

FARM FOREST FACTS

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Demonstrating the effect of change upon a thinking man and how he altered his own thinking and actions to keep abreast with new situations and help others do the same is an article in the most recent county agent letter "Oregon Forest Farmer."

The article entitled "George A. Nelson — Proven Prophet" was written by Charles R. Ross OSU farm forestry specialist.

George Nelson, county agent in Columbia County from 1923 to 1947, passed away July 28 at the age of 79. He was the first OSU graduate to be appointed county agent and the first agent to serve in the state of Washington. Graduating from OAC in 1909 where his study centered on agronomy and dairy, he served seven years as a county agent in Southeast Washington, after some years of state work and practical farming. He also worked as a logger in Columbia County.

Conversion Promoted
The prime of his career was concentrated upon livestock and dairy improvement in Columbia County. He was especially vigorous in promoting the conversion of cut-over lands to pasture. That many hill cutovers could be made good pasture he had no doubt.

George was a thinking man responsive to new conditions and new ideas, so he was quick to appreciate the rising status of second growth forests in the early 1940's. Although near retirement age, he went to work on a forestry educational program. His knowledge of forestry practices and his zeal to influence the woodland owners impressed me tremendously when I began working with him in 1947.

In that decade, farmers desired only to clear for pasture. Our region had almost no experience to support the idea that farmers could profit in growing trees as a crop. The whole thing sounded like somebody's theory.

Letter Reproduced
The letter reproduced on this page is an example of George's foresight and of his efforts to inform small forest owners. It was sent to hundreds of woodland owners in Columbia county on May 9, 1945, and was followed up by discussion meetings in local communities and by visits from the extension forester.

"Dear Farmer:
"The second growth timber in Columbia County will carry all of the value there is in timber in the county. Practically all of the virgin timber has been cut or will be cut within the next year or two. If you are interested in the value of the timber on your farm, I would suggest that you read this letter carefully and then give the problem your careful consideration."
"There are a good many thousands of acres of second growth tim-

berland owned by Columbia County farmers. This timberland can be made of perpetual value if it is managed and harvested on a sustained yield basis. This applies to timber that you plan to keep as a woodlot for farm use or to additional timber that can be grown and harvested commercially.

"About the turn of the century, the homesteaders of the county wondered if there was ever going to be much value to the virgin timber. Many realized that this timber had value when it was too late. Now that timber has all but disappeared from the county and brought in an immense amount of wealth in payrolls and tax revenues.

Timber Has Value
"The second growth timber has not been considered as having a very real value. Now it does have value, and, without a doubt, this value will increase as time goes on when it is found to be the only source of timber supply in the county. A large private timber company has established a tree farm unit in the county based on the potential value of second growth timber, and farm owned timber has value even more so because of its better location in many cases.

"We now have an extension forester, Dan D. Robinson, who is available to assist the farmers in working out plans on a practical basis for obtaining the maximum values. He is available within a certain limit to visit farms to advise with farmers in regard to their timber resources and plans for management. He is also available to attend meetings in the county to discuss these problems with cooperators.

"If you are interested in this vital problem of farm timber conservation utilization and the importance of receiving maximum values, will you please indicate your interest by answering the questions at the bottom of the page and return the blank to me?"
(Signed) Geo. A. Nelson
County Agricultural Agent
How true George Nelson's predictions proved to be. Most of us are too preoccupied earning our bread and butter to take a look at the future. How fortunate that a few individuals like George Nelson will take the time to analyze a situation and act to help others.

Cholera Hits Hong Kong
HONG KONG (AP)—A handful of fresh cholera cases threw the refugee-packed British colony of Hong Kong into an epidemic scare Saturday.
Tens of thousands of people flocked to inoculation centers. The government said only eight confirmed and 13 suspected cholera cases had been reported but social workers said unreported cases may exceed 100.



with the Garden Clubs

August Said Month To Enjoy Gardens

August should be the month to enjoy your garden. If you have a shaded terrace, it will never seem more precious than on a hot August afternoon.
Allow yourself plenty of time to savor the beauty around you. Fix yourself an iced drink; put a hand sprayer and a hand cultivator at your side and stretch out. When the mood strikes you, rise, do 10 minutes of weeding and spraying and return to your spot of relaxation. Insects and weeds will be under control and you will not be under the weather.

As the afternoon wanes, wander among your gladioli and cut the stalks that have just begun to bloom. Have a container of water ready on a table and arrange the flowers then. Discard and stake selected chrysanthemums and dahlias, so you will have florist-sized blooms ready for showing in fall. Look over your phlox. If you find any self-seeding magenta blooms pull them out. Check your broad-leaved evergreens. If the leaves are pocket-marked or speckled brown on the underside spray them for lace bug. And don't neglect to give all your evergreens a bath. They suffer from heat and a cool shower will improve their morale a hundredfold.

CAMAS VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

At the last regular meeting of the Camas Valley Garden Club held at the home of Mrs. Clyde Spurlock, plans for the coming year's program were completed. The meeting was preceded by a dessert-luncheon. President, Mrs. Louis Pryor, gave a report on the officers training meeting held recently and conducted by district director Mrs. L. Adams of Roseburg.

