



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Future Farmers End Their National Week With List Of Notable Program Successes

Future Farmers of America today wind up their own "national week" which has been observed by 7,250 chapters throughout the United States and in Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Radio stations and newspapers have cooperated during the week with the farm boys by presenting the history and achievements of the various chapters and the 280,111 active members. Oregon's membership for the current year totals 3,144.

Designed primarily to appeal to rural inhabitants, the FFA has as some of its aims the development of agricultural leadership, systematic instruction for farm boys enrolled in vocational agriculture, and organizing recreation for rural people. In addition, the FFA attempts to instill into its members a spirit of cooperation, patriotism and improved citizenship.

The Roseburg chapter was organized Feb. 27, 1931, and has been active since that date. The chapter has furnished four state officers during its affiliation with the state and national organization.

Activities of the local group have been varied. Boys participating in the supervised farming program, and integral part of the classroom instruction given by Advisor Homer Grow, showed labor incomes in the following amounts:

Participants	Project	Total
10	Crops	\$1,937
5	Poultry	1,863
8	Sheep	1,486
5	Miscellaneous	967

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Lines About Field Service

Every GOOD feed manufacturing company nowadays maintains field service. And by "field service" this is what is meant.

The company has one or more "fieldmen," according to the size of the territory and the volume of business. These fieldmen are trained to help you in all phases of your business, whether it is just suggestions on management, or diagnosing and recommending treatment for your sick birds or animals.

Few fieldmen are graduate veterinarians. Therefore, their activities are usually confined primarily to chickens and turkeys, a field not highly relished by most of the "vets." Therefore, we often become known as chicken or turkey doctors.

The writer happens to hold two jobs. One as a fieldman, and the other, as the editor of "THE FEED BAG." And modesty prevents us from blowing our own bozooks too loud on either job.

However, we might mention that we have been messing with chickens and turkeys, as well as other farm stock for more years than we are going to tell you. And during all those years, it is conceivable that we may have picked up some education, and at least a heap of experience.

The Douglas Flour Mill has also found it necessary to add a helper for us, for a couple reasons: First, the business has grown so fast that even a good fieldman can't cover the territory, and give the field service the Flour Mill wishes to give its customers. The other reason, we might as well admit, is that we are bowing under the weight of many winters, and don't get around as fast as in the good old days.

So when you put in a call for somebody to look over your sick birds, or to offer suggestions of management, don't be too surprised if it should be Larry Newport who comes out, instead of the old Doc. Larry is learning mighty fast and it won't be long before we will be asking him the questions. But between the two of us, we will certainly be able to give you prompt field service, when you want it, and we certainly hope it will be efficient field service too. If 40 years experience will do it, we shouldn't fail. (There we go, spilling just how long we've been in this game.)

On That Bum Reed

Leslie Solomon, down below Kellogg started out with 301 turkey breeder hens. Still has 300, and they have laid, up to Feb. 26th, 7993 eggs. That's over 26 eggs per hen, and "Shorty" is still getting right at a case a day.

Myra Daniels, Edgewater poultry pacer-setter brought home \$12 chick just leave the sack with one of the boys on the floor, or drop it outside our office across the street in the Hay Barn, and hope no stray-pooch beats us to it. (We've caught them

Uncle Hank Says:

PEOPLE DON'T GO FISHIN' 'JES 'COS THEY LIKE TO FISH—THE PLANNIN' ON GOIN' AN' TH' TALKIN' ABOUT IT AFTER THEY GET BACK IS THE BEST PART.



Make Money From Sacks.

One of the costs you pay for feed is the sacks in which you get it. If you will just take good care of those sacks, keep them clean, keep the mice out of them, and return them to the mill, you will find they will bring you some of your feed dollar back.

If they are in good condition, we can vacuum clean them, and use them again. Otherwise, they must go for junk; not very profitable for you. We spend many thousands of dollars a year for new sacks. You can make money for yourself, and save money for all of us by returning your empty sacks in good condition.

There's nothing like insufficient funds to keep the boys close to the fireside.

Classified Department.

FOR SALE: 1200 egg forced draft incubator, excellent condition. \$50.00. This is like stealing it, except that you keep on the right side of the Sheriff. See A. M. Anderson, half mile west of Looking Glass Store.

Mom: "Tommy, I hoped you would be unselfish and give your sister the largest piece of candy. Just watch that old hen, how she gives the nicest to the chick and takes only the little things for herself."

Tom, latter watching said old hen awhile: "Well, Mom, I'd do the same thing, if it was worms."

A Cage For Your Use.

As you well know, there are a good many times when you would like to have us look over one or two ailing pullets, and since the trouble seems to be just in those birds, you chuck them in a sack or box and bring them in to the mill. More often than not ye editor is forty miles down the road, so you just leave the sack with one of the boys on the floor, or drop it outside our office across the street in the Hay Barn, and hope no stray-pooch beats us to it. (We've caught them

Bang's Disease Light

SALEM—(AP)—The state department of agriculture said it tested 283,069 cows last year for Bang's disease, and only 6,088 of them have the disease.

