

### Sandy Area Grower Declared Clackamas Strawberry King

Meet the strawberry-growing king of Clackamas County. The name? J. E. Jarvis of Route 1, Eagle Creek, who produced 231,844 pound of strawberries on 16 acres. A little fast "figgering" will show this total to come out 7 tons, 118 pounds of strawberries per acre. Quite a record for any year but even more impressive when one considers the poor harvesting conditions this season and also that there were no other "5-Ton" applicants from Clackamas County in 1958.

Jarvis has built a reputation as a good strawberry grower with high yields in past years, his highest past production was 8 tons of strawberries per acre.

The Jarvis Berry Farm is located some 5 miles southeast of Sandy and consists of 124 acres in all, mostly seeded down to grass. Strawberries are the only row-crop and the other important "crop" on the place are the geese which do

most of the weeding in the strawberry fields.

What are the secrets of high production? "No secrets," says Jarvis, "just a matter of sound practices carried out at the right time." Some of these sound practices are: Use of Oregon certified plants. Jarvis has been in the strawberry game for 8 years now and has never planted any other than Oregon certified Marshall variety plants.

Proper fertilizing plays an important part, too. On the newer field 400 pounds of 16-20-0 per acre was applied in the fall in anticipation of seeding a grain crop (which he never got planted because of the weather), and then in the spring another 4000 pounds 16-20-0 was broadcast over the field prior to setting the plants. After the strawberry plants started growth, 1,000 pounds of superphosphate was banded at the sides of the row. After harvest, sometime around July 10 to 15, Jarvis

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### NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE

Farm families who have farmed the same land continuously for a hundred years or more will be honored at the State Fair coming up by the Oregon State Department of Agriculture headed by Robert J. Steward. The first claimant to this distinction coming to our attention include descendants of the late George Washington Jackson, Sr. living in the Glad Tidings Community between Molalla and Marquam.

Coming to our office recently with documents to support their claim were Mrs. Gladys Lang and Mrs. Esther Wilbroad, granddaughters of

cuts the mats to 12 inches with a disc (he does not clip the tops), then applies 400 pounds of nitro prills and starts irrigating.

What about insect control, you ask? Jarvis believes the only good bug is a dead bug. He starts off by applying a soil treatment of aldrin, very careful to immediately follow the application with a thorough discing. Timely periodic dustings are made for aphid control from July through October using a parathion-DDT dust.

Rot control - Jarvis has that situation well under control, too; he's sold on the use of Captan dust and makes three applications from the time blooms appear to the time of harvest. Jarvis never finds black stamens, which many attribute to frost and thinks perhaps its not frost but a fungus or blight which he controls with the captan dusting.

We left out the weed control? No, it was saved for last - this is the dessert - Jarvis uses no chemical weed control. That's right, no chemical weed control. He does rely on help, though, help from his flock of geese that really keep the weeds under control. But the geese don't do it all. You'll find a couple of well-worn hoes on the place and most any day you can find Jarvis in his strawberry patch hoeing the groundsel (which the geese won't eat) or doing some of the many other chores that always need yooking after.

So, here's to you, Mr. Jarvis, a salute to you for a job well done.

George Washington Jackson, Sr. The other grandchild is Carl Jackson a brother. Families of these three are still farming a portion of the original donation land claim petitioned by George W. Jackson, Sr. October 1, 1849. In evidence also was the patent signed by President James Buchanan about 10 years later.

George Washington Jackson Sr. was born in Easton, Pennsylvania May 10, 1825. At the age of 12 he was sent to Illinois where he was apprenticed to a tanner. He came to Oregon as we recollect from the evidence, in 1847. Later he returned to Pennsylvania. He returned shortly to Oregon by way of Panama. The donation claim included a section of 640 acres in township 5 south 1 east. Here he started farming and raised a family of 14 children of whom George Washington Jackson, Jr. was the youngest. Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Wilbroad and Carl Jackson are his descendants.

George Washington Jackson Sr. was a man of parts. In addition to farming, he taught grade school, singing and dancing. He is the author of a pioneer song and his descendants have the original copy written by his hand. For one winter at least, he taught the Bald Hill school near the present Jacob Schnack place.

Evidently in those days, and much later, funds raised by assessment were not sufficient for paying a good teacher. In this instance seven of the neighbors signed an agreement to pay their teacher \$100 a quarter for three quarters. The signers were Charles N. Vandervort, H. F. Kaylor, Levi Davis, William Broughton, Esther Todd, John Wilhoit and James O. Fruit. All the signers wrote good hands but the latter signature was faded and we cannot be too sure of it.

The elder Jackson belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He was appointed Glad Tidings Postmaster in 1860. He operated a small tannery on Rock Creek and was active in military affairs. In fact he was appointed Colonel of the second regiment of the territorial militia August 1, 1856 by B. F. Harding, acting Governor.

Pioneers were not without social diversions. Among the documents owned by the elder Jackson's descendants is the copy of an invitation to a party. It reads as follows:

"May Mirth and Joy Abound - George W. Jackson SOCIAL BALL

Mr. Joseph Drake and lady. You are respectfully solicited to attend a party to be given at the home of Thomas P. Jackson on the Molalla Prairie on Friday, September 30, 1853, commencing at 2 P.M.

Managers: Joseph Young, Maxwell Ramsby, Thomas P. Jackson"

Additional Clackamas County residents whose families have farmed the same land for 100 years or more should apply to County Judge Latourette who will certify to the fact after suitable evidence is presented.

Variation in spacing of Douglas fir plantings does make a big difference in the board feet volume per acre after a growing period of 33 years. At least this is indicated by a series of experiments on

the U. S. Forestry Experiment Station at Wind River, Washington. The area represented is Site 4 which is not the best.

In 1925 plantings were made 4x4 ft. - 6x6 ft. and 10x10 ft. Nearby is a natural stand of the same age.

The following table tells of trees remaining, volume of board feet per acre, and other essential data at the end of 33 years, at various planting spacings:

Trees remaining per acre: 4x4 ft - 1,790; 6x6 ft - 1,032; 10x10 ft - 401; natural stand same age - 681.

Volume board ft: 4x4 ft - 1,232; 6x6 ft - 3,913; 10x10 ft - 13,202; natural stand, same age - 5,311.

Average diameter breast height-inches: 4x4 ft - 4.1; 6x6 ft - 4.9; 10x10 ft - 7.5; natural stand, same age - 5.4.

Average height (5 largest trees) feet: 4x4 ft. - 49; 6x6 ft - 53; 10x10 ft. - 65; natural stand, same age - 56.

The 10x10 spacing may have the more desirable stand for this low site. A 12x12 spacing is similar so far as volume is concerned but has the appearance of having a spacing which is too wide.

The thinking at this time is that 8x8 foot spacing is about right especially on better sites.

The trees in this experiment were not artificially thinned after planting. This is also true in the natural stand. The difference in volume board feet per acre at this time seems especially significant. 1232 board feet on the 4x4 planting compared to 13,202 board feet on the 10x10 planting.

This experiment would lead to the conclusion that thick stands should be thinned at a fairly early age. This is exactly what a number of Clackamas County tree farmers are doing. For instance, Oliver Bowman who lives near Porter School thinned and pruned 6 acres in his excellent stand last winter.

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