



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



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Douglas County 4-H Boys And Girls Make Livestock Tour Of Coos And Curry

Thirty Douglas county 4-H boys and girls took part in the south coast livestock and crops tour through Coos and Curry counties Thursday and Friday. They were accompanied by County 4-H club agent Wilbert L. Anderson, and Mrs. Corrine McTaggart, home economics extension agent.

The tour was conducted in conjunction with the 4-H clubs of Coos and Curry counties and several visits were made to the important livestock breeders. Classes of the various types of livestock were selected by Cal Monroe, state 4-H club agent from Corvallis, and were judged by the boys and girls. Winners in the judging contest are to be announced later.

These tours are set up to give instruction in livestock judging to the livestock club members and also to give them an acquaintance with club members in neighboring counties, said Anderson.

Stops on the tour were made at Coos Bay, where the hog feeding operation of Mr. Yost was visited. The next stop was on a purebred hereford farm west of Coquille, where the boys and girls judged classes in yearling hereford heifers and hereford cows.

Bob Knox, Curry county agriculture extension agent, conducted a week identification class.

Thursday night the group stayed at Floras lake near Langlois, where

Tractors Still Lead In Causing Farm Fatalities

Oregon farms continue to make news for their owners, operators and hired hands throughout the year in a steady stream of news accounts published in local papers relating farm accidents that result in death, permanent injury or work time-loss for their victims, according to the Oregon Farm Safety Council.

A news clipping survey kept by the council recorded 36 deaths from farm accidents during the calendar year 1949 as compared with 34 deaths for the year previous. Tractors continue to lead as contributing factors for accidents, accounting for 15 of the 36 deaths counted.

The dubious honor of being involved in the state's most unusual 1949 farm accident goes to an individual who received painful cuts resulting from kicking out a window.

Overturning accounted for nine of the tractor deaths, two of them involving children.

The Oregon Farm Safety Council is composed of farm equipment dealers, and representatives of farm organizations, the state department of vocational agriculture, O. S. C. and the state industrial accident commission. Chairman is F. E. Price, assistant dean, O.S.C. school of agriculture.

James E. Wiles, farm representative of the state industrial accident commission, says that fatalities covered by the state workman's compensation law are continuing unchanged; time loss accidents have shown a decided increase during the past five years. The commission represents handles about 11,000 agricultural accounts, a small percentage of the state's total farm population.

Nationally, 17,500 farm accident deaths occur annually as well as 1,500,000 disabling injuries. Approximately 35,000 farm buildings are destroyed by fire.

Hundreds of chinchilla ranches are now stocked with the descendants of 11 chinchilla brought to the U. S. from the Andes in 1923.

Few Farm Prices Yet Reach Theoretical Price Parity

By OVID A. MARTIN
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WASHINGTON —(AP)—Despite price increases since the start of fighting in Korea, few farm products have yet reached levels which should make them subject to ceilings if the government had

Probably only hogs, beef cattle, veal calves, lambs, and cotton would be put under ceilings at current conditions.

The government has not said at what levels ceilings would be established should they be deemed necessary, but existing law sets a guide which in all probability would be followed.

That guide is farm legislation setting up a standard for measuring agricultural product prices. That standard is called "parity." Parity is legally defined as a price which is equally fair to farmers and to those who buy their products. Parity prices are the goal of most of the government's farm aid programs.

Ceilings below parity would be a contradiction of the farm program goals.

Similar Directive
In World War II Congress directed that no price ceilings be set below parity. It undoubtedly would make a similar direction in new price control laws.

The Truman administration itself would not likely propose ceilings at below parity levels. A proposal of such nature could be expected to weaken it among farmers—a group which has been influential in keeping the Democrats in power.

The fact that President Truman and Secretary of Agriculture Brannan have been characterizing recent price increases as "unjustified" does not mean that they oppose parity prices for farmers. What they have been saying is that price increases are unjustified on the basis of current large supplies. As they see it, handlers and processors and distributors of farm products have in many cases increased prices unnecessarily and are reaping big profits.

Farmers, they say, are getting little benefit because they already had sold most of last year's crops at lower prices than now prevail.

The government already is in a position to exercise control over prices of such products as corn, wheat, cotton, tobacco, dry beans, flaxseed, butter, dried milk, dried eggs and cheese. It has large stocks of these items and can put them on the market to help curb price increases.

