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Farm and Garden

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Increasing Egg Production Meetings Topic

Increasing egg production in the war food program will be the theme of the poultry meetings scheduled for Washington county next week, as announced by Jens F. Svinth, assistant county agent. First meeting will be Tuesday, January 26, at 1:30 p. m. at the Forest Grove chamber of commerce, while the second meeting will be held at the Beaverton high school at 8 p. m. of the same day.

Noel I. Bennion, extension poultryman at Oregon State college, will be present at both meetings to discuss price ceilings and price supports, outlook for poultry in 1943, supplemental feedings with pellets in moist mash and prospects for raising broilers and fryers, and other topics.

In addition to the above discussion, a sound picture "Nature's Defense Package" will be shown describing how the poultry business is helping in the war program.

Any person in the county interested in poultry raising is invited to attend one of these meetings. Especially urged to attend are those who have empty poultry houses that could be utilized without much additional expense. Since poultry products are classed as a war essential food, it is essential that every effort be made to increase egg production throughout the county.

Jersey Cattle Club To Convene Monday

Annual meeting of the Washington County Jersey Cattle club will be held at the Forest Grove chamber of commerce rooms at 1:45 p. m. Monday, January 25, according to announcement by Fred Knox of Cornelius, president.

Labor saving ideas and testing changes will be considered.

Rubber Stamps.—Get them at the Hillsboro Argus. tf

Water Facility Loans Possible

Farmers in Washington county who can boost war food production with development of farmstead water facilities are eligible for farm security assistance if other credit is not available, announces V. S. Madsen, county FSA supervisor court house, Hillsboro. Water facility loans carry only three per cent interest and are repayable over the life of the equipment purchased.

"Livestock and garden production particularly can be increased on many farms where present water is not adequate," said Madsen, "stock water tanks, over-head sprinkling equipment, better pumps, new or improved wells and spring development often enable a farmer to greatly increase livestock pasture and garden production with little extra cost."

Although priorities are now required on new pipe, pumps, motors and similar equipment, considerable used equipment is still available and priorities can often be secured if substantial increases in war food production can be shown, it was explained. Where better use of water already on the farm is involved, wooden pipe, ditches and other methods not requiring critical materials often solve the problem.

"Added preference in securing priorities for farmstead water equipment is being given where two or more farmers plan to use the facilities co-operatively," Madsen said. "One good well can in many cases serve two or more farms if proper equipment is available. Where farms are adjacent, it is often possible to use over-head sprinkling equipment and irrigation pumps so as to serve both units."

Applications for FSA water facility loans may be made at the County FSA office, court house, Hillsboro.

4,000,000 Berry Plants Certified

Certification of strawberry plants has grown to the point where more than four million plants met certification standards in 1942, according to a summary issued by O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist at Oregon State college.

Certification of strawberries was started about 10 years ago and has become increasingly popular as a means of avoiding serious diseases and insuring better yields. Certification cannot provide any guarantee of the performance of plants, explained McWhorter, but it does show the condition of the plants at the time of inspection. Growers who sign the certification tags guarantee that the plants in the tagged bags were taken from inspected fields.

Extension Unit Meets Friday

DIXIE MOUNTAIN—The Home Extension unit meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harold Hansen, Friday at 10:30 a. m.

W. G. Parmele of Seattle, Wash., is visiting a few weeks with his son Harold.

Dick Jaccber was released from the Coffey hospital in Portland last Saturday, where he had been for a week with an injured knee.

Injured at Work

Jesse Pugh received painful injuries while working at the shipyard Sunday night.

Pruning Demonstration Scheduled January 27

A pruning demonstration is slated for interested orchardists Wednesday, January 27, announces Palmer S. Torvend, county agent. This demonstration will begin at 10 a.m. and will be held in the Ben Faber orchard east of Lincoln street in Hillsboro. Here both young and old peach trees will be pruned.

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Rules Cleared On Butchering For Home Use

Some misunderstandings as to government regulations affecting meat and slaughter regulations has occurred. The following information, received from R. B. Taylor, chairman of the state USDA war board, points out that there is no regulation on farm slaughtering for home use. However, farmers are urged to conserve home slaughtered meat carefully, observing the two and one-half pounds per person request of the "share the meat program."

If any home slaughtered meat leaves the farm for delivery to other persons, the farmer immediately becomes subject to the non-quota slaughter regulations. The non-quota slaughter regulations provide that delivery for civilian use during a current period cannot be more than was delivered during the corresponding period in 1941. Meats affected by these regulations are beef, pork, lamb and mutton.

