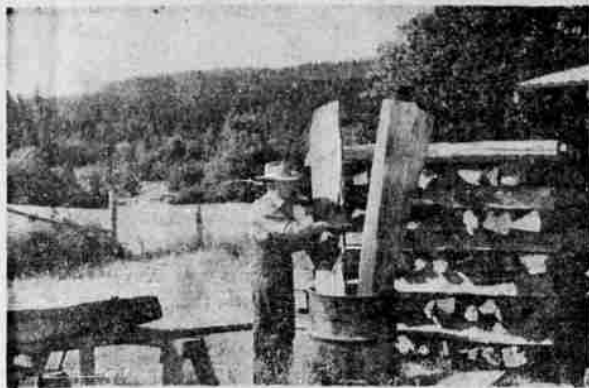




... incense cedar is given the "Penta" treatment

Appoints Plant Specialist

Oregon State College has announced appointment of Iain MacSwan as extension plant pathology specialist to assist state commodity groups, county extension agents, and individuals in combating plant diseases. He fills a recent vacancy in the department.

MacSwan will be in charge of the OSC plant clinic founded 15 months ago to provide free diagnosis of sick plants for Oregon farmers and gardeners.

The new specialist will also coordinate the educational program between local county extension agents and OSC plant pathology researchers. He will work closely with Oregon commodity groups in conducting their industry improvement programs.

MacSwan graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1942. He later did graduate study in plant pathology and plant nutrition here.

Since 1948, he has been assistant provincial plant pathologist in the British Columbia Department of Agriculture with headquarters at Vancouver. The appointment is subject to approval by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

Sheep, Goat Facilities Enlarged At Fair

Improved facilities for sheep and goats is one of many changes at the 1955 Douglas County Fair.

Department Supt. Howard Hatfield said new pens have been placed in the sheep barns. He said the road surrounding the barns has been "well gravelled." Seats are available for onlookers while classes are judged.

He stressed early entries by exhibitors. The sheep department is one of the largest in any county fair in Oregon. Entry deadline is Aug. 25 at 6 p.m.

Melrose Farmer Finds Treatment Good For Posts

Treating fence posts has been a common practice for 20 years with Walt Kocken, Melrose farmer.

Kocken, tree farmer and livestock rancher, used the salt treatment on Douglas fir posts in 1935. Today these six to nine inch posts are still sound. A recent check showed only one inch of the sapwood had rotted. The posts were still solid and the heartwood was sound.

Saves Money, Time

"I found long ago that treated posts saved me time and money," Kocken said. "I use the salt treatment on green Douglas fir posts and the cold soak 'Penta' treatment on the incense posts."

Last year Kocken "Penta" treated more than 200 split cedar posts. The posts had a number of worm holes and some "pencil" rot in them.

"Good cedar posts are hard to find on our ranch. We expect to get as long a life or even longer out of these treated low grade incense cedar posts," Kocken said.

Well-seasoned cedar posts will take a good treatment. The worm holes and small pockets of rot absorb the "Penta" and do not weaken the post, Kocken explained.

Diesel Oil Used

A ten to one concentrate of "Penta" is mixed with diesel oil and placed in a fifty gallon metal drum. Kocken then stands the cedar posts for one to two days in 26 to 30 inches of the chemical. The posts are then removed and layed on a drain board. The excess chemical that drains off is reused.

Researchers at Oregon State College have found the average serv-

A Post With A Past



WALT KOCKEN examines a 20-year-old post treated by the salt method.

REMEDY FOR EATING

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Now there's a vaccination to save lambs and their mothers from over-eating, a problem that has long worried stockmen. Dr. E. A. Tunnick, the head of the Montana Veterinary Research Laboratory, explains it this way: When lambs eat too much of lush growth in spring

pastures, or get too much milk, a form of enterotoxemia develops. This is called over-eating disease, or a pulpy kidney disease, or milk colic.

Tunnick says ewes may be vaccinated several weeks before lambing, or the lambs can be given an antitoxin or serum. He says that this preventive vaccination along with good management will eliminate the hazard of over-eating, or getting too much milk.

ice life of untreated incense cedar is ten to fifteen years. Kocken expects to add five to ten years to the life of the post by treating.

Untreated Douglas-fir has an average life of only four years. The salt treatment has preserved Kocken's Douglas-fir posts five times longer.

Milk usually is whiter in winter than in summer because cows do not have growing plants to eat from which coloring matter is

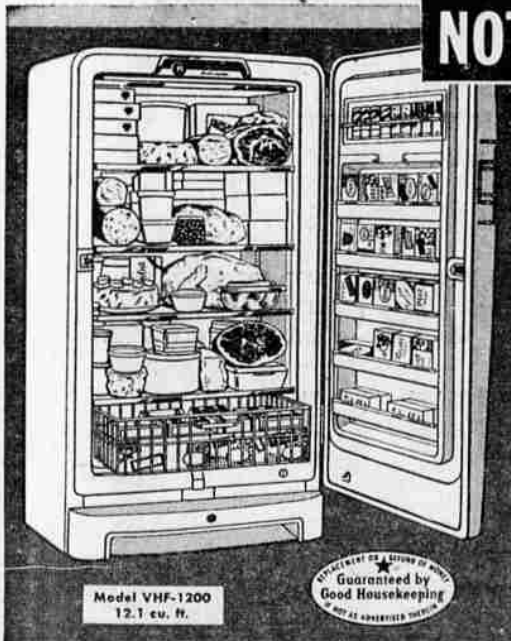
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