



RHODODENDRON—This is a picture of the Hoodland valleys booth at the Portland home show, held in Portland at the International Livestock building from March 4 to 13. It was visited by approximately 10,000 people. Painting in background by Mert Wheeler. Shrubbery by Rhododendron Alpine Gardens. John Stein, Bill Drips, Gene Bowman, Ed Gadwood, committee members were responsible for booth.

County Employment Holds Up

OREGON CITY—Good weather, with high lumber and logging prices, combined to keep employment high in the woods and reduced the unemployment estimates to 1850 last month, a release from the state unemployment service said this week.

The total is a drop of 200 from the January figures but 600 under last year's February figure of 2450. Layoffs in the textile and garment industries raised the women's total of unemployed to 550, against

500 last month. Placement of workers increased 20 percent over January, and field visitors reported an optimistic outlook in most lines for March.

Employment Trends
Toward the end of February, placements increased in several lines including sawmills, retail trade, and construction, with logging employment holding steady. However, snow in the hills and rain in some sections of the lower logging areas portend an increase in claims in March.

Unemployment
Toward the end of the month, the claim load went down slightly with 1550 claiming benefits as against 1685 the last week of January and 1850 the last week of February 1954. Many of the claimants were at our seasonal itinerant points, with 200 at Molalla, 200 at Estacada, and 225 at Sandy.

Outlook For Jobs
The outlook for jobs in Clackamas county this spring is still optimistic according to Employment Service field visitors and reports of claimants, many of whom report good prospects in March. Some farm activity will be started in March with con-

siderable yard work, painting, wallpapering and decorating by householders and a general seasonal pickup is expected in retail sales. With this optimistic outlook, Employment Service counselors will interview high school seniors in March and April, correlating aptitude test results given last fall with prospects for jobs on graduation in June. Employers are asked to place orders for these youngsters with the Employment Service.

For qualified workers call Oregon City 4235 or visit us at 512 Main street.

Four Field Tests Ran By Agents

OREGON CITY—The value of having the soil from each field tested for mineral requirements is illustrated by results from tests from four fields on a farm three miles north of Monitor, according to J. J. Inskeep, Clackamas county agent.

Inskeep claims the test farm is in on of the better farming sections. Fields on this farm uniformly need 3 tons of ground limestone per acre for optimum conditions for growing red clover. Four tons would be necessary for growing alfalfa. The operator, according to analysis results, could get by with 1 ton per acre for vetch. But, as funds become available, it is likely that the whole farm should receive 3 tons per acre and a ton or so each five years thereafter.

This is not an uncommon situation but the phosphorus-potash situation is new to our way of thinking. Three of the four fields showed high phosphate content. Three of the four show only medium potash content. One field shows medium content of both phosphorus and potash. Another shows very high phosphorus content and medium potash.

icide for controlling rats and mounds, and with aldrin for controlling pheasant damage. There's no need for our customers to go to the expense and trouble of another treatment."

Check with your dealer when purchasing seed. Likely it has already received the lindane treatment.

From one of our good insecticide manufacturers: "This year we are putting up wettable lindane for seed corn treatment in smaller packages."

Here are a few tips for the home gardener who would like to beat his neighbors by eating the first "home grown" sweet corn.

Work plenty of nitrogen and phosphorus into the soil. Unless you are one of the few wise ones who have a soil test, we would suggest working in before planting 10 pounds of 16-20 ammonios or its equivalent per 1000 square feet. A little extra side dressing of nitrogen-bearing fertilizer, say 10 pounds of ammonium sulphate with the first or second cultivation will also pay off.

Plant as usual and cover with ordinary wax paper coverings sold for garden plant protection.

These coverings protect the seedling corn plant from frost, insect and pheasant damage. Remove or tear out the tops as the young plants attain a height of five or six inches.

Plant at least four rows to insure adequate pollination. Irrigate when needed later on.

First plantings may be made any time after April 7 when the soil is in right condition for working.

Anton Pirkel also brings up the problem of fertilizer side dressing field corn at time of first or second cultivation. He is using 200 pounds of 16-20 ammonios per acre and 100 pounds of muriate of potash to help early growth.

Two hundred pounds of 16-20 would provide 32 pounds of actual nitrogen. Without irrigation, approximately 100 pounds of actual nitrogen is desirable. So we would suggest 200 pounds or a little less, of ammonium nitrate, or 300 pounds of ammonium sulphate in addition.

For that matter it might be just as well to disk in or plow under this additional amount of fertilizer prior to planting. The big problem with later side dressing is to place the fertilizer deep enough to be effective during dry weather — unless irrigation

water is available. It would be well for the larger nitrogen application to be placed at an 8 or 10 inch depth.

The amateur greenhouse is becoming more popular each year with suburbanites and country folks alike. Many fine small greenhouses dot our farm landscapes. And for these proud greenhouse owners, may we suggest a good bulletin. It's entitled "Propagation and Improvement of Horticultural Plants." This bulletin is available at the extension office, basement of Federal building, Oregon City, Phone 3510 or EVERgreen 1-2450.

SOUND OFF

Now at the Atomic Energy Commission Proving Grounds at Camp Desert Rock, Nev., for the latest series of atomic tests is Marine Pfc. Norman C. Gifford, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gifford of route 3, box 67, Boring.

Before entering the service in January, 1953, he attended Sandy Union high school.

