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The Statesman's

Farmer-of-the-Week

FARMER OF THE WEEK

Ernest C. Brunk farms his grandfather's land donation claim but that doesn't mean that what was good enough for Grandpa is good enough for the grandson.

On Tuesday, Ernest had 75 acres of crop land fertilized by airplane, and it took about an hour of actual flying time over the field to put the 7,500 pounds of ammonium sulphate (from the Salem plant) onto the ground. It would have taken his grandfather considerably longer Ernest runs 300 acres of Polk

county land. But he seems to enjoy most his 22 acres of peaches and 31 acres of cherries. He regretted that they were almost in the pink of bloom this week and may be a bit past prime on Blossom Day. The cherries will be fine, however, he says.

Last year the fruit crop was small, but the year before 11 acres of trees gave more than 5,000 boxes of peaches and the Slaacres Future Farmer student in Salem of cherries yielded 120 tons of fruit

Dortha Brunk started out to a school teacher but was talked out of the idea while practice the Brunk men have in common. teaching at Eola. Ernest says he "sure put a crimp in a good careef.

The have two sons which put the Brunk acres well on the way to be farmed by the fourth gener-ation of Brunks. Dale, 15, is a or hunting.

Gooseberry Fly Traps Set Up in **Hubbard** Fields

C. E. Bradley, Hubbard goose-berry grower, and Oregon State college entomology specialist, Robert W Every, set up two yellow currant fly emergence cages on Saturday at the Bradley farm. These cages will cover small plots that were stocked with wormy gooseberries last summer.

The worms or larvae have been in the soil ever since. However, they have changed into pupae and will eventually come to the surface as flies. When Bradley finds the first fly in one of the cages, he and other gooseberry growers will apply lead arsenate sprays within one week and maintain a protective spray cover until the

berries are harvested. These sprays will kill the flies and keep them from laying their eggs under the skin of currants and gooseberries. Failure to kill yellow currant flies causes cull fruit and complete loss of the

erop. Marion county gooseberry growshow, Scio. ers who would like to know when Bradley finds the first yellow currant fly can write or call D. L. Rasmussen, county extension agent, Salem, Growers in other sociation, Oregon State college. Willamette valley countles can June 28-July 1-Fourth annual write Robert W. Every, entomol-Leadership Institute for Town and ogy specialist, Oregon State col-County churches, OSC. William lege, Corvallis. Teutsch, general chairman,



Ernest C. Brunk

high, and Gordon, 13, is showing decided yen for farming . . . and baseball. And that is another thing

Mr. Brunk falt badly he had to miss three Senator games last summer and spoil his no-miss

record of the year prior. When they aren't farming or going to ball games the Brunks are fishing



ing, 10 a.m. April 8-Homemakers festival, First Methodist church, Salem. State and Church sts. Dan W. Poling, speaker,

April 12-Oregon Swine Grow-ers meeting. Carcass display, 1 p.m., Valley Packing company. April 14-Polk county Homemakers festival Monmouth 10 a.m.

IOOF hall. April 17-18-Second annual Ab-Klamath Falls.

April 21 - Pacific Northwest fliers. At first the plane men flew tional building, North Portland.

Cattle club, RNA hail, Quinaby. April 28-29-Marion county 4-H club show, Silverton. April 29 - Yamhill County for them to handle. Homemakers festival, McMinnville

May 27-28-Linn County Lamb admit "it probably cost us quite June 4-Marion County Lamb ground work," but, they add, "our show, Turner.

Farmers Come **Down to Earth** Via the Air

> By Lillie L. Madsen Farm Editor, The Statesman

Polk county farmers have been up in the air this week. They were up in the air last month, too, and things being what they are over there, they plan to be up in the air again along in late May or

In fact, Polk county farmers are so much up in the air that they have organized one cooperative group to accommodate themselves. and may organize another.

The group already organized is the Polk County Dusting Cooperative. Charles Ross, Dallas, is president, and John Dickinson, Independence, is secretary. Directors include Wesley Schenk, Willamina; Gerald Freeman, Rickreall, and Wylie Gardner, Dallas. Approximately 12,000 acres are expected to be under the co-op's dusting program this year which includes hairy vetch and Austrian

peas only. Dusting is usually let out by bid and cost to the farmer was right around \$3 an acre last

season Mr. Ross recalls that prior the dusting co-op, germination of hairy vetch had dropped down to 30 per cent. Last year it was up to 80 or better.

Big Cash Crop Saved "We have saved one of our big Polk county cash crops by our co-op," says Mr. Ross. He adds that besides the co-op there are a number of farmers who deal

directly with airplane companies which dust.

