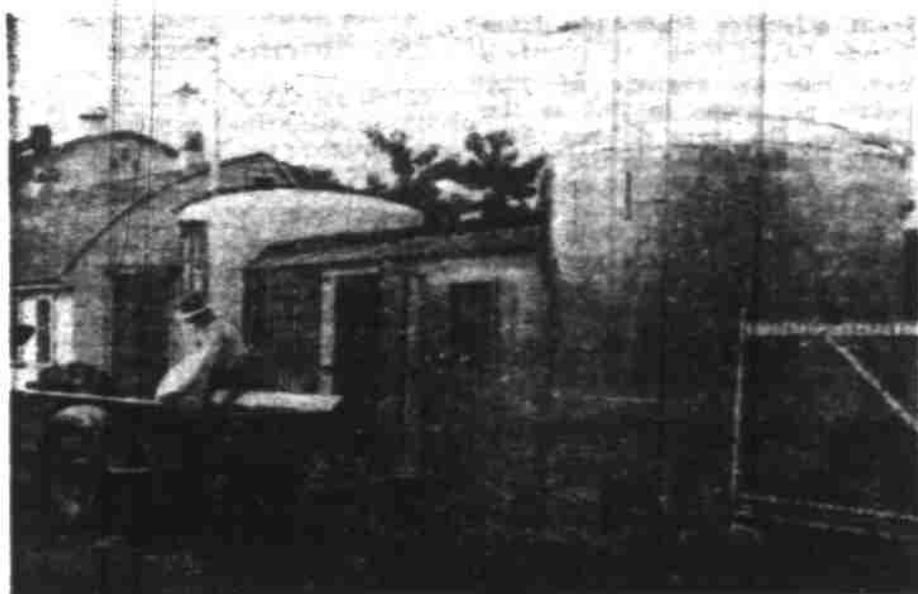


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News and Views of Farm and Garden—BY LILLIE L. MADSEN



A new use for old beer tanks is pictured here in this homemade granary actually constructed from tanks formerly used for beer storage. (Photo to The Statesman by courtesy of Lincoln Electric Company).

WEED KILLERS KILL CATTLE

Veterinarians are warning against permitting livestock to graze on land where sodium chlorate or calcium chlorate has been used as weed killers. Cattle seem to be just as susceptible to chlorate as the weeds. Danger is more when the animals are salt hungry.

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Swine Sale Set for Salem February 7

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman
Shortage of supply combined with high consumer demand and high consumer incomes, will keep hog prices high during the coming year, says Roy Beck, Washington extension marketing specialist who has just returned from an outlook conference in the nation's capital. He states that because of the high price of grains, farmers will market hogs at lower weights, and will have a smaller pig crop in the spring of 1948 than last year.

And that, says Charlie Evans, chairman of the third annual Oregon Swine Growers bred gilt sale, is something you can bank on—at least, he adds, you will be able to bank from it if you buy at the sale which has been set for February 7 on the state fairgrounds. Approximately 50 animals due to arrive in March and April have been consigned to the sale. Breeds represented include Spotted Poles, Berkshires, Hampshires, Yorkshires, Herefords, Chester Whites, Duroc Jerseys and Black Hounds. All sale animals are registered and papers will be in the hands of the secretary, Ben Newell, at sale time. All gilts are guaranteed to farrow.

A sifting committee composed of Professor A. W. Oliver, animal husbandry department at Oregon State college, Edwin R. Riddler, Sherwood, and F. L. Zielinski, St. Paul, president of the Oregon Swine Growers association, will have passed on each animal twice, once on the farm and again prior to the sale just before it enters the ring.

The program for the sale day starts with a meeting of the Oregon Swine Growers association members at the sale's ring at 10 a. m. Starting time for the sale itself is 1 o'clock and lunch will be available on the grounds. Joe Church of New Plymouth, Idaho, will cry the sale and will be assisted in the ring by Hugh Church and Eddie Ahrens. Clerks are O. E. McKessell of Albany and Russell T. Daulton of Dallas. The ring committee consists of Leonard Forster of Tangent; Lyle McKinnon of Sheehy; B. R. Holmes of Albany; A. J. Hornecker of Hillsboro; Roy and Arthur Frank, Ted O. E. Spencer of Gresham and Robert Zielinski of Gervais. The Marion County Livestock association is co-sponsor with the Oregon Swine Growers association.

Serving on the sales committee are, besides the chairman, A. L. Zielinski of St. Paul; C. E. Lewis of Aumsville; A. A. Nafziger, H. A. Barnes and Elton Watts of Silverton, and Roy Frank and Ben A. Newell of Salem.

