

Leth Going East For Jerseys

Trip Takes Agent To Large Breeders Of Finest Cattle

W. C. Leth (western director of the American Jersey Cattle club, is leaving Monday for an extended business trip that will take him to a number of different cities in the United States and to several Jersey breeding establishments.

The regular quarterly directors' meeting, which will be held in New York on March 6 and 7, will be attended by Leth. On the way to New York he plans to visit the famous Randleigh farm herd at Lockport, New York, and the Ira Payne herd at East Shodack, New York. The Randleigh farm herd is well known in Oregon as a number of Oregon Jerseys have been purchased by W. R. Kenan, Jr., owner. One of the most recent purchases was that of Sybil Tessie Lorna, triple national record holder, from the L. A. Hulbert farm at Independence at a price of \$5,200. This farm conducts a very extensive research program and is especially noted for its large number of high production records.

Well Known Herd

The Payne herd has been widely known as having consistently had over 500 pounds of fat production for many years, and has had the distinction of having the highest scoring herd for type classified in the United States.

Mr. Leth's trip will then take him to St. Albans, Vermont, where he will visit the large Brigham farm herd which has had the highest national record in the Jersey breed for production of herds with over 100 cows. This herd has consistently produced over 500 pounds of fat per cow a year which is exceedingly high for such a large herd. It is owned by E. S. Brigham of Montpelier, Vermont.

From there, a day will be spent in Montreal, and the return trip home will be made by way of Chicago and Los Angeles, where a number of Jersey breeders will be visited and several meetings attended which have not been definitely scheduled as yet.

Following a six-day stay in California, Leth will return home about March 20.

On the trip he will investigate prospective breeding stock for some Polk county and other Oregon breeders in some of the herds he expects to visit.

Farmers Should Consider Future

"At times, some people seem to have the impression that farm and livestock authorities find fault with idealistic and impractical government bureaucrats just for the pleasure of finding fault. Bureaucrats accuse such authorities of talking politics.

"The truth is, there are many practical people who are forced to get into political discussions because politicians have invaded the practical field of economics. The serious shortage of urgently needed pork and lard is the direct result of bungling on the part of well meaning government men who were apparently more intent upon forcing lower prices than in making certain that soldiers and civilians would have meat.

"What has happened is over the dam, but farmers might well consider the future. There should be real opportunity for profit in pork production as a result of reduced numbers of sows and gilts."

So says Nelson R. Crow, well-known western farm writer.

Ranch Ramblings

By the Rural Reporter

George Oswald of Estacada reports that his love for the primitive has somewhat cooled following his encounter last week with a cougar within a hundred feet of the front door.

Experienced poultrymen save themselves lots of trouble and expense by operating brooder equipment from two to three days prior to arrival of chicks. This procedure allows sufficient time for adjustments when necessary.

The berry acreage which formerly centered around Gresham is rapidly expanding south and east into Clackamas county and Estacada may soon be the site of a new receiving station for the Gresham Berry Growers' association. A large portion of the Estacada prune crop is now canned by this association. F. J. Becker, secretary of that organization, expects a substantial increase in the strawberry and cane fruit acreage near Estacada also.

The Boysenberry is expected to become one of the important post war cash crops of the Willamette valley. Eastern jam makers like the boysenberry as a base for many different types of jam and jelly.

That clover reseeds better when pastured with hogs than with cattle is the experience being reported by Bill Johanson, who lives just off the loop road south of the Multnomah county line. Johanson is a booster for subterranean clover.

Willamette Valley Farmer

News and Views of Farm and Garden

—BY LILLIE L. MADSEN

A Pen of Porkers



A pen of fine young pigs, typical of those being raised by a few Oregon farmers. These potential hams will bring good dividends to the farmer who raises and sells them.

Bookkeeping Tells Profit on Litter Of Six Young Pigs

Pigs may still be pigs so far concerned, but for the buyers, pigs, big or little, fat or lean, are almost needless in the haystack—so hard to find have they become.

But in spite of comparatively low ceilings and high feed prices there are still hog growers who make nice little sums out of the porkers. Take, for instance, O. H. Hilfiker, who lives out on one of Salem's rural routes.

