

Douglas Bee Colonies Free From Foulbrood

Douglas was one of six Oregon counties entirely free from American foulbrood in bee colonies in 1953.

The incidence of American foulbrood in Oregon colonies of bees dropped below 2 per cent last year for the first time in the 21 years bee inspections have been made by the state. This comes to light in the report on 1953 inspections, just summarized by A. Burr Black, apiary supervisor with the State Department of Agriculture.

Last year 1.94 per cent of the 22,336 colonies inspected were infected with this foulbrood. This compares with 3.84 per cent in 1954 when 17,847 colonies were inspected. In 1942 and in 1951 the percentage of infection was closest to the low established in 1953; in those years it was 2.2 and 2.21 per cent, respectively.

The decrease in percentage of aparies infected has not kept pace with that in the colonies infected with this serious bee disease. Last year, 14 per cent of the 1,325 aparies inspected showed American foulbrood. This was, however, a drop over 1954 when 16.56 per cent of the aparies showed infection.

Six counties free of the disease last year, on the basis of inspections made, were Douglas, Grant, Lake, Lane, Lincoln and Morrow.

The heaviest infection in the state was in Jefferson county, where 9.36 per cent of the colonies inspected were diseased. The number of bees inspected in this county was not as large as in most counties.

Bird House Contest Sponsored By Club

By MRS. G. B. FOX

A bird house contest in the grade school is being sponsored by members of the Glendale Federated Garden Club.

The contest closes in April. Three prizes will be awarded to students displaying the three winning bird houses. The houses may be viewed in a Glendale store window.

Special guests at the meeting were Mrs. C. J. Bielmann, Sutherlin, district director of the garden clubs, and her assistant, Mrs. L. F. Stearns, Oakland.

Included in the club's program was a discussion of seed flats by Mrs. Mary Martin. A group discussion on vegetable gardening was led by Mrs. Doris Garrett.

A district garden club meeting will be held in Roseburg March 29 at the Methodist Church.

Hostesses to the club members were Mrs. Ruth Vanderhyde and Mrs. Mabel Winkelman.

New 4-H Club Elects Officers

The Merry 4-H Mixers' Cooking Club was organized at the home of Mrs. Alfred Meyer Feb. 9.

Judy Piper was elected president; Mark Bencke, vice president; Judy Stewart, secretary; Lois Meyer, song and yell leader, and Gary Meyer, reporter. Other members are Steve Bencke, Patty Piper and Betty Fee. Connie Meyer will be the 4-H junior leader. Mrs. Alfred Meyer is leader.

The work projects have included sandwiches, cooking rice, and rice dishes.

During the second meeting, Mark Bencke gave a talk on "Safety." Lois Meyer demonstrated various ways of measurements.



Garden Valley Club Elects New Officers

By ADDIE SCHNEIDER

The Garden Valley 4-H forestry club met Thursday evening at the Garden Valley Clubhouse and elected Raymond Lemme as their president.

Other officers are James Wright, vice president; Gary Lark, secretary; Marvin Schneider, reporter; Ernest Teeter, song leader, and Brent Claypool as yell leader.

They selected the name of Garden Valley Woodchucks for their club. All officers agreed to attend the 4-H officers training meeting on Saturday at the fairgrounds.

The leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wesley, showed the early blooming trees, the alder and wild filberts and the group learned characteristics of the leaves.

Weeds Said Increasing Despite New Chemicals

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Despite the development of new chemical weed killers, certain weeds are flourishing as never before in the Western states, says William R. Furtick of Oregon State College.

In a talk before 400 delegates attending the Western and California Weed Control Conference Wednesday he blamed the spread on the development and use of the best-known killer, 2,4-D.

"Cultivation control has been slackened up on since 2,4-D," Furtick said.

Compulsory Meat Inspection Started

The first work in Douglas county under the pilot program on compulsory statewide meat inspection was started Feb. 13. It will continue through March 2, according to word from J. F. Short, director of the State Department of Agriculture.

One survey crew, which includes a veterinary meat inspector and three lay inspectors, is working in Roseburg and Sutherlin. This team came here from the Cottage Grove area. During the time the pilot program is in progress here, all animals passing inspection will be stamped with a special shield-shaped lettering in purple with these words: "Oregon Department of Agriculture — Inspected and Passed."

Director Short said this program is a short term study which the 1955 Legislature authorized. Because only limited funds are available, the department is setting up the compulsory program on a three-week basis in each area of the state. During this period both ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections are conducted of all animals entering plants. At the same time, educational work on sanitation procedure is conducted where necessary.

From this survey operation the department will prepare complete report for the 1957 legislature. As a result of the pilot program, the legislature hopes to find the answer to three questions: Is statewide compulsory meat inspection desirable in Oregon? Is it necessary? And how much will it cost?

Short says slaughterhouse operators have been generally cooperative with the pilot program so far. He said the meat industry is watching with close interest the progress and findings of the survey.

