

WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMER

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

Farmhouse Cabinet Plans Offered, OSC

Twenty five new plans including working drawings for 14 farmhouses have recently been added to the Oregon farmhouse plan service books maintained in county extension offices throughout the state, John C. Campbell, Oregon State college extension rural housing specialist, announces.

In addition to the 14 new farmhouses, plans are included for a draft cooler, a wood lift, wood box, and various kitchen and storage cabinets. Plans for kitchen facilities include serving cabinets, wall cabinets, storage and utility cabinets and storage closets for chore clothing.

The 14 farmhouse plans are of modern houses designed to incorporate sound, up-to-date planning principles, adequate storage areas, and construction economy, Campbell states. Many of the houses are designed to accommodate the addition of more bedrooms at a later date. Design work on all the farmhouses was done within the past two years.

Campbell states that of the 14 new houses added to the plan service, eight are designed for frame construction, five for concrete masonry, and one house is suited to stone, brick or concrete masonry. Seven plans call for one-story homes and seven for two-story construction.

Any of the plans may be ordered through the local extension office. A 35 cent order charge is made at any time one or more plans are requested. In addition, plan sheets cost 25 cents apiece. Plans for the farmhouses normally consist of four to six individual sheets or working drawings, Campbell explains.

Farm Calendar

- June 23-24 - Oregon association of nurserymen, OSC, 9 a.m.
- June 26 - Polk County Farmers Union picnic, Buell park.
- June 26 - Silverton Saddle club trail ride and Buckaroo breakfast, Union Hill, 8:30 a.m.
- June 26 - Arabian horse show, Pacific International, North Portland.
- June 27 - Potato growers field day, 10 a.m., 1 1/4 miles east of Corvallis.
- June 27 - Official seed analysis and society of commercial seed technologists, OSC.
- June 28-29-30 - Fourth annual leadership institute for town and country churches, OSC.
- June 28 - Oregon Baby Chick association, OSC.
- June 30 - Linn county livestock judging tour, Jim Ruby farm, Seilo, 10:30 a.m.
- July 2 - St. Paul rodeo.
- July 2-4 - Molalla rodeo.
- July 10 - Central Howell Farmers Union picnic, Coolidge & McClaine park, Silverton.
- July 10 - Marion County Livestock association picnic, Taylor's grove, Mehama.
- July 12 - National Federation of Beekeepers association, Seattle.
- July 17 - Yamhill county Farmers picnic, Lafayette locks.
- July 23-24 - Dayton rodeo.
- July 24-30 - National Farm Safety week.
- July 29-31 - Mt. Angel Flax Festival.
- July 31 - Oregon Jersey Cattle club picnic, Canby fairgrounds.
- Aug. 6 - 9th annual Willamette valley purebred ram and ewe sale, Albany.
- Aug. 6 - Western horse show, 8 p.m., Silverton.
- Aug. 14 - State Farmers Union picnic, Champeog.
- Aug. 17-20 - Tillamook county fair.
- Aug. 18-20 - Oregon Poultry Improvement association, Corvallis.
- Aug. 19 - Oregon ram sale, Pendleton, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 24-26 - Marion county 4-H fall show.
- Aug. 25-27 - Yamhill county junior fair, McMinnville.
- Aug. 29-Sept. 1 - Linn county 4-H fair, Albany.



Young folk have been enjoying their picking as well as making money, they admit. Pictured here in the cherry orchards of Dava Schlag, north of Salem, are from left to right Gabrielle Feltier, Jerry Candell, John Prinos, Larry Candell and Don Bedard, all from Salem. Picking has been good, the quintet reported. (Statesman farm photo.)

The Statesman's Farmer-of-the-Week

Theodore R. (Ted) Riches, who will serve as master of ceremonies at the annual Silverton Saddle club buckaroo breakfast and trail ride starting at Union Hill hall Sunday at 8:30 a.m., has been named this week's Statesman Farmer because of his versatility.

Ted, a native of Waldo Hills, as was also his father, Charles Riches, swine farmed and then sheep farmed after he was graduated from Silverton high school where he was active in Future Farmer work.

In 1942 he turned to turkeys and has raised these since. This year Ted is taking a rest from the turkey business but plans to return to it again this autumn. Last year he ran 4,000 turkeys, including 1,000 breeder hens.

Ted and Beryl own their 232 acre Waldo Hills ranch, to which they moved on July 4, 1936, and which now has 60 acres in chewing fescue grass.

While in recent years the grass has been grown chiefly as range land for turkeys, they are taking a seed crop from it this year. The grass is sturdy and well headed, and never, says Ted, has any commercial fertilizer been put on the fields. Using it as turkey range has supplied plenty of fertility.

Beryl, also a daughter of pioneer families and an accomplished violinist, and Ted are active in Waldo Hills community club and grange. Their 11-year old daughter, Mary Jane, has inherited her mother's musical ability and her father's love of horses. . . for when Ted isn't farming he is riding, usually with Mary Jane at his side. Beryl admits she likes to admire all seven horses, the four cows and the



Theodore R. Riches

Potato Day Set For Corvallis, June 27

Forty-five different potato samples taken from the 1948 aphid control plots and 11 central Oregon eye-index plots will be shown at the annual Corvallis potato field day Monday, June 27, J. A. Milbrath, Oregon State college experiment station pathologist, has announced. Visitors are asked to meet at the plots located on the east farm one and one-half miles east of Corvallis at 10 a.m. daylight saving time.

Various potato diseases that affect netted gems, Burbanks, and white rose will be labeled for study. A collection of new potato varieties will also be discussed, Milbrath states. Plans call for a group luncheon at noon followed by a general discussion period.

