



Anne Bergholz, of the 4-H clubs, and Anthei Riney, Marion county extension agent, also with 4-H clubs, are shown here in the Washington Irving building, Silverton, making final plans for the county 4-H spring show to open there next Monday. Miss Bergholz is a recent addition to the Marion county agent's office. (Statesman Farm Photo.)

4-H Spring Shows Open To Visitors

"Better Living for a Better World" is the slogan of the 1949 4-H spring show which will be held at Silverton April 25-29. The homemakers division is one of the big parts of the show and this will be held at First Christian church, Park and First street. All of the demonstrations are open to the public from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 to noon on Friday.

Leaders in charge are Mrs. John C. Middle Grove and Mrs. Vernie Scott, Union Hill. The cake baking contest will be held Tuesday forenoon with those taking part including Arlene Fessler, Shirley Mucken, Anita Wilde, Charlotte Kintz, Dorothy Dibola, Jimmie Ebner, Larry Ebner, Joyce Kraemer and Patty Wagner all of Mt. Angel, and Wayne Feller and Marie Drager, Claverdale.

Contestants Tuesday afternoon (also in cake baking) Janice Siddall, Francis Finch, Hayesville, Yvonne Goode, Shirley Page and Joanne Fabre, Middle Grove; Darlene Haworth, Darlene Haworth, Delores Looney and Myrtle Franz, Talbot; Marion Brown, Clayton, Paul Thomas, Claverdale, and Angela Karupicka, Aurora.

Bread baking contests will be held Wednesday with contestants to include Janice Siddall, Francis Finch, Hayesville, Joyce Kuenzi, Middle Grove, Maurine Nichols and Marele Bronson, Riverdale; Darlene Haworth, Talbot. Wednesday afternoon home demonstrations will include table setting and shirt ironing. Pauline Saalfeld and Theresa Dehler, leaders; Arlene Fessler, Shirley Mucken, Marcine Buchholz and Marian Rosco, teams; Mt. Angel, Health, Mrs. Lillian Shaner, leader; Mildred Parton and Patricia Brundidge, team, Union Hill. Clothing, Mrs. Alvin McLaughlin, leader; Wilma Parton and Glenda Seely, teams, Union Hill; Mrs. W. Neimi, leader, Roberta Thorne, Marilyn Pearson, Turner; Mrs. C. E. Shidler, leader, and Reba Jean Smallwood, Pricilla Dunham, Kay Shiller and Nancy Lee Rogers, Keizer.

Thursday forenoon, cooking demonstrations; leaders, Theresa Dehler and Pauline Saalfeld; Donna Mae Predeck, Marjory Holt, Maxine Gack, Inez Donley, teams; leaders, Mrs. Vera Scott and Wilma Parton; and Gerald Darby, David Patton, Gail Brundidge, Delbert McLaughlin, Union Hill; leader, Mrs. G. Siddall, and team, Janice Siddall, Betty Sabara, team, Hayesville; leader, Mrs. John C. Middle Grove, Shirley Page and Joanne Fabre, Middle Grove; leader, Mrs. George Potts, and teams, Shoron Vedder, Karen Dunham, Madeline Haworth, Delores Dunham, Darlene Haworth and Delores Looney, Talbot; Donna Wiederkehr, leaders, and Ruth Hart.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMER

News and Views of Farm and Garden --By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Tansy Ragwort Best Killed During Spring

April, May and June are especially timely months for control of a poisonous weed, tansy ragwort, which is making rapid headway in its spread from the coastal counties into the Willamette valley and southern Oregon.

Following the blossom period, control steps are more expensive and it is also more difficult to get an effective kill, states Rex Warren, Oregon State college extension farm crops specialist.

Before blossom appearance, Warren recommends that tansy ragwort be sprayed with 2.4-D. He says research by the experimental station has shown that spray applied at the rate of two pounds of active acid per acre will be effective. One application, however, is seldom enough. After an application this spring, Warren suggests spraying the same plot again next spring since many seeds will germinate in the meantime.

Following the appearance of blossoms 2.4-D spray is not recommended. More expensive sodium chlorate or atrazine applied at the rate of one pound per gallon will be required to obtain a kill after the tansy ragwort plants flower. With both sprays, application of enough to wet the entire plant is essential.

The weed is poison to both cattle and horses, but the effect is cumulative rather than immediately lethal. Symptoms include staggers and loss of flesh. Tansy ragwort is poisonous in hay as well as in pastures. Most animals will avoid the plant unless starved into eating it. Deaths usually occur in overcrowded pastures or when feed is short.

Tansy ragwort is spread mainly by wind-borne seed, according to Warren. Livestock and birds, meanwhile, also assist in its spread. The plant grows to a height of 18 to 36 inches. No seed stalk is produced the first year, but in its second season it produces a seed stalk topped with small, yellow, daisy-like flowers which usually appear after July 1. The plant also has a distinctive purple stem.

The Statesman's Farmer-of-the-Week

Floyd Fox, jr., may be young for the title but he is a top rate farmer for all that. Today, it is being announced by L. J. Allen, state director of 4-H



FLOYD FOX, JR. Statesman Farmer of the Week

club work, that Floyd is one of four Oregon club members to win a trip to Washington, D. C. for his outstanding club work in leadership and projects in 1948. One

week, all expenses paid, will be spent in the nation's capital. Last year, Floyd was runner-up in the state in the national meat animal production contest, second only to Chester Houston, also an Oregon youth, who was national winner.

