

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMER

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

## Farm Market Nice Spot for Farm Vacation

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Being farm editor, I just naturally go to farmers markets. Just like when I was in San Francisco, I went out to the Cow Palace. I don't know why folks always do those things, but they do.

That's why I took some notes on the Farmer's market while in Los Angeles. I know if any of you farmers, both men and women, go south this winter you'll want to visit the Farmers Market. And you won't be sorry. If it's color, speaking either figuratively or factually, you are looking for, you couldn't find any more any place than at the market.

**Saturday Is Good Day**

It used to be, folk down there told me, the best time to go was between 10:30 and 11 o'clock in the morning. But someone said that some places in print and now everyone goes there at that time. My advice is to choose the time of day you like best. There are a lot of people at the market at any time. We tried different hours on different days, and liked Saturday afternoon as well as any. Maybe that's because that is the proper time for farmers to go marketing.

Like most places you decide to go to in Los Angeles, it is around 15 miles from wherever you are when you decide to go. There is plenty of public transportation to the market but it is wisest to take your own car. The parking lots—free to all visitors—are part of the fun. It is that you rub elbows through groups of Los Angeles housewives all mixed up with movie stars, New York tourists and visiting farmers. Another part of the fun is you can't tell which is which in the market. They are all having the same kind of fun you are and everybody smiles at everybody else.

**Don't Take too Many**

It is all right to take one or two along, but don't fill your car with people. There are so many other things at the market you'll want to fill it with besides all the kinds of good things you'll want to eat and which will undoubtedly add to the room you will need in the car.

The Farmers Market isn't something that mushroomed into being overnight. It began back in 1924, a year when the depression covered the front pages.

Being Thanksgiving day, it is well to pause a bit and be thankful even for the depression. It did give birth to a lot of fine ideas, including the market.

Roger Dahlheim was working for a bakery. He kept the books for four dollars a week and all the party he could eat. He was born on a farm in Minnesota and as a young fellow tried a lot of different things which didn't succeed very well. When the depression came along, he noticed that the farmers down the countryside were as badly off as he. A lot of them were trying to keep going by operating roadside stalls. Business was bad. Housewives didn't go out into the country searching for the fresh things they really liked best.