Hilfiker bought six pigs at six weeks with the lot weighing 150 pounds and costing \$25.60.

At five months old the lot weighed 1280 pounds and he was paid \$197.76 for them.

During the five-month period he fed them 810 gallons of skim milk at \$32.40, 2570 pounds of grain at \$82.50, making a total of \$140.46.

The pigs gained an average of 1.4 pounds a day all through the period, eating about three pounds a day. They were kept in pens during the five months, thus not using any pasture land.

The gain during the five months was \$57.36.

Yamhill Farmers Try Again for Top Production

Fred Muhs, chairman of the Yamhill county AAA committee, says that Yamhill farmers will again attempt to produce a peak of farm production. He estimated that the planted acreage of oats, barley and wheat are showing from 2 to 5 percent increase over 1944 harvested acreage. The corn and flax will be approximately the same as the 1944 acreage. He expected that there will be an approximately five per cent reduction in the hay harvest. The hay reduction is attributed to shortage of help and to the very favorable growing season in 1944 which made that a big crop. Crops showing large decreases are hairy vetch and dry peas. Sizable increases are anticipated in the harvesting of crimson clover and ladino clover.

Livestock production in general, says Muhs, will be about the same as produced in 1944, although a reduction of five per cent in milk cows on farms is seen. Shortage of help and extremely high feed costs, Muhs says, are the reasons. Turkey growers are increasing production at least 25 per cent above the 1944 production which makes a total of 250,000 turkeys in addition to the 1944 production. The most serious reduction is the number of brood sows on the farms to date. Records of 25 Yamhill farmers showed that less than 25 per cent as many brood sows were on the farm as compared to a year ago. This heavy reduction, according to Muhs, is attributed to high feed costs and low ceilings on market pigs.

Wheat Farms Must Help in Program

A requirement under the new crop insurance law is now in effect that at least 50 farms or one-third of the wheat producing farms in a county, whichever is less, must participate in the program to permit its operation for spring wheat this year.

The 50-farm minimum will apply in all except seven of Oregon's 30 wheat-producing counties. The seven counties, where the one-third requirement will be required are in eastern Oregon.

Details of the program still are being developed, but it has been announced that all-risk protection may be written for 50 to 75 per cent of the average yield, with contracts written for three-year periods.

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In Salem Markets

Lambs, 11 to 13 1/2 cents; ewes, 3 to 6 cents, cows, beef type, 8 to 11 cents; dairy type, 5 to 8 1/2 cents; veal, 13 cents; hogs, \$15.45 with 160 to 250 weight as tops; sows, 11 to 14 cents.

Claude Steusloff, reporting for Valley Packing, said Tuesday afternoon that the week's saleable supplies of livestock showed further curtailment with hogs and sheep extremely "short." All classes of stock continued to move actively at fully steady prices.

Those who did their bit toward the local market supplies were, Steusloff reported, Ed Linstrom of Lincoln, Theodore Fisher of Sublimity and J. C. Jones of Pratum, each of whom brought in lambs; H. E. Graste of Carlton who brought in a truckload of hogs, self fed on barley, wheat, mineral and tankage.

Peter Murphy of St. Paul and Walter Glasgow of Jefferson each sold nice lots of hogs, and J. H. Brandle of Hubbard brought in a trailer of hogs which weighed on an average 280 each at a little less than six months and brought \$41.66 apiece.

E. J. Scharf of Perrydale brought in several truckloads of beef cows which brought on the acreage a little over \$135 apiece. Scharf operates a farm of over 500 acres of which 450 are farm land under cultivation. His main source of income is from feeding cattle for the market. He has inured over the 450 acres of farm land three times in the 11 years he has been on the place, estimating his average from 10 to 12 acres each time over. The work is done in the spring and fall, and he reports his yield of grain has gone up from 25 to 30 bushels an acre when he first came to the place, to 50 bushels in the 1944 average.

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Turkeys Here To Stay as Industry

Future of Poultry Industry Covered By College Speaker

Turkeys as an Oregon industry will not pass with the war. This was the opinion of speakers and growers alike at Turkey Day observed Wednesday for the first time since 1942 at Lebanon.

