and taking a postman's holiday ed). end of the county



learned, will give if the wind is stands on the deVries farms near Pratum.

was good and Roth was making purple ribbons. good use of the sunny days.

autumn haze. The valley, I sheep and hogs, thought is certainly a good place in which to holiday, even for just Polk County one day's drive through the colorful farm country.

phying, it was easy to note that a large amount of dry ploughing Quickly Over Oats and hairy vetch, clover and rye-some abruzzin -- are going Oregon's prunes are again harinto the ground.

An odd windmill on Vries' farms, just across the road with the yield. from the W. I. Ruyle place, drew. In Polk county, a leading prune my attention Investigation re- growing district of the state, packvesled that it didn't furnish so ers paid drier men 12 cents a (a good holiday word) in its as compared with nine and a quar- a 1947 purchase price of 12 cents dairy cows traces back to the shadow as local color for the land-

Olthoffs Live Here's

I talked a bit with Mr. and Mrs. J. Olthoff, who have just recently bought an eight acreranch, with a new house, not too ... far from Pratum. While the Olth- ity in most orchards, especially they enjoy partime farming and These orchards suffered very litmuch prefer, they said, to live in

the east of this spot-in-the-road, I turned south at a rural school

Farm Calendar

October 10-12-Finish of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland. October 16-Flax Co-operatives meet at Portland.

October 11-Waldo Hills community club meeting, Waldo Hills: October 12-Union Hill commumity fair

October 18-North Howell community fair. October 19-26 - American Royal Livertock show, Kansas City,

October 20-21-Pacific Coast Aberdeen-Angus association show

and sale, Pendleton. October 24-25-California-Oregon Hereford association show and sale, Klamath Falls. November 1 - Arabian Horse

breeders luncheon meeting. Portland November 2-6-Ogden Livestock show, Ogden, Utah November 12-22 - National Grange meeting, Portland.

With the sun shining at just the without a visible name (Mental glant it was and the foliage turn- note: Mention that it irks the reing yellow, the rural reporter, de- porter to have quite so many rural servedly or not, took a day off, schools without the names post-

turned south at Central Howell Aumsville is a surprise to those school (which also serves as a who have not viewed it recently, community meeting center) just to It has definitely changed front. see what was going on in that In years gone, Aumsville was purely a farming town, established I passed the Henry Roth farm, in the late 1860's when Amos Davis and Henry L. Turner built a flour mill there. Now a lumber mill has been set up on main street and a coffee shop, quite modern in design, beckons from near the mill. (Coffee shops always beckon the rural reporter). Also there are a number of exceedingly modern looking square new liftle homes. Population, listed last as 154, must have more than doubled. But Aumsville is still surround-

ed by farm lands of beans (with just a sprinkling of late pickers). filberts, where picking was just beginning and turkeys and dairy-

Dual Purpose Cattle

A little to the south and a little to the east of Aumsville lay the C. E. Lewis ranch. This, I called, when we stopped, a beef farm. I was quickly corrected, however. The Registered Red Polls, Mr. Lewis claims, are dual purpose. He calls them the "poor man's cow" because they produce a good quality beef and a good flow of quality milk. He adds that it is a good dual purpose cow that Growers Say will average 300 pounds of fat, 8000 pounds of milk and raise a 100-pound calf. He now has 40

cue are used for pasture, while In some warehouses in Polk counjust right. Otherwise it is more oats and vetch and clover are cut ty there are undusted fields is for local color than water. It for hay. He uses waste from a a great deal higher than from unsweet corn cannery mixed with dusted ones. chopped alfaifa for silage - the

noted that the coast range was geese were flying south. The day's etched exceptionally clear against holiday was over. I came home that is necessary for salability. Floyd B. Wolberg, acting superinthe western sky and that fall col- through Waldo Hills, too late to Less Weevils oring did much for the hills of see other than the farmers drivthe Cascades to the east. Mount ing their cows in for evening ers, as well as warehousemen, ers' surplus is the commercial Hood steelf was hidden in a blue milking or hounding up their were interviewed relative to the dairy herds of the state, Wol-

But while admiring the mountains and doing a bit of philoso- Prume Picking

ter cents last year.

"The prune crop was about 19 Rates of Seeding per cent larger than the croo in There has been some question breed derives its name. There are 1945," said Frank Neufeld, presi- about there being enough hairy now more than 20,000 herds of dent of the Polk County Prune vetch for local seed requirements. Ayrshires in the United States. Growers association, in commenting on the crop in his locality where the trees were sprayed tle damage from brown rot.

The weatherman played right The trip took me through Mac- into the hands of the prune growleav where cherry orchards were ers. In mid-September 10 days receiving their fall dosages of or so of clear, sunny weather commercial fertilizer. A little to brought out an ample number of prune pickers in all sections, and the crop was harvested handily. However, drier and shaker men were at a premium throughout the

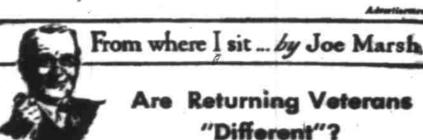
> All sections report a speedy harvest this year due largely to the weather and more plentiful number of pickers. In Polk county picking was completed in 15 days. Normally, the crop is harvested in about 20 days.

> A shortage of boxes, which has dogged fruit growers throughout the state, was responsible for some slowing of picking.

