

Poultry Clinics Scheduled for County Next Week

Two "Poultry Clinics" have been scheduled in Washington county for next Tuesday, according to Jens F. Smith, assistant county agent. These are primarily for poultrymen to discuss problems pertaining to the health of their laying flocks and how egg production may be kept at a maximum. The first meeting is scheduled at the Forest Grove chamber of commerce rooms at 1:30 p. m., while the second will be at Beaverton high school at 8 p. m.

Dr. E. M. Dickenson, poultry veterinarian at Oregon State college, will be present to discuss with local poultrymen what can be done about the problems. It is highly important that poultrymen do all they can to keep their flocks in good health—and for that reason, local poultrymen should take advantage of the opportunity and attend the scheduled meetings.

Tibbitts Leaves AAA Employment Monday

Fred Tibbitts, assistant secretary of the Washington county AAA, is leaving Monday to accept a position at Dallas as assistant county agent of Polk county. His successor here has not been named.

Tibbitts has served as assistant secretary of the AAA for the past year.

"Milkmaid" Class Enrollment Ends On January 22

Women interested in joining the first school for "milkmaids" at Oregon State college are urged to enroll immediately as January 22 has been set as the closing date for enrollment in the first session, announced Mrs. Mabel Mack, assistant state farm labor supervisor in charge of the women's land army. Applications may be filed with any county extension office or direct with Mrs. Mack.

Some response has been received from the initial announcement that women will be trained for these well-paying dairy farm jobs, but more can still be enrolled in the first training session scheduled to start from one to three weeks, according to the previous training and experience of each individual member.

Training in tractor driving will also be included in the course, says Mrs. Mack, as most farmers contracted desire that their dairy help be able to handle a tractor. Other training will be given at the college dairy plant and will include handling and operating a milking machine, cleaning and caring for all types of dairy equipment, the elements of feeding, as well as some instruction in milking by hand.

Any woman physically fit and between 18 and 45 is eligible to enroll.

While the number of milk cows continues above a year ago, the flow of milk per cow has been 4 to 5 per cent under 1942 levels during recent months.

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Hagg Champions Fair Price, No Milk Subsidies

"Milk production in the Portland-Vancouver milk shed area is down 8 to 10 per cent from 1941 or 1942 production levels, and is going much lower unless positive action is taken to make returns from dairy farming equal to returns from row crops, grains, cover crop seeds, flax, or other livestock," according to Henry Hagg, a Washington county dairyman and director of Challenge Creameries. "A fair price in the market place, and not subsidies, is the answer."

"What Oregon dairy farmers want," states Henry Hagg, is intelligent control which will result in price adjustments which are in line with production costs. Such a plan was originally written in 1942 but was disrupted by the OPA's act of 1942 which set a ceiling price on milk and failed to take into account the production costs of the dairymen. If the price control act of 1942 had been allowed to function as congress passed it, Oregon today would not be facing a milk shortage for 1944.

Oregon, which is ordinarily an area of surplus dairy production, is now unable to fill the full demand for dairy products which has been placed upon it by a rapidly increasing population and by a mounting per capita milk consumption, according to G. A. Brown, manager of Challenge Creameries. This is especially true in the Portland-Vancouver area which has shown an increase in 1940 in addition to this, increased buying power and rationing of other foods has increased per capita consumption from three-quarters of a pint per day in 1935 to a full pint in 1943.

Brown explains that while the majority of the 8000 farm families who make up this cooperative organization are primarily interested in the production of butter and cheese they pledge that fresh bottled milk comes first—because of its tremendous importance to the health of the public. Fresh milk demands must be filled—then for butter and cheese production. This promises to reduce the production of butter and cheese—a large percentage of which will go to army and lend-lease use.

The only way in which Oregon housewives will receive more butter and cheese for 1944 is for the supply of manufacturing milk to be increased. This can be done either by conservation of fresh milk or by helping Oregon dairymen to increase their milk production.

Nurserymen to Meet: Grove Man to Preside

Mid-winter meeting of the Oregon Association of Nurserymen will be held in Portland Wednesday, January 26, with President Wayne Melott of Forest Grove presiding. Among principal speakers will be Marshall Dana, Portland News-Paperman; E. L. Peterson, director of the state department of agriculture; S. B. Hall, Gresham; Multnomah county agent, and Captain Douglas McKay, public relations officer of Camp Adair.

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WFA advocates close culling of dairy, meat and poultry stock, "tailoring" rations to meet needs of growing and producing animals and birds, stoppage of waste through rodents, efficient feeding rations and self-feeders, harvesting feed in the field with livestock and adequate provision for salt and water. In addition, pastures and careful use will stretch feed supplies. In Oregon, favorable fall weather has made possible the maximum use of pastures, saving feed supplies and shortening the feeding season.

Farmers and farm workers who have time during the slack winter season to work in the woods or in lumber mills to help offset the critical lumber shortage, need not fear loss of their agricultural allotments.

