

Small Fry Cook Club Holds Demonstrations

Members of the Small Fry 4-H Cook Club learned how to make sandwiches and measure water at the last meeting at the home of Mrs. R. E. Miller. Demonstrations were given by Barbara Miller and Sheila Hatfield.

Group singing and yells were led by Beverly Hatfield. Special visitor was Anita Hatfield.

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Town and Country To Meet

Roseburg Town and Country Garden Club members will meet tonight with Mrs. W. Frank Brown, 338 SE Claire St. at 7:30. Mrs. T. L. Goodwin will present a demonstration on line and period flower arrangement. Mrs. Adrian and Mrs. F. C. Fitzpatrick are co-hostesses.

Good Earth Garden Club

Mrs. Bob Fite and Mrs. Charles Forrester were admitted as new members to the Good Earth Garden Club April 4 at the home of Mrs. Herman Thiele. Mrs. D. N. Neves, vice president, reported on the Spring Home and Garden Show. The program consisted of a report by each member on her favorite flowering tree. It was decided to have special meeting Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Ray Banning on the old Dix-onville Road.

President Mrs. G. E. Baldwin has announced that the club emblems have been selected. They are: Tree—Douglas fir; flower—bleeding heart; color—Brown.

Members attending the last meeting at the home of Mrs. Bernice Thiele heard a report from wild flower chairman Mrs. Jean Radcliffe. She noted that wild currant, spring beauty, trillium and birdbill are among the many wild flowers blooming in the Dixonville area now.

Try Verbenas

Try Verbenas in that sunny spot where other things might get too much sun. It is easily grown from seed, and the colors include a range surpassed by few other annuals.

For fastest results, plant seed indoors in April. They do their best when the sun is really warm, as they are real sun lovers.

Verbenas may also be propagated from cuttings, a good way of keeping plants over the winter. Verbenas are not fussy as to soil and will even endure drought.

There are the long sprawling types, as well as the bushy types that are trim and tidy and grow up to 8 or 10 inches in height. There are some beautiful pinks, salmons, blues and the very bright reds as well as the white which compliments the other colors.

Clean Lily Pools

This is a good month to clean out lily pools. Even though the pool is situated so tree leaves do

not blow into it, there is always a certain amount of debris and dust that gets in to dirty the water. A clean pool is so much more attractive and more healthful for the fish owners might want to put in it.

For Summer Blue

Most people like blue in their garden. The African lily, Agapanthus Africanus, is a plant that is true blue from the time the flower opens until it fades.

It is often called the "blue lily of the Nile," but it is actually a native of the Cape of Good Hope. Even its strap-like leaves are striking. The flower stem is from two to four feet tall, carries high above the leaves, and carries an umbel or cluster of funnel shaped flowers of a beautiful blue.

They are slightly fragrant and attract humming birds. An Agapanthus grown in a tub is ideal for summer use on a terrace or patio, and to provide accent in the garden. The plants should be taken into winter quarters before the first frost. They can be stored in a cellar or some place where they will have a winter temperature of 40 to 45 degrees during the winter.

Spring Clean-Up Week For Farms Slated May 7-12

Dates for "Spring Clean-Up Week" have been set for May 7 to 12 by the governor's committee on farm safety. Fire prevention and elimination of accident hazards are listed as No. 1 objectives for the week by Al Bauer of Salem, committee chairman.

A plan to report accidents in three Oregon counties was endorsed by the committee. Members of the Grange, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union and home economics extension units are organizing studies in Malheur, Lincoln and Coos counties.

Number, costs and causes of farm and home mishaps will be tabulated, says Mrs. John Devereux, Bandon, chairman of the accident committee members. Mrs. Stone, Troutdale, and Maynard Hempstead, Albany, are other committee members.

A program to promote safety on Oregon highways will be continued this year through use of reflective materials, according to Mrs. Mabel Mack, assistant director of the Oregon State college extension service and committee secretary.

Strips of reflective tape were applied this week to state cars in the OSC agricultural car pool as part of the distribution campaign. Last year, FFA and 4-H members handled distributions of reflective tape which was used on about 700 farms to "light up" farm equipment.

Pelton Dam Construction Said Now Under Way

MADRAS, Ore.—Work is under way on construction of Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River in Central Oregon, Portland General Electric officials reported here.

Frank M. Warren and O. E. Walsh, president and vice president of the power firm, said that towers for a cableway across the river are being constructed. The cableway will be used at first for moving equipment and then for moving concrete.

The firm last Wednesday signed a \$6,334,349 contract to Guy F. Atkinson Co., Portland, to start work on the dam.

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Oregon Hog Numbers Low In Past Years, Likely To Increase

Why are hog numbers so low in Oregon that the state has to ship in two-thirds of its pork supply? That's the question that bothered Grant Blanch, Oregon State College agricultural economist, when he found that hog numbers in 1954 were down to around 100,000—the lowest in Oregon since 1887.

There has always been a good demand for pork in the state, Blanch noted. And at present, there is a two-year surplus of feed grains—mostly barley—in Oregon that could well be used to raise hogs. Yet the number of hogs remains low.

Blanch set up a study to find some answers to the problem. Here are four historical answers he found for the state's low hog numbers:

1. Most of the time, there has been a lack of cheap feed grains in the state. In only 5 out of the past 32 years have Oregon feed grains been priced lower than corn in Midwest.

2. Hog-feed price ratios have favored Midwestern hog producers 22 out of the 32 years from 1923 to 1954. This means it was usually cheaper to ship hogs—live or processed—than it was to ship in grain to feed hogs locally.