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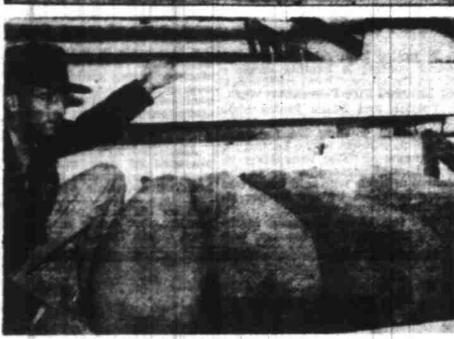


about how hard it was going to be for returning veterans to get adjusted to civilian life . . . how they'd be "different."

Well, plenty of them have returned to our town, and a finer, for. Most of them are back at the name jobs . . . going with the same nice home-town girls (getting married, some of thom, and netting up families) . . . renewing the same old friendships.

same. Nothing more exciting than fishing Seward's creek or pitching horseshoes . . . enjoying an outdoor barbecue with friendly wholesome beer and pleasant talk.

If they've changed at all it's in the direction of maturity and telerance . . . tolerance for everything: except dictators, and these who would destroy our democratic principles of live and let live. And from where I sit, that's another reason to be proud of them.



Pictured here is Karl B. Wiper of Salem and his champion Southdown shown at the Pacific International. Champion'ewe and reserve champion ram winners were animals shown by Claude Steusloff, also of Salem. Steusloff entries took the bulk of Southdown awards at the judging in Portland Monday.

Dusted Vetch Yields Higher

The status of hairy vetch dusting is being closely watched in head of the registered Red Polls, Polk county. While so far the including 20 head in the milking number of dusted lots cleaned and herd. The milk cows have aver- tested for germination has been aged 10,000 pounds of milk and small, there has been a sufficient In recent years, Mr. Lewis has agent, to indicate germination increased his holdings from 80 to 240 acres. Clover and afts feshigher than from undusted ones. number, says W. C. Leth, county

In some warehouses in Polk cow's salad. I looked at the sleek county there are undusted lots one of the many very good ones red animals and didn't blame the with germinations as low as 20 on Howell Prairie, and saw red judges at the recent midwest show per cent, and dusted lots are gerclover being combined. The crop for giving them so many blue and minating as high as 94 per cent. The average of several dusted lots cial testing held at Oregon State Just to make it a holiday. I the coast range, and big flocks of 83 per cent, which is considered full-time supervisors and two

> During the week several groweffect of the dusting program on berg said. Better production per hairy vetch seed, and one ware-houseman reported less than 10 all herd record work, is expected per cent as many weevil in the to be increasingly important in warehouse this year than last, the future development of Orewhen no dusting was done. Many gon's dairy program, he added. trian pea grower who also used DDT dust applied by plane, reports that he will have less than Ayrshire National one-third the proportion of wee-vily seed this year than he has had vested. As a whole growers re-De- port themselves as well satisfied in other years, and he gives credit tion of Joseph Wekerle, Woodentirely to the dust and method burn, Ore., to membership in the of dusting employed this year.

grow from the market standpoint, as the government has established ancestors of Wekerle's herd of

Warehousemen report that at present there seems to be sufficent seed. Rates of seeding vary from five pounds to 25 pounds of seed per acre, and the proportion of grey oats in the mixture also varies from around 40 to 50 to as high as 100. Most mixtures and rates used are the result of each farmer's experience.

Liming and the use of superphosphate have greatly increased seed production on this crop for many growers, especially on hill lands and soils more or less reddish in color.

More Dairy Testing Needed in Oregon

Expansion of both official and herd improvement dairy cow testing in Oregon is badly needed because of the rapidly increasing interest in the improvement in dairy cattle, it was agreed at a conference of supervisors of offitendent.

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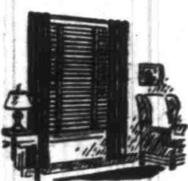
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22 farmers signed a community maintaining soil resources. agreement to participate in the The farm program pays eight enlargement of drainage ditching. gram.

practice, and appointed William Jersey Sale Set for Chase, Aurora, as manager. A power shovel was engaged and October 15, Mt. Angel used during the late summer to complete the work. Approximately 16,000 yards of earth were re-

Paul Simon, route 2, Woodburn, ed three miles of ditch cleaning chairman of the board for the handle during the winter so will INDUSTRY DRAWS PFAFF and ditch enlargement. The work district, says this will improve 214 sell 37 head of registered Jerseys John Pfaff, farm labor assistwas done in cooperation with the acres of highly productive peat at a joint sale Tuesday, October ant in Polk county, has resigned county agricultural conservation bottom land. Part of the cost will 15, at the Vanderbeck ranch five to go into business in Independprogram of which W. W. Tate, Su- be borne by the government un-

with more cattle than they can

der the 1946 agricultural conser- cents a cubic yard of earth mov- named, pending the determination Under the conservation project, vation program as its share in ed not to exceed \$8 per 100 linear of congress what disposition is to feet on approved construction or be made of the farm labor pro-

miles northeast of Silverton at Jack's bridge. The sale will begin at 1 o'clock with a benefit lunch served at noon. Col. J. W. Mrs. Antoinette Vanderbeck of Hughes, Forest Grove, will cry Mt. Angel and Mr. and Mrs. D. the auction and M. G. Gunderson, C. Brook of Salem find themselves Silverton will manage the sale.

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