

# FARM-FOREST-FACTS

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I happened to stop into a local hardware store last week and a lot of people were buying brush killer chemicals.

It was obvious that people were concerned about the thick, lush, green sprouts they are getting on stumps. Others wanted to get rid of poison oak or standing scrub hardwood.

Frank Strader, who owns a ranch on the Sunshine Road east of Roseburg, has spent a lot of time trying to eliminate brush from his grazing land. He has done some slashing and also bulldozed a number of acres. Both of these methods have been very costly and not entirely successful.

Research people from Oregon State College tell us that Oregon hardwoods are a "hard lot" to kill. It seems that eastern hardwood almost dies from reading the label on the can of brush killer. —But we grow 'em tough out here.

**2,4,5-T Best**  
For all around use on brush, 2,4,5-T seems to give the best control. The only drawback is that it costs money — and on a large scale it may cost too much money. A few of our hardwood species can be killed with the cheaper 2,4-D mixture. Willow, alder, and poison oak are quite easily killed with 2,4-D.

Oak, ash, and maple are best killed with a mixture of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T or straight 2,4,5-T. You can't find out what our brush will do in Douglas County by reading the book — so Frank Strader and I tried some different treatments out on his place.

**Three Ways To Apply**  
There are two or three common ways to apply these chemicals. Frank and I used a three gallon

pressure spray can and tried them all.

On low brush that could be easily reached, the foliage treatment was used. We tried to wet all of the leaves by this method. Basal treatment was used on oak trees up to six inches in diameter. Frank said I used too much of the chemical so he worked the spray can on the basal treatment. It's necessary to treat all around the stem of the tree for twelve or fifteen inches above the ground line. Enough chemical should be applied so that it runs off on the ground.

On larger trees (over six inches in diameter) a continuous ax cut was made around the stem of the tree near the ground line. These cuts are about one-half inch deep and form a small cup into which the chemical is sprayed. This method uses much less chemical and gives a better kill on larger trees. It is called the "frill method."

Best results have been obtained by using a diesel fuel or stove oil as a carrier for the chemical. A two to four percent solution of 2,4-D or 2,4,5-T (acid equivalent by weight) in water or oil appears to be the best mixture. The foliage treatment is the only one where the water carrier would be used. In both basal and frill treatments, it is necessary to use the oil carrier.

We have a good bulletin in the county agent's office that gives the treatments and mixtures to use. You may have one by calling or writing OR 3-8133 or Box 512, Roseburg.

## Russian Farmers Go 'Western'

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — A brisk round of activities on the 173,000-acre Keeline ranch kept three Russian farm experts busy Saturday after a cautious but warm introduction to the American West. With their interpreter, Eugene Serbrennikov, a Library of Congress employe on loan to the State Department.

**WOULD TOUR RUSSIA**  
NEW YORK (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham, just back from a European preaching tour, says he would be willing to go to Russia under certain circumstances. Graham said a group of Russian Baptist ministers had discussed the possibility of a Russian crusade with him in London. He gave no further details but added, "I probably will make an announcement concerning this invitation next month."

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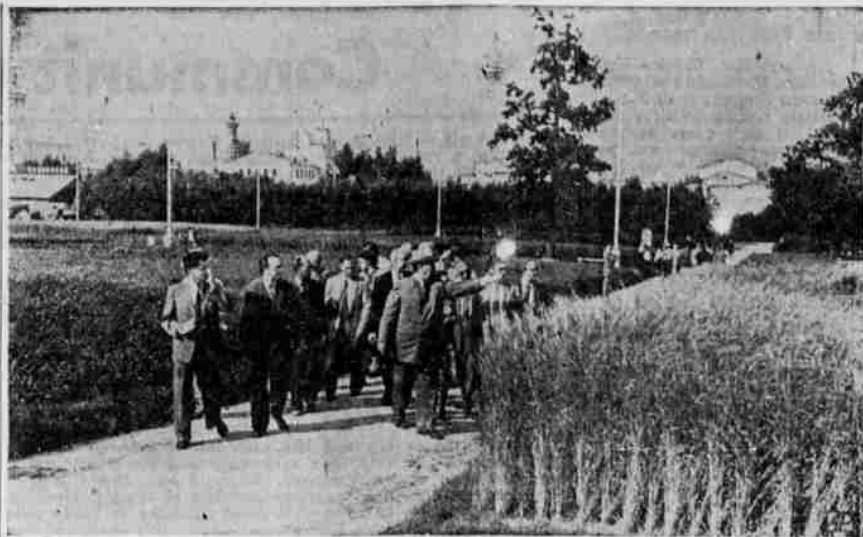
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**AMERICANS VIEW MODEL MOSCOW FARM SHOW**—A Russian guide points out crop exhibits to touring U. S. farmers during their visit to Moscow's permanent agricultural exhibition before leaving for the Soviet farm country. The American farmers, guests of Russia while a similar Soviet group studies U. S. farming methods in the midwest, have been enthusiastically questioned during their tour on American agricultural and animal raising methods. (AP WIREPHOTO)