Under the law setting up the program a week's notice is given all plants before the inspectors enter. Detailed information is kept on all the inspection findings. Preliminary statistical information has been compiled and released so far on inspections and condemnations on four of the seven areas in which the program operated. These areas are: Salem district; Portland-suburban and upper coastal; Klamath and Grant counties; central Oregon and Wasco counties; Lin county; Benton county, and part of Lane county.

One point of interest to farmers in the area is that all animals taken for custom slaughtering at plants where the pilot program is in progress are also subjected to the same inspections as animals or meat entering commercial channels. This explains why some farm animals arrive home with the state shield-shaped stamp appearing in numerous places on the carcass.

Hog Market Outlook Good, Says Economist

Oregon farmers with extra labor and low-priced grain aren't likely to be disappointed if they get started in hogs this year, thinks M. D. Thomas, agricultural economist at Oregon State College.

Oregon hog prices — while far from good this winter — have been the highest in the nation, Thomas explains. And barley prices in Oregon are now as low as feed grains in many hog-producing states.

There's also a good market for hogs in Oregon.

Two-thirds of the state's pork supply is now shipped in from the Midwest. This added transportation cost keeps Oregon hog prices up, and puts Oregon hog raisers in a good position to compete with their Midwestern cousins, the economist points out.

Hog markets strengthened in late January, but Thomas believes this is likely to be followed by another slump in prices in March and April. Slaughter hogs from last fall's big pig crop will be coming in during these months.

In general, though, hog prices have been low long enough to check the rise in number of pigs raised the last several years. Thomas reports that a recent nationwide survey revealed that farmer estimates for the spring pig crop this year are 2 per cent smaller than the large pig crop saved last spring. And there's a good chance that next fall's pig crop will be down even more.

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FARM and GARDEN

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Garden Valley Honors 4-H's

Garden Valley residents honored their 4-H girls and boys at an awards banquet the evening of Feb. 11.

Hostesses for the affair were Mrs. Harry Wesley, Mrs. Leonard Lark and Mrs. Clem Schneider. The boys and girls were led in their pledge, 4-H club songs and yells by Mrs. Harry Wesley. Musical numbers were presented by Ernest Teeter, Jo Anne Wesley and Gary Lark.

Frank von Borstel, Douglas County 4-H agent, presented bronze year-award pins to Carley Arola, Jo Anne Wesley, Karen Tipton, Linda Hanneman and Frances Hatfield. All were members of the Sew and So Club led by Mrs. Wesley.

The Sourdough Boys, who had Mrs. Schneider as their leader, were also presented bronze pins. They were Gary Lark, Brent Claypool, Ernest Teeter, Jim Rogan and Marvin Schneider.

Leon Lark received a two-year achievement card for his sheep project.

Those not present to receive their bronze awards were Cindy Post, Joanne Dunn, Carol Dunn, Nancy Dunn and Barbara Paulson. Each had earned a two-year achievement and Susan Hardick who will receive a three-year silver award.



G. BURTON WOOD will be featured speaker Tuesday at the 22nd annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Production Credit Assn. The event will start at 11 a.m. in the Riverside Grange Hall. Wood heads the agricultural economics department at OSC. A native Oregonian, he is a nationally-known agriculture expert.

OSC Classes Take Place Of Military

Where thousands of soldiers a few years ago were learning the techniques of modern warfare, Oregon State College students in forestry, agriculture, and wildlife now are getting lessons in conservation.

Tracts of land involving 7,200 acres on the former Camp Adair site nine miles north of Corvallis have been acquired by OSC or are being used by students.

The government closed Camp Adair in 1944. Following World War II, OSC maintained housing units there for married students.

The schools of forestry and agriculture acquired approximately 6,200 acres of the land in 1948. About one-third of it is classified as agricultural land, the remainder as forest land.

Forestry students use the area as a vast training ground, receiving lessons in forest management and conservation. Forest research is going on constantly there, financed largely by income received from timber sales to loggers.

The agricultural experiment station has farming operations on its tract and is conducting several experimental studies. Cattle graze on the land during the summer.

Another tract of 1,200 acres has been taken over by the state game commission which agreed to let students in the OSC department of fish and game management use it as an outdoor laboratory.

As part of the agreement with the commission, wildlife students assist in wildlife surveys and take game bird counts.

Chaotic Condition In Grain Market Might Develop

WASHINGTON (AP) — The International Federation of Agricultural Producers said here that chaotic conditions may develop in world grain markets if the international wheat agreement is not renewed.

Unless action is taken by most of the 48 participating countries, the pact will expire Aug. 1. Set up shortly after World War II, the agreement is designed to help stabilize world prices and supplies of wheat through a system of export and import quotas and maximum and minimum prices.

Representatives of the participating countries are scheduled to meet in Geneva Feb. 20 to discuss possible renewal.

