

ASC Committee Announced More Farmer Aid For Flood Damages

An increase in cost-sharing benefits, for restoration of flood damaged farmlands to productive use, has been announced by the Douglas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Amendment to the 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program provides landowners may recover up to 80 per cent of the cost of restoring flood damaged farmland to productive use.

Conservation practices approved in connection with restoration of flood damaged farmland include:

1. Removal of debris other than sand gravel or silt.
2. Shaping, grading or filling, including removal of sand gravel or silt.
3. Establishment of a permanent type cover: (a) Seeded preparation, seed and seeding; (b) Application of phosphate fertilizer; (c) Application of nitrogen fertilizer; (d) Fencing materials to protect new seedings.
4. Moving earth in restoration of dikes and levees.
5. Riprap or revetment work.
6. Restoring stream channels and open or underground drainage systems.
7. Restoring dams, pits or ponds.

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HAPPY BUILDERS—A demonstration on construction of a simply-designed planter box was given members of the Good Earth Garden Club recently. Planters are made of Douglas County product (1-11 waterproof plywood) and come ready for assembling. President Mrs. George Baldwin is shown assisting H. L. (Bill) Bailey, 424 SE Spruce St., Roseburg.



Members of the Sutherlin Garden Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Clifford Hine. Co-hostesses were Mrs. William Kenworthy and Mrs. Arthur Bennett. Two prospective members, Mrs. Earl Tomlinson and Mrs. Landis Vaale were present, according to correspondent Mrs. Brittain Slack.

The meeting was preceded by a business meeting at 11:30 a.m. Colored slides of Mrs. Wesley Thompson's yard and also of Dr. Hine's roses were shown.

The silver tea that was to be held in March has been postponed until April. At the close of the meeting, light refreshments were served.

The next regular meeting of the Sutherlin Garden Club will be March 15 at the home of Mrs. Vern Holgate with Mrs. Wesley Thompson as co-hostess.

Coleus Is Versatile
Coleus is a very versatile plant that is colorful either in the house or in a shady spot in the yard. It is very easily raised from seed or it may be started from cuttings.

Some are clear yellow or veined with green. Others are splashed with red, brown, yellow, pink, a deep bright wine — or a combination of all. Cuttings will root any time of year, and are best made of new rather than hardened wood.

It is best to make your cuttings about four inches long and vermiculite — about half and half — makes a good starting medium, or they may be started in water. Pinch off the lower leaves before putting into the rooting medium, as they will deteriorate and spoil the tender new roots. When the roots are an inch long, cuttings should be potted in a general mixture, kept moist and shaded for a few days.

Plants from cuttings are always identical to the parent plant, but when raised from seed I doubt if there are two exactly alike in a packet of seed. That is what makes coleus so interesting to raise.

The small leaved types make beautiful hanging baskets. If you want a nice bushy type plant, be sure and start pinching the top out when they are about four to six inches high. They grow quite large when set out in the border or bed, so it is best to take cuttings before danger of frost in the fall. If you have never raised coleus, you will enjoy trying some this year.

Stop Losing Tools
Stop losing garden tools — Buy a small can of enamel paint — the brighter the better — and paint a strip on every piece of garden equipment you have. The bright color will help you spot tools easily among grass and shrubs. It will also remind your good neighbors, in a diplomatic way, that they have something that belongs to you.

Still Time For Gloxinias
If you would like to try some gloxinias this year, you still have time to get them started. Gloxinias are getting more popular all the time.

There are so many improvements in the newer varieties — new colors, larger flowers and beautiful foliage. You can buy the tubers, and start them in a mixture of sand and peat moss or sand and vermiculite. After growth is well started, move plants to four or five-inch pots filled with a half and half mixture of good garden soil and humus, or peat moss.

Mix in some bone meal or thoroughly decomposed barnyard manure. Keep the plants at a temperature of 60 to 70 degrees and water often enough to keep the soil moist but not wet. Do not put the water on the foliage as this invites disease.

It is a good idea to place the pots in deep saucers or use wick-fed pots, so the water can be absorbed from below, feeding every three or four weeks with a water soluble plant food, helps to speed things along. Shift the plants to five or six-inch pots when the first flower buds appear. The culture of gloxinias is similar to African Violets, except that gloxinias die down during their rest period. Gloxinias may be started from a leaf, as you do African violets, or from seed. They are so colorful when in bloom that they have gained fans from all over the nation.

Garden Department Visits
Members of the garden department of the Roseburg Woman's Club were recent guests of Mrs. J. M. Boyles, 716 W. Finlay Ave. for a Valentine party.

An exchange was held and those present traded bulbs, plants or seeds. Spring care of roses and shrubs was discussed. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Boyles.

Garden Work Discussed
The Garden Valley Garden Club was entertaining at the home of Mrs. Myron Lehne Wednesday.

Mrs. Ritchie discussed "What to do in the garden at this time of the year." Tips were given on shrub planting and lawn fertilizing.

Attractive yearbooks were given to all who were present. Mrs. U. F. McLaughlin will be hostess on March 28 at her home.