It said that the record is impressive, but there still is room for improvement.

13	Swine	462
3	Dairy	413
8	Beef	216

Total labor income \$7,544

Accomplishment Noted

Cooperation from outside groups, both locally and on a state-wide basis, has helped many of the boys further their interest in farming. The Roseburg Kiwanis club established a "dairy chain" and each year donates a purebred Jersey heifer to some member of the local chapter. The Sears Roebuck company also sponsors a dairy chain in the Roseburg chapter.

Roseburg FFA's have an impressive list of accomplishments for recent years. Four boys swept all entries for division three at the state corn show, 22 boys showed at the county fair, three took prizes at the turkey show and eight entered their class in the state fair.

Edwin Stritzke recently was presented a check for \$50 for third place in the pig litter contest sponsored in this state by Oregon growers.

Cooperative activity included the purchase of seed corn by 20 boys, who then planted a new hybrid variety, number 100.

Past and present members of the Roseburg FFA chapter have demonstrated their leadership by heading 4-H clubs, school student body officers, granges and adult cooperatives. Leadership, plus farming ability, last year advanced Erwin Stritzke to the degree of State Farmer, an honor seldom given boys in high school junior class.

Fund-raising activities, such as selling refreshments at school functions and the county fair, last year netted the local chapter \$3,954.

The chapter owns five pieces of farming equipment, including a late model tractor. In addition, the group has purchased \$225 in war bonds.

Scholastic standings also come in for attention from the group. At present, nine boys of a total membership of 52 have grade averages of 80 (B) or better.

1950 Committees Are Announced By Chamber Head

Chamber of Commerce committee for 1950, as announced by President Harold E. Schmeer, include the following:

Agriculture: L. A. Rhoden, chairman; Paul Helweg, vice-chairman; Homer Grow, R. H. Franks, A. J. Roland Parker.

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Special Events: Arlo Jacklin, chairman; Wayne Crooch, vice-chairman; C. A. Ricketts, W. H. Carter, Lowell Rhoden, A. McBee.

Tourist Promotion: W. C. Holmes, chairman; Roy Catching, vice-chairman; Zeke Walton, Eugene Krewson, Paul Ryan, H. C. Church.

Transportation & Rates: Avery Thompson, chairman; Harrison Winston, vice-chairman; Earl Plummer, Maurice Hallmark, Carl Felker, Wm. Gerretsen, Tom McCarty.

Bids For Construction Of Grain Bins Asked

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The government has asked for bids to construct grain storage bins for huge grain crops it expects to acquire under the 1949 price support program.

The Commodity Credit Corporation asked for bids on enough bins or other storage structures to take care of 100 million bushels. The government has announced it may acquire up to 450 million bushels of grains, mostly wheat, from the 1949 crops. Loans were made to farmers on these crops so they wouldn't have to sell at lower prices that heavy marketing might have caused.

POULTRY REFUND DUE

PORTLAND—(AP)—The poultry men who belong to Pacific Cooperative Poultry producers will get \$432,000 in capital certificates. The money represents a refund on feed purchases, and additional profit from marketing eggs through the organization.

Oregon Adopts Corn Quarantine Protection

SALEM—(AP)—The state agriculture department said it has adopted a new quarantine against corn or other products which may carry the European corn borer.

The order prohibits shipment of corn or corn products from 29 states unless they have been fumigated or cleaned.

Similar action has been taken by Washington, Idaho and California.

Farmers Ponder 'Surplus' Fields

By OVID A. MARTIN

Associated Press Farm Reporter
WASHINGTON—(AP)—What is to be done with upwards of 20 million acres of wheat land which soon will no longer be needed to produce the nation's No. 1 food grain?

This is a perplexing problem facing both wheat farmers and the government. Declining export markets for wheat threaten a new wheat surplus unless production is reduced or new outlets for wheat are found.

The final solution will have far-reaching effects on economic welfare of wheat growers as well as upon tax burdens and food supplies for the general public.

Headed Toward Controls
At the moment the government is headed in the direction of rigid controls designed to force farmers to limit wheat plantings to levels which would produce only that amount of wheat needed for the nation's food and for whatever export markets exist.

But such a program does not settle the question of what to do with the millions of acres which would be required to take out of wheat.

After all, the farmer has money invested in his land. He must in any case meet mortgage payments on it and pay taxes on it. He needs income from it.

It has been suggested that farmers put some of the excess wheat land into grass to pasture livestock. But in many wheat areas this is not practicable because of excessive temperatures and lack of rainfall during the summer.

The suggestion is being made by some farm leaders both inside and outside government that federal control programs permit farmers to use the so-called excess wheat acres to produce wheat for livestock feed.

Studies made by the Agriculture department in cooperation with the Kansas State agricultural experiment station show that if wheat wheat to livestock there would be little danger of adding to feed grain surpluses.

Dairymen Invited To Meeting Friday
Dairymen are invited to meet at the Knights of Pythias hall in Roseburg, Friday, March 3, at 10 a.m.

Pasture improvement through the use of irrigation and fertilizers, and use of grass silage to improve and reduce feed costs will be discussed.

