



**"TOO BAD THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DOESN'T GIVE MARKS FOR WINDOW-BREAKING!"**

**Fiber Crop Adapted To Oregon Coast**

(The following story, culled from Oregon's Agricultural Progress, is especially interesting, locally, because of an extensive test plot of New Zealand Flax, from which material has been gathered for experimentation by the U. S. D. A., laying within the city of Brookings near the corner of Railroad and Willow.)

Oregon's Coast looks like a good place to grow fiber crop from which rope and cordage may be made.

Six years of trials by OSC-USDA agronomist Don Fishler show that Phormium, a native of New Zealand, will thrive in Coos and Curry counties and probably will grow well in other coast counties.

It grows either from seed or from vegetative suckers. It's adapted to a wide range of soil types provided there is enough moisture. Phormium tolerate high water, even withstands temorary floodings.

Fiber yields range from 6 to 18 per cent dry fiber—Compared to 3 percent from other major hard fiber plants. In some cases,

trial yields have exceeded one ton of fiber per acre per year. Three to four years are required before the first harvest.

The plant also tolerates CMU, a weed killer Fishler used in establishing his trials.

Phormium fiber from experimental plots spun well on equipment used for rope manufacturing at the Boston Naval Shipyards, Cordage quality was excellent.

The agronomist reports fiber yields vary considerable among different plants, and he is selecting for superior yields that will produce a stronger and more durable fiber. Planting date, propagation, weed control, and fertilizer studies are also underway.

Processing machinery for separating the fibre from leaf tissue is used in New Zealand. Fishler says, however, that this machinery is inefficient.

And he adds that more research is needed before he can recommend commercial plantings. More must be known about markets and production costs. Also, efficient harvesting and processing machines should be developed.

But Fishler is optimistic about the future of Phormium in Oregon. With the U. S. importing all 300 million pounds of natural hard fiber it uses annually, Oregon grown phormium should find a place in peace and in war.

**It was Ten Years Ago This Week That**

Lily growers busy segregating Purple stems, Kenyon-Davis and Crofts strains of lilies.

Azalea Garden Club installs Mrs. Will McVay, president, Mrs. W. H. Hibbard, vice president, and Mrs. E. B. Matthews as secretary-treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lively and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wedruff off for vacation at Florence, Colo.

Porch put on east end of Central building so Pete Lesmiester would have private access to his office.

August Johnson reports plywood price at Eureka, \$200 a thousand.

E. J. Kesselmeier sells his Gardner Ridge ranch to Ray LeFountain of Crescent City—and

Ed Thorntons later bought the place.

Satellites names Mrs. Lilian Weideman to contact the Chamber of Commerce regard setting up a permanent Azalea Festival Committee.

Edward Allen Walker born to Allen and wife of Pistol River.

Brookin Market installs frozen food lockers.

George Funk advertising a whole mess of Wedgewood and Imperator iris bulbs at \$35 a thousand and many ads to dispose of lilies and lily planting stock.

J. T. Jacobs, first lily-growers' co-op president, handed a gold plated award.

Archie Hendricks calculating he'll open a furniture store in the building August Johnson is putting up, out on the brushy edge of town.

Rosie Potocnik up visiting the home folks from Santa Rosa college.

Earl Simpsons, of San Anselmo, buy Beasley property on Ol-

**THESE PEOPLE LIVE HERE**

THE CEDAR LANE CANNERY has developed from hardly a wide spot in the road six years ago to one of the important enterprises in the community. In 1950 Rex Hays started this small sports cannery in the old Forestry building on the 2 1/2 acre tract South of Harbor purchased from Archie Anderson. In 1953 he added the gift package department. At the present time that part of the business has grown to the point where there are over 20,000 on the mailing list where the packages are shipped all over the world.

Hays retired from the Bureau of Yards and Docks, U. S. Navy and started a sports cannery in Gold Beach October 22, 1945. He opened the cannery in Harbor in 1950 and until he sold out in Gold Beach in 1951 he carried on at both locations.

Last year Hays expanded further adding a new retail store. Here he handles fresh fish in season and the many gift items for the local and tourist trade. In conjunction with the store is a new 20 foot by 20 foot walk in freezer for quick freezing, storage and bait. There are many items developed and canned at the Cedar Lane Company that are not usually found on the market. The canned tuna, scallops, shrimp, cod and other sea foods are well received as gift items. Also the canned chicken, jams, jellies and the special items of huckleberry and wild black berry jelly are so much in demand that they are not able to keep up with all of the orders. A new 16 foot by 16 foot walk has just been completed this month.

Because of the growing demands of the business, Hays took in a partner in June of this year. He is Art Longan from Medford. He had operated the Modern Plumbing & Sheet Metal Works there until he sold out just prior to moving to Brookings. He has his wife Marjorie, and three children with him. One is in high school and the other two will enter the elementary school this fall.

There are 11 commercial boat's fishing for the Cedar Lane Cannery at the present time.

THE BROOKINGS RED-E-MIX was taken over from Elmer Bankus by Tom McKenzie in April of last year. He moved over here with his wife, Connie, and their two children from Grants Pass. He had been in the construction business there for five years previous.

McKenzie stated that he had always had a yen to get in the sand and gravel business and he had thought a great deal about building in Brookings. When the opportunity came up to buy the Red-E-Mix here he was not long making up his mind.

He is now operating five dump trucks, three ready-mix trucks, a crane and loading equipment. There are seven employees in the yard. Mrs. McKenzie takes care of the office.

THE B & H LOGGING SUPPLY CO. is owned and operated by Clifford Brimm since buying out his partner, Jack Holmes in January of 1955. The business was purchased from Warren Starr July 1, 1953.

Brimm came to Brookings in May 1947 from Morton, Wash. He and his brother, Roy Brimm and Warren Smith started the Brimm Bros. Lumber Co. This plant they sold to the Brookings Plywood in 1951.

The business has enjoyed a steady growth. Since taking over, Brimm has added several lines, including welding and air reduction equipment. He is also the distributor for the Simonds Saw & Steel Products, culvert pipe and Power Transmission Products.

While Mrs. Brimm's name is Eula, she is better known as Brownie.

**CHETCO FLYING CLUB BUILDS NEM HANGAR AT STATE LINE AIRPORT**

The hangar at the Crissey State line airport is nearing completion. Crew members worked last Sunday and got three-fourths of the roof on and the tarring

son Lane. Earl had previously been office manager, Frisco, for Stuart Oxygen Co.

Tony Felipe partied, on the 6th, his 16th birthday.

Eugenia Moore, Betti Goldizen, and Ethel Pierce at Baptist girls' Arrawannah camp.

Archie McVay got a 20 inch trout out of the same creek.

completed. The hangar when completed will be 88 feet long and 30 feet wide and will accommodate three planes.

The building of this hangar is a project of the Chetco Flying club. The cost of the completed hangar will be about \$2,000, all labor has been donated by members of the club. They are now in the process of making plans to provide gas and oil at the airport for their own use and for that of visitors.

Eight aircraft are permanently based at the airport, these planes are owned by local people. The flying club has two of its own planes and two instructors. Any one who is interested in joining the Flying club or in taking instruction can contact Al Phillips for further information.

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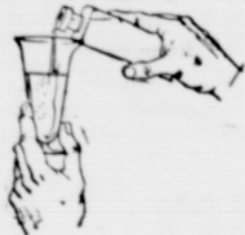
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