

Willamette Valley Farmer

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

Group Formed To Boost Oregon Nuts

Independent Nut Packers of Oregon is the title for a new promotional organization which was incorporated under the laws of Oregon April 14 to develop new outlets for the state's filberts and walnuts, announces James C. Moore, OSC assistant extension marketing specialist. Moore will serve in an advisory capacity for the new organization.

Headquarters will be in Portland. Officers elected are: Harry T. Larsen, Portland, president; John J. Wilkins, Portland, vice president; and John Karstetter, Boring, secretary-treasurer. Will Promote New Markets

The organization, made up of independent nut processors, will handle about 30 per cent of Oregon's filberts and walnuts, Moore estimates. He says the primary purpose of the group will be to promote new markets for Oregon nuts.

Moore points out that most of the domestic output is now reaching trade channels in shell form. Through stiffened competition from foreign grown nuts since the war, markets generally have been depressed. The incorporators feel there is need for a coordinated program to assist independent growers in disposing of their nut crops.

Through a promotional program supported by assessments on a tonnage basis, members of the new organization hope to expand markets in the baking and candy industries where foreign nuts now have a dominant position. Turkey, Italy, Spain and France are important competitors on the nut markets in this country, Moore states.

Processors represented among the original incorporators are: Tigard Nut company, Tigard; Oregon Nut Shellers, Hillsboro; Valley Nut Packing company, Portland; Dugdale and Sons Incorporated, Cornelius; West Coast Fruit company, Portland; and Karstetter, Boring.

Silverton Cow Milks for 930 Consecutive Days

Some sort of long distance record was set this month by Beauty, a Guernsey cow in the W. H. Brandt herd at Silverton. Beauty freshened on June 8 in 1945. April 15 this year brought her days in continuous milk to 930, when she was finally dried up.

During the 930 days she produced 20,831 pounds of milk containing 128.3 pounds of butterfat. Her average test for the period was 6.04 per cent.

This unusual record was established due to breeding trouble, reports Ben A. Newell, assistant county agent. Leonard Chinn, Marion county DHIA tester, reported the figures from his association.

Beauty is now taking a rest, but will soon be in the maternity ward and back into production again.

Spittle Bug, Weevil Next Farm Worry

Strawberry growers are reminded that control measures for spittle bug and strawberry root weevils should be applied in the near future.

For spittle bugs, one dust of 50 per cent rotenone dust applied at the rate of 40-60 pounds per acre when the first spittle masses are observed. The dust must come in contact with the spittle masses for good control, as the dusts kill by coming in contact with the pests.

Accurate timing is necessary to control root weevils. Growers should examine the soil about the crowns of the plant for immature forms of the weevil. If more than half of the pupae have changed to the adult stage it is a good time to apply the bait. Another indication of weevils is the ragged edges of leaves. Live weevils can be found daytime underneath clods around the base of plants.

A commercially prepared apple pomace bait is generally used to control strawberry root weevils, using about a teaspoon or two in the crowns. Applications may have to be repeated after excessive rains.

Rain Getting Even Hopeful Farmers Down

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman
Even the most optimistic farmers were looking rather down in the mouth this week when rain continued and more storms are forecast until the end of this week, when once again clear skies are promised. Pretty soon, some of the farmers opined, it is going to be too late for clear skies to help out in spring planting.

The continued showers of February, March and even most of April didn't get the optimistic farmers down. There is always barley they can plant, and barley was a pretty good price. But around May 10 is considered the usual deadline for even spring barley planting and May 10 is fast nearing without fields ready for planting. Some corn can be planted and undoubtedly will, but 30 per cent of the Willamette valley cannot all be planted into corn and there is at least that much, and in certain sections much more, unplanted ground in the Willamette valley.

Little damage has resulted from the succession of storms during the past few days, although some fruit growers feared additional loss from the weekend rains destroying blossoms.

While many of the hill farmers reported earlier that little loss was experienced in strawberry fields from frosts of 10 days ago, later reports show that some damage was done, particularly in certain areas. Some growers in the Scotts Mills district reported the middle of this week that investigation revealed all early blooms and some of the buds showing white had been caught completely.