Mr. Evans, chairman, owns a 300-acre farm, which he bought in 1941 near Independence and which is known as Evansdale. While Hampshire hogs and Columbia sheep are featured on the farm, it runs a variety of livestock on Evansdale the day I called to learn about the sale, including guinea hens, peacocks and eight of the finest little five-week old Border Collies I have ever seen. There were also Guernsey cows and a number of horses.

Two of the four Hampshire bred gilts to be offered at the sale will come from Evansdale. These are full sisters, farrowed March 15, 1947, out of Evansdale Fashion and sired by Century Knight.

Brooders Are Numerous
The other two Hampshire offerings at the sale are from F. C. Putnam of Hillsboro. Nine Spotted Poland Chinas have been consigned by J. H. Peyton of Junction City; Alfred Jungkeit of Lebanon; Elmer Stangel of Wilsonville; Wilmer R. Lyon of Junction City; Ray Girard of Salem; and George F. Schmidt of Woodburn. Consigning Berkshires are Junior Miller of Gervais, Bud Foster of Tangent, Robert Koch of Canby, C. E. Lewis of Aumsville, and Oregon State college.

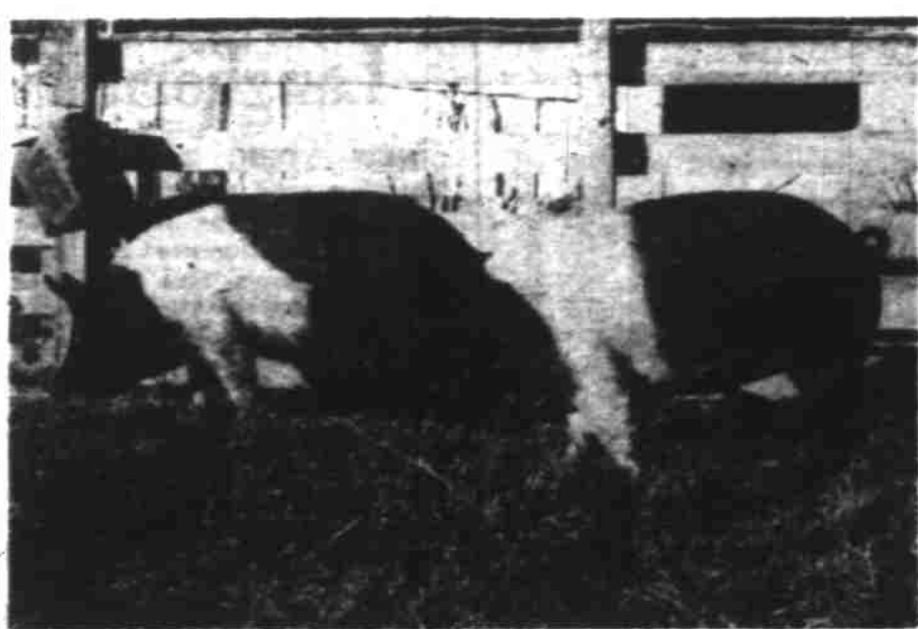
Yorkshires will be sold by Elmer Stangel, Wilsonville; Herefords by Jerry W. Jesky, Aurora, Earl Drury, Fall Creek, Chester Whites by Chester Hughson, Albany, and Duroc association bred gilt sale, fairgrounds, Hillsboro.

Feb. 13 — Marion county Jersey cattle club, Niel Miller home, Woodburn.

Feb. 17 — Polk and Marion county Cherry Growers association, Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Feb. 24 — Oregon State Farmers Union convention, VFW hall, Salem.

Feb. 28 — Second annual Jersey sale, 4-H and FFA, Washington county.



Pictured here are Century Model First and Century Model 2nd, two aristocrats of swinehood to be sold at the third annual Bred Gilt sale at the state fairgrounds on February 7. These two Hampshires have been consigned by Charles A. Evans, chairman of the sales committee. The sale itself is being sponsored by the Oregon Swine Growers association assisted by the Marion County Livestock association.

Howard Watts, A. A. Nafziger and Elton Watts of Silverton. Durocs, which form the largest breed offering, are from Robert Beutler, Salem; Edwin C. Riddler, Sherwood; Homer Zielinski, Gervais; Guy Hansen, Junction City; Lawrence Fisher, Salem; H. G. Andrew, Sandy; H. A. Barnes & Son, Silverton and C. E. Stretcher, Beaverton.

Black Poland Chinas have been consigned by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Foster of Tangent. Wendell Willard, Dayton, F. L. Zielinski, St. Paul, J. H. McElroy, Oregon City.