But agriculture department officials say the government probably would use these stocks—except perishables like butter, cheese, dried eggs etc.—only to keep price from going above parity.

They say action to hold farm prices below parity while prices of other products were going up would be unfair to farmers.

'Post Stretcher' Exhibit To Make Tour Of State

A traveling wood preservation exhibit, to be known as the "post stretcher," which will be shown for the first time at a conservation tour and range re-seeding and equipment demonstration in Lake county early in August, has been scheduled thus far to be shown at 25 county fairs and farm meetings, announces Charles R. Ross, Oregon State college extension forestry specialist.

Materials in the exhibit are being prepared in cooperation with the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory and the O.S.C. school of forestry. C. A. Taylor, O.S.C. senior student, will accompany the exhibit on the tour which will end with a showing at the Pacific International Livestock exposition, October 6 to 14.

Cold soaking methods of preserving fence posts using pentachlorophenol, copper naphenate, and oil-gas tar creosote will be shown in the exhibit which includes actual soaking tanks. In the exhibit also will be a heart-wood oak post which is known to be more than 100 years old.

Included also will be photographs taken of posts from the T. J. Starke post farm near Corvallis. At this farm, posts are studied to determine their service life. Among fence posts which have an untreated life of 10 years or less are cottonwood, Douglas fir, and western hemlock. For a cost of 14 to 20 cents a post using the cold soaking treatment with a chemical such as "penta" the life of a post can be extended materially.

The exhibit will include a full-sized post pacer which will be shown in operation.

At each of the fairs where the exhibit will be shown, it is planned to leave an in-place exhibit to show the value of post treatment to prolong their service life.

A model dwelling house will be displayed with paint indicating the areas where wood should be treated to prevent over-rapid deterioration.

Hood River Apple, Pear Production Costs Given
Information which will provide a basis for practical estimates of costs of producing apples and pears in the Hood River valley is presented in a new Oregon State college agricultural experiment station circular of information.

With adjustments for changes in yield and price levels, growers can utilize the data to estimate their production costs for any given year if no changes occur in production techniques.

Entitled "Cost of Producing Apples and Pears in the Hood River Valley, Oregon," the circular of information was written by Dr. G. W. Kuhlman, agricultural economist, and Arthur E. Irish, fieldman. Growers in the areas co-operated by keeping detailed records for the study.

The analysis shows that apple costs in 1949 were 78 cents per loose box and \$1.24 per packed box, excluding packing and storage charges. This represents a 10 percent decrease from 1948 costs.

Winter pear costs also were down about 9 percent at 98 cents per lug box and \$1.10 per packed box. For cannery pears it was \$1.24 per lug box and \$3.44 per ton.

Copies of the publication are available on request.

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OSC Experiment Station Adds To Research Staff

The appointment of Dr. Jerome C. R. Li, associate professor of mathematics at Oregon State college, as biometrician for the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station has been announced by William A. Schenfield, dean and director of agriculture.

As biometrician, Dr. Li will assist research workers in the design of experimental projects and will help process research data. The appointment is on a half-time basis with Dr. Li continuing on half-time with the mathematics department.

Born in China, Dr. Li graduated from the University of Nanking in 1938 with a degree in agriculture. Later he came to this country for advanced study at Iowa State college where he received his doctorate degree in 1943. From 1943 until he came to O.S.C. in 1946, Dr. Li taught mathematics and statistics at Queens College of City of New York.

New Drugs Being Used To Stop Cows' Sniffles

TILLAMOCK, (AP)—A county veterinarian reports that he has the answer for the summer sniffles among dairy cattle here.

Use what humans do, the much-advertised anti-histamine preparations and streptomycin, Dr. Andrew Lloyd advised.

The county veterinarian and his partner, Dr. R. H. Peterson, reported they had labored with the problem three summers. Their efforts were in vain until they tried the new drugs.

Most of the herds afflicted are south of Hebo. One of a dozen of the herds was treated with the drugs. These animals stopped sneezing and snuffling and apparently are cured, Dr. Lloyd said.

He said the affliction wasn't fatal to the cows. They lost flesh, however, the milk production fell off sharply.

CHERRY PICKER KILLED
PORTLAND—(AP)—Marshall R. Fell, 72, died of electric shock Thursday night when a steel rod he was holding touched a 4150-volt power line.

Sheriff's deputies said he had been using the rod to push apart branches of a tree while he picked cherries.

