

Spray Experts Visit This Area

A group of Shell Oil Co. pathologists and entomologists were here Tuesday and Wednesday investigating the spraying needs of the bulb industry in this area.

The group was particularly interested in the result of Shell's DD Soil Fumigant, and went into detail with Roy Sunderland, local agent for the fumigant. The group made a tour of the area with Joe Berger to see at first-hand, the effectiveness of last year's sprayings.

Mr. Sunderland stated that the group was also interested in the type of spraying equipment used, and said they are developing a custom-built sprayer for lilies. It is expected that a demonstration model will be sent to the Chetco Home and Auto Supply Co. soon.

In the party were: Lawrence Stayner assistant manager of the spray oil department of Shell Oil Co., E. W. Bodine, Stayner's assistant; C. W. McBeth and Haven Leavitt, nematologists, Joe Boissenou and Bob Reader, pathologists and Earl Donaldson, the Shell manager at Crescent City.

FARM NEWS

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2-4-D Peculiar "Killer"

A new bulletin has just been published by the Oregon State Extension Service, dealing with the use of the latest selective weed killer commonly known as 2-4-D. The authors, C. E. Otis and V. H. Freed, refer to it as "the most important and most talked about" weed killer on the market. Quoting the authors further:

"It is the strange chemical's peculiar individuality that is causing researchers' hair to gray prematurely. Most weed killers are fatal to plants on contact, usually through a caustic type of action, but not 2-4-D. It moves rapidly into position within the plant after which it slowly and insidiously tortures and starves the weeds to death. Often six or eight weeks will elapse after the treatment before the susceptible plants die down completely. The first symptom is a twisting and bending of stems and leaves, often followed by swelling, cracking and splitting of the stems; or the tops may dry gradually and die. Seriously affected plants may develop enlarged and spongy roots with the outer part sloughing away."

A supply of this bulletin is now available upon request at the county agent's office at Gold Beach.

Rural-life Sun., May 26

Harry Seymour, state 4-H club leader, urges all club members in Oregon to attend church on Sunday, May 26, in organized groups if possible. Ministers will adapt sermons to subjects of rural interest, correlating the science and art of agriculture with the spiritual phases of rural life, according to a letter addressed to Oregon pastors by ex-Gov. C. A. Sprague. His proclamation concludes with the statement:

"The Oregon council of churches is deeply interested in maintaining our rural churches and enabling them to play a vital role in their communities. It is hoped that rural life Sunday may be used by churches throughout the state to stimulate fresh interest in the work and program of rural churches and to direct the thinking of the general public to the importance of a healthy, balanced rural life to our nation's welfare."

Farm Wages Planned

Representatives of all of the farm organizations in Curry County met with the county labor committee and representatives of the wage stabilization board at Gold Beach last week to discuss the provisions of the Wage Stabilization Act. Alden E. Orr, Portland, executive secretary of the Oregon board, and John Shepherd, farmer from Lane County, member of the board, attended the meeting. Tentative plans were made for holding a formal hearing on May 21.

Farm wage ceilings have been frozen at 1943 levels or not to exceed \$200 per month or 85c per hour. Farmers finding it necessary to pay in excess of this rate must obtain permission from the wage stabilization board. The prices on farm products have been frozen to prevent inflation and increased labor costs remain the greatest threat of inflation.

Cranberry Growers Meet

approved an educational program approved an educational program at Dew Valley Grange hall Monday evening, according to a report by Mrs. James Olson, secretary of the Southwestern Oregon Cranberry Club. Approximately 125 growers attended the meeting. Joe Foss of Bandon, presided at the meeting.

George Jenkins, county agent, Coquille, and Curry County Agent R. M. Knox, Gold Beach, proposed an aggressive educational program and offered the services of the college and experiment stations to the growers. Ralph Clark, assistant horticultural specialist, and Mr. Rosensteel, extension entomologist, both of Corvallis, addressed the meeting briefly on research and demonstration work available to growers.

