

Willamette Valley Farmer

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

Ram and Ewe Sale Expected To Be Large

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The eighth annual Willamette valley purebred ram and ewe sale will be held in the newly constructed livestock pavilion at the Linn county fairgrounds, Albany, on Saturday, August 7, starting at 10 a.m. O. F. Mikesell, Albany, secretary of the sale committee, has announced.

All animals will be on the grounds by 7 o'clock in the morning on the day of the sale in order that prospective buyers will have the opportunity to inspect them. The animals must be registered and their papers in the hands of the sale secretary before they enter the ring. All rams and ewes are guaranteed to be healthy as well as being breeders.

Mikesell states that all wooled breeds—Corriedale, Lincoln and Romney—have been shown after March 15 of this year. The medium wool sale animals have all been shown since April 1.

An auction ring, capable of seating 600 spectators will be used for the first time at this sale.

Selling during the forenoon will be the Romney, Lincoln, Corriedale, Cheviot, Dorset and Shropshire breeds. Homestead, Southdowns and Suffolks will go through the ring in the afternoon.

Walter of Filer Auctioneer
Earl Walter of Filer, Idaho, who has cried the sale since its inception, will again be auctioneer. The sale committee, other than Mikesell, consists of Gene Hubbard, Corvallis, manager; Claude Steusloff, Salem, and Elmer Riddell, Independence.

A total of 109 rams and 35 ewes have been consigned by 34 Willamette valley sheep breeders. Forty-three Suffolks are consigned by Ahrens Farms, Turner; Glen Cox, Philomath; Floyd Edwards, Albany; Floyd Fox, Silverton; E. F. Hubbard, Corvallis; Walter Hubbard, Junction City; Leonard Hudson, Silverton; Paul R. Quimby, Halsey; Parry C. Smith, Yamhill, and J. J. Thompson, Salem.

Thirty-four Romneys are consigned by Ahrens Farms, Lynn Barnes, Harrisburg; Gath Bros., Turner; Fred Gilbert & Son, Aumsville; Oakmead Farm, Newberg; William Riddell, Monmouth.

Thirty Hampshires are consigned by A. W. Bagley, Salem; Frank Brown, Jr., Carlton; L. W. Dumdi, Carlton; A. I. Eoff, Salem; Gath Bros., C. M. Hubbard, Junction City; Walter Hubbard, R. W. Hogg & Son, Salem; D. P. McCarthy and Kehn Waln, Salem.

Fifteen Lincolns are consigned by Harms Bros., Canby; Ed Riddell and James Riddell, Monmouth.

Twelve Southdowns are consigned by A. W. Oliver, Corvallis; Eldon Riddell, Independence; Claude Steusloff, Salem, and Karl Wipper, Turner.

Six Shropshires are consigned by Gath Bros. and M. O. Pearson, Turner; two Corriedales by Jim Riddell, Monmouth; one Dorset by Kenneth McCrea, Monmouth, and one Cheviot by Henry & Eloise Davenport, Silverton.

Farm Calendar

Aug. 5 — Hop and bean scale testing, Mt. Angel, 9:30 a.m.; Canby, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Aug. 7 — Willamette valley purebred ram and ewe sale, Albany, 9:30 a.m.

Aug. 7 and 8 — Western Horse show, Silverton, Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.

Aug. 8 — Oregon Columbia Sheep Breeders association, Ben Elmer's farm, Clarkes, 1:30 p.m.

Aug. 10 — Aumsville Farmers Union local.

Aug. 10 — Home extension units picnic at Lafayette locks.

Aug. 14 — Oregon ram sale, Pendleton, 10 a.m.

Aug. 14-15 — White Salmon rodeo, White Salmon, Wash.

Aug. 15 — Oregon State Farmers Union picnic, Champoug, 11 a.m.

Aug. 15 — Marion County Jersey Cattle club picnic, Champoug park, 1 p.m.

Aug. 17 — Lebanon herb tea.

Aug. 18-21 — Tillamook county fair.

Aug. 20-22 — Oregon Flax festival, Mt. Angel.

Aug. 23-28 — Multnomah county fair, Gresham.

Aug. 26-28 — Yamhill 4-H and FFA, McMinnville.

Aug. 26-28 — Polk county fair, Sept. 1-4 — Clackamas county fair, Canby.

Sept. 1-3 — Linn county fall 4-H fair, Albany.

Sept. 1-4 — Independence Hop festival.

Sept. 6-12 — Oregon state fair, Salem.

