

Burning with Permits Possible Till May 31

Rural Squads Organized to Combat Fires

Burning may be continued under burning permits outside of forest areas, according to announcement from the state forestry department and the Northwest Fire Protective association. The original announcement indicated that all burning must be discontinued May 15. This was later clarified and under the new interpretation it is possible to clean up rubbish brush piles and other minor burning until May 31, according to William F. Cyrus, county agent and fire co-ordinator.

Organization of rural fire squads has been complete in many Washington county communities. This move, begun under the stimulus of civilian defense, is being accepted around the county as a necessary and advisable piece of work in most rural communities. In reality, this preparation amounts to developing community leadership in preventing and controlling fires of all kinds.

Will Save Property
"When completed and effectively directed and operated these rural fire squads functioning under the supervision of their own rural leaders will in the course of time save thousands of dollars of property," Cyrus stated this week.

Recently, two women were able to save a barn from burning because a barrel of water was available in the barn and rails were convenient. "Particularly during the fire season, and perhaps at all times, a barrel of water located in a convenient place in a barn is a valuable part of preparedness to prevent serious fires," says Cyrus.

Even though water may be piped into the barn there may be times when the saving of time made possible by having the water in a barrel would be great enough to prevent a disastrous fire just as in the case referred to. Having equipment and tools ready on the farm saves property. A hose connected to a hydrant in the barn is going to be of more use than if it is rolled up in a garage. A rake, a shovel, and a hoe kept in one place for fire use would be of real service, while three or four rakes scattered all around the premises would probably be of very little service.

"Many plantings of peas and vetch this year extend right to the farm buildings," says the county agent. "A strip should be cut off these fields while they are still green and the ground disked or plowed next to the buildings to serve as a firebreak. Firebreaks between fields and between properties will save a lot of crop and sometimes essential farm buildings," he continued.

Berry Picking Price Clarified

Strawberry growers should consult the local berry growers' committee before they vary their picking price from the one established by representatives of eleven strawberry growing areas of the state in conference with state labor commissioner C. H. Gram at Salem recently, according to W. F. Cyrus, county agent. Local growers who participated in this conference were Lewis Kelly of Banks, and Alex Eischen of Route 2, Cornelius.

A picking wage of 2 1/2 cents plus a bonus of 1/2-cent per hallock was agreed upon as a uniform picking price by the growers' representatives meeting at Salem. In a telephone discussion of this uniform picking wage rate with Cyrus this week, the state labor commissioner indicated that growers who establish a different picking pay scale could possibly be obligating themselves to a greater extent than they realize. Any changes from the agreed price should be made only after conference with the local growers' committee, according to Mr. Gram.

At the Salem conference it was agreed that the state labor commissioner should appoint local committees who would be asked and expected to work out adjustments when and if they are advisable. Such adjustments are the specific function of these committees. Changes made individually without consultation with the growers' committee could mean, according to Mr. Gram, that the grower is assuming certain obligations he may not be aware of. These things should be worked out with the committees selected to decide these questions.

Your co-operation will be appreciated in having Club, Society, Local, and Fraternal News reported before Tuesday night. Copy should be sent in as early as possible. Send meeting facts immediately after meeting. Thank you.

Rural Fire Crews Prepared for Duty



The three pictures above show how rural fire crews will perform in fighting fires that may occur in their areas. A fire along a fence row on the edge of a green field is shown at top. Second picture, a fire crew just after they put out this same fire. Bottom, the rural fire crew at Cedar Mill, just equipped under the directions of James Walters, fire warden for that community. The men in this picture are from left to right: James Walters, Assistant County Agent Palmer Torvond, Adolph Newbert and Dave Edgar.

Local Hatcheryman Sees High Place For Poultry Industry in War Effort



"Every poultry house in the country" is a Victory Plant. If food will win the war, as they say it will, then eggs and poultry products rank way up there as a potent weapon.

This was the opinion expressed by Frank O. Erickson, local poultry breeder for the past 22 years and owner of a U. S. certified 3000-ben capacity hatchery.

"Not only will food win the war but will be a powerful instrument in writing a strong peace. The impoverished countries throughout the world will lean upon America for these critical foods—eggs, milk, meat—with which to rebuild health and morale."

Erickson pointed out that since Secretary Wickard's call was issued last April for more of these vital foods, poultrymen have made amazing strides. Figures just released by the department of agriculture show that chickens laid forty billion eggs in 1941. That's four per cent over the all-time record set in 1930. He gave credit to better feeding practices, more careful selection of chicks, and better poultry house equipment for much of this achievement.

"But there is one threat," he added, "to the continued success of the program in 1942 and beyond. Up until recently, poultry raisers have not felt the full sting of the farm labor situation, nor the inconvenience of not being able to get needed equipment like feeders, waterers, brooders, and other needed items. Now, however, Erickson predicts that with farm boys and hired men leaving the farm in droves, and manufacturers of equipment working on a shrunken raw material source, the picture looks threatened."

He explained thusly: "During 1941, poultrymen not only have been better able financially to buy equipment but they had to have it in order to step up production and save labor. Now," he continued, "the pinch is on. Production quotas on eggs are still greater this year yet poultry raisers are asked to get along with less labor and less labor-saving devices."

To a man like Erickson, being the secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Baby Chick association, such a condition is cause for much concern. He is very close to his customers and vendor of eggs used for hatching at Erickson U. S. certified hatchery. He has first hand knowledge of their problems, their

World's Milk Record Broken

Crowning ceremonies for Carnation Ormsby Madcap Payne, Carnation cow that has just smashed the world's milk production record, will be broadcast by Jennings Pierce over KEX at 6:15 a. m. Friday, May 22, according to C. T. Richardson, local Carnation plant superintendent.