## Grass Used To Supplement Prisoners' Starvation Diet

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP) — Grass was used to supplement the starvation diet of Americans in a North Korean prisoner of war camp, an Army major testified at the court-martial of Lt. Jefferson D. Erwin.

Maj. Fred L. Speer of Marysville, Tenn., fourth witness called by the Army to support its charges that Erwin collaborated with the enemy, said he had not been prepared for the kind of treatment he and other prisoners received at the hands of the Reds.

Speer, a Fort Bragg, N. C., artillery officer, identified Erwin as one of the Americans who made pro-Communist speeches at a company-level Communist indoctrination discussion at Camp No. 5 at Poycton.

Erwin, 38-year-old Blanchard, Okla., career soldier, is being tried by a nine-man board on charges of aiding the enemy and making disloyal statements while a prisoner of war.

An Army captain testified that Communist indoctrination sessions at the squad level were turned into "live killing" gatherings when Chinese witnesses, said the indoctrination program at POW Camp No. 5, at Poycton, near the Yalu River, was started at the squad level, worked up to the platoon level and then

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## West Coast Airlines Ask Route Extension

SEATTLE (AP) — West Coast Airlines has reported that it has applied for a permit to extend service to Reno, Nev., from Boise and Klamath Falls.

President Nick Bez said the application to the Civil Aeronautics Board also includes a request to provide Klamath-Boise service, via Lakeview and Burns, Ore. It also asks a permit for Boise-Reno service.

At the same time, WCA reported it set new records for passenger traffic in both June and July.

## Mindszenty Now Staying At Palace In Austria

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty is staying at a palace near the city of Pecs in Southern Hungary, a church official of his Episcopate at Esztergom said Saturday.

Reached by telephone from Vienna, the official said the cardinal had been visited by his mother after his release from jail. His mother informed church authorities at Esztergom her son is "comparatively well."

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## Vital Statistics

### Marriage Licenses Issued

KRUYSMAN-HAVELY — Dirk Pieter Kruyman and Mary Lois Havely, both of Roseburg.  
SANISLO-WEBSTER — Lee Harry Sanislo and Mary Louise Webster, both of Roseburg.  
HILL-YOUNG — Larry F. Hill, Glendale, and Clara May Young, Myrtle Creek.

### Divorces Granted

JACOBS — Ruth Gloria from George Davis Jacobs. Plaintiff awarded custody of three children, \$130 per month support.  
SANDERS — Joseph D. Jr. from Barbara Lee Sanders. Property settlement agreement ratified. Defendant to have custody of unborn child, and plaintiff to pay \$50 per month after birth of child.  
ORING — Martha Smith from Charles r. Cring. Plaintiff awarded custody of two children, \$60 per month per child, except \$30 per month during summer visitation with defendant.  
MOLVER — Margaret from Vern Edward Molver. Plaintiff awarded custody of three children, \$100 per month support.