It was agreed that the cranberry industry in this area is sound and profitable, justifying expansion. Fred Adams, joint state representative from Coos and Curry counties, and chairman of the land use committee, spoke on legislative matters and supported development of cranberry growers interests by announcing that he is developing a new bog on his property near Gold Beach.

Lamb Market Improves

The lamb marketing season in California is considerably in advance of normal. Most of the crop is already under contract and practically all packers are now slaughtering spring lambs. There were a few contracts written in the northwest the past week.

Some good white-face shorn yearling ewes sold in Idaho at \$16 and \$17 per head for July delivery. In Montana, several contracts were drawn on black-face lambs at \$13.50 to \$13.75 per hundredweight for fall delivery.

Offerings of sheep and lambs at North Portland were considerably below the same period last week but about double those of a year ago. Demand was aggressive and prices held steady regardless of the poorer quality of most offerings.

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Local News Items

Theodore DeGroot of the United Bulb Co., was here making his yearly visit. He said that the fields as a whole look "pretty good" but also said that last year many under-sized bulbs were sent to florists.

Fred Gloeckner of the Fred Gloeckner Company, Inc., was in this area on his annual visit last week.

Austin Hunter, foreman of the Stafford Lily Garden, No. 2, at Crescent City, was a visitor here Saturday.

Norman Tolman, former Harbor man, visited friends and relatives here for a few days last week. He just recently received his discharge from the army and is now employed by his father, George Tolman, at Klamath.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Carson are spending a few days at San Francisco.

Fred Gardner, employed by the Forest Service at Powers, was a visitor of his home here last week. He left Sunday for Powers.

Lew Farnham, Harbor old-timer, is visiting relatives here for a few days, coming from Kerby, where he has been employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore had as house guests over the weekend their son, Martin, who just returned from the east with his friend, Major Martin Tutton, U. S. M. C. R., and Mrs. Marion DeVleig and her sister, Jane McLaughlin of Portland.

Sunday marked the last day the Nook Cafe will be open under management of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Chapman, whose lease expired Tuesday on the building. The Chapmans will devote their entire energies to their lily interests in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Brauch were visitors at Grants Pass Friday. Accompanying them there and visiting for a time was Mrs. McVay. The Brauchs will build on their newly-acquired land south of Harbor, purchased from the McVays, as soon as they can get materials on the ground.

Rev. E. C. Hicks and his daughter, Mrs. Duane Rowley, of Smith River, were Thursday afternoon visitors in Brookings.

Charles Hassett is recuperating from an attack of the measles.

Mrs. Alvina Miranda, of Concord, Calif., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nic Baumgartner.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ricks, of Medford, and their son and new daughter-in-law, visited the Brainars last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Head of Klamath Falls, are working a few days on their place west of town, next to John Hogan.

Henry Rosacker, of the Hans Rosacker Co., Minneapolis, is in town inspecting their Brookings branch, the Brookside Bulb and Azalea farm.

Tony Grace, and a party of out-of-town friends, fished the Rogue Sunday, and like everyone else, drew a blank.

H. W. Kretzmeier, of Portland, land owner of this area, was a business visitor here several days last week. He has put some of his land, in the old airport tract, on sale for building lots. He left Sunday for Portland.

Arthur Allen, Portland real estate man, spent the latter part of last week here, looking after his lily interests.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Dunham left Monday to attend the Oregon Baptist state convention, held at the White Temple church, Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris, former owners of the Harris cabins, Crescent City, were Brookings visitors Sunday.

Quite a delegation of local lily growers, and several members of the Croft Lily Growers Association have expressed their intention of attending the meeting of the Pacific Lily Growers, to be held next Tuesday at Coos Bay. Many important matters will be discussed, it is reported.

Will Rogers used to say: "All I know is what I read in the newspapers." This fact was demonstrated in the local schools recently when a child spelled Monday as *M-o-n-d-y-a*. Told by her teacher that that way was wrong, she replied: "Well it was spelled at way in the Pilot."

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lesmeister and family returned to Brookings Tuesday evening from a business trip to Klamath Falls.

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