

Junior Garden Growers Offered Scholarships

Oregon vegetable growers between the ages of 12 and 21 are eligible to compete for \$5,000 in awards in the production-marketing contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers association, it is announced.

Outlining how boys and girls could share in the scholarship awards provided in the national contest by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, Donald Mowery of Terre Haute, Ind., president of the junior growers, and H. C. Seymour, Oregon state 4-H club leader and scholarship contest chairman in the Western States region, joined in stressing the need for efficient production and marketing.

"Just as we had to employ efficient methods to increase war-time food production," Seymour reported, "it will be essential for tomorrow's vegetable growers to know what to grow, how to grow it and how to market it." The winners in the 1944 contest of our association proved that better methods pay dividends whether utilized in backyard gardens or in commercial acreages of vegetable crops.

Awards for the fifth annual contest include a national championship of \$500, four regional awards of \$200, sectional scholarships of \$100 and estate awards. Contest winners are selected by a jury of growers' advisory chairman, Prof. Grant H. Snyder, head of the department of agriculture, French hall, Massachusetts State college, Amherst, Mass.

Strawberry Plant Certification Set

Farmers who wish to grow certified strawberry plants in 1945 must make application in the county agent's office by May 1, reports Palmer S. Torvend, county agent.

Production of certified strawberry plants is not an easy task, Torvend said, as the fields require constant weeding from the time they are planted until harvest time if virus diseases are to be held to a minimum. Rules governing the certification program may be obtained at the county office by asking for extension circular 387.

Growers planning to produce certified strawberry plants must keep in mind that diseases spread a considerable distance. No one knows just how far but some diseases have been known to have been spread for more than a mile. Disease spread often occurs along stream banks and wind paths. Many of these diseases can also be found on wild strawberry plants. Wind-swept hillsides seem to be favorable locations for the production of strawberry plants. Parts of the Oregon coast have been known to produce disease-free plants.

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West Union Farm Union Meets Friday

West Union Farmers' Union will meet in the Jackson school Friday evening. After a brief business meeting a box supper will be enjoyed. Proceeds of the supper will go to further the business of the Union and for participation in the national program. Everyone is welcome. There will also be other entertainment. The convention report will be heard and discussed. Lunch for those who do not have a chance to buy boxes will be provided.

Dairy Payment Plan Continues

The dairy production payment program will be continued, according to an announcement received from the war food administration, reports John W. Kanna, chairman of the county AAA committee. After April 1, county AAA committees will make payments to producers for production during the three months January, February and March. Rates for this payment are 70 per cent for whole milk and 100 per cent for butterfat. This payment period closes May 31, Kanna said.

After July 1, payments will be made for production during the three months of April, May and June. For this period the rate for whole milk will reduce to 25 per cent for whole milk but buttermilk will stay at 100. This payment period will close August 31. According to the announcement, the program after June 30 is subject to congressional approval. Kanna stated. If such approval is given, two more 1945 payments will be made.

Reports Given State Session

Delegates of the Farmers' Union reported on the convention at the regular monthly meeting Saturday evening at the Hillsboro chamber of commerce.

The main thought throughout the convention was All out production for the speedy ending of the war; conservation of farm people, especially, and all people generally; policy of family type farms with farmers owning and farming their own land was stressed; development of natural resources, especially the development of the Columbia and Willamette valley projects.

Due to the convention being held only one day instead of four in compliance to ODT regulations no outside speakers were entertained. The growth of the membership throughout the state was from 1050 members, with six new locals and three new co-operatives.

Herbert Rolph, national vice-president of the organization, was the only speaker. He stressed that all members remember that the Union was an educational, co-operative and legislative union. "An informed people cannot be enslaved," he said. Information will bring about discussions where-by decisions can be intelligently made. We must organize so that we can educate to bring about co-operation to bring forth legislation to protect our business of farming and co-operatives. One part of the plan cannot get along without the other."

State officers for the coming year are: Ronald E. Jones of Marion county, president; Wendell Barnett of Marion county, vice-president. Through a change in the by-laws the secretary and editor are appointed by the state board of directors. Mrs. Rae W. Smart will be secretary and Arthur Bones will be editor of the state paper. Both are from Salem.

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Farmers Favored in Sale Army Crawlers

Farmers will receive some preference in the sale of surplus crawler-type tractors by the treasury department division, the Oregon state AAA committee has been informed.