Mrs. Spurlock gave the program of the day, "Dry Materials for Winter Bouquets and Corsages." Many types of material had been gathered by Mrs. Spurlock for the demonstration part of the meeting, and several methods of preserving color, and drying the materials were given. Corsages, consisting of dry material with accessories such as feathers, and bits of silk were also demonstrated.

"Fresh Floral Arrangements" will be the title of next month's meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Wayman Schmidt.

NORTH UMPQUA GARDEN CLUB

The latest meeting of the North Umpqua Garden Club took place at the home of Mrs. Phil Strader at Glide.
Roll call was answered with humorous anecdotes pertaining to

gardening. Members also modeled hats originally decorated with flowers, fruits and vegetables.
Mrs. Matt Taylor read an interesting article on the value of spiders in the garden. Mrs. Strader gave an informative talk on magnolias, both shrubs and trees.
The club's display at the Douglas County Fair is said to be progressing nicely.
On Sept. 14, members will meet at 10:30 a.m. to tour the garden of Mrs. Jacoby. Following luncheon at Mark's Restaurant, a tour will be made of Mrs. Micelli's garden on Lookingglass Road.

OAKLAND GARDEN CLUB

Summer time is vacation time, but Oakland Garden Club members keep active with their various projects.
Most paramount is the Oakland Garden Club Park.
With fair time rolling around, their project at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, in keeping with the general theme of Patio Gardens for Outdoor Living, is progressing nicely, according to Hazel Haines, chairman.
The first fall meeting will be Sept. 25.

RADIO SPEAKER

Speaker for the Umpqua District Federated Clubs radio programs this week is Helen Salmonson of the Oak Knoll Garden Club. She will speak Tuesday at 9:40 a.m. on "How to Grow Lilies." On Friday at 3:30 p.m. her subject will be "Care of Fuchsias in Summer."

Police Squelch Attempt To Assassinate Mikoyan

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese police said Saturday they squelched an attempt to assassinate visiting Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan.
Hiroyuki Kawamoto, 22, described as an ultra-nationalist, was arrested in Yokohama station. He carried a dagger, a letter addressed to Mikoyan and a rightist leaflet with the slogan "kill one man to serve your country."

Governor Appeals For Aid To Japan

Portland (AP) — Mayor Terry Schunk and Gov. Mark Hatfield have appealed for emergency congressional action to aid storm-battered northern Japan.
They said in a telegram to the Oregon delegation that torrential rains have resulted in extensive damage to crops on the island of Hokkaido. They asked for efforts to work out, through Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, a plan for direct aid through one of the federal farm programs.
The telegram said Japan's most urgent need now is 6,000 tons of hay daily. The mayor and governor said some of a reported surplus of corn, barley, oats and milo in the Columbia River storage could be shipped.
They added, "In view of the forthcoming Japan-American Conference of Mayors and Chamber of Commerce presidents in Portland and long-range relationships with Japanese who are largest users of Portland dock facilities, we urge that every effort be made to be of assistance."

Riddle Blue Star Mothers Send Display For California Meeting

By ERMA BEST
Riddle Blue Star Chapter 5 has sent a display of samples of nickel ore and finished product to the National Blue Star Mothers convention to be held in San Diego, the latter part of this month.
The mineral was sent in response to a request for a display by states of important products, according to Mrs. Myrtle Cloud, chaplain of the local chapter, who shipped the samples obtained from Hanna mine.

Completes Training
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Robertson and two sons have returned from a vacation trip to Idaho. Mrs. Robertson and children spent 2 weeks in Nampa, Idaho, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Clements, while Robertson was in training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

The third week Robertson joined the family, first stopping in Riddle to pick up Ren Feden, who accompanied the family on a week's trip to Payette Lake where the Robertsons joined relatives for a family reunion.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cloud and granddaughter, Tina Doern, have returned to their home in Seattle, Wash., following a week's visit at the home of Cloud's mother, Mrs. Myrtle Cloud.

Jack Mahoney, Riddle school band director, returned recently from Eugene where he attended summer school at the University of Oregon initiating his master's degree course. Immediately afterwards the Mahoney family left on a camping trip to the coast and up the north Umpqua.
Miss Pauline Niederberger of

Dundee, new Riddle elementary school studies teacher, and Miss Julie Wheelock, Portland, home economics teacher, were in Riddle this week arranging for living quarters. They rented the Heinrich Schmidt home.

The Schmidts, who are building a new home on Glenbrook Rd. will move into one of their rental cabins temporarily.
The Kenneth Stuart family has returned from a fishing trip to

Sunset Bay where they were joined by friends from Springfield bringing the number in the party to 23. They report too much fog for good fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark James and son with the latter's friend, Mike Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. George Henry spent Sunday at Bandon beach. The occasion marked Mr. James' birthday.
Mrs. Harry Neff of Kennewick, Wash., returned this week to her

home after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hendrick, and other members of the family.

Mrs. Neff came down especially to attend the Riddle High School reunion picnic held at Umpqua Park Sunday.

Mrs. Ivan Puz drove to Olympia, Wash., recently to bring home the two Puz children who had been spending the summer with their grandparents.

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