

## Willamette Valley Farmer

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

### Sheep Furnish Turner Horse Ranch Start

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"Just give us horses. Some of us can ride them, some of us will work them. Some of us will do both," say Turner folk, who have been gaining attention for their horses, both usable and rideable.

When asked how horses first became associated with Turner, Harlan M. Bones, whose father, Jim Bones, shod horses there 25 years before the son took over, answers that he imagines that "there have always been horses here, likely since before way back when!"

Lot of folk where Mr. Bones spent much of his time in recent years, hadn't heard about Turner, he admits, but he couldn't get home to Turner fast enough after his discharge from the service, and he brought Mrs. Bones, also in the service, back with him. He runs nine horses on his 85 acre general farm, which in spite of the "general" is centered chiefly around horses. He showed this year for the first time at the state fair and was not at all disappointed in the two seconds and on third placings he received on his three entries.

**Champion at Turner**  
Mrs. Florence E. Koehn, also of Turner, who took grand champion with her Percherons shown at the fair, reports that she has ridden since she was four years old and has since then always owned from one to four horses and frequently more.

"But I started my present horse-farming with sheep," Mrs. Koehn tells. This was in 1932, she explains, when she took \$20 from the family fund (a big sum in depression years) and bought 13 sheep just to see what she could do.

"I thought of this several times when I looked over the state fair sheep and just for comparison asked the prices of some," Mrs. Koehn went on. "You can't buy one plain little sheep for that now, it seems. But anyway, I got 13 for my \$20 and made a bargain with my husband. He was to grain feed and pasture the sheep for the wool and rams. At the end of five years I had sold \$500 worth of ewes and took that amount to buy two mares. That's how I started in draft horses, which I had always known more about than sheep."

**No Tractors Used**  
The Koehns have an 87-acre farm near Turner which they, too, term "general" with a bit of dairying thrown in. There are no tractors on the Koehn place and all field work is done with horses. During Mrs. Koehn's horse-farming years, she has sold nine head, she reports, and adds that she plans to continue raising horses as her part of the ranch project. Besides her Percherons, she has added an Arabian mare and now has two colts from her.

"These are more comfortable to ride," she smiles, "and I like to ride."

One often hears the remark from the casual observer, that there are no longer horses in the Willamette Valley. Yet agricultural census shows us that in the five mid-valley counties—Clackamas, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill—there are now almost 15,000, with Marion topping all others with 4272 head of horses, and Clackamas crowding for first place with 4172.

**The Valley Rides**  
Riding clubs, which now number more than 40 in the Willamette valley, have upped the horse census in recent years, it is admitted by census authorities, but the majority of horses in the valley are still farm animals.

However, with the rapid increase of saddle clubs, the old farm "nag" has disappeared. It never was a part of early valley farming, anyway, but came in with a lot of other things at the turn of the century, old-timers in Oregon farming say, who report that early Oregonians were always proud of their fine farm teams.

But horse-breeding is again expected to increase, and more attention will be given to breed improvements.

While the west may no longer be wild, it is still the west, and horses, whether you work or ride them, are a part of western life, says Mrs. Koehn, who does both.

### Crop Outlook Meeting to Be Held Saturday

A noon luncheon furnished by the Yamhill county feed and seed dealers will be provided for farmers attending the crop outlook and information meeting which will be held Saturday in the new fair building auditorium at McMinnville, Norton Taylor, Yamhill assistant county agent, reports.

With the uncertainty of crop prospects next year, most farmers are asking what crops will give them the best return in 1948. E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm crops, Oregon State college, will answer many of the questions.

Art King, soil specialist from the college, will be at hand to give information about the phosphate demonstration program under the Tennessee Valley authority. King will also answer farmers' questions concerning types of fertilizers which may be used to increase yields, rates of application and general soil fertility problems.

Additional program numbers for the day will include Rex Warren's discussion on 2-4-D for weed control, and J. J. Inskip, county agent from Clackamas county, who will give information about southern and eastern markets for grass and subterranean clover seed, based on his recent three months tour of the south and east.

