

farm forest facts

By ED GILDEN

COUNTRY EXTENSION FORESTER
PARTIAL CUT—Thinning—what does it mean? A few years ago that was the question that you were asked when you mentioned partial cuts or thinnings.

Loggers and farmers alike are acquainted with the terms now—but the question is how does it work and can we make it pay? Roy Fisher out at Kellogg has been curious about a partial cut. With the aid of his son, Gene, we have been able to interest him in making a young second growth stand of Douglas fir into a demonstration thinning area. Roy has a stand of 60 year old Douglas fir on level land that will make a nice thinning show.

Rather than wait until after the trees have been marked, thinned, and removed to show it, we have made plans to hold a Tree Marking Field Day before the logging. The Tree Marking Field Day will be held Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. Roy's farm woodland is across the road from the Kellogg-Grange. We want all farmers and loggers that are interested to come.

HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED. Paul Goodenough, Forestry Specialist from Oregon State College, will be down to tell us about what trees should be selected in marking for a thinning. He will show some cross-sections of trees indicating increased growth from thinning.

Next you will be able to participate in a tree marking contest. What is it? Well, it is marking on a sheet of paper whether previously numbered trees in the stand should be "cut" or "leave" trees. No prizes will be given but we'll all have a chance to join in a discussion of why we think the tree should be cut or not.

If we are still friends after that, Frank Kausche of Kellogg will demonstrate felling in a stand of second growth. Some of the things he will be striving for is low stumps, keep felling damage to a minimum, and to fall the tree so it will be easy to yard. Oh, yes, he will also want to get the tree down on the ground.

You won't want to miss this Tree Marking Field Day out at Roy Fisher's woodland. The day is next Monday at 1 p.m. out at Kellogg.

SUCCESS in tree planting may be just living right or probably more accurately, living in the right place.

The success of some Noble fir plantings that Juan Schwendener and I made on his place seems to bear this out anyway. Juan lives just over the top of Camas Mountain, going into the Valley at about an elevation of 1,300 feet. At this elevation he has had better success in getting Noble fir to grow the first year than any other place in the county (that is, unless you count the half dozen that Frank von Borstel, 4-H agent, brags about in his back yard).

Juan's plantings of this high quality Christmas tree are made on his logged-off land. Other than careful planting, the only special care given them was to mulch with sawdust and wood chips. Over 70 per cent of Juan's trees are alive today and they have a nice vigorous green color. I think you live right (elevation, that is), Juan.

Forest Fire Losses Smallest Since 1913

SALEM — Oregon's forest fire losses on state and private lands this year is the smallest since 1913, Gov. Paul L. Patterson, chairman of the State Forestry Board, reports.

There have been 540 fires this year that burned 2,000 acres, but much of this acreage didn't contain any timber.

Last year, there were 873 fires on 1,712 acres. Gov. Patterson praised the state's loggers, who were responsible for only 38 fires this year. The summer was one of the wettest in history.

REGULATION AMENDED

The Douglas County Agricultural and Stabilization Committee has amended a regulation appearing in the 1954 Soil and Water Conservation Handbook. The amendment increased the personal limitation of the federal cost share (dollar assistance) from \$500 to \$750, effective immediately. The announcement came for the ASC Roseburg office Saturday.



IMPORTANCE OF TRACTOR CARE—Many of the men pictured above are implement dealers. They will help 4-H tractor clubs in Douglas County. From left, front row: Ronald Clack, Myrtle Creek, tractor driving contest winner at 1954 Douglas County Fair; A. L. Bowman, Myrtle Creek, 4-H club leader; Frank von Borstel, county 4-H leader; George Marsh, Lookingglass, 4-H club leader; Elwood Smith, Roseburg, representing Case tractors. Back row, front left: Virgil Lomax, Roseburg, General Petroleum distributor; W. A. Oerding, Roseburg, Allis Chalmers dealer; LeRoy McDowell, Roseburg, Ferguson tractors; Ken Dresser, Oliver tractor dealer; Cal Monroe, state 4-H club agent; Mike Huber, OSC engineering specialist; Leonard Neseth, Case tractors.

Tractor Care Highlights 4-H Program

Tractor safety, its importance and how it may be achieved is now being stressed in Douglas County.

General Petroleum dealers and implement dealers have joined with 4-H county agent Frank von Borstel to set up a tractor education program in the county. The program was initiated last year and two clubs participated, von Borstel said. This year greater participation by 4-H members is expected.

Douglas County youth, 12 years old or older, may join a tractor club if they have a tractor at home. Purpose of the maintenance program is to learn how to care for the machine and how to operate it safely.

The tractor projects are set up over a four year period. Membership in a 4-H tractor club isn't limited to boys only. Von Borstel said. Members learn about tractors the first two years and about implements the remaining two.

The program is sponsored by the implement dealers, General Petroleum dealers and the 4-H organization here on the West Coast.

Farmers To Get 1,150,000 Forest Tree Seedlings

More than 1,150,000 forest tree seedlings will be available to Oregon farmers this winter and coming spring for windbreaks, reforestation and replenishment of woodlands, the State Board of Forestry has announced in Salem.

Vern E. McDaniel, superintendent of the Oregon Forest Nursery, said that distribution of the little forest trees will begin Nov. 15. Eleven different species of trees are represented on the inventory. Besides use on farms the small trees will also be made available to Boy Scouts, schools, service organizations and clubs for conservation plantings.

This season, McDaniel warned, Christmas tree farmers will have to get along without their favorite true firs. The total output of this species was destroyed by an infestation of symphylids, a soil centipede which eats young, germinating trees. However, a good supply of the popular noble and white firs will be on hand for the 1955-56 planting season. Plenty of Douglas fir will be available this season for the Christmas tree farmers who desire to grow this variety.