The government regulations affect only "controlled meat" which means the dressed carcasses of cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, and hogs. Both quota slaughterers and non-quota slaughterers may deliver unlimited quantities of meat to the government for military and lend-lease requirements, if it is government-inspected meat. Both quota and non-quota slaughterers must keep records of all meat deliveries. Accordingly, farmers must keep records of all animals slaughtered for other than home use.

If such quotas are exceeded it will endanger the war program and make such offenders subject to heavy penalties.

More Machinery Made Available

Oregon will get more farm machinery for this year's food production job than the amounts allocated under the original state quotas, Albert S. Girod of Salem, chairman of the state USDA war board's farm machinery committee, reports on his return from Washington, D. C. Quotas for many items will be increased by 25 per cent, and some may be doubled, Girod said. The increase is the result of WPB allocation of more materials to manufacturers. Even with the increases, new farm machinery will not begin to meet all needs, Girod warned.

County rationing committees will be advised of how much additional machinery will be allocated to each county, and will use information now being gathered through the every-farmer canvass to determine the farms where the machines are most needed.

Sign-Up Set for County Farmers

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will accept this undertaking and assist in producing all of the needed food crops possible."

Problems Cited

In pointing out some of the factors which would affect production, Palmer S. Torvend, county agent, stated that labor shortage, little new machinery, and short supplies of feeds—especially protein supplements, promise to be major problems. However, there are several plans offered which it is hoped will alleviate these problems somewhat. Among these are reclassification of essential agricultural workers by Selective Service boards, increased attention by the U. S. Employment Service to the recruitment and replacement of agricultural labor, using the farm plan sheets to help determine what equipment is needed in the county, and urging the growing of more feed crops. Transportation, lack of financing, and shortage of repairs and supplies are other difficulties facing the farmers. It is expected that when the Farm Plans are summarized the information obtained will be brought before those who are able to make adjustments.

Most war crop price supports have been announced or will be announced shortly, Kamna said. Of course this price support does not mean an assured or set price to every farmer for every class or grade of a given commodity for every market throughout the marketing season.

Increased production is asked for in the following commodities: dairy cows and milk; pork production; livestock and poultry; turkeys; feed crops, especially hay and feed grains; commercial vegetables, both fresh and for processing; potatoes; seed crops; dry edible peas; canning peas; and victory gardens.

Winner, Prize Winning Onions

Arnie Montgomery, age 9, who is a pupil of Shute school, is shown displaying the Bermuda onions and the beets from his victory garden last summer which took the first prize of $7.50 in war stamps, in the Young Oregonian Victory Garden contest, boys' division.—Cut courtesy Oregonian.

Shute Organizes Third 4-H Club

Tentative plans for a 4-H Garden club at Shute school, district 19, are underway, according to the teacher, Mrs. E. M. Sorber. This will be the third 4-H club there, for they already have a Health club and a Cooking club at this little district school of 19 pupils.

Mrs. Sorber has had ten years of 4-H club experience, and was a club leader in Lane county, before coming to Shute school last fall.

Arnie Montgomery, who took top honors in a Garden club contest last summer, is a fifth grade pupil at the school. He was awarded $7.50 in war stamps. He has purchased three $25 bonds and is filling his stamp book for a fourth bond.

Orenco Children Plan Scrap Books

ORENCO—Over 750 pairs of stockings were collected by the children of the intermediate room in their stocking drive last week. They are now collecting cartoons and cross-word puzzles to use in making scrap books for soldiers in hospitals. All the rooms have joined the Junior Red Cross. Stamps are still being sold every Friday.

Circle Meets Wednesday

Friendly Circle will meet next Wednesday at the church parlor for the monthly meeting, with Mrs. Ed Meihoff as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Shink of Oregon City were house guests at the Hartrampf home last week. They are Mrs. Hartrampf's parents.

Sells Home

Mrs. Mary Hunter, a former Orenco resident now living in Hillsboro, has sold her home to Mrs. J. Goble, also a former resident of Orenco, at present living in Montana. Mrs. Hunter expects to vacate about March 1.

Mrs. Fred Meihoff is taking care of her grandchildren, Tommy and Francine Treton, in Portland, who are ill with the measles.

New Trustee Appointed

Another evening service was held at the church last Sunday. This coming Sunday, a short congregational meeting will be called to appoint another trustee to take the place of one wishing to resign.

Meetings Changed

Prayer meetings and choir practice have been changed to Friday evenings, as the new first aid course will be held on Wednesdays.