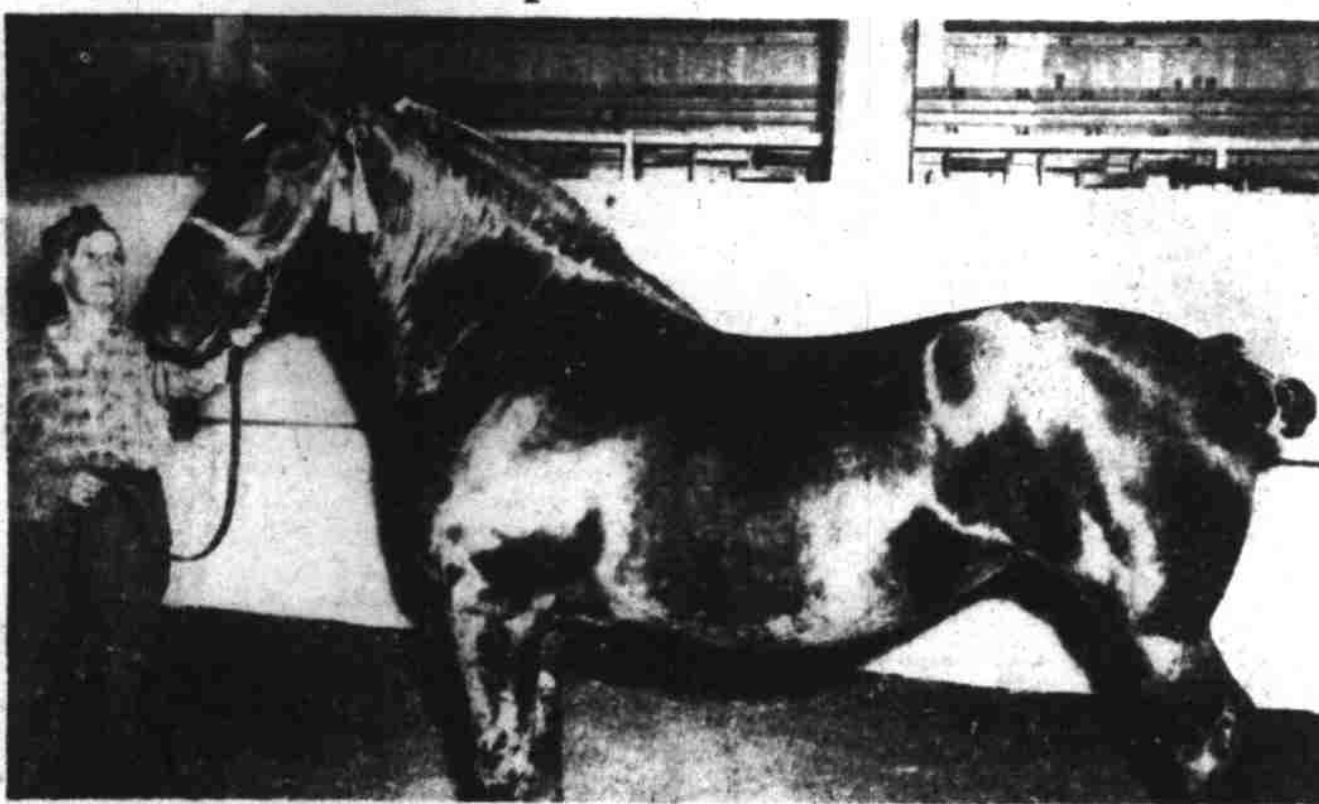
### Jersey Breeders Sale Next Big Event

With the Oregon state fair out of the way, Oregon Jersey breeders are turning their attention to the consignment sale to be held September 25 at Salem which will be cried by Tom McCord, nationally known cattle auctioneer of Alabama.