Crawler tractors declared surplus by the armed forces and other government agencies are sold by treasury department to dealers on a sealed bid basis. Dealers buying tractors for resale to farmers holding letters of necessity issued by AAA committees receive preference in case of the bids. All bids are usually at the ceiling price, because of the heavy demand for the limited amount of equipment available.

Improved Gardens In '45 Sought in Victory Campaign

Oregon's 1945 victory garden program calls for the production of all gardens in the production of gardens that are even better planned says W. L. Rieder, assistant director of the extension service at Oregon State college, in announcing plans for the third straight year of all-out victory garden effort.

The extension service, both nationally and in the states, has again been requested to take the leadership in initiating state and county victory garden programs, says Teutich. As in the past, nearly the entire extension staff will participate in some capacity.

Approximately 100 members of the state victory garden committee replied to a query from Chairman William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture, saying they favored a continuation of the Oregon program and that a state conference is not needed this year. County victory garden committees will be called together where necessary, however, to develop plans in which all agencies and organizations can co-operate, he added.

O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist, will continue to be state leader of the victory garden program for the extension service with Robert E. Rieder, assistant extension entomologist and pathologist, as assistant state leader, and A. G. B. Bouquet, professor of vegetable crops, assisting in various phases of the program.

The number of gardens grown on farms in Oregon has been estimated at 55,000 for 1945, the same as the estimate for 1943, Rieder reports. This means there were gardens on about 90 per cent of all Oregon farms. The number of gardens planted in cities and towns in 1944 is estimated at about 120,000, a reduction of 25,000 from the 1943 estimate. Rieder said that the 1945 estimate is based on the estimated again this year, agricultural officials agree.

Marvin Jones, war food administrator, said that home gardeners produced more than 40 per cent of the fresh vegetables in 1944 and that they are asked to produce more this year.

Ammunition for Farmers

Shotgun shells and other ammunition are again available to farmers for use in protecting their livestock, crops, and other property against pests. WPA has released ammunition stocks "frozen" since December 30, to farmers, ranchers, and law enforcement agencies. Sales to sportsmen, however, are still prohibited.

January Traffic Deaths Heaviest

Oregon's January traffic toll was the heaviest of any January since accurate traffic records have been maintained, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell said this week in announcing 27 persons killed in motor vehicle accidents that month.

Of the 27 fatalities, 18, or 66 per cent, were pedestrians. By far the greater percentage of the pedestrian fatalities involved elderly persons, struck during hours of darkness, Farrell said.

In analyzing the pedestrian accidents, the safety division discovered that most of them occurred when the pedestrian stepped into the path of approaching vehicles. "Many persons apparently do not realize that drivers may not be able to see them till they are within 40 or 50 feet of them on dark nights," Farrell said. "This is because we see only by reflected light and dark clothing reflects only from five to ten per cent of the light that strikes it. Consequently, the pedestrian is not seen by the driver till he is too close to stop or swerve his vehicle to avoid an accident."

"The person on foot also does not always realize the speed at which an approaching car may be traveling. He sees the car a half block, or a block away, and assumes it is safe to proceed. But at 30 or 35 miles an hour, the car will go a block in less than 10 seconds."

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Victory Garden Advice Given By County Agent

Victory gardeners who have a choice of garden sites will get better results by choosing level, or gently sloping, free working soil with not too much shade from buildings or competition from nearby trees, advised Palmer S. Torvend, county agent. Torvend says there is much more interest in victory gardening now than was expected several months ago because world conditions have shown that home-grown vegetables will be vitally needed again this year.

How soon to work the garden plot will depend on the type of soil, Torvend adds. Sandy soils warm early in the spring and can be worked earlier, although they dry out more rapidly and may require more fertilizer. Heavier or clay types of soils are warmer but too early working, although some gardeners successfully crowd the season with just a small portion of the plot worked for the very earliest vegetables.

A simple test for proper dryness of clay soils for spading or plowing is to squeeze a sample of soil from the bottom of the furrow or spade depth into a ball. If the particles stick together the soil is too wet to work, but if they separate the soil is just right. There is danger of working heavy soils too wet, the county agent cautions. Organic matter from farm manures, compost and cover crops is an essential for good garden soils. Barnyard manure or compost is applied at the rate of 10 to 20 tons per acre, or in smaller terms, 100 pounds per square rod, or 50 pounds for each 100 square feet.

Ample supplies of victory garden fertilizer are available most places with the 6-8-4 formula. This can be spread at the rate of one and a half pounds per 100 square feet before spading or plowing, in addition to side dressings made at planting time.