3. Farm wage rates in the Pacific Coast states have been highest in the nation. This made it expensive for Oregon farmers to raise hogs in comparison to their Midwestern cousins.

4. Other types of farming in Oregon have been more profitable than raising hogs. While a farmer could usually make money raising hogs, there was usually more profit in some other type of farming enterprise.

Blanch points out, however, that some of these historical reasons for low hog numbers no longer fit the present, and perhaps the future, picture.

Farm wage rates have risen in other states and reduced Oregon's disadvantage in labor costs. And



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'Basin Account' Program For Columbia River Area Being Studied By Bureau

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Reclamation Bureau official told Congress this week the bureau is making a study looking toward the creation of a "basin account" program for the Columbia River area.

E. G. Nielsen, assistant commissioner, told a House Interior subcommittee the study is in line with Budget Bureau recommendations.

Under the basin account procedure, power and other revenues from all federal projects within a river basin would be pooled for the development of the basin.

Nielsen made his comment during testimony on the Crooked River (Ore.) irrigation project which would apply the basin account principle by using power revenues from The Dalles Dam to help water users repay costs of the Crooked River project.

Without use of an estimated 123 days net power proceeds from the dam, he said, it would take water users an estimated 95 years to repay the \$5,900,000 payable to irrigation. Total cost of the project is \$6,603,000.

Support for the Crooked River project, which would provide total and supplemental water supplies for some 20,000 acres, came also from an 11 member delegation from Prineville, Ore.

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4-H Leaders Plan Study For Dorms

The Central Douglas 4-H Leaders Assn. is studying a plan reported by Fairgrounds Manager Richard Turley to build dormitories at the fairgrounds for club members during fair time.

Vice President Delmar Murphy, who conducted the April meeting, named Jack Holmgren, Dale Busenbark and Ken Knechtel as members of the committee to study the plan.

A highlight of the April meeting was the presentation by Frank von Borstel, county 4-H extension agent, of the Oregon State Corn Show award to Joanne Busenbark. She won the award for her 1955 corn project in which she raised 105 bushels of corn per acre on non-irrigated land.

It was reported at the meeting that May 5 will be 4-H Achievement Day for Douglas County.

Time and place will be announced later.

Featured speaker at the meeting was Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, who helped with 4-H judging for several years. She entitled her talk "From the Judge's Point of View."

She said the purpose of careful judging is for improvement and interest, rather than perfection.

She said a judge must always look for flaws, yet keep in mind that help and encouragement is necessary. She also stressed the importance of record books in all projects.

Mrs. Roberts has been an extension agent in Portland and in Curry County. She now lives in Roseburg.

Another speaker was Cal Monroe, Corvallis, Oregon state 4-H leader. He explained and demonstrated the two methods of livestock judging in the state, individual and group or merit systems. He said the importance of judging to the exhibitor is to teach recognition of the best points in livestock and to give leadership training.



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LAMB SHOW SET

The Douglas County Fat Lamb Show has been scheduled for June 9. It will be held at the fairgrounds. Lamb entries must weigh more than 80 pounds, according to 4-H Agent Frank von Borstel.

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Marketing Day Events Readied

Scores of Douglas County youth will be in Roseburg Friday to take part in the annual marketing day festivities.

They'll tour a host of business houses, eat lunch on the courthouse lawn and learn of farming conditions in Norway from an IFYE delegate.

Marketing Day is sponsored annually by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. The 4-H club members attending the event will be selected on a basis of the essays they have written concerning various marketing phases.

Special speaker Marjorie Hattan, IFYE delegate to Norway, is now Jackson County 4-H agent. She graduated from the University of Idaho in 1954. She was a 4-H club member for six years and a leader for two.

She will show slides of her visit to Norway, according to Frank von Borstel, Douglas County 4-H agent. The program will conclude before 3 p.m. von Borstel said. Miss Hattan will speak at Central Junior High School.

Farmers Chiquita Discuss Overnight Camping Trip

The Farmers Chiquita 4-H livestock club of Lookingglass met April 9 at the Lookingglass School. The 19 members present discussed an overnight camping trip scheduled for the latter part of July and the 4-H summer school.

Carol Duyck served refreshments. Members will meet next May 14 at the school.

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County's Wet Weather Slows During March

The county's wet weather slackened during March, but totals were still quite high, according to reports from 15 recording stations to the county water resources survey office.

Highest recording of the stations reporting was at the gauge on Rock Creek in the Idlewild Park area, a total of 8.80 inches for March. Reports are not yet in from nine stations, according to Ben B. Irving, who heads the survey office.

Next highest recording was at Reedsport, a total precipitation of 7.17 for the month, just one-tenth inch more than recorded at the Weyerhaeuser camp east of Sutherlin.

Other monthly totals were: Repton 5.85, Elkhead 5.73, Curtin 5.34, Steamboat Ranger Station 5.37, Little River 5.24, Flounroy Valley 4.41, Roseburg 3.05, Winchester 3.03, near Tiller 2.64, northeast of Myrtle Creek 2.20, Devils Flat 2.07 and Tiller 1.92.

Heaviest daily rainfall was on March 3, 4, 5, 6, 26 and 31. A 1.70 total was recorded at Repton on March 3. Several points were nearly as wet the following day. There were some wide variations, according to locality. For example, .85 of an inch of precipitation was recorded at the Sutherlin camp on March 31, while Roseburg had only .01.

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