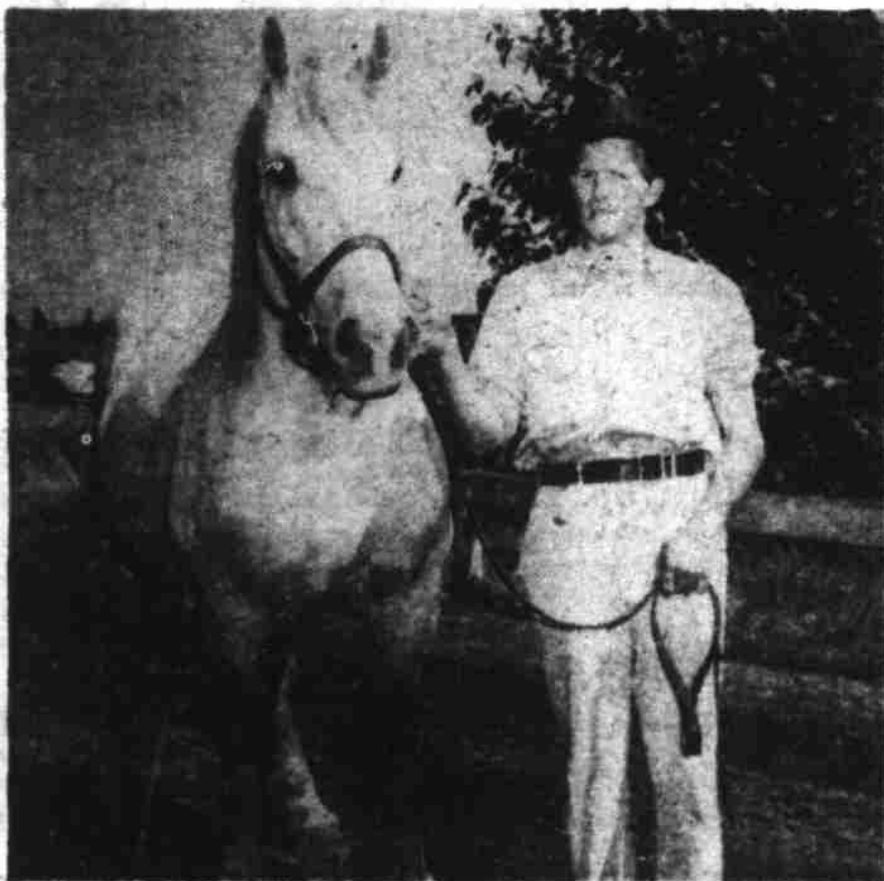
Among the animals selected are three Excellents and six Very Goods. In addition, a daughter of the highest tested sire of the breed and the highest tested senior superior sire have been consigned. Many buyers from outside the state are expected, as well as many bids from distant points in the case of those unable to attend.

The selection committee was composed of A. W. Sweet of Sixes, Anton Malar of Sandy, Homer Shelby of Albany, W. E. Lottman of Cornelius, George J. Horning, Jr., of Sherwood, L. S. Lorenzen of Dayton, and I. W. Slater, western fieldman for the American Jersey Cattle club.

## Grand Champion Percheron Mare



Mrs. Florence E. Koehn of Turner is glad to display June Lacit, as she does here, following her winning grand championship ribbon for Percheron mares at the Oregon State fair. Mrs. Koehn has ridden since she was four years old and boasts there are no tractors on the Koehn farm. (Statesman Farm photo).



Harlan M. Bones, horse fancier at Turner, and Shirebena, the Belgium mare placed second in its division at the state fair. This was Mr. Bones' first time to exhibit at any fair.

## Ranch Ramblings

By Rural Reporter

Down in Linn county the farmers are telling that if the Canada thistle or morning glory have started up again, where you sprayed with 2-4-D last spring, or where you have taken off a crop of grass or grain, they have found it a good idea to give the weeds another treatment. They suggest mixing four pounds of 60 per cent or five pounds of 50 per cent 2-4-D with 100 gallons of water and give the thistles or morning glories a good wetting with a fine spray. The Linn county farmers warn against getting spray on any crop that is susceptible such as clover or vegetable crops. Six weeks should be allowed for the chemical to work on the weeds before plowing or disking. Where fall crops must be put in early and you can't wait at least six weeks it probably won't pay to spray.

Vernon Johnson, Salem, has been given the privilege of the exclusive use of the name "De-schutes" as a herd name in registering his purebred Ayrshire cattle.

Jack Gribble of Gribble Prairie, in the region of Molalla, comes up with a new idea for planting abruzzi rye for fall and winter pasture. Last fall Jack drilled seed into an established pasture of white and crimson clovers and alta fescue without soil preparation. He reports that the rye made pasture all fall and winter without causing apparent damage to his clover-fescue mixture.

