

County's Pea Industry in Need of Protection

\$300,000 Crop Threatened by Weevil Menace

(By William F. Cyrus, County Agent)

An agricultural industry worth a conservatively estimated annual gross cash income of \$300,000 to Washington county farmers of \$200,000 can be protected and its further growth encouraged by developing an effective control program for its usually most serious insect pest enemy.

Growing of peas, canneries and Austrian winter field peas, is the industry and pea weevils are the insects that do the damage. Work carried on locally in 1936 and put into practice on a commercial scale in 1937 demonstrated that pea weevil can be controlled in canning and garden peas by applying dusts that contain rotenone. Suggestions for controlling weevil in peas in 1938 are contained in the report just released by the Pacific Northwest cooperative pea weevil control project committee. This group is made up of members of the staff of experiment stations and the U. S. department of agriculture, bureau of entomology, who have been working on this problem in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Kenneth Gray of the Oregon station and Joe Chamberlain of the U. S. department have carried on this work in Oregon the past two years.

Dusting Machine Best

Rotenone dust of a strength of not less than three-fourths of one per cent has been found to be effective. Applying this at the rate of 20 to 25 pounds per acre with an efficient dusting machine is recommended. Canning peas will generally need at least two applications and sometimes three. From their two years experience on the canneries the committee suggests: "The first application of dust should be made within a few days after the peas start in bloom and before any pods have set. . . . Peas blooming early in the season and before all the weevils are out of hibernation may receive additional applications. In these cases one or two additional applications may be necessary, the length of the interval depending upon weevil populations."

Proper timing of dusting is essential. In this connection during the coming season someone from one of these agencies will be in the field part of the time, at least, in Washington county. Consequently, advice to growers as to proper time to start dusting operations and interval between applications will be available in the county when growers want it. Proper dusting equipment to apply dust economically is essential. Generally, dusting equipment should carry a hood extending from either side of the machine, under which dust is discharged. This equipment suggests that even in cases where these are used that for practical results a wind of more than 10 miles per hour will prevent efficient work.

Other Items Important

In addition to the dusting operations there are other things that need to be given consideration both by those farmers growing garden or canneries peas and by those engaged in the production of Austrian field peas. Practices that lessen the weevil population are important and the suggestions call attention to the following:

1. Only seed that is free of live weevil should be planted. If the seed is infested these weevils may later crawl out and infest the new crop.
2. Deep plowing, using equipment that will effectively bury all of the refuse left in the field, is another practice which is advisable and should be a part of an effective pea weevil control program. For some years burning was resorted to but it is no longer recommended. It was generally done too late in the season to accomplish very much in decreasing the number of weevils that would go into winter hibernation. The same condition may be true in regard to plowing, if that is delayed. Where the field refuse is to be turned under it should be done immediately after the crop is harvested.
3. Garden peas in home and farm gardens that are allowed to ripen are a constant source of infestation.

Business Hours Changed for Banks

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Present for the meeting from Hillsboro were W. C. Christensen, president, A. H. Abts, W. V. Bergen, Clyde Yount and Mike Payndor, head bookkeeper, of the Commercial National, and Manager David Cooper of First National's branch.

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Ceremonies Set at Beaverton

BEAVERTON—Cornerstone of the new Beaverton grade school will be laid Wednesday, April 6, at 2 p. m. by Carl G. Patterson, grand master of the Masonic grand lodge.

Ceremonies will be under the auspices of the Beaverton Masonic lodge with Samuel B. Lawrence as worshipful master. Members of the lodge will assemble at their hall and march to the school grounds to music by the Beaverton high school band. The various lodges of Portland and vicinity have been invited to participate.

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Political Scene Remains Peaceful

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can to announce intention to campaign for the job.

Hesse Gives Statement

In announcing himself for candidate for state representative, Hesse said "I am prompted by no other motive than a desire to do some of the duties as such I am a farmer of the Scholls section of the county, where I was born almost three score years ago, and where I have lived continuously since I served as county commissioner for one term of four years, from 1917 to 1921. I have served on the county fair board for 10 or 12 years, but declined appointment for another term. I am clerk of school district number 39 and have held that post for 27 years."

"If nominated and elected, I will conscientiously work for best interests of Oregon and Washington county. My slogan to be printed on the official ballot for Washington county, is 'farm and business interests.'"

Thomas Road of Hillsboro, Washington county native, taxpayer and one of the late County Judge L. A. Road has filed for the democratic nomination for county commissioner.

Married and the father of three children, Road offered the slogan: "Thorough understanding, honest efficiency, wholehearted co-operation with every possible economy."

On this he elaborated thusly: "If I am nominated and elected, I will during my term of office give the same honest, efficient service that I have rendered during the past several years as a member of the maintenance and construction department on county roads. Through my practical experience I believe I can be instrumental in saving the taxpayers money without sacrificing quality of workmanship on roads."

Moore's Name Up

Throughout the county, nominating petitions passed from hand to hand, gathered signatures and signatures followed automatically after hand-shakes and candidate supporters sought to gather the required number of registered voters' signatures to place friends' names on May primary ballot.