### Divorce Suits Filed

COPLIN — Sue vs. Orbin Coplin. Married Jan. 11, 1937, at Idabelle, Okla. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff seeks custody of four children, \$25 per month per child. Plaintiff would agree to award household property and car to defendant.  
HAYS — Virginia vs. Ernest Robert Hays. Married April 27, 1953, at Reno, Nev. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

### Supplemental Divorce Suits Filed

PREVOST — Barbara A. vs. Louis J. Prevost. Married Dec. 14, 1952, at Sutherlin. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff seeks custody of one child, \$50 per month support.  
LAUBACH — Marjorie N. vs. Arthur C. Laubach. Married March 28, 1951, at Carson City, Nev. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff seeks restoration of former name, Nordstrom.

## Oregon House Members Reaction On Dam Varied

Oregon Representatives of the U. S. House of Representatives had varied comment on the Federal Power Commission decision granting Idaho Power Co. a 50-year license to develop part of the Snake River.

Rep. Coon, Republican of Baker, was elated that the decision was unanimous and said he understood the private dams can "help avert the power shortage we face in the early 1960s."

Rep. Edith Green, Democrat of Portland, called the FPC ruling "fantastic." She added, in a statement issued in Washington, that "it smacks strongly of dictatorship."

Rep. Ellsworth, Republican of Roseburg, said he had "no particular reaction."

Rep. Norblad, Republican of Stayton, was en route by auto to his home and was not available for comment.

## Circuit Court

### Decree

Annie L. Nelson Perkins and Ellen Florette Janelle vs. unknown heirs of P. P. Palmer, et al. Title to real property quieted for plaintiffs.

### Dismissal Order

Maxine T. Blanchfield, administratrix of estate of Diane Blanchfield, vs. Robert Lee Cunningham. Case settled out of court.

### Probate Order

Harrison C. McClure, Myrtle Creek, appointed administrator of estate of father, James McClure, who died March 23, 1954, at age of 64. Robert A. Jones, Keith Winston and Harold Benninger appointed appraisers.

### Complaints Filed

Winchester Bay Fish Co. vs. Del Davis and Rex Moyle. Plaintiff company, operator of fish processing plant, alleges Moyle has "usurped the powers and duties of the general manager." T. W. Riggie, by placing Davis in charge of plant and taking possession of records. Plaintiff seeks restraining order, and decree that defendants be required to turn over operation of corporation to Riggie. Restraining order issued.

State Unemployment Compensation Commission vs. Rueben H. Mast III. Plaintiff seeks \$72.92, allegedly due under provisions of law.

### Credit Bureaus Adjustment

Dept., Inc. vs. Carl W. and Mary Henderson. Plaintiff seeks judgments of \$653.70, \$64.39 and \$8, allegedly due Culver Seed Co., Central Electric Co-op, Inc., and Dr. J. H. Bennett.

### State Industrial Accident Commission vs. John Glen Plummer

Plummer seeks \$308.30, allegedly due for payments provided by law.

### President Takes Home Work Down To Farm

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — President Eisenhower brought his homework down to the farm. He came here last weekend in a new blue and white Air Force plane bought for short hops.

Mrs. Eisenhower had arrived by car earlier in the day and was waiting at their farm home near Gettysburg.

The Presidential homework was several hundred bills passed by the congress that ended its 1955 session last week. Aides said Eisenhower plans to act on all of them before he returns to Washington for a Cabinet meeting next Friday.

## State Farm Prices Drop To Lowest In Nine Years

CORVALLIS (AP) — Prices received for farm products dropped 2 per cent in the month ended July 15, Elvera Horrell, Oregon State College extension agricultural economist said here.

This dropped farm prices to the lowest level in nine years. Prices are 3 per cent below a year ago. At the same time cost of living items remained fairly steady, showing scattered increases, to bring the parity ratio—the relationship between prices farmers receive and prices of things they buy—to 84. This is four points below a year ago and 16 points below the "100" set by Congress as a fair ratio.

Horrell said the month's drop came from lower values placed on hogs, potatoes, apples, cattle, wheat and watermelon. Crop prices and livestock prices have slipped about equally, with hog and sheep raisers taking the biggest drop in livestock and feed, grain, potatoes, and oil-bearing crops bearing the brunt of the drop on grain.

Most notable drops were 50 per cent on potatoes and 23 per cent in oats since July 1954. Meanwhile, the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Portland said the change to cool showery weather



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