But dusting for legume weevil isn't the only thing that is done by airplane on Polk county farms. This year, when the crop land has been too wet to get on until late, land plaster and other early fertilizers have been spread by plane. Oats were sown in Febr-

erdeen Angus show and sale.

Guernsey sale, Pacific Interna- far above the ground and would April 24-Marion county Jersey

the way farming is done in Polk county. It is expected

approximately 12,000 acres of Austrian peas and hairy vetch will be given this treatment in Polk county late in May or early in June. Dusting at that time will be done for the control of weevil.

Ranch Ramblings

Up in Waldo Hills, one crop, By Rural Reporter

King, extension specialist at Ore- dred per cent-but the wrong way. gon State college, cultivating The oats seeded last fall were a equipment should be in the walworked at least once by April 15. The reason, he says, for the early cultivation is to stop growth of the cover crop and weeds that

take moisture and plant food from the trees. If the plant food is used up, then the cover crop does not decay when turned under. Also, it leaves the tree lacking in

plant food. Floyd Mock of Lafayette and Lloyd Baron of Newberg seem to give proof to Art's statements. Floyd said he had a very satisfacuary, and S. E. Starr sowed-50 tory grade of nuts this past year acres of Austrian peas in Febrwhen most growers had something uary. They are growing nicely awful. He cultivated his orchard now, he reported. Some farmers in early April last year, and Lloyd in Polk county tried sowing cultivated even earlier than Floyd. wheat in February. While this is Lloyd's orchard gave out one of coming along, it is not doing as the highest cracking percentages well as some of the other crops planted by plane. Rye grass has of the year, while neighboring or-been planted in this manner successfully for the past few years. at harvest time. Co-op Four Years Old The quality of

The quality of even the best orchards slipped a bit in 1948, but The airplane co-op was organized four years ago. It has been, turning under cover crops at an Ross says, an education not only early date did help some. to the farmers but also to the

Neal Thompson of Canby has been doing rather better than contract for dusting only certain good in the production of ladino acreages in the open. Now they clover seed. Neal just had a lot fly much closer to the ground, of seed cleaned up which tested are able to aim much more cor-99.88 per cent pure. That is awrectly at the field to be dusted fully close to perfect. Oregon cerand no field seems too difficult tainly does produce some top quality seeds.

The farmers who have planted and fertilized by plane this spring Henry Zorn, Champoeg, one of the oldest Jersey breeders in Mara bit more than it would have by ion county, has a new three-cow

pit-type milking parlor. Henry, fields have been too wet to get and his son Joe, plan to run about June 14-24 4-H Summer school. June 22—Oregon Bay Chick As-ociation. Oregon State college

Southern States Irrigation Seen As 'Out' for Growing Cover Crop Seeds As 'Out' for Oregon Hop Men Irrigation may be the future d Irrigation may be the future dif-

W. F. Cyrus, "in a recent issue for Oregon low-yield hop yards creased yields 25 per cent. Washington County News- now that odds are being stacked Times, gives an interview which against many growers by industry are other factors to be considered surpluses, believes G. H. Hoerner, both because he is known as an hop specialist. authority on market seeds and Approximately 5,000 bales from because he has made a trip south the state's 1948 crop remain un-

through the Oregon seed market sold. Much of this stock, however, erritory. is inferior grade, Hoerner states. Cash farm income, says Cyrus,

State yield figures for the 1948 in the 14 southern states has increased 150 per cent in the past crop year relegate Oregon produc-20 years. Along with the increase ers to a poor competitive position. farm income, the deposits in The 1948, Washington state per banks have also increased. A acreage average hop yield was 1. large part of this increase is ac- 725 pounds. California was second counted for in the general over- high with an average per acre of all increased price of farm pro- 1,232 pounds. Idaho ranked third duction. In the opinion of Cyrus, with an average of 1,050, while there are other factors that con- Oregon, with an average of 895 ribute importantly to the bettered pounds per acre, ranked fourth. THIRD TESTER ADDED. financial conditions of the south- Higher yields are essential to low-

ern farmer.

er production costs, Hoerner points creasing. These have changed the Washington's hop acreage is locat- association tester, reports Fred type of farming. From 1930 to ed in the irrigated Yakima valley. Davis, Woodburn, president of the 1948 the acreage planted to cotton was cut in half, but the total pro- figures further emphasize the difsame. Cover crops, grom from Pacific Northwest grown seed, play ty led the state last year with an A. Newell, Marion county exten-Come April Fool's Day, says Art the farmers report, was one hun- an important part in the soil im- average yield of 1,620 pounds per sion agent, livestock specialist, provement program. Cyrus be- acre. lieves that the use of Pacific In Willamette valley, mean

ter is developed.

thinking.

located on rolling river-bottom lands, yield figures show the lack of supplemental water. Last year, Polk county's hop yield averaged 875 pounds; Linn county 678; Marion county 910, and Clackamas county, 768. Hoerner says that sixyear irrigation trials on the Oregon State college experimental hop ference between "make or break" yard, show supplemental water in-

in obtaining higher yields, Hoerner concludes.