Floyd, who will be 18 on May 14, was born on the farm which is still his home. It lies in the fertile hill country, southeast of Silverton in the Victor Point area. His father, Floyd Fox, jr., is one of the west's most widely known sheepmen. His mother, Josephine Fox, a former teacher, is an ardent club leader and active in rural social life and improvement projects.

A younger sister, Frances, 11, interested very much in the outdoors, completes the immediate family. Outside of two projects in camp cookery, and four in health, Floyd's 27 completed 4-H projects have been livestock, with sheep predominating. During the past three years he has also been a leader in sheep and beef club work.

Floyd is now a senior in the Silverton high school and during his high school years he has been prominent in Future Farmers of America work, in which he specializes in crop projects, featuring largely planted pastures.

He plans to go to Oregon State college next fall and he would like to continue his farming on the old Fox home place when he finishes college.

Ranch Ramblings

A clear-cut demonstration of the value of correct phosphate placement is to be found on Jack Headrick's farm just off Highland road. Last fall Jack applied TVA high grade phosphate to a spring planting of red clover. On adjoining strips he made surface and sub-surface applications. No clover remains in check strips, nor where the fertilizer was used as a top dressing, but a perfect stand remains where phosphate was placed in bands three inches under the surface. Results are so striking that it will be worth while for neighbors to drop in for a look.

made 46, and Mrs. Vanderbeck, 51.5.

John Painter of Corvallis warns that suckers remaining on filbert trees will sap strength from the tree and have a bearing on yields. Removing the soil from around the base of the tree is recommended, so that suckers can be pulled or cut off at the point of origin. At the same time, one can rub off all buds that are showing.

MEAT PRODUCTION UPPED
Meat production is expected to increase seasonably soon, probably faster than last year, the U. S. department of agriculture reported this week. In each of the remaining quarters of 1949, more meat probably will be produced than in the same 1948 periods. Chief factors in this outlook for a higher level of meat output compared with last year are the increasing numbers of hogs raised and the greater grain feeding of cattle.

MORE MOISTURE NEEDED
Nitrogen fertilizers can still be applied to pastures to give increased yields on both dry and irrigated fields, Ben A. Newell, county extension agent, reports. Irrigated pastures need to be kept moist rather than to allow them to dry and then try to bring them back. Irrigating in the spring rain isn't as far off as it may seem, adds Newell.

Warning Sounded In DDT Spray Uses

Because of danger to human health from DDT, recommendations on the use of the wonder insecticide are being modified. Scientists have found that a trace of DDT from several sources may have an accumulative poisoning effect and are recommending that it not be used on dairy cows, in dairy barns, on crops fed to dairy cows, and on parts of food crops eaten by people.

Replacing DDT will be methoxychlor and pyrethrus-piperonyl butoxide combinations and rotenone. DDT may still be used safely on beef cattle and sheep, in poultry and hog houses, on root crops, on non-food crops, and on food crops before the edible part has developed, or if protected by pod or husk.

FLAXSEED GOAL DOWN

Flaxseed will be supported at \$3.99 a bushel at Portland in 1949. The support price announced by the United States department of agriculture applies to flaxseed grown in 1949 and is based on 90 per cent of parity as of April 1, 1949. Flaxseed prices were supported at \$6 a bushel in 1948, resulting in a record crop of 52,522,000 bushels. The goal this year is 3,025,000 acres, one third less than the planted acreage of last year.

Farm Calendar

- April 21 — Pacific Northwest Guernsey sale, Pacific International exposition building, Portland, 1 p. m.
- April 24 — Marion County Jersey Cattle club, RMA hall, Quincy.
- April 25-29 — Marion County 4-H show, Silverton.
- April 29 — Yamhill County Homemakers festival, McMinnville.
- May 1-3 — California Rem Sale, Sacramento.
- May 7-8 — Western Horse show, State fairgrounds, Salem.
- May 12-15 — Northwest Quarter Horse Breeders association, show, races, sale, Pendleton.
- May 16 — Annual meeting Oregon Cattlemen's association Pendleton.
- May 21 — Oregon Guernsey Breeders Spring show, State fairgrounds.
- May 27-28 — Linn County Lamb show, Seio.
- June 3-4 — Lebanon Strawberry festival.
- June 4 — Marion County Lamb show, Turner.
- June 13-17 — Oregon State Grange convention, high school, Coos Bay.
- June 14-24 — 4-H summer school, Corvallis.
- June 15 — Marion County Pomona grange, Waldo Hills.
- June 16 — Clackamas County Jersey show, Canby, Elmer Deets, chairman.
- June 22 — Oregon Baby Chick association, Oregon State college.
- June 28-July 1 — Fourth Annual Leadership Institute for Town and Country churches, Oregon State college, William Teutsch general chairman.
- June 30 — Linn county Livestock judging tour.
- July 12 — National Federation of Beekeepers association, Seattle.

RED HILLS TOUR PLANNED
A tour of the Red Hills experimental station at Oregon City for Polk county farmers is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. The tour is sponsored by the Polk County Pomona grange and has been arranged by Howard Wooden, Pomona agricultural chairman. Pomona itself will meet Saturday, April 23 at Fort Hill to complete plans for the tour.

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Grass Silo Making To Be Demonstrated
Grass silage-making time isn't far away and silo building time is here, says Ben A. Newell, Marion county livestock extension agent. A demonstration of how to build a wood stave silo will be held April 26 and 27 at the Paul Johnson farm about one mile above Lyons on the North Santiam highway. The demonstration will be under the supervision of M. G. Huber, extension agricultural engineer from Corvallis, and K. W. Priest, Linn county agent from Albany. Women began to wear signet rings early in the Middle Ages.

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