About 25 years ago people were of the opinion that turkeys could not be raised in the Willamette valley; that the climate is too wet. This past year the turkey business in Linn county alone amounted to over one million dollars. Turkey raisers throughout the United States are ordering their turkey eggs from Oregon.

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Livestock Men Report on Conditions

OPA restrictions on established marketing practices are causing greater loss in total meat production than economies effected, resulting in a net loss to the war effort.

This statement was contained in the marketing and transportation committee report on the Western Oregon Livestock association at an abridged annual meeting held at Oregon State college.

Livestock marketing and transportation problems will be even greater in 1945 than they have been in the past unless immediate action to eliminate some of the difficulties are taken, according to resolutions adopted at the session.

As a remedial measure the committee urged uniform truck size limits for western states, with a combined length of 60 feet permitted without increase in weight limits.

Recommendation was made that rationing of lamb in the Pacific coast area be suspended during June, July and August so that the crop will not be wasted and sheep numbers still further reduced by low income to growers.

Bounty Laws Wanted

The Western Oregon livestock men followed the lead of the Eastern Oregon Wool growers in recommending passage of bounty laws by the present legislature and the appropriation of state match funds as one means of controlling the growing menace of predatory

animals. The new core test method of determining wool shrinkage was endorsed and the college was asked to establish a wool testing laboratory along the lines of the present seed-testing service.

Old officers of the association were re-elected to serve another year. They are R. C. Burkhardt, Lebanon, president; Fred Knox, Eugene, vice president, and H. A. Lindgren, extension livestock specialist at the college, secretary-treasurer.

Because of travel restrictions the session, originally scheduled for two days at Coquille, was cut to one and was attended only by executive committeemen and a few designated representatives from each of the counties active in the association.

Harold Ewalt, recently appointed assistant extension dairyman for the state college service, will attend the Polk county dairymen's meeting to be held at the court house at Dallas, February 27.

Ewalt will discuss various dairy problems, and the prospects for reorganizing a county dairy herd improvement association which was discontinued on account of shortage of testers.

Much has been said about the system of rapid milking, abrupt drying-off of cows, bang's disease, and other problems which Ewalt will discuss upon request from those attending. Ted Tibbitt, assistant county agent, will be in charge of the meeting.

Farm Bulletins

February 22—Oregon Dairy Manufacturers association, 34th annual meeting 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Woodmen of the World building, S.E. Alder street, Portland. Banquet cancelled.

February 23—At Dallas, Polk county Livestock Breeders, 1:30 p.m.

February 23—At McMinnville chamber of commerce rooms, 2 p.m., weed control meeting.

February 22—Butteville grange hall, meeting of those in this district who intend to participate in AAA program for 1945.

February 23 and 24—Silverton chamber of commerce rooms, meeting of north and south Silverton farmers who intend to participate in 1945 AAA program.

February 23 and 24—Woodburn city hall, same as above.

February 24—USO building, Albany, Linn county 4-H leaders training meeting, from 10:15 to 3 p.m.

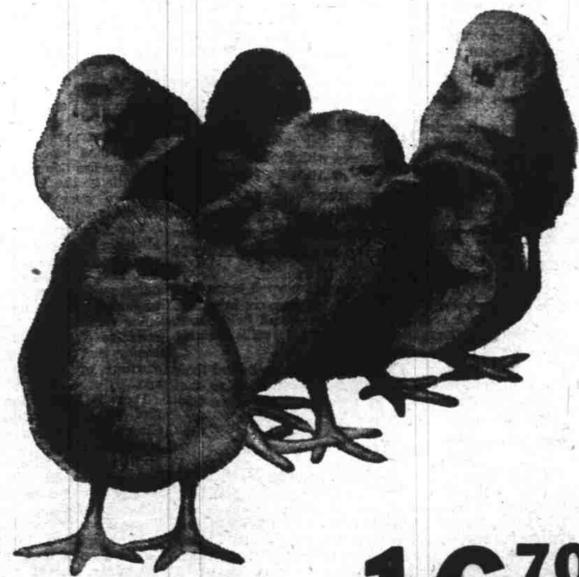
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