Harold P. Ewalt, dairy specialist, Oregon State college will speak on forage production, particularly the use of pastures, to improve and reduce feed costs. M. G. Huber, agricultural engineering specialist, will discuss silo construction, making quality silage and harvesting equipment for making silage.

Requirements and costs for securing satisfactory production tests will be explained, according to J. Roland Parker, county extension agent. Two methods for securing production records are now used in many sections of Oregon. One method is to hire a man to visit each herd and take milk samples once a month and run the butterfat content of each milk sample. The second method provides for the herd owner taking the required milk samples, which are then taken to a central laboratory for testing.

Egg Buying By Government To Continue

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The government has announced it will continue to buy eggs although it already has around \$100 million worth and doesn't know what to do with them.

The Agriculture department said it will continue through March to support egg prices so that producers will be guaranteed an average of 25 cents a dozen on the farm. This also means the government will continue to pay the producers of dried eggs around 36 cents a pound for their product.

"Hens are laying their fool heads off," was one official's explanation of the necessity for the buying program.

The government currently is buying eggs at about 75 per cent of parity—a price determined by the department to be fair to both producer and consumer.

In the last two years, the government has accumulated about 73,000,000 pounds of dried eggs. About one-fourth of these are stored in a gigantic cool cave near Atchison, Kas. The remainder is in warehouses around the country.

Fertilizer Use Increases Fast

Oregon farmers are spending more and more money for fertilizer.

Use of commercial fertilizer has increased more than five times in the state during the past 10 years, says Arthur S. King, Oregon State college extension soil conservation specialist, who adds that the rapid increase in commercial fertilizer use appears likely to continue if farmers are to hold their own against plant food losses.

He points to a report by the Production and Marketing administration which states that Oregon farmers used slightly less than 4,000 tons of commercial plant food annually as recently as 1939. During a 12-month period ending in July, 1948, more than 20,000 tons were spread.

King emphasizes that these figures indicate actual amounts of plant food—nitrogen, phosphorus, potash. Since commercial fertilizers contain a considerable percentage of inert material, the specialist estimates Oregon's annual fertilizer purchases at upwards of 100,000 tons annually. Lime and land-plaster are not included.

Field crops—seed, grain, pasture, and hay—account for the greatest increase in fertilizer use. Oregon farmers now use more fertilizer for these field crops than any other western state. Increased use rates, however, on intensively cultivated crops have also added to the total tonnage figure.

Many Gas Pumps Give You Short Measure
SALEM—(AP)—There are lots of scales and fuel pumps which give short measure, the state agriculture department found last year.

Of the heavy duty scales tested by the department, 20 percent were condemned. There were 7.75 percent of the small scales which were condemned.

Of the retail gasoline pumps tested, 11 percent were found to be giving short measure.

In testing wholesale fuel pumps, it found 22 percent giving short measure. And 25 percent gave the customer more gasoline than he thought he was buying.

In World War II 98 percent of Marine officers and 89 percent of Marine enlisted men served overseas.

Potato Support Prices Some Lower This Year

PORTLAND—(AP)—Potato support prices for the 1950 Oregon crop are to be slightly lower than last year.

The Department of Agriculture said most of the state's crop would be supported at from \$1.155 in September to \$1.75 in December, from \$1.85 in January 1951 to \$2 in March, 1951. That compares with 1949 prices of \$1.55 in September to \$1.95 in December, and \$2.15 in January to \$2.25 in March.

The schedules will be 20 cents lower in the eastern Oregon counties of Baker, Walla, Union and Malheur.

OSC Releases Barley Variety

Release of a new spring barley variety named Bonneville has been announced by William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college, on recommendation of the experiment station committee on new crop varieties.

Bonneville is a high-yielding, stiff-straw, smooth-awn, late-maturing variety. It is recommended.

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In test plantings at the Malheur branch experiment station under the direction of Superintendent E. N. Hoffman, Bonneville has out-yielded Trebi. Its stiffer straw permits it to stand up well under irrigation and strong winds on the fertile soils of the Snake River Valley.

A selection from the cross Coast-Lion-Trebi by Winter Club, the new variety was developed by Dr. R. W. Woodward, U.S. Department of Agriculture agronomist, who is stationed at Utah State college, Logan.

Its release is being announced there by R. H. Walker, dean of agriculture.

Bonneville grows slightly taller than Trebi and heads a few days later. It does not tend to skin or crack as easily as Trebi. In limited malting tests, Bonneville has been classed as a feed barley.

Foundation seed of Bonneville is being released by the Malheur station for 1950 planting to growers who can grow it for certification.

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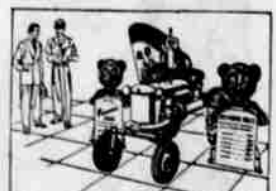
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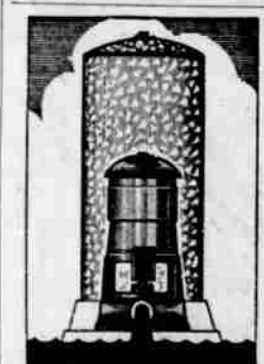


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