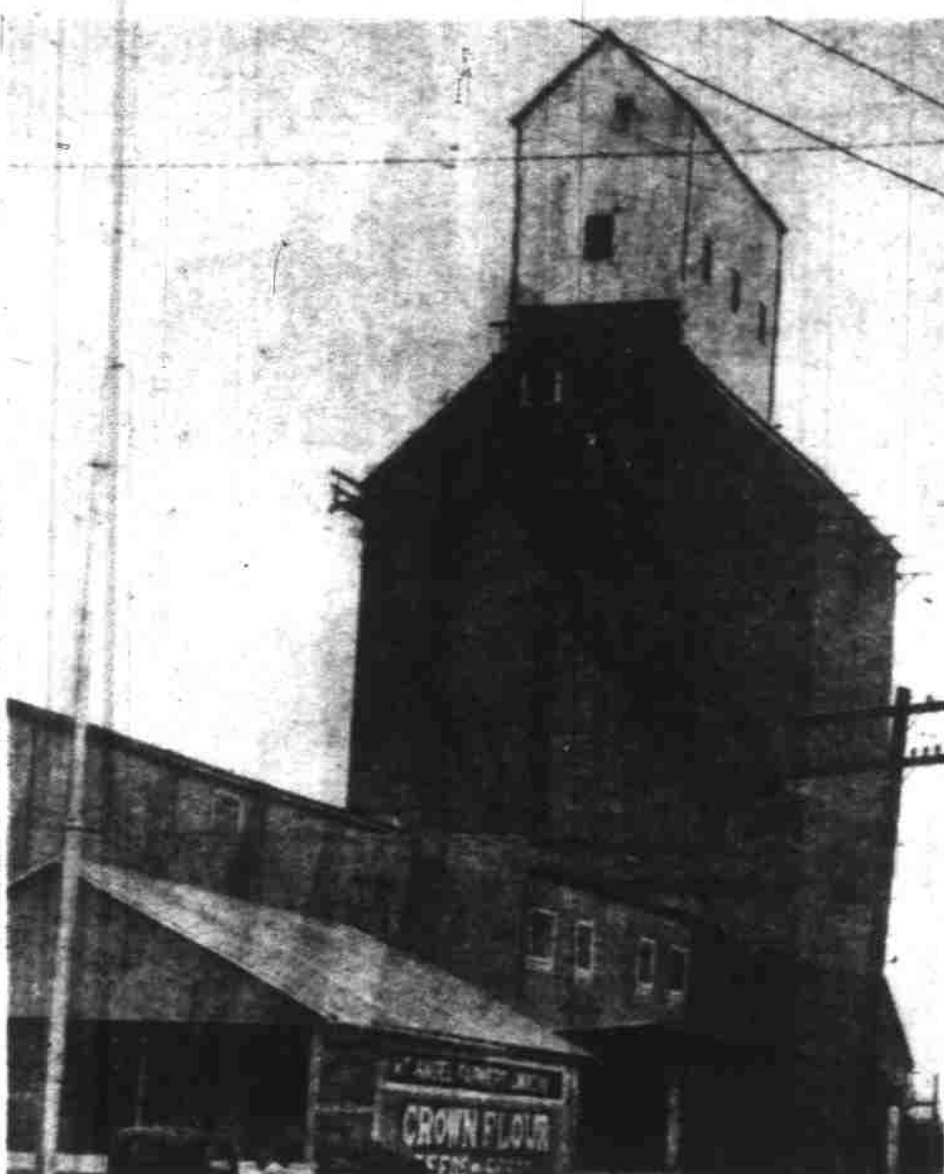
Sept. 13 — Southern Oregon ram sale, Lakeview, 10 a.m.

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Picturing Mt. Angel's new sky-scraper, the grain elevator built at a cost of \$66,000 by the Mt. Angel Farmers union warehouse. The capacity will be 80,000 bushels or 21 railroad cars of grain. (Farm photo for The Statesman.)

State Board Favors Adding More Cattle

Approval by the state board of higher education of a program of purchase of livestock for use in teaching and research at Oregon State college, virtually completes the "six-year" program for animal husbandry recommended by a group of livestock men who studied the situation 10 years ago, reports P. M. Brandt, head of the animal industries division at the college.

Appropriation of \$12,644 for purchase of high quality beef cattle, sheep and swine of representative breeds follows provision for adequate housing for the college herds and the earlier acquisition of additional land near Corvallis for research and maintenance purposes, he said.

Buildings Constructed
With the completion of farm buildings now under construction and the purchase of the new stock, Oregon State will be in position to give just as complete and high quality instruction as that afforded anywhere in the country in animal husbandry, Professor Brandt emphasized.

