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Notes by the Wayside— Late, Wet Spring Means Short Tree Fruit and Honey Crops

By John J. Inskip, County Farm Agent

Looks like a short honey crop coming up. Tree fruit crops and bees alike have suffered loss because of our late, rainy spring. Fruit-set will be lighter because bees, which are largely responsible for pollenizing blossoms, remained inactive. Bees, in turn were damaged because they could not build up a food supply.

M. A. Pierson, bee inspector at Aurora reports about as follows: "Ninety per cent of the bees which I have inspected recently have only enough honey stored up to live on from day to day. Ten frames of brood consume 50 pounds of honey every 16 to 18 days.

"When the food supply is not apparent the queen bee ceases egg laying. This is just what has happened this spring and it means that only small numbers of bees will be found when the real honey season starts.

"Under such adverse conditions I recommend feeding a solution of five pounds of sugar to five pounds of water. This procedure causes the queens to continue egg laying."

Honey Crops Named
Main season honey crops or "bee pasture" include white and ladino clover, red clover, alsike clover, crimson clover, hairy vetch, fireweed.

H. E. Scullen, Oregon State college apiarist, is making studies to determine whether or not big trefoil and birdsfoot trefoil, new Clackamas county legume forage crops, also make good "bee pasture."

We know that bees work these trefoil or lotus blossoms actively but we do not know whether or not the blossoms contain nectar.

Cover Crops Discussed
Few cover crops in Clackamas county orchards and berry fields have been turned under due to the abundant late rainfall, according to a survey made recently by Leon Garioian, Jr., assistant county agent.

Under such conditions, growers will have to manage to turn cover crops under as soon as soil conditions permit, in order that competition for moisture between the cover crops and the trees or berries to be held to a minimum later in the season.

As far as decomposition is concerned, the younger the plants are when turned under, the faster they are turned into plant food. This is another reason for early turning of cover crops. Cover crops are turned into plant food by the action of bacteria, fungi, and other organisms. Moisture is necessary for the bacteria to accomplish this decomposition, which means that it is a good idea to turn cover crops under before the end of the rainy season. However, advises Garioian, farmers should not be in too much of a hurry to turn under green manure crops until the soil conditions are just right. Plowing wet soils form clods which exaporate the soil moisture more rapidly.

Gopher Poisoning
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Plowing Problems
We then asked Carl what he thought might be the danger of loosing too much moisture once the ground dries up enough to start plowing. This is what he said: "Once the dry weather sets in, plowed ground may loose moisture very rapidly. I expect to disc and harrow what I have plowed at the end of each day."

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Church Services

Sandy Community Church
C. F. McIntire, Pastor
9:45 a. m. Sunday school hour.
Mrs. N. Zeller, Supt. Lesson theme: "Giving Our Best In Worship."
11:00 a. m. Church worship hour. Special choir music. Morning message by Rev. Robert Penner. Baptismal service.
7 p. m. Christian Endeavor, Mrs. W. Annis, President.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
J. J. Dollinger, Pastor
W. J. Gardner, E. H. Herndon, John Edwards, elders.
9:30 a. m. Sabbath school, Mrs. Alvin Bakke, superintendent.
11:00 a. m. Preaching service
Friday, 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting.

The Sandy Baptist Chapel
E. L. Rodda, Pastor
Missionary Sunday
10:00 a. m. Unified Service. Object lesson by Mrs. Richard Lundeen. "The Sure Mercies of David," message by pastor.
7 p. m. Children's meeting, young people's meeting, adult Bible class.
7:30 Evening service. Message: "The Mind of Christ."
Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Men's meeting.
Wed. 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting.
Thurs. 7 p. m. "Jim" Club meets in chapel.

Dover Community Church
2:00 p. m. Sunday school.
2:45 p. m. Worship service.
Saturday, 8 p. m. Young people's meeting.

St. John's Catholic Church
Welches
Rev. W. J. Delplanche, Pastor
11:00 a. m. Sunday Mass.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sandy
N. E. Dey, Pastor
9:30 a. m. Pentecost. Only one service. Examination and confirmation of children. Sermon by the pastor.
10:45 a. m. Sunday Bible school. Classes for children and adults.
2:45 p. m. Lutheran hour rally at Portland civic auditorium. Dr. Walter A. Maier, speaker.
Tuesday 8 p. m. Graduation exercises of Immanuel Lutheran school at Sandy Women's club. Speaker: Arthur Buescher, principal of Trinity school, Portland. Walthar League candle-lighting ceremony.
Friday, Annual picnic of Immanuel Lutheran school children.

First Baptist Church
L. C. Des Voigne, Pastor
Services held in Sandy Women's club hall.
10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Worship service.
7:30 p. m. B. T. A.
8:15 p. m. Evening worship.

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Sandy
Rev. W. J. Delplanche, Pastor
9:30 a. m. Sunday Mass.

The Chapel of the Hills
Community Church
Woman's Club Hall, Wemme
Thyra E. Funk, Minister
10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Worship service.
Wed. 7:30 p. m. Mid-week service.

Cottrell Community Church
G. Ellis, pastor
10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. Morning service.

Friendly Corner Methodist Church, Pleasant Home
Mark A. Chamberlin, Pastor
10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. Morning worship.
7 p. m. Youth fellowship.
8 p. m. Evening sermon.
Wednesday, 7 to 9 p. m. Youth activity night for all 14 years of age and over.
Friday, 4 p. m. Junior youth fellowship and church membership class for 11 to 13 year olds.
7-9 p. m. Youth activity program for ages 10-13.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church
Proctor Ave. in Pleasant Home
Rev. Harold May, Pastor
10 a. m. Church school.
11 a. m. Morning worship.
7 p. m. Young people's meeting.
8 p. m. Evening service.
7:45 p. m. Thursday. Prayer service.

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Spring Picnic Held By Boring School

BORING—The Boring grade school held its annual spring picnic last Friday. Upper grade students spent the afternoon at The Center in Gresham while lower grade students attended a motion picture.

Mrs. Mina Colt presented her music pupils in a piano recital at the Grange hall in Boring last Sunday afternoon.

The recital was attended by about 100 relatives and friends of the pupils and they report the numbers were all very well done. Mrs. Colt has about 30 pupils.

Boring Rebekah Lodge No. 213 held its regular meeting last Thursday evening. At the close of the business session, Noble Grand Florence Colt was escorted to the center of the floor where she was given a shower of handkerchiefs in honor of her birthday on May 3rd.

Following this the members were called to the dining room, where Mrs. Erma Naas and Mrs. Muriel Markham served refreshments.

The tables were decorated with baskets of spring flowers. Mrs. Lucille Hillyard was presented a basket of flowers in appreciation for her services as chairman of the Clackamas county convention held at Oswego on May 1.

Six from the Boring lodge attended the county convention. They were Mrs. Hillyard, Mrs. Mary Maulding, Mrs. Erma Naas, Mrs. Louise Shields, Mrs. McBain and Mrs. Helen Cook.

The Past Noble Grands of Boring Lodge No. 213 were entertained Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Grace Kidder in Gresham.

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