Yoncalla Auxiliary Honored At Conference
The Yoncalla Unit American Legion Auxiliary was honored at the joint district conference meeting held in Oakland recently. Mrs. Radtke, president of the unit, was presented with a pair of vases by state officers because the Yoncalla unit were the first in the district to achieve its membership goal.

Mrs. Fern Neas, district president of the auxiliary, also presented the Yoncalla Unit with a \$3 prize.

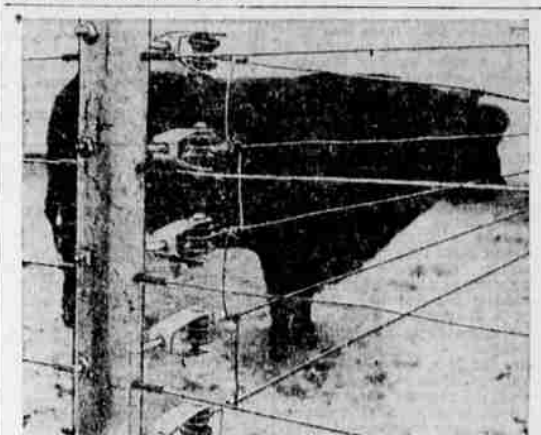


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NEARLY DONE—Bailey nears end of job assembling the planter. Compartment beneath allows water to evaporate slowly, providing low humidity. Main planter box has holes in bottom. Bailey says do-it-yourself planters can be assembled by anyone.



CURRENTLY CORRALED—Charging bulls get a charge out of this fence at Springfield, Mo., but after a few shocks they learn to keep their distance, as this one is doing. The fence surrounds stalls of studs at the Missouri Farmers Association's dairy breeding barn. The bulls are used in an artificial insemination pool, which allows farmers to breed their cows with some of the nation's finest animals without the hazard of keeping a dangerous bull on the farm.



MRS. HENRY DARBY and her daughter, Ginger, are shown above modeling some of the clothing from Miller's that will be shown at the benefit card party and style show sponsored by Xi Tau Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi. All proceeds will be given to the Robin Dale School for Retarded Children. The show will be held March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Ballroom. (Photo by Gilman).

Shirley Kocken, L. Riley Pledged To Honor Group
Shirley Kocken and L. William Riley, both of Roseburg, were two of 74 students and faculty to be selected for membership in the Oregon State College chapter of Phi Sigma, national biology honor fraternity.

The honorary recognizes interest and outstanding academic achievement in the biological sciences and closely allied fields. They will be initiated March 8.

Miss Kocken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kocken of Rt. 3, Box 990, is a junior majoring in botany.

Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Riley of 934 S.E. Kane Street, Roseburg, is a senior majoring in dairy production. They are both graduates of Roseburg High School.

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Expert Nixes Sawing Teeth

By WAYNE HARBERT
DAVIS, Calif. (AP) — Prof. Carroll E. Howell said today he doesn't think sawing between the front teeth of horses will stop them from chewing wood.

Nor does he believe feeding them salt will do it. He once fed horses up to 1½ pounds a day and they still chewed on fence posts and mangers.

The University of California animal husbandry professor has received a good stack of mail since he lectured on why horses chew wood, and — as he admitted at a farm and home conference last month — "we don't know exactly yet."

He figures maybe they're just bored.

Suggestions have come all the way from Devonshire, England. But sitting at his desk behind a glass door lettered "Horses," the professor just shook his head and said:

"I don't think there's one that I haven't already tried."

He hasn't tried sawing between teeth. He won't either, because he is sure that would make a horse's mouth so sore he couldn't even chew oats.

A Sacramento man wrote that his father-in-law used to saw between a horse's teeth with a fine saw and "that used to stop them." A similar suggestion came from Windsor, Ont.

The advice from Devon said horses chew wood because "to their delight it tastes salty, so they go on chewing in the hopes that they will find some more salt."

"No doubt the acid in redwood is what the horse is after to kill worms," wrote a man from Santa Paula, Calif.

A certain amount of sifted wood ashes added to a horse's food will stop chewing, the professor was told from Viroqua, Wis. The Portland Oregonian editorialized that "horses have too much leisure since machines have taken over much of their burden" and observed that:

"A lot of people spend their increased leisure with an equal lack of purpose."

Hillsboro Man Named Outstanding Farmer
PORTLAND (AP) — L. Frank Setniker of Hillsboro was named by the state Junior Chamber of Commerce organization as Oregon's outstanding young farmer.

He started by renting 80 acres in 1943, and now farms 819 acres and has a dairy herd of 125 cows, plus 85 head of young stock. He was the first in his area to use strip fencing for pasture change and with it he doubled the per-acre carrying capacity of his pastures.

Setniker was selected from 84 candidates 21-35 years old, nominated by 18 Jaycee chapters. William L. Hulse, Dufur, was runner-up, and Fred Luttrell, St. Helens, third.

Plaques will be presented by Gov. Elmo Smith at Corvallis, March 2.

Setniker also will go on to the Jaycees' national competition at Pittsburgh, April 11-12. Four national winners will be named there.

ATTEND MEETING
A number of 4-H Club members from Oakland attended a meeting in the new club building at the Douglas County Fairgrounds recently. Instruction for leaders, presidents, vice presidents, secretaries and reporters was held.

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