O. L. Moore, Tigard, was the subject of one such petition-circulation, with friends seeking to place him on the ballot for republican nomination as state representative.

Nine True Bills Returned by Jury

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service during the current term include Hulda Connell, Hillsboro, route 1; William J. Lichty, Hillsboro, route 1; George I. Gebhardt, Gaston, route 1; Earl Croseman, Garden Home; Jennie L. Gray, Beaverton; A. W. Courtney, Hillsboro, route 2; and Willard A. Hughes, Hillsboro, route 4. Hughes was named foreman.

Regular circuit court jurors will be Helen K. Erickson, Forest Grove, route 1; Frank Schulmerich, Hillsboro, route 5; John I. Marsh, Cornelius, route 1; Rose King, Aloha; Samuel H. Webb, Cornelius; May Werre, Sherwood, route 4; John James Perry, Hillsboro, route 3; Irene Barnes, Beaverton; Georgia Schmid, Aloha; Theodore Emerson, Beaverton, route 1; Lucy Baker, Hillsboro, route 3; Walter C. Heston, Hillsboro, route 2; John Voelker, Cornelius; Verne Dyble, Portland, route 2; W. E. Hamilton, Forest Grove, route 1.

Seven prospective jurors excused from service were Jesse Meyers, Baxter, George F. Davies, Beaverton; Edward A. Johnson, Aloha; G. P. Ford, Beaverton; C. G. Burdington, Forest Grove; and Charles L. Hillston, Beaverton, route 2.

Second Jury Reports

Three true bills and one not-true bill were returned Tuesday afternoon by the new March term grand jury, which went into session Monday afternoon after selection details had been completed.

Dan Berdar was indicted on a count of selling alcoholic liquor, and Albert Dockson, arrested last week, was indicted on a charge of malicious and wanton injury to personal property, growing out of a recent smashing at Beaverton. Brown Jug restaurant early last November in what was said to be a union dispute.

George Murray, charged with a robbery growing out of an arrangement in circuit court on indictment Monday, waived time, pleaded guilty to the charge, and had sentence postponed until August 1, 1938, with liberty allowed in the meantime.

Tharval Brand, found guilty on charges growing out of an automobile accident in Forest Grove several months ago, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail Monday, and assessed \$100 fine.

May Rockwell, charged with practicing medicine without a license, posted \$500 bail with County Clerk W. A. Tupper Monday and was allowed freedom pending trial.

James Grogan, arrested in Hillsboro last week, was indicted on a charge of assault and battery, later released on posting of \$50 bail.

Three youths, 14, 15 and 16 years old, were in court last Tuesday, arrested by Chief Deputy R. H. Bush, booked for either burglary or larceny. Arrested Thursday was the 14-year-old, caught prowling a house near Witch Hazel. The other two, part of the same gang, were brought in Friday. A large number of cases, ranging from gasoline thefts to housebreaking, were being cleared up by the arrests.

From newly created deputy sheriff at Banks came complaints of frequent gas thefts in his vicinity. Recently one fired car-owner, supplying a group sucking gasoline through the fuel tank, was taken from his car, cut loose with a shot at the youths. Results were unknown, but the marksman believed one was hit.

In time with spring, someone broke into the home of George Hacking at Tigard last week and took a size 36 pair spring suit and then embellished his theft with an electric toaster, flashlight, Indian blanket, two towels, coffee and bread. It was believed that a tramp seen in the vicinity early in the week might have been responsible for the theft.

Two Cases in Limelight

Two change of venue cases are listed for trial in Washington county circuit court, soon, with the damage suit of Lillian Lawler vs. Columbia county starting soon, and the case of State of Oregon vs. E. T. and Howard Mass listed for next Tuesday on the court calendar.

The Mass trial brings the case of Howard Mass, Clackamas county deputy sheriff, to the local court on a charge of larceny of public money, county case, with the case of E. T. Mass, sheriff, also on trial for the same offense. The two were indicted jointly last December on a complaint alleging they collected \$67 of county money and "converted same to their own use and neglected to pay said money over to Clackamas county as by law directed." They are free at present under \$1000 bail. Howard Mass demanded separate trial on February 21, and had his motion granted.

When warrant for arrest of the two Clackamas county peace officers was issued in December, it was made out to the county corner there to act in place of the sheriff.

Circuit court orders were given during the week in cases of Florence May Lahey vs. John E. Lahey, default and reference; J. J. Skinner vs. A. F. Doughty, dispossess; W. Robb vs. J. A. Lewis et al.; Hensal; Henry D. Wisch vs. W. Bronk et al.; non-suit; Margaret Jean Holbrook vs. Jack Elton Holbrook, reference; Mark Skinner, et al. vs. Superintendent of Banks; vs. Michael Welter, voluntary non-suit; Skinner vs. K. L. Desinger, voluntary non-suit; Tustin company vs. Chris W. Schindler et al.; dismissal; Lucy Doyka vs. Walter G. Scofield, confirmation; Fred L. Proctor vs. John Hansen et al.; confirmation; T. J. Holycross et al. vs. Charles W. and Elizabeth A. Flanagan et al.; judgment