

# Willamette Valley Farmer

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



Boys at the Turnidge Pathfinder farm in the Talbot area enjoy mealtime, which like on all farms, is a pretty happy occasion. Mrs. Emma Gaffenburger, known as "Grandma" to the boys, standing at the right of J. H. Turnidge, seated, looks after the boys, assisted by her sister, Edith Steincampe, also standing.



Wherever a farmers' group meets there is usually food. Wherever there is food there are usually women. Pictured here are two of North Howell's top-notch cooks, Mrs. John Beals, left, and Mrs. Ernest Dunn cutting up homemade pies which were sold toward the North Howell grange building fund. (Farm Photo for The Statesman.)

## Grain Planting Up This Fall By 75 Per Cent

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Fall seeding is up at least 75 per cent this fall over last in the center of Willamette valley, a check Wednesday showed.

Barley, in spite of the drop in price is being heavily planted this fall, indicating a heavy plan for livestock feeding, as fall barley is not used for brew. Some of the barley is already showing green in the field. Estimates were Wednesday that barley planting, as well as oats and vetch, would be up to the banner 1946 fall planting.

**Probi Wheat Planted**

Considerable Probi wheat, not too widely known in the valley, is going into valley soils this fall. This has been a popular wheat in eastern Oregon for some time, and plantings made here in recent years have proved rather successful, although most of that grown in western Oregon has been on hill and hillside soils. White Holland and Kenny wheat have been the two popular wheats in Marion and Polk county and still predominate in this year's planting.

Corn ground, where the crop has not been completely harvested, or just finished this week, has delayed some fall planting. Most of this will be seeded to wheat, oats and vetch or straight oats if there is "any kind of planting weather" in January or February, farmers state. Otherwise much of it may be saved for later spring barley planting as it was this past year.

**Slugs Showing Up**

Because the weather has been ideal for fall farming, more fertilizer than usual has been put on this fall, farmers believed. Some nitrogen has been used on the grasses which are to be pastured this winter. Also 16-20-0 is being used on the grasses as well as on oats and vetch.

County agents are reporting considerable trouble with slugs this fall. They have been working particularly heavy in vetch, and some baiting is being done. Ben Newell of Marion county is warning growers to watch their fields carefully as it is of little use to plant the crops for slug food.

## Little Garden Club Assists Optimist Show

(Also story page 1)

Mrs. J. W. Douglas, president of the Little Garden Club of Salem Heights, has announced that its membership has given up its annual fall chrysanthemum show to assist with that which the Optimist club is sponsoring Saturday and Sunday at the Salem armory.

The Little Garden club was formed 20 years ago as a chrysanthemum club and its annual event in the Salem Heights district has become very popular in Salem and surrounding area.

Mrs. Douglas who heads the committee on floral exhibits at the week-end show, has appointed her committees to include: placing, Mrs. Leslie Bates, Mrs. L. Bennett, Mrs. Robert Hawkins, Mrs. E. Welling, Mrs. Carl Harris, Mrs. K. L. Zwicker; clerks, Mrs. Ed Carleton, Mrs. R. E. Cartwright; staging, Mrs. Virgil Sexton and Optimist club; schedule, Mrs. Homer McWain, Mrs. Virgil Sexton, Mrs. Joe VanCleave, Mrs. Carleton, and Mrs. Harris; entry, Mrs. Lewis Judson, Mrs. C. A. Kells, Mrs. Paul Acton, Mrs. A. A. Taylor, Mrs. Paul Greibenow, Mrs. William Neimeyer; classifications, Mrs. VanCleave and Mrs. Douglas; hospitality, Mrs. Charles Sawyer, Mrs. Louise Johnston, Mrs. Alice Edmundson.

Optimist wives will assist as hostesses and all Salem florists are cooperating by providing entries in non-competitive groups.

## Corn Yield Checked For State Show

Harvesting of corn acreages entered for the revived yield contests in the forthcoming seventh annual state corn show is now under way, reports Dr. R. E. Fore, joint chairman of the show with Rex Warren, both from Corvallis.

The show will be held at the Clackamas county fair grounds at Canby, December 10 to 12. Hybrid corn contest acreages include single acre plots for 4-H club members, three-acre tracts for FFA members and five-acre fields for adult contestants. Later dates of the show this year are expected to bring a record number of entries from all parts of the state.

## Farm Fence Post Treatment Announced

A new fence post treatment is being recommended by Charles Ross, extension farm forester. Ross states that fence posts treated with pentachlorophenol will last from 15 to 20 years and maybe more.

This treatment has some advantage over the old salt treatment in that the material used is not so hazardous to those using it, and to livestock. One other advantage is that the whole post can be treated rather than just the ground section.

## Farm Calendar

- Nov. 4—Oregon Turkey hatcherymen, Salem Chamber of Commerce 8 p.m.
- Nov. 6-7 — Chrysanthemum show, Salem armory.
- Nov. 8-7 — Rabbit show, state fair grounds.
- Nov. 8 — Independence Garden club.
- Nov. 9-12 — Oregon Farm Bureau convention, Bend.
- Nov. 9 — Northwest Hereford association sale, LaGrande.
- Nov. 10-12 — National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation convention, Multnomah hotel, Portland.
- Nov. 10 — Scio Countryside Garden club.
- Nov. 15-16 — Annual meeting agricultural cooperative council of Oregon, Multnomah hotel, Portland.
- Nov. 17-18 — Annual meeting Oregon State Horticultural society, Corvallis.
- Nov. 29-30-Dec. 1 — Annual meeting Oregon Seed League, Multnomah hotel, Portland.
- Dec. 1-3 — Pacific coast turkey exhibit, McMinnville.
- Dec. 3-4 — State beekeepers meeting, Public Service Bldg., Portland.
- Dec. 6 — Marion County Dairy Breeders association, Mt. Angel, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 8-10 — Northwest Turkey show, Roseburg.