Liming garden soils in Western Oregon is not usually as important as some think, Torvend believes, though 1½ pounds of hydrated lime per 100 square feet, or not to exceed 8 to 10 pounds of wood ashes per hundred square feet, may be used. A common error is to use too much lime or wood ashes.

Hearings Slated On Control Area Onion Growing

At the request of onion growers of the Wasco-Yamhill district, the state department of agriculture has called hearings on Tuesday, March 12, to consider any remonstrance against the establishment of a control area involving approximately 500 acres of land and designed to protect that section against the yellow dwarf disease of onions.

Because the proposed control area is located in Yamhill and Washington counties, two hearings will be held on that day, the first at 9:30 a. m. at the county courthouse at Hillsboro. The state department of agriculture urges that all interested persons attend one or the other of these hearings.

Onion growers have requested the control area, which if enacted will be similar to the one which has been in effect several years on the Laheta district of Marion county, because an infestation of the yellow dwarf of onions appeared on the plantings in the Wasco-Yamhill area in the 1944 season.

Under a control area, the production of onions by use of green plants, sets or bulbs would be prohibited, and other steps would be taken to eradicate the disease from the fields and the storage houses of the area.

Ford Surveys Need Of Post-War Buyers

To obtain a more definite idea of the automobile buyer's postwar automotive accessory needs and desires, the Ford Motor Co. has just completed a poll of its nearly 7000 dealers. The survey is in keeping with the company's new policy of consulting dealers in shaping postwar sales and production programs.

Another poll of dealers is now being run to 1944 season. Because of the dealer's direct contact with automobile buyers, it is said that "more definite and practical information can be obtained through a 100 per cent dealer survey than by polling a small percentage of the public by questionnaire, which, actually, is not an adequate yardstick of public reaction."

Vital statistics, rationing data, hospital news and court orders regularly at head of classified pages.

Portland Held Hit-Run Charge

Virgil William Coomer, 31, of Portland was arrested Sunday night and booked at the county jail on a hit-and-run driving charge following an automobile accident on Baseline street in Hillsboro in front of the B. E. Maling cannery. Deputy Newman, arresting officer, reported that Coomer drove away after his car was involved in an accident with Peter A. Lucas of Hillsboro and that Marvin VanLoo of Corvallis caught him after a four-block chase, returning him to the scene of the crash.

This Daniels, 9, Negro transient, was arrested Saturday on a vagrancy charge.

Theft of more than 100 pounds of red clover seed Friday was reported by Rust Vanderzanden of route 1, Hillsboro. He said he had been sowing the seed and left it near the road at noon.

U. S. Egg Goals Revised Upward; Hogs Sought

An upward revision of national egg goals for 1945 and extension of hog support prices to March 1946, are among changes just made by the war food administration, according to information supplied by OGC extension service from Washington, D. C.

The egg production goal had originally been set at 3920 million dozen, which was 16 per cent below the 1944 estimated production. After taking into account the recommendations made at state goals meetings and the additional needs for eggs from 1945 production, the goal was raised to 4350 million dozen eggs, or only approximately 11 per cent below the 1944 record production.

The new goal, if reached, will provide 347 eggs for each civilian in 1945, which is equal to the record consumption in 1944. It will also provide for all military requirements. The Oregon goal had already been set at a higher level than the original national goal called for, and was based on an indicated reduction of approximately 11 per cent in laying hens that had occurred by last December.

The revised national goal calls for raising about the same number of chicks for flock replacements as were raised last year, which is also the recommended procedure for Oregon.

The move to extend present hog support prices to March 31, 1946, is in keeping with the general effort to encourage higher hog production in 1945 than is now indicated by figures on spring farrowing. Although a national spring farrowing goal was set at 102 per cent of the 1944 figure, the estimated farrowing nationally is only 93 per cent of last spring's total. In Oregon the reduction is even greater, with an indicated 22,000 sows to farrow as compared with 33,000 last year.

Food Administrator Marvin Jones has asked all WFA agencies to advise every effort to let farmers know that additional pigs will be needed.



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Remember when you buy meat that the ceiling prices for various grades of meat differ. For example, the ceiling price for utility beef is lower than the ceiling price for the choice grade. The grade marks should be stamped on every second or third chop and on almost any piece of roasting or boiling meat weighing over a few pounds. Check the ceiling price for the grade you're buying on the chart posted near the counter—and pay no more!

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