MARKETING IS BIG JOB

At the recent pasture forage livestock conference held in Omaha, Professor R. C. Ashbey, University of Illinois farm economist, termed effective livestock marketing the most difficult and the most important job confronting the farmers of the nation. He urged stockmen to band together to employ salesmen equal to buyers in trading skill and bargaining ability.

Lawrence Allen of Bend has Farm owner-operators are in- out, as he emphasizes that most of third Dairy Herd Improvement been added as Marion county's Oregon county-by-county yield association. There are now over 100 herds in the county on test, but there is still room for more, says Mr. Davis. Either he or Ben may be contacted on registration.





Mt. Angel Cow Tops **County Dairy Record**

A Mt. Angel college Hoistein cow topped Marion County Dairy Herd Improvement association's production this month, with 69.2 pounds of butterfat. Bob Clark, Aurora, had second high cow, a Jersey producing 84.3 pounds of fat. Third high was another Holstein from Frank Poepping's herd at Mt. Angel, with 81.5 pounds of fat; and fourth high, a Guernsey in William Frith's herd at St.

Paul, with 80.7 pounds. Peter Mitchell, Mt. Angel supervisor, reports many dairymen have been forced to shift from grass to corn silage until pasture is ready for use. This shift has resulted in a drop in milk flow and, many dairymen say, a less attractive color to the milk. Ben A. Newell, county extension agent the DHIA work, reports Bryon

and 12 were reelected at the recent annual members meeting of the Pacific Wool Growers, Floyd M. Edwards of Albany and Stanley Christensen of McMinnville will serve for the first time this year. Directors reelected were R. V. Hobb, Salem; H. G. Avery, Union; C. M. Hubbard, Junction City; J. T. Alexander, Chehalis, Wash; S.

Two new directors were elected

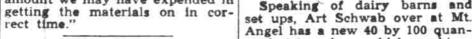
WOOL GROWERS

S. Brown, Troy, Idaho; C. E. Grel-le, Portland; C. C. Eubank, Ogden, Utah; B. F. McCombs, Oriek, Calif.; R. G. McKenzie, Sixes; G. A. Sandner, Scio; Gaylord Madison, Echo; H. P. Spillman, Powell Butte. A 15th director, representing the public, is to be appointed by the di-rector of extension, Oregon State college, as provided in the by-laws.

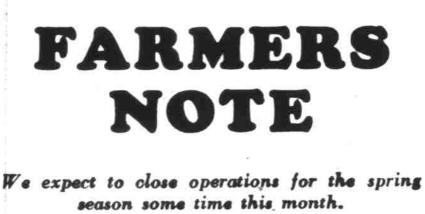
(livestock) points to many exper-iments showing grass silage to have many times the Vitamin A content of corn silage. Leonard also starting a testing program for Chinn, supervisor of one half of the first time.



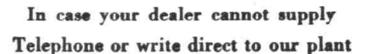
WENATCHEE APPLE QUEEN - Portis - Joan Thornton (above), 18-year-old high school girl, will rule as queen ever the Apple Blossom Festival at Wenatchee, Wash., May 5-7.



set hut type barn which combines JERSEY SHOW DATE SET Clackamas County Jersey Cat- loafing shed, milking parlor, and tle club has chosen June 16 for milk house under one roof. Conits annual spring Jersey show. crete stave silos with pea vine This will be at the Canby fair- silage are at the end of the loafgrounds and more than 100 entries ing shed, providing for convenient are already listed, says Elmer feeding. Art uses flax waste for Deetz, chairman of the event. bedding and is high in its praise.



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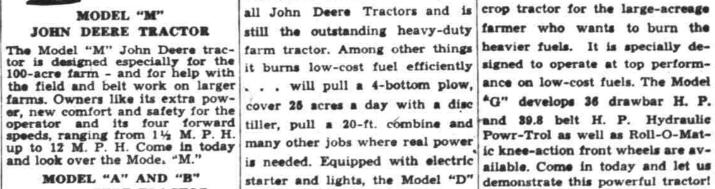
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