## MORE STRAWBERRIES

A little larger strawberry acreage is intended for harvest next year in Oregon and nationally, according to a recent crop reporting release. The increase over this year's harvest is now indicated to be about three percent in both this state and the entire nation. The national total will still be one-fourth less than the prewar 1932-1941 average.

## DAIRY BREEDERS TO MEET

The annual meeting of the Marion County Dairy association has been set for Monday, December 6 at Mt. Angel. George Kruse, president, and William Williams, technician, both of Mt. Angel, are making the announcement. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and continue through the day.

## Rabbit Show to Be Big Event This Weekend, Salem

Folk from Salem and surrounding communities are going to have the opportunity to see rabbits in all their glory Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7, at the poultry building on the state fair grounds.

The Capitol City Rabbit Breeders association is staging the first show of its kind in Salem on those dates. More than 300 entries from Oregon, as well as all western states and from Kansas and Ohio have already been made. Gerald Wing, president of the local association reports. Chester Frederickson, Salem, has been named superintendent of the show and Mrs. Frederickson is the show secretary. Daniel Law of Portland and Master Judge George Bayliss of Hayward, Calif., will judge the animals.

Twenty trophies are to be

awarded and the show will be open to the public both days.

**COUNTY MEETING PLANNED**

Marion county's 1949 agricultural conservation program practices will be selected at a meeting November 9, 10 a.m. at the county agent's office. W. M. Tate, chairman of the county conservation committee is making arrangements.

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## 2nd ANNUAL SHOW and SALE Crook County Hereford Breeder's Assn.

County Fair Grounds, Prineville, Oregon

SHOW - Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1948, 10:00 a. m.

Feeder Sale, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1948, 1:00 p. m.

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## Walnut Damage Set at One-Third

Damage to Oregon's 1948 walnut crop is estimated this week at about one-third of the total 9500-ton harvest.

An even higher percentage of the crop will be unmarketable as in-shell nuts, because damaged ones are mixed with sound nuts.

Producers whose crops fall below 60 to 65 per cent sound nuts generally will be unable to make an in-shell grade and will have to market them as shelled meats. John E. Trunk, manager of the Northwest Growers, Dundee, said this week.

The co-ops, Trunk reported, are taking steps to find market outlets for the increased supply of shelled meats.

Delay in processing filberts because dryers are tied up with the big walnut crop has caused some loss of early markets, trade sources say. Blight and worm damage to filberts has been heavy this year, but the crop is not affected by the shrivelling which hit walnuts.

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## Vegetable Men Join Annual Corvallis Meet

The first annual meeting of commercial vegetable growers and processors is to be held this year in connection with the two-day annual convention of the Oregon State Horticultural society in Corvallis, November 17 and 18. This announcement was made Wednesday by Leonard Carpenter, Medford, president of the horticultural society, which is made up principally of tree fruit growers.

In the combined meeting this year, both morning meetings will be of joint interest to tree fruit and vegetable producers, OSC extension horticultural specialists, C. O. Rawlings and R. Ralph Clark, have announced. The meetings will be held in Corvallis community building located at Fifth and Madison in the downtown business area.

The afternoon programs have been split to accommodate the varying interests of the tree and vegetable crop growers. Rawlings is responsible for the tree fruit growers program, while Clark will work with vegetable producers and processors. Topics of special interest to each producer group will be discussed at the separate meetings.

Among out-of-state speakers announced for the general morning sessions are A. D. Borden, entomologist, University of Cali-

fornia at Berkeley, who will discuss new developments in spray equipment; and L. P. Batjer, USDA horticulturist, Wenatchee, Wash. His topic will be hormone sprays for reducing fruit drop.

E. K. Vaughn, OSC research pathologist, and B. F. Dana, USDA pathologist, will lead a discussion for the vegetable growers section on research on white mold of beans and other vegetable diseases.

Rawlings and Clark report that most of the subject matter discussions will be followed by question-and-answer periods.

**Bend to Play Host To Annual Session**

Oregon Farm Bureau federation will hold its 1948 convention in Bend, November 9, 10 and 11 with representatives from all parts of the state expected. This is the federation's 17th annual conference.

At the general session November 11, time will be devoted to a farm credit panel.

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## "Husbands, Wives, and Marriage"

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It showed that among happily married couples, those who criticized themselves outnumbered those who criticized the other person. Among unhappily married couples, it was just the opposite—each one tended to criticize the other.

That's the way it is in our town, as I guess it is in yours. Criticism, whether it's of a wife's taste for hats, or a husband's taste for pipe

tobacco and an evening glass of beer or ale, is a sure start towards unhappiness.

As for what made happy marriages, companionship within the home was listed most important of all. And from where I sit, a husband and wife who can spend an evening by the fire—with nothing more exciting than a mellow glass of beer, and a friendly conversation—are a truly well-matched couple!

Joe Marsh

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