

Farm Page

Farmers May File Now For Gas Refunds

Douglas County farmers may now file for the federal gas tax refund.

They are allowed 2 cents per gallon refund for all gasoline used on the farm for farm production. The refund does not include gasoline used on highways and roads, according to county extension agent J. Roland Parker.

Refund blanks are available now in banks throughout the county, at most post offices, in feed and seed stores and at the Douglas County Extension Office in the courthouse in Roseburg.

QUALIFIES FOR PAYMENT

PENDLETON, O.—The first Oregon resident to qualify for payments under the federal soil bank program is William Parrish, a Umatilla County rancher.

He plowed under 802 acres of wheat, growing an estimated 15-15½ bushels, and will get \$17,833 at a rate of \$1.19 a bushel.

James Beamer, manager of the Conservation Committee's Umatilla County office, said Parrish applied June 19, the earliest possible date under the program.

RUSSIANS APOLOGIZE

MOSCOW.—The Soviet government apologized Saturday for arresting two persons on the soil of the West German embassy.

Deputy Foreign Minister Vassily Kuznetsov also told Ambassador Wilhelm Haas the Soviet government would do all in its power to prevent Russian police from interfering with persons trying to reach the embassy in order to apply for repatriation to West Germany.

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Garden Clubs

These warm days makes one appreciate a nice green lawn. A well kept lawn around a home will make it several degrees cooler, and dust from the road is kept to a minimum by the damp grass. So give the lawn a little extra thought and care during the warmer months to come.

There have been some reports about trouble with dwarf evergreen azaleas. The plants make a short growth, flower profusely and then when the hot weather comes, they suddenly turn brown and die. The chances are that strawberry root weevils are present around the roots. If anyone has had this trouble it might be a good idea to treat the soil before more azaleas are planted. From now on don't be skimping with the water around azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias. They are surface rooters and dry out very fast in warm weather.

Help Azaleas

The annual potluck picnic, and meeting of Umpqua District 15, Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, will be held at the home of Mrs. James Croff, at Azalea, July 15.

Registration will be from 9 to 10 a.m. The regular business meeting will start at 10. The Glendale Club will act as host club, and every one is asked to bring their own table service. To find Mrs. Croff's place, turn left on Cow Creek Road after entering Azalea, stay on Cow Creek Road until you cross the second wooden bridge. It is about one mile off Highway 99. The road will be posted with garden club signs. All garden club members are welcome.

Town and Country Garden Club
The Roseburg Town and Country Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. O. J. Feldkamp, June 25. Roll call was answered by giving suggestions for program topics for the coming year. Retiring chairman gave the annual reports.

A report on the dish garden, entered for the club, at the Sutherland flower show, was given by Mrs. L. E. Adams.

A picnic luncheon will be held by the club in July, time and place to be announced later. A report on the state convention was given by the two delegates, Mrs. T. L. Goodwin and Mrs. L. E. Adams.

New officers for the coming year were installed. They included Mrs. Adrian Bowen, president; Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick, vice president; Mrs. Bill Brinkley, recording secretary; Mrs. Clifford Norris, cor-

responding secretary, and Mrs. T. L. Goodwin, treasurer. A silver dish was presented to Mrs. O. J. Feldkamp, retiring president by the club. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. James Daugherty, served refreshments.

Ground Covers

The trend away from formal gardening has helped to bring ground covers to the fore.

Contemporary architecture includes the garden in its areas of contrast. Some areas are filled with flagstones, wood blocks, brick or concrete, while other areas need growing plants. Some purposes for the ground covers:

1. A pleasing appearance all year round.
2. Easily grown and require little upkeep.
3. Root deeply enough to prevent erosion.
4. Tolerate a fair amount of abuse.
5. Free of disease and insect attack.

Creeping Thyme is a rapid-growing ground cover that grows into a thick carpet. It is composed of trailing thread-like stems thickly set with tiny leaves of grey or green, depending on the variety. Creeping thyme needs plenty of sunshine. Ajuga (Bugle Flower) varies in leaf size and color, as well as in flower color. Ajuga Genovensis has green leaves and bluer flowers. Ajungens Reptans Rubra has bronze leaves and a purple tinge to the flowers. Vinca Minor (periwinkle or creeping Myrtle) is a good multipurpose ground cover. It will do well in either shade or sun. Flowers are usually blue or white. Wine or pink flowered varieties are sometimes available. All these plants are perennial and evergreen, but not shrubby.

The type of ground cover you choose will have to be governed by the surroundings and the type of other plants used in the given area.

For Autumn Bloom

Colchicums are easy to grow, and add a lot to the autumn garden. Colchicums are often called autumn crocus, but since they are really no kin to crocus, a better name would be meadow saffron.

Colchicums belong to the lily family. The colchicum root is a big solid corm and from it large leaves emerge in early spring. The leaves die down in late June, but about mid-September the long slender flowers start coming and continue well into October.

The name colchicum is derived from Colchis, an ancient country in Asia Minor, where it grows abundantly. Most of the species we know come from the Mediterranean region and mountains of western Asia. They are hardy in New York, so are hardy almost anywhere. Set them where their leaves will be least conspicuous when they begin to die down. A ground cover planted around them is ideal as it keeps the water from splashing soil on the blooms.

Garden Helps

Fall blooming flowers can still be pinched back to make them branch, and consequently have more bloom.

Water your plants which are susceptible to mildew only in the soil around the plant, and not the foliage.

Prune out the old flowering canes of once flowering climbers as soon as the bloom is gone.

Remove seed pods of flowers as soon as they appear to direct plant energy toward development of more flowers, building up the plant or increasing size of the bulb.