While to the general public, pigs may be just ham and bacon to the scores of prospective purchasers at the bred gilt sale, February 7, each bred gilt purchased will mean from six to 10 additional little money makers in from four to eight weeks, Evans states.

Farm Committees Will Gather Today At Warner Grange

A meeting of agricultural conservation community and county committee members from Columbia, Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Washington, Multnomah, and Clackamas counties together with the state committee will be held today in the Warner Grange hall at New Era.

The meeting is being held at the request of community committees who believe that such a meeting will afford them a more direct part in planning general conservation program policies, and at the same time they can better acquaint themselves with the problems involved in formulating a program to fit the needs of all the north Willamette valley counties.

As far as is known this will be the first meeting of this kind in the United States. Much interest will be shown by the state committee and Production Market association representatives from Washington, D. C., as to the need for such meetings generally throughout the state and nation.

The morning session will start at 9 o'clock with state committee members making reports on the national conference which they attended at Colorado Springs in December. Following these reports a community committee member from each of the seven counties represented will talk on topics concerning the agricultural conservation program. Lunch will be served by the women of Warner Grange.

The afternoon session will be an open discussion concerning the topics presented at the morning session and will afford all members present an opportunity to introduce and discuss subjects related to general policies which they believe will improve the agricultural conservation program.

Each of the county committees has indicated that a large representation will attend the meeting from its respective county and total attendance is expected to reach 200.

Nitrogen Stock Is Low Although More Is Produced

The outlook for fertilizer, especially nitrogen fertilizer, is not good for 1948. Reports show the production of nitrogen fertilizer is actually greater than ever before. However, more farmers are using nitrogen fertilizer. In fact, more farmers are using more fertilizer. That's where the shortage lies. Although more nitrogen fertilizer is being produced, the supply just isn't keeping up with demands of farmers.

And, the fertilizer shortage isn't restricted to the northwest or any one section of the United States. The nitrogen fertilizer shortage is world-wide. In fact, so far as farmers in this country are concerned, the supply of nitrogen will be less plentiful in 1948 than at any time during the past three years. All this, despite the fact that nitrogen is no longer going into war industries.

However, there is a brighter side of the picture. Especially for farmers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The government owned fertilizer plant in Salem plays a big part in the nitrogen fertilizer supply of the northwest. The Salem plant is operated by the Columbia metals corporation under a lease arrangement with the government. In the past, production of fertilizer from this plant was earmarked for use in the three northwest states. That geographical limitation no longer exists.

However, company officials have indicated a desire to supply local orders first.

Arthur S. King, soils specialist at Oregon State college says that farmers will be wise to place their fertilizer orders well in advance of actual need this year.

A check at some dealers this week shows most of them already out of the nitrogen fertilizers although a few have small amounts on hand and a few are expecting some in.

Polk Granges Hold Annual Meet, Feb. 6

The annual Polk county agricultural conference for grange agricultural committees is to be held at Rickreall grange hall on February 6.

This conference, says W. G. Leth, Polk county agent, is held mainly for two purposes. One is to decide which grange agricultural committee has conducted the best agricultural program during the year and to award the Dallas Chamber of Commerce plaque to the winning grange. The other purpose is to plan next year's program and set up rules for the contest again.

Some outstanding work has been done by Polk county granges through this conference and the contest features developed from it. Grass trials showing the value of improved pasture grasses, especially silts fescue; rodent control, drainage, 4-H work, increased use of farm gardens, weed control, seed production, pasture seedings and insect pest control have been among the major projects adopted by the various grange committees over the past several years.

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The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. The morning session will be devoted largely to selection of the winner of the 1947 contest, with each grange making a report on its program. The afternoon session will consider the program for next year.

The various home economics committees of the Polk county granges will hold a similar meeting concurrently with this meeting also in the Rickreall hall.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Are You "Hobby Happy?"

Funny thing about hobbies... When Ed Carey started making a model of the "Flying Cloud," it was only to rest his eyes from reading. But now he spends every spare moment ship modelling!

Some wives might have resented a husband suddenly shutting himself in the attic every night. But not Ed's Prudence. When she found him working late, she brought him up some beer and crackers... showed a real interest in his hobby... until finally Ed had her helping with the rigging.

Wasn't long before they were working side by side on Ed's barge, sharing a common interest. Instead of keeping them apart, Ed's hobby brought them more together.

From where I sit, a husband's hobby can often be a wife's as well. In fact, I've got the missus interested in tying trout flies—and, along with that mellow glass of beer, it makes the evenings go by mighty pleasantly.

Joe Marsh