While the herds will not approximate in size those maintained by some of the wealthier states, they will meet all practical requirements of both teaching and research, he said.

Beef Cattle to Expand
Most of the money will be used to expand the beef cattle and sheep numbers under a plan whereby replacements may be bred at the college, thus maintaining adequate herds at minimum cost. Swine herds are already adequate for teaching but some additions will be made for research work.

A new beef barn of largely fireproof construction and separate from hay storage buildings has been started to replace the one destroyed by fire about a year ago. It and related buildings will be located on an extension of the street running past the former beef barn and horse barn but farther west across 35th street which forms the western city limits of Corvallis.

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Dim Outlook Remains for Nitrogen

There's now hope for an increase of about 10 per cent in the stock of nitrogen in the United States next year, but the chance of any of the additional supply showing up in increased supplies of nitrogen fertilizer here in Oregon is considered slim.

Distribution of the ammonia for nitrogen fertilizer manufacturer rests in the hands of the fertilizer industry and currently no domestic maker of nitrogen is operating in the northwest, states Arthur S. King, state college extension soils specialist. This means, explains King, that additional supplies of nitrogen fertilizer will be available here only if it cannot be sold closer to manufacturing centers.

Shortage Is Wide

Chances for this are considered remote since the nitrogen shortage is nationwide.

Nitrogen fertilizer supply here is dependent upon whether or not the Columbia Metals plant in Salem can resume operations. It has now been closed since February. This plant has been the major source of nitrogen fertilizer in the northwest for the past three years. There is talk of opening it late this summer but even this cannot be assured at this time, officials state.

The plant is now closed as a result of its inability to secure anhydrous ammonia, a necessary raw material in the manufacture of ammonium sulfate. There is some possibility that the plant will be able to resume operations with ammonia released from army production, King explains.

Imports Increased

Recently, the production and marketing administration of the U. S. department of agriculture announced that farms in the United States would have available 10 per cent more nitrogen this coming year. The increase is expected to come from stepped up imports from Chile and Canada, slightly increased domestic production, and diversion of material produced in army operated plants for use in the occupied areas of Germany and Japan.

Use of nitrogen this past year in this country reached the total of 817,000 tons, the equivalent of over four million tons of ammonium sulfate. This was the greatest quantity of fertilizer ever used in this country, King pointed out. Still, it did not meet demands and the 10 per cent increase for next year will again fall short of expected requirements, King predicts.

New Peach Spray Being Recommended

Work conducted at the Oregon experiment station at Corvallis has resulted in change in the recommendation for the control of peach blight and die back.

The new control program as developed by Adin P. Steenland, assistant pathologist, is to spray with Phygon 3/4 pound per 100 gallons of water as soon as each variety is picked and before fall rains start. If Bordeaux is going to be used, says Steenland, it should be applied before September 15. Phygon will be available throughout Oregon by September 1.

Brown rot control lies in preventing disease from getting a start. There is no cure for brown rot infected fruit. Keep ahead of brown rot on ripening fruit by dusting or spraying before it makes an attack.

Now Time to Dust Grapes for Mildew

Grape vines should be dusted with sulfur to check spread of powdery mildew. The recent weather has been conducive to fungus development, grape experts are telling us. About 15 to 20 pounds of pure sulfur will be sufficient for dusting an acre of grapes in large vineyards, a power duster is desirable, and can be used to good advantage. In smaller plantings, a hand duster may be used. Both the bellows type and the fan type of duster have been used successfully.

The sulfur dust should not be applied too heavily or burning may result. It is not necessary to be able to see the sulfur on the leaves for good control. A repeated application should be made when the grapes begin to ripen.

Make Hen Culling An Everyday Job Is Good Advice

While culling poultry flocks is admittedly a year-round job, in August this job receives special attention on most poultry farms where every day the flock is looked over for unthrifty or sick birds which should be eliminated.

Culling achieves two goals, says Ben A. Newell, assistant Marion county agent, and both put money in the operator's pocket. First, it keeps production at a high level. Second, it eliminates most of the feed waste.

Specialists tell us that it takes about 65 pounds of feed to keep a hen through a year. As her production goes up, feed consumed will increase, but not in proportion to the profits she will return.

Some things to look for in culling a flock is that hens need to be alert and have good health and vitality. A hen needs a wide, deep, long body with a large, clean-cut head. A bright eye, a short stout beak and a soft thin skin also depict a good layer.