While in Nevada he will participate in an air-ground exercise during which an atomic explosion will be employed against hypothetical enemy forces. The marines will test assault tactics relating to atomic warfare, including the art of vertical envelopment by helicopter. Training in physical protection measures and indoctrination in the effects of atomic explosions on equipment are other important phases of the exercise.

He is a member of the 3rd marine corps provisional atomic exercises brigade which was flown to this desert site to participate in the atomic attack problems.

SANDY—Pvt. Harold Pearce, United States Army, has completed his basic training at Fort Ord, California and was transferred recently to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. He is now on his way to Panama where he will be stationed.

Pearce is a 1954 graduate of Sandy Union high school and worked at Zimmerman's 12-mile store prior to entering the service in October.

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About The Farm ---

By John J. Inskeep, County Agent

"Use of lindane dust to prevent pheasant damage was highly successful on my farm last year," reports Anton J. Pirkel, route 3, Molalla. "The pheasants did pull up a hill here and there, but I couldn't see where they ate the newly sprouted kernels after doing so."

Note — Pheasants are smart

birds; maybe, after prospecting a hill or so, they gave up in disgust.

And, this we hear from one of our larger Willamette valley seed corn growers, whose hybrid 355 seed is used extensively in Clackamas county:

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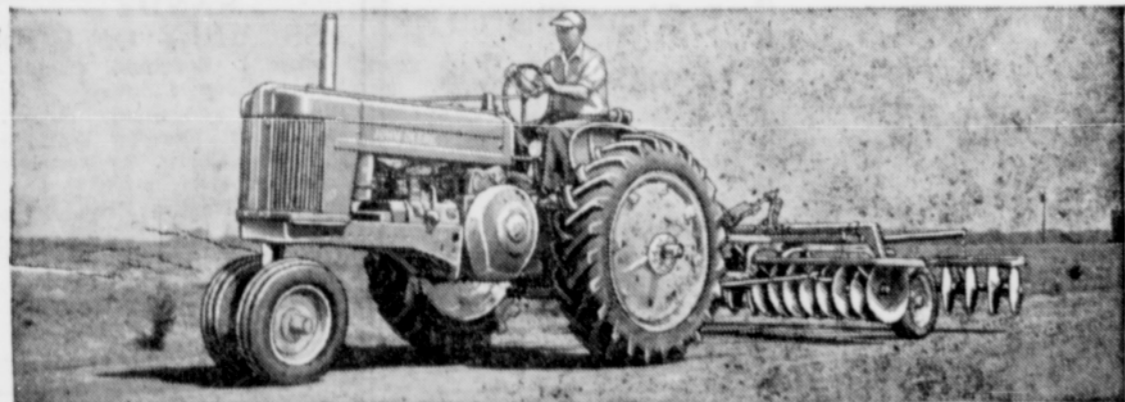
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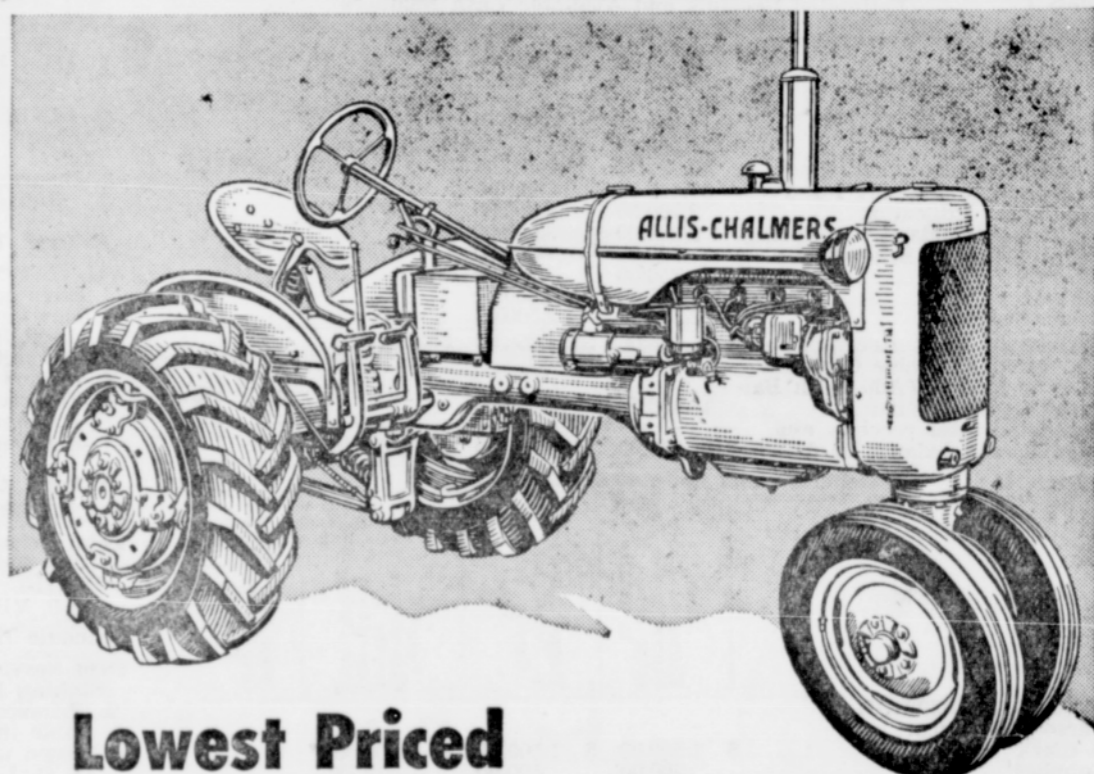
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