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Premature Plant Ripening With Aid Of Defoliant Topic At Seed Meet Dec. 18

Now they're talking about harvesting seed crops on a calendar basis.

In the past, regardless of weather, condition of the plant has been the thing farmers took into consideration before starting their harvesting equipment. That may all change.

Defoliants which cause premature plant ripening will be discussed at the tenth annual meeting of the Oregon Seed Growers league in Portland December 18, 19 and 20, Carey Strome, Junction City, president, has announced.

Some seed crops—ladino and red clover among them—are normally late maturing. Under natural conditions, this pushes the harvest season into that period of the year when bad weather frequently results in seed loss through poor harvesting conditions. Defoliants make earlier harvesting possible.

Defoliants Studied
President Strome has directed the league's weed and defoliant committee to bring out facts about defoliants December 18. Again this year, the first day of

the annual three-day session will be devoted to weeds and defoliants. Jack Sather, Clatskanie, who serves as committee chairman, heads this portion of the program.

In some Oregon areas this year, upwards of 40 per cent of the ladino clover seed crops was lost due to unfavorable harvesting weather. In western Oregon, summer rainfall hinders normal ripening of such crops as subterranean clover.

By use of defoliants, it is possible for a farmer to set the date in advance when he will start his harvest.

Distribute Booklet
Tom Ruckman, Imbler, president of the Chewing and Creeping Red Fescue growers association, has announced that this organization will hold its annual meeting Monday evening, December 18. By that date, he adds, a promotional booklet sponsored by the organization will be ready for distribution.

In addition to the league's weed committee, seven other committees will be active dur-

ing the three-day meeting. Committees and their chairmen are: potatoes, Bryant Williams, Klamath Falls; ladino clover, John Brooks, Madras; legislative and federal programs, E. A. Geary, Klamath Falls; insect pests, R. W. Schaad, La Grande; pollination, Otto Bohnert, Central Point; harvesting methods, John Dickinson, Independence, and fertilizers and soil analyses, Robert Warrens, Forest Grove.

Stockmen Slate Annual Meeting

Taxes, pasture improvement and freight rates will be discussed at the Western Oregon Livestock association's annual meeting at Grants Pass January 15 to 17.

President Lorin T. Woody of Grants Pass reports that the first day will be devoted to committee sessions with speakers, discussions and business meetings filling the remainder of the time.

Stockmen of 14 western Oregon counties are invited to attend the conference. This regional group is affiliated with the county livestock associations.

Hormone Solution Keeps Holly Fresh

To maintain the green color of holly for shipment, and to reduce defoliation, hormone solutions can be used effectively, reports Leon Garoian, county extension agent.

Any powder made for delaying apple drop may be used at 3 times the highest strength recommended for apples.

Use of hormone dips before packing allow holly to be packed sufficiently wet to maintain its freshness until it reaches its destination. For shipping to considerable distances, shipment under refrigeration or cold storage will also prove helpful, in addition to the hormone treatment.

The following treatment is suggested by Garoian: dip the holly in the hormone solution soon after cutting. Drain off the excess solution, but pack before the holly dries, with sufficient moisture to keep the holly fresh until it reaches its destination. Ship immediately, or store at temperatures between 34 to 40 degrees.

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2 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg white

CHOCOLATE SPICE
1 square chocolate, melted
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Cream the Nucoa and sugar, beat in the eggs and vanilla. Sift together dry ingredients and combine with margarine mixture. To half the mixture add the melted chocolate and blended seasonings. Chill the doughs until firm. Roll to 1/4-inch thickness and cut into desired shapes. Bake in the upper part of a moderate oven (350° F.) for 15 minutes. Brush with egg white, decorate and return to oven for 5 minutes. Yield: 6 dozen cookies.

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Walnut halves
Confectioners' sugar

Pour boiling water over figs and apricots, let soak for five minutes, drain. Put figs, apricots and orange peel through medium blade of meat grinder. Add Nucoa, 1 cup of nuts and enough honey to make mixture hold together. Spoon off by teaspoonfuls, shape into small balls. Press each ball between 2 halves of walnuts or roll in confectioners' sugar or 1/4 cup chopped nuts. Yield: 2 1/2 pounds of candy.

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