Bill Dietz of Canby says the simplest way he has found to control Canada thistle and blackberry plants is to broadcast sodium chlorate and a proprietary product called Atlacide contain-

ing sodium chlorate as the active ingredient at the rate of three or four pounds per square foot during the first heavy fall rain. The chlorates are easily dissolved and soaked into the ground where they destroy root growth. It's as simple as that, he says, but adds that it is a good idea to cut down or mash the berry canes prior to using the weed killer.

### Turkey Gathering Set for Sept. 17 At Salem C. of C.

Turkey breeders of Marion county will be attending the eighth annual meeting of Oregon Turkey Federation. A business meeting will follow with the secretary's and supervisor's reports. The afternoon session will include discussions of "Unfair Freight Rates" by Paul Messer; "Midwest Poultry and Egg Deal" by Marlin H. Simonson, and "The Turkey Market Outlook" by O. W. Norton.

The evening banquet will see Burton Hutton, KALE farm director, as master of ceremonies, and Dr. A. L. Strand, president of the state college, as banquet speaker. This will be held at the Marion hotel, 7 p.m.

If the temperature of the earth were 200 or more degrees below zero Centigrade, the whole atmosphere would be liquid.

## Mint-oil Output Exceeds Former Crop Records

Mint-oil production from 61,600 acres in the United States is expected to reach 2,115,000 pounds this year, a record amount. This is 30 per cent more than last year and 70 per cent over the 1936-45 average. Both acreage and yields per acre are the highest of record.

The increase in spearmint oil is relatively greater than in peppermint oil. Peppermint oil output is expected to be 1,677,900 pounds and spearmint 438,000. The increase over 1946 is 26 per cent for peppermint and 53 per cent for spearmint. The spearmint is grown in Indiana and Michigan.

Acreage of spearmint is 40 per cent larger than last year and of peppermint 6 per cent larger. Oregon is next to Washington. Oregon's peppermint acreage is estimated at 10,500 this season, against 9,000 last season and 3,620 as the 1936-45 average. Production is expected to reach 494,000 pounds, against 396,000 last year and 152,000 as average. Oregon has about 17 per cent of the U. S. total mint acreage for oil and is expected to produce 23 per cent of the oil this year.

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## Fescue Nematode Is Serious Problem

Nematode in chewings fescue seed is becoming a serious problem in the valley, but losses can be reduced by following recommended cultural practices from the state college.

Dr. John Hardison, plant pathologist, recommends planting

of nematode-free seed, making new plantings on clean land, care in harvesting infested fields so that seed is not scattered to non-infested fields, and burning stubble after the harvest of seed crop. Care must be exercised in burning, as a slow, hot fire may injure the crowns of the plants. Burning after the removal of heavy straw is advised.

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## Farm Calendar

- September 13—Berrian Farm-eroo and Flower show, Odd Fellows hall, Newberg.
- September 13—Crop outlook and informational meeting, McMinnville.
- September 17—Annual meeting Oregon Turkey Improvement association, chamber of commerce, Salem, 9 a.m.
- September 20—4-H and FFA fat stock show and sale, Pendleton, 8 p.m.
- September 20—Santiam Valley Grange, Lyons, 2 to 9 p.m.
- September 21—Marion County Jersey Cattle club, Champoeg Park.
- September 25—Oregon Jersey cattle club consignment sale, Salem.
- September 26—Silverton Grange Booster night.
- September 27—Union Hill Grange Booster night.
- October 3-11—Pacific International Livestock exposition, Portland.
- October 3-11—Sixth Annual Oregon Cornshow, Pacific International.
- October 11—Union Hill Grange fair.
- October 15—Second annual Double M. Hereford Ranch sale, Adams.
- October 17-18—Cal-Oregon Hereford association sale, Klamath Falls.
- November 11-12—Northwest Hereford breeders association show and sale, LaGrande.
- November 12—Annual meeting of Agricultural Cooperative Council, Portland.
- December 3-6—Pacific Coast Turkey exhibit, McMinnville.
- December 9-12—Northwest Turkey show, Roseburg.

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