85.00 a ton this is a real buy in sheep feed. If you don't have good hay, better stick to UMPQUA SHEEP CUBES, though.

Umpqua Chief Flour

If old H. C. L. is bothering you, as it does most of us, you can save a nice piece of change by using UMPQUA CHIEF FLOUR and baking a lot of your bread, biscuits, cornmeal, etc., etc. UMPQUA CHIEF still has all the vitamins, along with the old reliable quality, and the price is right.

On That Bum Feed

Eldon Fisher, Kellogg Big-Shot in turkey production cleaned up his early toms a couple weeks ago. They averaged 28 and 2.3 lbs. Remember, we said, this was the tall enders, the drag, L. L. Ford whom we mention-



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