The broadcast, which will feature Wendell Wilkie and Governor Langlet will be on the National Farm and Home hour in a coast-to-coast hookup.

Additional information relative to the record-breaking cow will be given next week.

hopes and fears, their vital part in the food for victory program. Frank has seen the poultry business climb out of the "Chicken Coop" category into an industry rated today at a billion dollars.

"It's more than ever a mass production proposition the same as guns and tanks and planes," asserted Erickson. "Nothing must happen to hamper the poultryman in his patriotic effort to help win the war."

Erickson would rather talk about the poultry business, his customers, housing and feeding problems than himself. He discusses things like foundation stock—incidentally, he hatches eggs from pedigreed R. O. P. dams and males—what it means in terms of better chicks, better layers, better profits for poultrymen.

Erickson believes in advertising what he has to offer his customers. He uses classified advertising in the local newspaper and also uses space in trade magazines. Mrs. Erickson is an interested and active partner in the business, giving Frank a lift with the books of the Oregon State Baby Chick association. There is something about a woman's touch in the hatchery enterprise which seems to add that indescribable something necessary to attaining near-perfection. At least that's what Erickson stoutly maintains, and in this instance, such appears to be the case.

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Second Walnut Spray Now Due

The second or late problem spray for walnut blight should be applied in walnut orchards now. Paul W. Miller, Plant Pathologist, U. S. department of agriculture, Corvallis, mailed out spray notices May 14. On that date there were some orchards that were not yet ready for the second application. By the time this notice appears in our local newspapers it will be time to apply the second spray in practically all orchards.

The same materials at the same rates are recommended as was for the first or early problem treatment. This is a Bordeaux mixture 3-1-50. Where the orchards have been sprayed annually for the past three or more years, the concentration may be safely reduced to 2-1-50. A mineral oil emulsion (viscosity 75-100 seconds Saybolt, unsulfonated residues 60 or above), at the rate of 1 pint in 100 gallons of spray, should be added to the spray mixture to reduce the incidence and severity of leaf injury should conditions favor its development.

Yellow Cuprous oxide or copper oxalate may be used as substitute for Bordeaux mixture for the control of walnut blight. Copper oxalate should be used at the rate of 3 pounds in 100 gallons of water; yellow cuprous oxide at the rate of 1 1/2 pounds in 100. A good sticking agent such as Ortho Fungicide Adhesive, should be added to the latter material to increase its adherence. This particular adhesive should be used at the rate of 1 quart to 100 gallons of spray.

Further information about this control program for the control of this disease may be obtained by consulting Oregon Extension Circular 382 entitled "The Control of Walnut Blight in Oregon."

Farmer Union Meets Saturday

Washington County Farmer union will hold an open meeting Saturday, May 23, at 8:30 p. m. at the chamber of commerce rooms in Hillsboro. State officers, Annon Grice and Harley Libby of Salem and Mrs. Pauline Johnson of Silverton will be present. The new Farmer Union insurance plan will be explained. There will also be a discussion of the contemplated market set-up. All farmers who are interested, are urged to attend.

Pot-luck lunch will be served after the meeting. West Union local will serve with Mrs. Davidson in charge.

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Many Students Indicate Availability For Emergency Agricultural Work

Of the 2,794 school youth registrants of Washington county 1,932 or 69.1 per cent indicated availability for emergency agricultural defense work, according to the Oregon school census taken by the United States Employment Service research and statistics division.

Nearly 80 per cent of Oregon's older school children will be available for seasonal farm work or other war-time emergencies this summer, the survey shows.

| School group | Total | Defense and Agricultural work only | | National Defense work only | | Agricultural work only | | Unavailable for either |
|--------------|-------|------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|------------------------|------|------------------------|
| | | Male | Fem. | Male | Fem. | Male | Fem. | |
| Junior high | 2,294 | 222 | 282 | 249 | 292 | 291 | 393 | 291 |
| Senior high | 1,573 | 279 | 125 | 30 | 64 | 250 | 331 | 274 |
| College | 1,150 | 18 | 184 | 179 | 224 | 39 | 64 | 428 |
| Total | 5,017 | 529 | 591 | 658 | 780 | 580 | 788 | 1,093 |

The occupational classification of senior high and college registrants is shown on the following tabular presentation:

| Occupations | Total | Senior High | College |
|----------------------|-------|-------------|---------|
| Total | 1,221 | 1,150 | 71 |
| Professional | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| Clerical | 155 | 150 | 5 |
| Domestic and service | 157 | 153 | 4 |
| Activities | 144 | 141 | 3 |
| Lumber | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| Skilled and semi | 157 | 155 | 2 |
| Unskilled | 492 | 466 | 26 |
| Miscellaneous | 129 | 114 | 15 |

1. No attempt was made to classify junior high registrants occupationally.

2. Includes 44 indicating ability to drive trucks and tractors.

* These registrants indicated availability for both national defense and agricultural work and are to be considered in addition to those who indicated availability in only one type of work.

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Leisville School Holds Picnic Sunday

LEISVILLE—The school picnic at Shute park Sunday was attended by many of the community. Royal Gardner, who has been teaching in Burns high school, arrived home last week. Tom Gregg and daughter, Mrs. David Gill, are moving to Walnut Park vicinity in Portland.

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