The United States has not noted what its position will be. Any new agreement or proposed extension of the present one would require ratification by the Senate before this country could continue to take part.

A plea for renewal was made by the international federation through Roger Savary, its secretary general. The federation is a non-governmental farm organization whose members include national farm groups in 28 countries throughout the world.

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What's Ahead In Gardening

According to Dr. R. Milton Carleton, tomorrow's gardens will be different.

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news for 1956 will be the beginning of a research program exclusively devoted to the problems of home gardeners.

The center of research, says Dr. Carleton, will be near Wilmington, Del., at the fabulous Longwood Gardens, developed by the late Pierre S. duPont, one of the outstanding amateur gardeners of his time.

In 1956, the Longwood Garden Foundation will begin the first major research program devoted exclusively to the problems of amateur gardening. Among the new things predicted by Dr. Carleton are new insecticides for plant insects and soil insects, a new fertilizer to be used only once a year, soil wetting chemicals that help the water penetrate the soil more quickly and a lot of new and improved flowers.

Any Suggestions?

Mrs. A. A. Jacoby is coordinating the flow of garden club news and sending it to the News-Review. She has requested comments from club members concerning reaction to "With the Garden Clubs." Mrs. Jacoby wonders if the column is being read. She invites any one to send comments and suggestions. They may be addressed to: News-Review Garden Editor or to Mrs. Jacoby, Rt. 4, Box 1200, Roseburg.

Speaks To Men

Dr. H. W. Mikkelsen, president of the Roseburg Rose Society, spoke to members of The Men's Garden Club of Umpqua Valley last week. The group had met in Roseburg to hold a re-organizational meeting. According to Spokesman Fullery Johnson, they will continue their planning in March.

Riverband Club Meets

Riverband Garden Club members discussed begonias at their latest meeting Feb. 9. Guest speaker was Mrs. Virgil Olson. Six guests were present.

The club will meet next at the home of Mrs. Frank Moore, 112 W. Cardinal Way, March 8. President Mrs. Glenn Clute presided over the session held at the home of Mrs. Robert Tripodi.

Rose Society Plans

Members of the Roseburg Rose Society will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA, 520 Spruce St. Guest speakers will be C. H. Friday and John Carrigan, both local rose growers. They will discuss "criteria in buying rose bushes" and what types of rose bushes grow best in the county.

They'll also discuss any questions of local interest. The society has invited any persons desiring to learn more about roses to meet with it.

Days Creek Meet Set

The Days Creek Garden Club will meet Feb. 23 in the home economics room of the high school. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

A. M. Cooper of Coopers Gardens will speak on "Landscaping." He will assist garden club members in plans for landscaping the school grounds. He has committed for later in the day, so the business meeting will follow the program, a change from the usual procedure. Mrs. T. J. Weaver will be the hostess, and Mrs. W. A. MacFarlane and Mrs. Oliver Malmrin are in charge of refreshments.

Farmers May Ask Loans From FHA To Finance Work

Farmers may apply for the additional loan funds available for financing 1956 operating expenses, R. B. McLeish, national administrator of the Farmers Home Administration notified Wendell L. Harris, the agency's local representative, recently.

The loans may be used to pay a wide variety of farm and home operating expenses including the purchase of fertilizer, tractor fuel, livestock feed and seed.

They will be made to family-type farmers and to operators with smaller than family-type farms whose anticipated gross income from farming and other sources will meet farm and home operating expenses and repay the loan.

Applications may be filed at the county offices of the Farmers Home Administration in Eugene. The office for this area is located at Room 210, Postoffice Bldg., Eugene.

All Farmers Home Admin. offices have been instructed to give prompt service to all loan applications. Harris pointed out that these loans are short-term credit designed to help farmers finance one year's operations. Credit is also extended by the Farmers Home Admin. over longer periods to finance adjustments and improvements in farming operations.

Real estate credit for purchase and development of family-type farms, for financing soil conservation measures, and for the development of water supply systems for farm home, livestock, and irrigation are also available.

Good Earth Garden Club Has 2 Guest Speakers

Chairmen of various committees were appointed recently at a meeting of the Good Earth Garden Club held at the Pine Grove Community Room.

Members also heard from two guest speakers: Bill Bailey, and J. Roland Parker, both of Roseburg.

Bailey demonstrated how to make planter boxes from fir plywood. Parker spoke on "Care and Culture of Roses," reports Correspondent Jean Radcliffe.

A special question session was devoted to insect and pest control in garden flowers and fruits.

Chairmen appointed were: Mrs. Ada Melton, bird; Mrs. Jean Radcliffe, wild flowers; Mrs. Edith Wolfe, horticulture; Mrs. Bernice Theile, historian; Mrs. Herz, corsages; and Mrs. Ray Banning, cossages.

Members will discuss perennial borders at their March 5 meeting. It will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Pine Grove Church community room.

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