4-H Club Calendar

- Aug. 8-12 — 4-H Summer Camp at Camp Myrtlewood.
- Aug. 7, 8, 9 — Livestock tour, Oregon State college.
- Aug. 13 — Smith River Fall Achievement day.
- Aug. 17, 18, 19 — Douglas County Fair, Roseburg.
- Sept. 4-10 — Oregon State Fair, Salem.
- Oct. 6-14 — Pacific International Livestock exposition, Portland.



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Are You a Hoarder?

From every side comes the Government propaganda "Don't hoard, there's enough for everybody if nobody hoards." We are called insulting names if we show inclinations toward hoarding.

Well, there is good logic in the Government advice. If this stuff ever is to be needed in the prosecution of a war with Russia and her stooges, it will do a lot more good in the army than in your or my cellar. We would be more patriotic to leave it all in the open till we need it.

Private hoarding is pure selfishness. We simply say "Well, I've got mine, and you're a sucker if you don't get yours." There is no thought of the Golden Rule, fair play or friendship. And it bores me, even in the midst of plenty for the "sucker" who wants to be a good guy.

So remember, the tire you hide away might have saved a life of some G. I. in a foreign country. The nylon sock might have become a parachute that would have saved another G. I. The food you hoard might have filled some G. I.'s belly.

But, while we're at it, let's suggest to Mr. Brannan and his bunch of Government hoarders that they practice a bit of their own preaching. If you and I do hoard, it's because we expect to use it sometime. But the Government has been hoarding for years, just to keep prices high, and goods scarce.

Our good Uncle Sam has 4 billion bucks worth of stuff, ranging from spuds to cotton, wheat to peanuts, eggs to honey, and hundreds of other food items. All bought to keep prices high.

And now our big shots are bawling their heads off, telling us not to buy anything we don't need today, because it will cause inflation and high prices. We would laugh, only it just isn't funny.

FARM FACTS



Bi-Focals For Bulls!

After two of his friends had been killed by bulls, Henry Masbruch of Platville, Wis. invented a blindfold bull halter with "bi-focals," allowing the bull to see downward to graze, but blinding him when he lowers his head to charge.

Please Return Empty Sack

The war scare has done another thing. Great Britain has cut off the burlap bag supply, and bags are going to become a problem. There is plenty of cotton held by the Government, and if burlap does disappear, we can get plenty of cotton bags. But, your feed will cost you considerably more in cotton bags.

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Bureaucracy

A dopey store owner hired a dopey clerk, who immediately made a very expensive boner. Said the dopey merchant: "Know what I'm going to do? I'm going to deduct a third of your pay until you have paid for this mistake."

"Gosh, that will take a long time, won't it?" asked the dopey clerk.
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Ram And Ewe Sale Set For Albany August 5

Prominent sheep breeders from throughout the Willamette valley have consigned 137 rams and 39 ewes to the tenth annual Willamette Valley Purebred Ram and Ewe Sale in the 4-H club fair building, Albany, starting at 9:00 DST, Saturday, August 5, the sale committee has announced.

Sale catalogues are now available and may be obtained by writing to O. E. Mikesell secretary, Willamette Valley Purebred Ram and Ewe Sale, P.O. Box 100, Albany, Oreg.

Animals representing 10 breeds are being offered. They include Romney, Lincoln, Corriedale, Cotswold, Cheviot, Columbia, Shropshire, Suffolk, Southdown, and Hampshire.

In addition to Mikesell, sale officials include E. R. Hubbard, Corvallis manager; C. I. de SStens' loft, Salem; and Eldon Riddell, Independence. Animals offered are guaranteed breeders and will have been passed by a sifting committee before entering the ring.

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Livestock Shed Plans Now Available At OSC

Plans for livestock sheds beginning at 24 feet in length are now available from the Oregon State college farm building plan service. Copies of the working drawings which show construction details may be seen at the local county extension office.

Included are plans for the following lengths sheds: 24, 30, 34, and 38 feet, according to M. G. Huber, O.S.C. extension agricultural engineer. A nominal charge is made for the plans.

In addition to the plans for buildings used in a loose housing system, other plans are available for approved milk houses, milking parlors, milking barns and a covered hay rack.

The loafing shed plans show trussed gable roofs. They were designed without center posts in order that the buildings could be easily converted to machinery storage or other utility purposes. The working drawings show plans for laying out rafters, their lengths and details for building ties and braces.

County extension agents will show and discuss plans as well as offer assistance in placing order for the working drawings.

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