

# Willamette Valley Farmer

News and Views of Farm and Garden — BY LILLIE L. MADSEN



MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 20—Richest pig to go through livestock exchange in 25 years, and heaviest since 1942, this 1030-pound stag today brought \$133.90 for Edwin Majerus (right), of Belgium, Wis., owner. Jerry Wirthwein (left), of Milwaukee, watches. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

**BREEDERS ORGANIZE**  
The Clackamas County Dairy Breeders' association has elected officers to include Vernon Hepler, Canby, president; Glenn Crissell, Aurora, vice president; Rollin Maddock, Wilmer Heerd and D. H. Gardner, directors. Work in signing up dairy herds for the association will begin at once.

**RICHES HERD CLASSIFIED**

The registered Jersey herd of Stanley A. Riches of Turner was recently officially classified by D. L. Fourn of the University of Idaho. Reports returned from the American Jersey Cattle club, New York, show that 14 animals in the herd averaged 82.86 per cent on a score card basis. Included in this average are six very good, and three good plus and five good individuals. The animals Rich Lea Fawn 1487094, Rich Lea Pet 1461906, Rich Lea Pompey 1494891, Rich Lea Memory 1361816, Rich Lea Pee Chee 1506843 and Rich Lea Majesty 426154 were rated very good.

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## Clean Culture Helps Control Blossom-blight

Experts Tell Orchardists, Do Not Use Bordeaux Spray After Petal-fall

In brown rot (the frequent cause of fruit tree blossom blight) the infection starts at some point on the flower, sometimes on the green calyx, sometimes on the petals, but quite often on the tip of the pistil or stigma where the pollen is received. The infected tissue turns brown. From the point of infection the browning gradually spreads backwards over the flower, down the pedicel and may progress back into the spur often killing it.

When a cluster of blossoms is blighted and the spur killed the blossoms and leaves at the tip of the spur dry, shrivel, and remain on the spur, sometimes for a year or more. During wet weather throughout the following winter and spring, small, velvety, gray spore tufts about the size of a large pin head appear on the blighted blossom parts and spurs. These spores are a source of infection the next spring.

Three ways in which the disease may be carried over winter are the spores left on the blighted blossom clusters, rotted fruit which have dried up and cling to the tree all winter, and overwintering in rotten fruits which fall to the ground and are left lying there.

**Cultural Practices**  
Remove and destroy all rotted and mummified fruit. Remove and destroy all blighted spurs and blossom clusters. Prune to aid in ventilation. Plow the orchard before blossom time and cultivate at weekly intervals in order to prevent the formation of the spore-bearing cups or mummies which might be on or in the ground.

Sprays should include the following: 1, spray with 3-5-50 Bordeaux when the blossoms are showing color just before opening. 2, spray with the same mixture (when blight is serious on cherries) as soon as most of the petals have fallen, but on peaches do not use Bordeaux after blossoming. Change to wettable sulfur or sulfur dust as soon as the shucks fall. Neither Bordeaux nor regular lime sulphur are absolutely safe to use after the fruit sets and the leaves are out. 4, the application of wettable sulphur or sulphur dust may be recommended at monthly intervals during the summer where the disease regularly has been serious. 5, as the fruit approaches maturity it becomes more and more susceptible to attack by the brown rot fungus. A protective covering of wettable sulphur spray or sulphur dust is essential at this time. Apply two to four weeks before harvest. Sulphur sprays or dusts applied just before harvest will do much to protect the fruit from brown rot attack immediately following picking.

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## WHAT TO PLANT IN MARCH

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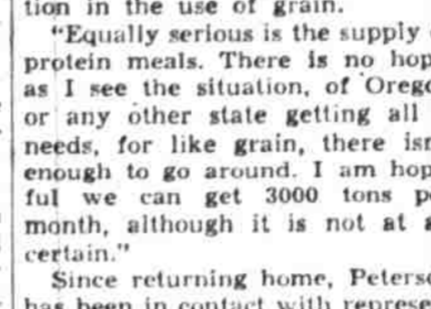
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## Tansy Weed Control Voted In Bethel Area

BETHEL, March 20—(Special)—Marion county's first tansy ragwort control area was voted Monday night by the Bethel community. Arnold Spranger was made chairman of the control area committee.

The district as set up covers a square area starting at the intersection of the Fruitland-Pratum-Macleay road, extending to Macleay, continuing on the Rickey road to the Rickey school house and following the stub road from that place about 1/2 mile to the section line and then going north to the Fruitland road from where it again continues to the Pratum-Macleay road.

Spranger's committee will pass the petitions which will later be presented to the county court.

W. G. Nibler, county agent, was present at the meeting to assist in the plans. These call for seed control for the first three years with eradication carried on so that no tansy ragwort weeks will be found in the fourth year. Inspectors will report on removal of



Tansy ragwort (pictured above) has entered the Willamette valley and control areas are being set up. Among the first of these is the one arranged for at Bethel Monday night. The plant is poisonous to livestock, and may cause a fatal disease of the liver in cattle. It tastes disagreeable and is not often eaten in pastures unless more desirable forage is scarce. It is eaten readily in hay however and patches in hay meadows should be cut out and burned before putting up the hay crop. Tansy ragwort grows erect from 1 1/2 to 4 feet tall.

all seed pods during the first three years and in the fourth year, inspectors will report on weeds themselves in the area.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

**Shaking Heads and Human Liberties**

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But when the younger generation was walloping the Axis "supermen"—and labor was doing the most colossal job in history—you never heard a murmur. But now that we're back to our traditional life of personal liberty, just see how the heads begin to shake again. I guess there'll always be head-shakers—folks who feel "there ought to be a law"—who believe that the best form of regulation is suppression, whether it's applied to beer or baseball.

But from where I sit, America's done pretty well with the idea of personal choice and individual liberty. I guess that's just the way Americans are made.

Joe Marsh

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