A special procedure authorizing draft boards to grant agricultural allotments to deferred registrants temporary licenses for non-farm work is contained in selective service regulations. To obtain a release, a registrant first obtains a release statement from his local county war board regarding the period of time which he can be spared from agricultural work. This statement is submitted to selective service board with which the individual is registered for approval.

WFA is encouraging farmers to contribute to alleviating the lumber shortage by increasing production from farm woodlands, and providing labor services during the winter to lumber industries.

Some Price Facts

Wheat prices have advanced since late September to the highest levels in 15 years. Even with the recent advance, prices are below the high levels in World War I but are considerably above levels which would exist under peace conditions and without governmental support.

The average price received by farmers for oats in mid-October was 72 per cent higher than a year earlier, while the barley price was 79 per cent higher and was up only 38 per cent, but was under selling.

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Food Production Requests to Be Outlined Friday

Requests of the war food administration for agricultural production in Washington county during 1944 will be presented by Willis Bogie of Corvallis, and Clifford Smith, assistant county agent, Friday in the county court room. Members of the county AAA committee, the county agricultural planning committee and interested farmers have been invited to attend the session.

The meeting is scheduled to open at 10 a. m. according to Palmer S. Torvond, county agent. Following the presentation of the war food administration requests the session will be open for discussion.

Hog Production Eases Off; Hog-Corn Ration Down

A significant change has occurred in the hog-corn price ratio at Chicago and in the intentions of farmers in the United States to produce hogs, according to information furnished by the agricultural extension service at Oregon State college.

With the hog-corn price ratio at 11.7 late in December 1943, compared with 10.2 a year previous, hogs are worth 30 per cent less in exchange for corn. With net income to feeders materially reduced, the government pig crop report indicates that hog production will decline in 1944, although the hog-corn ratio is still considerably higher than it has been in some previous years.

The pig crop report shows that the downturn was noted last fall in a smaller pig crop than expected, although the number of pigs farrowed in the United States was 10 per cent above the fall crop of 1943. The number of pigs farrowed in the spring was indicated at 16 per cent fewer than in the spring of 1943. If farmers actually produce the number of hogs indicated for 1944, the fall and spring pig crops combined will still be the largest on record.

Information received from the war food administration regarding hog prices supports states that the schedule in effect in Oregon during December 1943 will be continued until further notice. This means \$13.75 at Portland for good weight 200 to 300-pound butcher hogs until otherwise announced. Effective October 1, 1944, until March 31, 1945, however, it has been announced that the support price at Chicago for good choice butcher hogs 190 to 230 pounds is to be \$12.50, compared with the current support price at Chicago of \$13.75 for 200- to 300-pound hogs.

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Girod Appointed Committee Head

Albert Girod of Cornelius has been appointed chairman of the machinery committee in connection with the forthcoming annual meeting of the Oregon Seed Growers League in Salem, January 18 and 19. J. J. Inskip of Oregon City is secretary of this committee.

The committee members have been asked by Glenn Ritchey of Forest Grove, president of the league, and E. R. Jackson, Corvallis secretary, to have all information possible assembled in advance of the convention dates and to be prepared to report to the members on the machinery situation.

Among specific questions this committee is asked to study in 1943; what kind of machinery is most needed; how about adequate parts; and how soon delivery of new machinery can be expected. The committee will also study the machinery situation in relation to labor needs and supplies, and this committee may also be asked to make recommendations on handling the farm labor situation next year.

Mrs. America Meets the War

Editor's Note: War touches every home and every citizen. This column, based on official government information and prepared by the Office of War Information, shows how the war will affect Mrs. America and her home.

Take a look at the family's war ration books today to make certain that every one has the address on the cover filled in completely. This precaution has been suggested by the office of price administration because hundreds of lost ration books, which have been dropped in the mail by finders, are being sent to the dead letter office for lack of an address. Many lost books could be returned if correct addresses were filled in on the covers. The post office has agreed to forward a lost ration book if the owner can be located.

Don't get too excited over the announcement that the war production board has authorized the production of two million electric flatirons. Of course, this will help, but remember that for the last two years there has been practically no production of electric irons. Furthermore, the number of irons to be produced is only about 43 per cent of the normal output.

Even though citrus marmalades appear on the ration chart, they do not take stamps, the OPA has reminded housewives. For the time being Mrs. America can buy citrus

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Hagg Elected Head of Dairy Association

Henry Hagg, Reedville dairyman, was elected president of the Washington County Dairy Herd Improvement Association during the annual meeting of the organization Tuesday at the Hillsboro chamber of commerce. He succeeds Fred Jossy of Rock Creek.

Other officers named were R. B. Denny of Beaverton, vice-president; Mrs. Edna Corey of Mountaineer, re-elected secretary-treasurer; J. R. Alexander of Laurel and H. L. Flint of Scholls, directors.

Discussion of the dairy feed situation in the state and of feed substitutes available was given by T. M. Brandt, head of the dairy department of Oregon State college. Hagg reported on his recent trip to Washington, D. C., in the interests of the dairy industry.

Members of the herd improvement association met with the chamber of commerce for the noon luncheon. Total of 23 herds are represented in the association.

Apple peelings should be saved for jellies and jams.

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