Pictured here are the organizers of Oregon's newest cattle group, the Oregon Polled Hereford association, set up at Salem recently. Seated are, from left to right, Dick Ward, Halsey, vice president; Roy Newport, Detroit, director; Don Chittendon, national secretary, who was speaker at the organization meeting; R. B. Sears, Salem, elected president; Ben A. Newell, Salem, secretary. Standing, Everett Wilson, Shedd, assisting with organization; Paul Townsend, Gervais, Frank Studnick, Seio, B. O. Tom, Alsea and C. E. Newton, Corvallis, all directors.

Oregon Rams Enter Annual Sale in South

Thirty-nine per cent of the total sheep to be sold at the annual California ram sale, state fair grounds, Sacramento, May 10 and 11, will come from the Willamette valley. Almost two-thirds of all the Hampshires and more than four of the Suffolks to go through the ring will be Oregon sheep. R. W. Hogg & Sons of Salem, with 84 animals is the largest single consignor to the sale.

A. I. Eoff, veteran breeder of Salem, has donated one registered Hampshire ram to be given away during the sale.

Last year Gath Bros., of Turner, sold the top Suffolk of the sale for \$425 and R. W. Hogg and Son received \$400 for the highest priced Hampshire.

The California sale is the earliest of six major sheep auctions held in the west each year from May to September.

Represented in the first sale this year are Ahrens Bros., Turner, three Romney rams, eight Suffolk rams; Broadmead Farms, Amity, 23 Hampshire rams; 30 Hampshire ewes; Frank Brown, Jr., Carlton, 20 Hampshire rams, five Hampshire ewes; Glenn Cox, Philomath, six Suffolk rams; Floyd Edwards, Albany, three Suffolk rams; A. L. Eoff, Salem, 37 Hampshire rams, 10 Hampshire ewes; Gath Brothers, Turner, 14 Hampshire rams, nine Suffolk rams, five Suffolk ewes; R. W. Hogg & Sons, Salem, 50 Hampshire ewes; Chainey M. Hubbard, Junction City, 37 Hampshire rams, 20 Hampshire ewes; 20 Hampshire ewes; Eugene Hubbard, Corvallis, 20 Hampshire rams, 15 Hampshire ewes, 37 Suffolk rams, 10 Suffolk ewes; D. P. McCarthy, Salem, eight Hampshire rams; Eldon Riddell, Independence, five Southdown rams; J. J. Thompson, Salem, nine Suffolk rams.

Walnut Growers Warned Soon Time To Dust or Spray

Time is approaching for walnut growers to spray or dust for walnut blight control.

The first application should be applied in the early preblossom stage, when about 50 per cent of the buds have broken open and the leaves folded lengthwise are beginning to separate from one another, but before the blades of the leaflets have unfolded. Each grower must determine his own spraying time for effective control of the blight.

If spraying is followed, a 4-2-100 Bordeaux mixture (4 pounds copper sulfate, 2 pounds quick lime, 100 gallons water) is the recommended material. To this should be added one pint of summer oil emulsion to reduce the severity of leaf damage.

Yellow cupricide may be used as a substitute for Bordeaux mixture where convenience and freedom from injury are more important considerations than cost. The material should be applied at the rate of one pound in 100 gallons of water.

If dusting is the practice, a cop-

Farm Calendar

May 6 — Marion County Livestock breeders association, Salem Chamber of Commerce 8 p. m.

May 10-11 — Annual California Ram sale, Sacramento.

May 14-15 — Northwest Quarter Horse association show and sale, state fairgrounds, Salem.

May 16 — Marion County Jersey Cattle club, William Voigt farm, Salem.

May 17 — Polk county grass silage field day, Pete Brandt farm, Rickreall, 1:30 p. m.

May 17-19 — Annual meeting of Cattle and Horse Raisers association, Baker.

May 18 — American Guernsey Cattle club educational program and marketing panel, Multnomah hotel, Portland.

May 18 — Linn county grass silage field day, John Pugh farm, Shedd.

May 19 — American Guernsey Cattle club meeting, Portland.

May 19 — Clackamas county grass silage field day, Canby.