Mr. and Mrs. James Quinton of Lyle, Wash., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Parks.

Dorothy Lentz of Wenatchee, Wash., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Albert Kehrli.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Evans are now living in the apartment recently vacated by the Ralph Davis family.

Club Plans Pot-luck

Community club will meet this Friday evening at the school. Pot-luck refreshments will be served. Please bring sandwiches, cake or cookies.

McWhorter Booked For Berry Meeting

O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist, Oregon State college, has been invited to discuss strawberry plant selection and disease control progress at the annual meeting of the United Berry Growers Association, in the Hillsboro chamber of commerce rooms, Wednesday, January 27, at 8 p. m., according to County Agent Palmer S. Torvend. All members and those interested in the strawberry growers organization are invited to attend, announced B. L. Sellers, secretary of the association. Business of the association will also be included in the program.

Hazeldale Church Buys More Bonds

HAZELDALE—A Sunday school business meeting was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Leopold. They voted to buy more defense bonds with money taken in through the church banks. Mrs. R. E. Santoro was elected trustee to take the place of Mrs. Otto Leopold, who has served the past year.

Wanda Hesterlee has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Doughty the last two weeks.

John Imlah, who was ill the past week, was able to return to work again Sunday at the shipyard.

Bonds Total $333

Catherine Stout and Mariam Doty observed birthday anniversaries at Sunday school, Sunday. A total of $100 has been taken in through the church banks the past three months and will be invested in series F defense bonds, bringing the total invested in bonds by the Sunday school to $333.

O. W. Hesterlee is remodeling the cottage he recently purchased on Livermore avenue.

Club Meets Thursday

Happy Hour club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Charles Kilgore. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Salee, January 28.

Teacher on Radio

Mrs. Ray McMinn, a former Sunday school teacher here, is now heard on a radio program at 5:30 p. m. each week day over KWJJ in Portland.

Mary Mick of Aloha was a week-end guest of Doris Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickey of Portland are renting the E. L. Hannabass property.

Illness Hits Laurel School; 16 Absent

LAUREL—Illness settled down on the Laurel school this week and took a heavy toll on attendance, as 16 of the school's 27 pupils were absent Tuesday. Only one case of scarlet fever has been reported so far—the rest being measles and flu.

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Gardens Need Best of Seed

Early selection of good seed is something that can be done now to insure the success of a 1943 victory garden, reminds A. G. B. Bouquet, professor of vegetable crops at Oregon State college. Seed catalogues are now arriving, heralding these new Oregon firms which are pressed in many cases to provide locally adapted strains and varieties.

An experienced seedsman is important to garden success just as is a trained medical doctor or dentist to health, says Professor Bouquet. An experienced seed dealer who knows seed varieties is much more likely to contribute to the success of the garden than one who handles seed merely as a side item, he says.

While some seed may appear at first glance to be rather expensive the actual cost of seed for a garden is so small in comparison to the value of the products that the best seed is the cheapest, no matter what it costs, adds Professor Bouquet. Seed that is purchased on a cost basis alone often gives unfavorable results, either with poor germination, lack of uniformity, or both. Most successful commercial gardeners buy the best seed available regardless of the price, knowing that the cost of seed is a comparatively small item in any case.

Professor Bouquet recommends early purchase of seed while full stocks are available, and also the purchase of only as much as is likely to be needed this year. Extension bulletin No. 552 lists desirable varieties and suggests the amount of seed necessary to plant varying areas of the different vegetables.

As one usually has some seed left over, it is wise, he says, to mark each packet of seed with the date it is purchased so that it will be possible in future to tell which seed is still safe to use. Ordinarily vegetable seed may be used safely after it is a year or so old.

FARM War News

Editor's Note—This is a weekly feature presented in co-operation with the County USDA War Board, and designed to keep farmers informed on new developments in agriculture's wartime production program

Good News for Feeders

Two developments this week give Oregon farmers assurance of adequate supplies of feed grains and moderate prices to help meet 1943 livestock and poultry goals. First, Commodity Credit announced that its feed wheat sales would be continued on substantially the same basis as 1942, when about three million bushels of wheat were sold for feeding to livestock and poultry in the state. Second, OPA ceilings halted the upward spiral of corn prices.

New Pork Price Rules

In a move to assure full use of pork supplies by civilians, armed forces and lend-lease, OPA on January 19 replaces packer and wholesale sellers' ceiling prices with new uniform regulations. Prices to the consumer will remain unchanged, since retail ceilings are not affected.