Is she laying now, is the \$64 question. Some points to look for in answering this question are a large, red waxy comb, a beak that is bleached white at the base, a full soft abdomen with wide flexible pelvic bones and a large moist vent as symbols of a regular layer.

Long-time layers are the profit makers. Newell points out. Birds whose shanks are completely bleached now probably have been laying for many months. Late molters, that is after August 15, are desirable. Feathers that are well worn and ragged are typical of hard working birds.

MORE PIGS ASKED FOR

Charles F. Brannan, secretary of agriculture, last week issued a call for a 10 per cent increase in the pig crop starting next fall to forestall a further drop in meat supplies. Unless more pigs are being raised, he said, meat supplies in 1949 will be even lower than they are now.

DAIRY SHOW TO BE LARGE

Dairy cattle raisers have indicated plans to exhibit more than 600 head at the Pacific International Livestock exposition to be held in Portland October 1 to 9.

The U. S. army supplied the first government weather information service in the United States under an act passed by congress in 1870.

Simple Contrivance Eases Nut Harvest

A new filbert cleaner, which can be used in the field, is gaining favor with many filbert growers. To use this cleaner, which is constructed simply and utilizes scrap lumber found on most farms, the filbert orchard should be picked firm before the nuts begin to drop.

Then the nuts are raked into windrows or piles and shoveled into the screened box on top of the cleaner. The nuts drop through the screen onto a carrier and fall into a box or sack, which is being used. The filbert hulls and leaves remain in the too screen, and the sand falls back to the ground.

Judging School Proves Popular

Over 450 Oregon dairymen took part in six Guernsey judging schools just completed in western Oregon. Elmer Meadows, western fieldman for the Guernsey Cattle club, is largely responsible for this method of developing breed type and the abilities of breeders to recognize type and production in dairy animals.

Dairy men took a very active part in the program of each school. They watched their judgment with that of Harold Ewalt, Oregon State college extension dairy. They did not always agree but each had an opportunity to express reasons for each placing. Four-H and Future Farmers of America groups were well represented. These young folks are getting ready for judging teams which will compete at county and state fairs this fall.

Fred Rudet, Brownsmead, president of the Oregon Guernsey Breeders association, and Ben A. Newell, secretary, took part in several of the field days.

Corn Show Chairmen Tell of Closing Date

Rex Warren and R. E. Fore, co-chairmen of the Oregon State Corn show have announced that the closing dates for entries for the hybrid yield contest have been extended to August 15. At the present time, there are several entries in the chairman report, but expect there will be more to come.

The show is going to be held early in December and will be at the Clackamas county fair grounds in Canby. The acreage required for entry in the contest is at least five acres of hybrid variety of field corn.

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To Aid Lepers



Mary Beth Godfrey (above), 31, a graduate of the 1944 class of the University of Iowa Medical college, will practice medicine at the leper colony of Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai, Territory of Hawaii. (AP Wire-photo to The Statesman.)

Former Silverton Pastor Visits There

SILVERTON—The Rev. C. J. Hall, pastor of the Methodist church, 1933 to 1935, was in Silverton Tuesday visiting friends. He served at Goldendale, Wash. for 10 years after leaving here and is now at Cashmere, Wash. Elizabeth Hall Clark, his daughter, lives at Dunlap, Iowa; the son, Ton, is married and will coach at Dryden, Wash., this year. Younger daughter, Marie, is receptionist at the Cashmere clinic.

Mrs. Emma Gene Miller Tells of Hawaiian Trip

SWEGLA—Friends of Mrs. Emma Gene Miller received letters from her written at Honolulu, Hawaii where she is spending her summer vacation with a friend who taught there last year. Mrs. Miller has flown from island to island until she has seen all Nuhau which is privately owned and which no one may enter unless of Hawaiian blood, and Kahoolawe island which is bare and never visited. She has attended a hukilan (pulling in fish in nets) and a luau (a Hawaiian feast).



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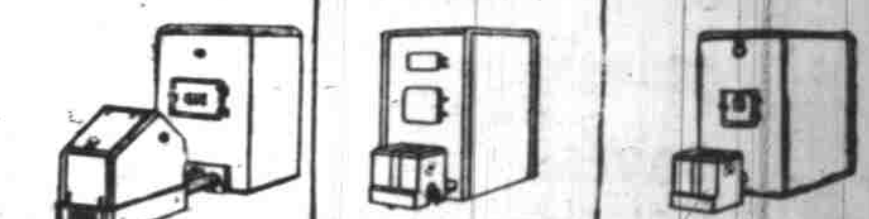
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