May 20 — Western Guernsey sale, Pacific International building, Portland.

May 28 — Strawberry Festival, Lebanon.

May 29 — Annual Linn county Lamb and Wool show, Seio.

June 3-5 — Eastern Oregon Livestock show, Union.

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June 5 — Annual Marion County Lamb show and state dog trials, Turner.

June 7-11 — State grange convention, Astoria.

June 1-2 — First annual Spring Guernsey show, state fair grounds, Salem.

Showing of Fine Wools to Be Held in Portland May 11

Sale of an estimated 600,000 pounds of 1948 northwest wool will be staged at Portland May 11 at a special showing of fine wools sponsored jointly by a number of firms.

Harold Russell, representing the Portland Hide and Wool company, where the sale will be held, said the offering is drawing attention of buyers because of the boom prices now being paid for fine and half-blood wools.

The A. R. Bohoskeym Co., Yakima, offers 200,000 pounds of 1948 clip. The same company also is listing 100,000 pounds of cross-bred wools to be sold to the Commodity Credit corporation. Pacific Wool Growers will offer 200,000 pounds. This includes a quantity of mill matchings prepared in a special marketing project of the U. S. department of agriculture.

The department of agriculture reported sales have been completed.

per-lime-sulfur-oil dust composed of 20 per cent monohydrated copper sulfate, 40 percent hydrated lime, 10 percent dusting sulfur, 20 percent talc, 8.5 percent diatomaceous earth, and 1.5 percent light mineral oil is recommended for general use.

If the walnut orchard is interplanted with filberts, the sulfur should be omitted from the formula as sulfur is toxic to filbert foliage.

Clackamas County Makes High Records

Six herds in the Clackamas County Dairy Herd Improvement association went over the 40 pound mark in production of butterfat for the month of March, reports Don Walrod, assistant county agent. The herds making this production belong to John Lienhart, Woodburn, 48 pounds; John Gale of Gaymoor Farm, Canby, 44.8; Robert Myers, Sandy, 44 pounds; Carl Olson, Molalla, 43.8 pounds; L. L. Parmenter, Canby, 41.3 pounds; and Staehely Brothers, Oregon City, 40.1 pounds. Nineteen cows in Staehely Brothers' herd exceeded 50 pounds of fat production.

Milton Corum, Oregon City, and L. C. Berney, Hubbard, are the present testers for Clackamas county. William Hanson, Estacada, will be testing for Corum during the latter part of April and the first part of May, says Walrod.

Walnut Grafting Demonstration Set

A walnut grafting demonstration at the Turner Memorial home has been scheduled by D. L. Ras-

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mussen, assistant Marion county agent, for May 6, starting at 1:30 p.m. Results from grafting demonstrations earlier this spring have shown that grafting is not difficult for one who learns a few basic principles about tree

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Hop Research To Broaden Its Program

Development of a hop variety that will be resistant to downy mildew and have high quality and yield are the objectives of an expanded hop breeding research program being launched by the OSC experiment station in cooperation with the United States department of agriculture. In this expansion, the USDA has recently appointed Dr. Kenneth R. Keller as hop breeder at the college.

Plans for the broadened hop program were formulated at a recent meeting of the hop industry advisory committee with experiment station personnel, Dr. Keller, and Dr. Donald M. Crooks, in charge of the hop division for the USDA. The program will serve the Pacific coast in future years with Oregon State college as the center of program work.

In addition to control of downy mildew, which is causing tremendous losses annually, the station program includes work on control of such insect pests as hop lice and red spiders and on improving cultural practices.

Working part-time with Dr. Keller will be Dr. Robert E. Fore, station agronomist, who worked on hop projects from 1941 to 1944, and G. R. Hoerner, USDA plant pathologist and extension service hop specialist. Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department, will serve as coordinator for the entire program. A hops chemist is expected to be added to the program in future months.

Oregon's hop crop last year occupied 19,640 acres and was valued at more than 12 million dollars. Average yield per acre was 850 pounds. Hops are grown in 13 Oregon counties — Benton, Clackamas, Crook, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Polk, Umatilla, Washington and Yamhill.

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