Five broadleaved and six conifer species are to be distributed, including Douglas fir, Port Orford white cedar, incense cedar, ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, Chinese arbutus, black locust, Russian olive, Russian mulberry, Chinese elm and caragana. An old favorite of the farmers, cascara, will be absent this year because of a seed crop failure.

Wheat Allotment Program In Effect

The wheat allotment and marketing quota program is in effect for 1953 in Douglas County. According to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office in Roseburg, there will be no regulations or penalties in planning and harvesting barley, oats and speltz.

The ASC office adds that if wheat is in a mixture with other grain such mixture will be classified as wheat. This is for the purpose of the program, they said, even though harvested wheat is less by weight than 50 percent of the harvested mixture.

Douglas County Men To Attend OSC School

Two 4-H Tractor Club leaders from Douglas County will attend a tractor school in Corvallis Oct. 21-23.

The men, George Marsh of Lookingglass and Al Bowman of Myrtle Creek will be given instruction on tractor care, among other things. Following the session they will attend the JCLA-OSC football game at Parker Stadium Oct. 23.

JANE POWELL TO WED SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Singing actress Jane Powell and Patrick Nerney, Los Angeles automobile dealer, plan to be married early next month. They obtained a license Tuesday.

Poultry Assn. Seeking Aid To Bolster Prices

WASHINGTON — The National Poultry Farmers Assn. held a meeting here this week to map plans to gain government aid in bolstering growers' prices of chickens and eggs.

Many poultry farmers have been complaining that they face bankruptcy unless something is done soon to pull prices of their products back near last year's levels.

The Agriculture Department started supporting prices of eggs and poultry during World War II, but dropped these programs in 1950 after suffering losses on accumulated stocks of dried eggs.

Largely reflecting a heavy expansion in production, poultry prices have dropped sharply this year. An Agriculture Department farm price report showed that in mid-September, farmers were receiving an average of 33.8 cents a dozen for eggs compared with 51.4 cents a year earlier.

Likewise, farm chickens were selling for an average of 15.3 cents a pound compared with 21.6 cents a year ago, and commercial broilers were bringing an average of 23.3 cents compared with 27.1 cents a year ago.

These price declines have not been accompanied by decreases in cost of poultry feed and in farm wage rates.

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STAR FARMER — Burd Schantz of Alburtis, Pa., was named Star Farmer of America at the Future Farmers of America convention held last week in Kansas City, Mo.

Schantz, 20, raises poultry and dairy cattle. He received a prize check for \$1,000 besides being named the most outstanding of 371,000 FFA members. (AP WIREPHOTO)

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The 44th annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland got started Sunday. At that time 4-H and FFA members registered and got their livestock in place.

Today is devoted to livestock judging and 4-H judging. The youth will be feted tonight by Sears, Roebuck Foundation. Tuesday Meier and Frank Co. will host the 4-Hers.

In addition to the many other livestock exhibits, persons attending the exposition will be entertained by an array of do-it-yourself exhibits. Record-breaking crowds are expected for the event which runs through Oct. 23.

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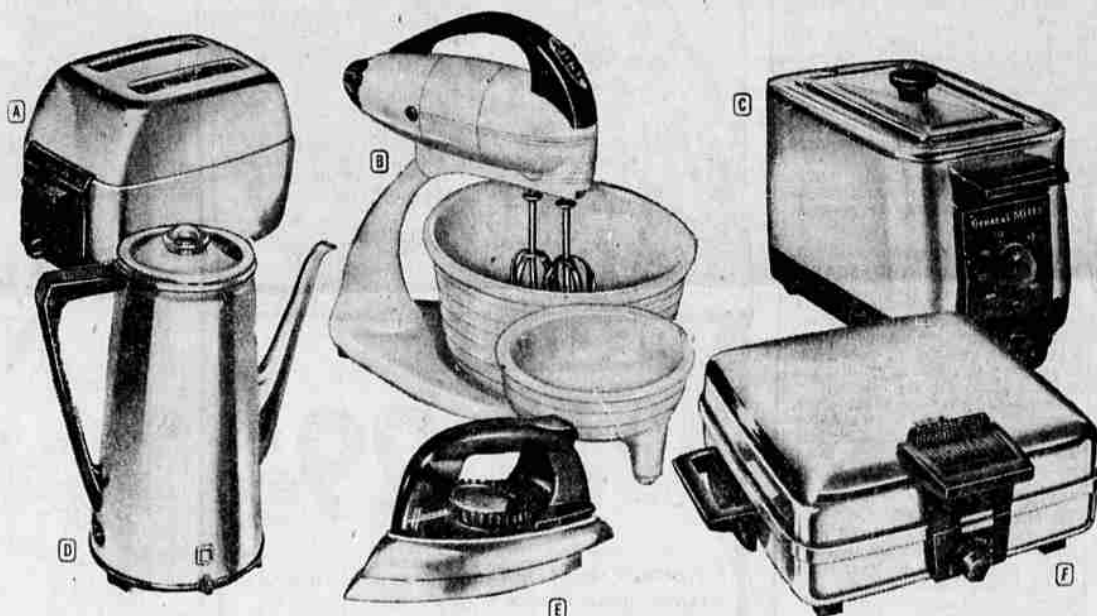
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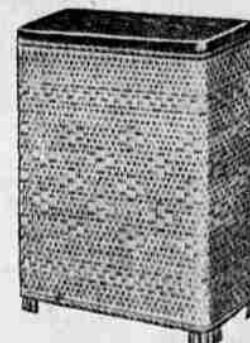
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