Don't forget to water new transplants during the dry season, particularly shrubs and trees.

Salad vegetables, such as radishes and lettuce, may still be planted.

Glendale Gardeners
Members of the Glendale Federated Garden Club met at the home of Ida Edson last week to make plans for a garden club float in the July 4 parade. The Executive board of the Glendale Federated Garden Club met today at the home of Mrs. Ida Edson.

Oakland Garden Club
The Oakland Garden Club met

OSC Announces Annual Livestock Sale Plans July 26

Catalogs for the fourth annual Oregon State College purebred livestock sale are now available to prospective buyers, according to Paul Berger, OSC animal husbandman.

A total of 57 registered animals will be offered at this year's public auction sale, Berger reports. The sale will be held in the OSC livestock pavilion, July 26 at 1 p.m. Bids sent in by mail will be accepted at the sale.

Sale catalogs, and information on sending bids by mail, can be obtained from the animal husbandry department, Oregon State College, Corvallis.

Berger says buyers may come to the college barns anytime before the sale and look over animals to be offered. Animals in this year's sale are of the same high quality as in previous years, he said, and are being sold in order to keep livestock numbers in line with physical facilities on the college farm.

Included in this year's sale are eight Hereford bulls, two Hereford cows, one Hereford heifer, three Angus bulls, four Angus cows, one Angus heifer, six Suffolk rams, eight Hampshire rams, four Southdown rams, five Romney ewes, five Romney ewes, eight Berkshire gilts, and two Berkshire boars.

June 25, at the home of Mrs. W. O. Wegner for a 12:30 p.m. potluck. Mrs. Eva Goodman was co-hostess.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Nadine Stearns, members voted to buy a camera to take pictures for the scrapbook.

The club agreed to send a card of thanks to the city council for help with the Sequoia Park project. It was announced that members who do not notify the hostess when they will be absent, will be penalized.

Members planning to attend the Umpqua District Garden Club meeting should contact the new district president, Mrs. Stearns, or Mrs. Beguhl.

Wheat Field Day Planned On July 6

New, short-strawed high-yielding wheat varieties being developed for Western Oregon will be shown July 6 at an Oregon State College experiment station wheat field day.

The field day, which will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at noon, will be held on the Hyslop agronomy experimental farm on the Corvallis-Albany highway.

Wilson Foote, OSC agronomist in charge of cereal development, says visitors will have a chance to look over the results of the station's wheat breeding program and inspect new wheat varieties from other states and Europe.

Some of the crosses from the wheat breeding program are now in their fourth or fifth generation, and Foote says some of these new wheats look quite promising.

A number of short-strawed wheats also have been imported from various European countries. Visitors will be able to compare these imported varieties with varieties now being grown in the Willamette valley.

Short, stiff-strawed wheats are needed in Western Oregon to make harvesting easier, Foote said. Present varieties tend to lodge on the higher-fertility soils, lowering yields and making harvesting difficult.

Field day visitors will also be able to look over oat and barley varieties being tested on the station.

Mrs. Erwin Rice and Mrs. Beguhl reported on the state garden club convention.

The members decided to leave the garden club books and the bird books at the Oakland City Library for reference use.

A visitor at the meeting was Mrs. Forrest Bogard of Sutherlin.

The club will hold a noon potluck picnic at Stearns Park, July 25. Plans will be made for a fall flower show and for exhibits at the Douglas County Fair.

FARM SAFETY WEEK

President Eisenhower has proclaimed July 22 - 28 as national Farm Safety Week. The slogan is "Safety Pays All Ways."

Soil Bank Acreage Reserve Agreements For Farmers Available At ASC Office

The Douglas County ASC Office now has copies of the Soil Bank acreage reserve agreements available for signature by farmers wishing to participate in the program, according to J. F. Bonebrake, Chairman of the ASC committee.

A short visit to the office will provide farmers with full information on terms and conditions of participation in the Acreage Reserve, which is the first part of the program to get under way this year.

"Growers interested in taking part in the acreage reserve have until July 20 to sign the Soil Bank agreements, designating the acreage of wheat which they wish to include under the Reserve," Chairman Bonebrake states.

Deadline July 20
"But a farmer who has already planted his wheat crop, and who wants to plow or cut it in order to reduce the acreage below the allot-

ment may not have much time before the deadline for adjusting his acreage. In Douglas County, the deadline is July 30. The agreement should be signed before the farmer does anything with his acreage."

A wheat grower who wishes to

participate in the acreage reserve this year, the Chairman explained, first must have complied with the wheat allotment set for his farm. If he can meet this condition, he then has three or four opportunities for earning payments on 1956 crops.

Such a farmer may earn payments either by underplanting, by crop loss through weather conditions or other natural causes, or by plowing or cutting a portion of the crop to reduce the acreage below the allotment.

Eligibility Listed

Certain conditions for eligibility are attached to all the methods of qualifying for the acreage reserve. Payments will be \$1.18 per bushel based on either the normal or the appraised yield, according to the method of qualifying, Bonebrake said.

Payments for underplanting winter wheat, seeded last fall for harvest in 1956, may be made only if the farmer underplanted his farm wheat allotment because of adverse weather conditions. The rate for this practice is \$4 per acre.

With farm product prices up and the prices paid by farmers steady, the parity price rose to 86, about 1 per cent higher than it was both last month and on June 15, 1955.

The index of prices paid by farmers stood at 286 per cent of the base period, compared with 286 per cent a month earlier and 282 per cent a year ago.

Copies of the bulletin, "Pacific Northwest Wheat," may be obtained from county extension agents or the OSC bulletin clerk.

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7.60 x 15	38.25	29.05	7.60 x 15	31.65	23.75
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