Oregonian Given National Citation

H. C. Seymour, former 4-H club leader was among those honored during National 4-H club camp in Washington, D.C. when he was awarded the national 4-H club camp citation. Seymour was Oregon 4-H club leader for 31 and one-half years and prior to his retirement in July, 1947.

The longtime state leader was not present for the presentation ceremonies. A special designed medallion and citation will be forwarded to Seymour for his outstanding contribution to the development of the Oregon 4-H program.

four calves (which incidently do most of the milking) from the other side of the fence. The horses are all sorrels or Palominos.

However, one hobby which the entire family shares is that of raising Border Collie pups. "You just can't beat them for turkey dogs," says Ted, admitting he can't raise them rapidly enough to supply the wants of turkey raisers who, too, have found out their ability to help round up the birds.

Milk Selling Methods Change in 20 Years

United States dairymen are selling more of the milk produced as whole milk, according to the USDA reports issued Wednesday. Whole milk sales reached record proportions in 1948. The sharp shift from the sale of farm-separated cream to sales of whole milk began in the mid-1930s. It was stepped up again during the war years and has continued since. In the late 1920s less than half of the milk produced was sold in whole form. In 1948 78 per cent of the milk produced was sold in this manner.

Oregon Heads Farm Loan FHA Payouts

Oregon stands number one among the states for payouts of farm ownership loans made by the Farmers Home administration during a 10-year period starting in 1938. Walter A. Duffy, Portland, state director, announced Wednesday.

Of 507 farm ownership loans made during the 10-year period ending in 1948, 259 families or 49 percent have paid out their real estate loans in full, 30 years ahead of schedule, the state director declares.

For the period July 1, 1948, through February, 1949, about 43 percent of the \$858,000 loaned in Oregon by the FHA went to veterans to purchase or equip farms. Returned servicemen becoming established in agriculture accounted for two-fifths of the 500 Oregon farmers who were assisted during the eight months period. Four hundred and eighty-three operating loans and 15 water facility loans were made, Duffy states.

Vets Have Preference Veterans receive preference for all types of loans available through the Farmers Home administration. Supervised credit, the state director emphasizes, is well suited to meet needs of young couples with limited capital and experience who wish to get established in farming.

Only farmers who are unable to secure suitable credit at reasonable rates from other sources are eligible to secure supervised credit from the Farmers Home administration, it is pointed out. Loan Firms Co-operate

Duffy states that the insured mortgage program put into effect in 1947 has made it possible for banks, insurance companies and individuals to cooperate with the government in a program of developing and improving local communities. Loans made through the insured mortgage plan are serviced by FHA fieldmen and repayments to the lender guaranteed by the government.

Ninety thousand dollars was loaned to Oregon farmers whose property was damaged or destroyed by the 1948 Columbia river flood, Duffy concludes.

PEPPERMINT ACREAGE UP Oregon peppermint growers expect to harvest an estimated 14,500 acres of peppermint this season. The 1949 acreage for harvest is 15 per cent larger than the 12,600 harvested last year when an additional 1,400 acres were drowned by flood or seepage water. Most of the area lost in the Columbia river flood last year has been replanted.

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Ranch Ramblings

We have them with us again—those Lindows over at Independence. Now their registered Jersey herd has been proclaimed a Gold Star herd by the American Jersey Cattle club on the strength of official tests just completed.

The award was given for meritorious production over a four-year period during which the 12 cows in the herd produced an average of 9,991 pounds of milk and 590 pounds of butterfat. Besides this Sybil's Lad's, Margie May is now a tested dam, having three offspring with official production records.

Not to be too greatly outdone by Independence, which is really a Jersey city, over at Mt. Angel, which is really a Holstein city, Mrs. Antoinette Vanderbeck's herd of 11 registered Jerseys has completed a year's official HIR with an average production of 494 pounds of butterfat, and too, has been pronounced a Gold Star herd. The four year record on the 11 cows was 8,796 pounds of milk and 463 pounds of butterfat.

And not to be outdone by the Jerseys, C. J. Berning, also at Mt. Angel, has hit the top again in Marion county's DHIA testing. A registered Holstein produced 2579 pounds of milk during May which contained 121.2 pounds of butterfat. C. J. also topped the county herd average with 52.5 pounds of fat for 23 cows for the month.

Joe Harland, Rickreall farmer who was all written up in a recent issue of The Country Gentleman, says that "We enjoyed the publicity but feel guilty about it because we know any one of hundreds of other Willamette

valley farmers are deserving of as much recognition." He adds that "the day is past when any darn fool can farm just because he can't do anything else." Recalling many of the run down farms we used to see in our childhood, the ranch Rambler wonders if any such-and-such could farm even then. It's just that folk have learned you have to be somewhat of an engineer, a chemist, an agronomist, a botanist, an entomologist, and a number of other lists if you really expect to make a living on the land, it's become that complicated. And then, if you do make a living, you have to be a lawyer and a CPA to figure out the income tax.

To get back to Joe: He said that last year a fire got away

and destroyed one of his grain fields. He didn't mind so much losing the grain, but he sure did hate to lose that straw which he wanted to turn under. His present project is to increase the humus supply of his soil 100 per cent.

Quite an out-of-the-ordinary thing is the Columbia ewe owned by E. J. Handley of McMinnville. The ewe is but four years old and has raised 12 lambs. She has lambed six times and each time there has been twins. Ed is the pioneer Columbia sheep breeder in Oregon and now has converted his whole flock into Columbias. Some of his sheep will be shown in San Francisco and also at the Pendleton ram sale.

RASPBERRY MEET PLANNED

A field meeting for red raspberry growers has been set for Friday, June 24, 9:30 a.m. at the E. E. Smith farm near Damascus in Clackamas county. Dr. Edward Vaughan, plant pathologist at the state college, will be the speaker.

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