Tire Check-up Deadline

Farm truck owners now have until February 28 to have truck tires inspected in compliance with ODT regulations.

Here's First Farm Pledge

First Oregon farmer to sign his 1943 farm plan for maximum war production was Paul Nelson, Benton county. Here's Paul's pledge of Food for Freedom contributions: Spring and fall litters from 10 brood sows, feed 150 hogs, a 100 per cent increase over 1942; feed cut and market 30 head of beef stock, same as 1942; 100 acres of feed grains—corn, barley and oats, to feed the stock; 6 acres of alfalfa hay, a new planting; 18 acres of English rye and 10 acres of Austrian peas for seed and a big family garden. To pasture the stock, Paul has 40 acres of tall fescues and 150 acres of woodland pasture. The family "team" that is tackling this production job is made up of Paul and his wife, Hugh, age 11, and Nancy, 8.

Farms Get War Ratings

Reclassification by local draft boards of farm operators and workers as essential under the "war units" plan is proceeding throughout the state. Individual farm "war ratings" as determined by the farm plans and work sheets for 1943 now being made for every farm, will be used by county war boards to assist local draft boards in completing the reclassification. The increasingly serious farm labor problem is getting a lot of attention in Washington these days. Secretary Wickard states that revision of the 16-unit essential for standard is being contemplated to insure that no skilled farm worker is taken from the farm.

More Machinery in Prospect

Increases in county quotas of many items of farm machinery and equipment are in prospect as a result of WPB action to allocate more materials to machinery manufacturers. The county farm machinery rationing committee will be guided by information gathered in the current farm canvass to place these additional machines on farms where they are most needed and will contribute the most to 1943 production.

More Room Farm Machinery School

There is room for a few more to come in for the last of the classes at the farm machinery repair school being conducted at the Hillsboro union high school, J. B. Thomas, Smith-Hughes arricultural instructor, announced Wednesday.

The school started out successfuly Saturday and is carrying on from 1 to 5 p. m. each afternoon this week and on Saturday, January 23, the last day, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Thomas said a lot of farmers are passing up an opportunity to repair their farm machinery without cost except for parts.

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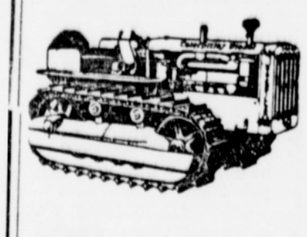

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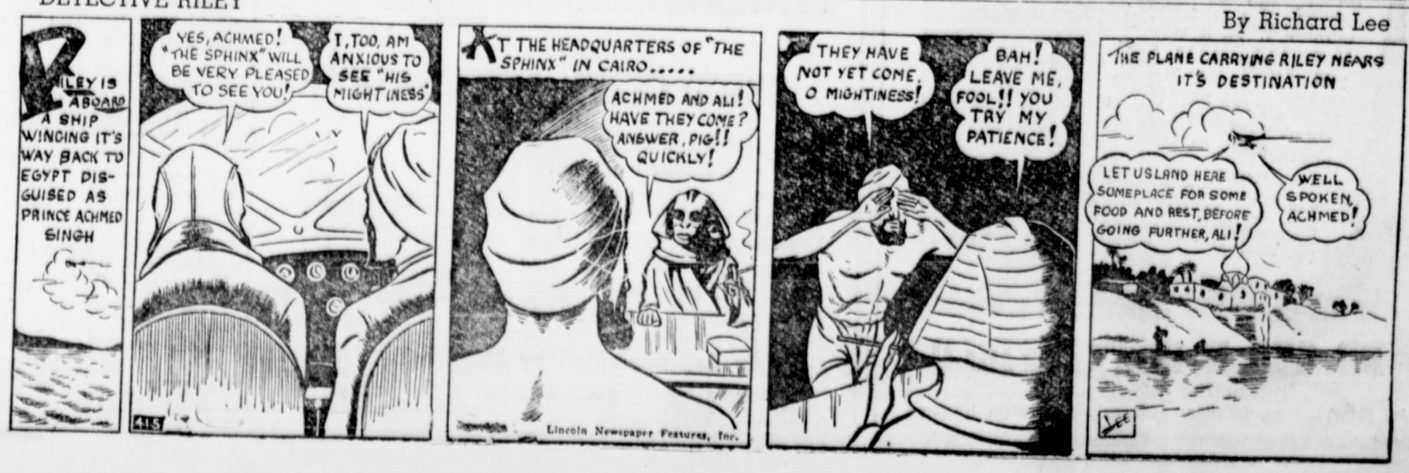
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