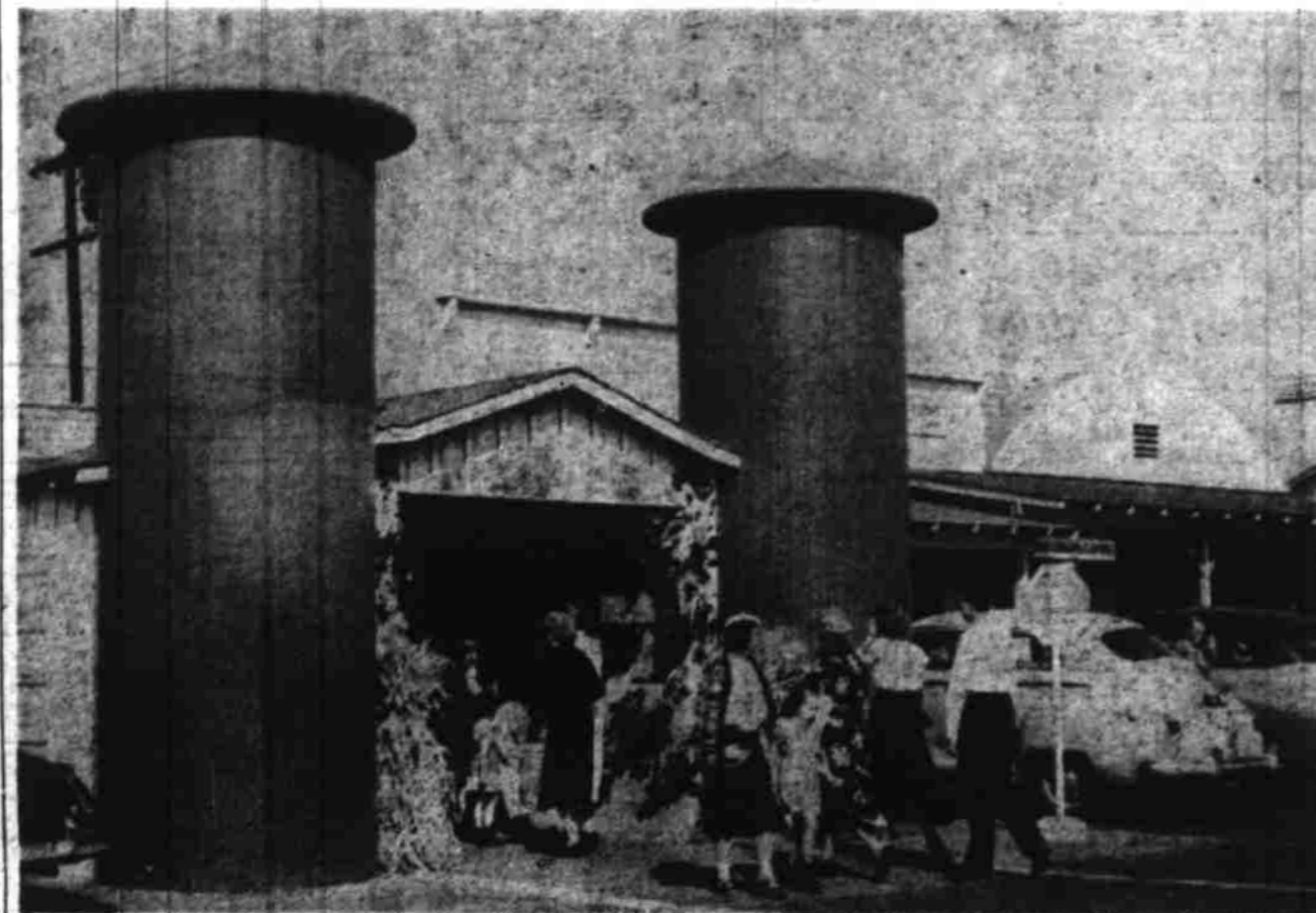
**Beck Joins Dahlheim**

That was when Dahlheim decided there should be a place where the farmers and housewives could get together in a nice way over the fresh vegetables. He talked the idea over with Fred Beck, a friend of his in the advertising business. There was nothing unusual about this. Down in Los Angeles, everybody talks everything over with somebody. If there is nobody to listen they go into Pershing Square and talk it over out loud by themselves until somebody does stop to listen. That goes on until the police break it up early in the morning. They call it a "safety outlet."

But with Dahlheim it was different. He and Mr. Beck went to



Farmers and gardeners from throughout the territory surrounding Los Angeles grow vegetables and fruits for the Farmers Market and this must be delivered early in the morning while the rest of the town sleeps. Pictured here is a small group of growers delivering the goods.



Thousands of visitors and shoppers pass between these two aisles each day to enter the Farmers' Dell division of the Farmers Market in Los Angeles. The new Early American store opened in the section to the extreme right early this month. (Farm Photos for the Statesman.)

see Earl Gilmore who owned a big piece of land that was part of the original Rancho La Brea where oil had ruined ranching and now the oil wells were gone, too. Mr. Gilmore liked the idea, so went along. Dahlheim could use a corner of the piece of land at West Third and Fairfax.

**Farmers Need Convincing**

The next thing was convincing the farmers. That, he will admit today, was the hardest thing. Farmers have to be thoroughly convinced before they go along with an idea. But finally even that point was won. Dahlheim had quite a bit of stuff in his 18 little canvas-covered stalls the day he opened to the public in July, 1924.

The first winter proved sort of tough, but for once Mr. Dahlheim was doing something he believed in. He made sure that the eggs were fresh and the vegetables were still damp from the morning irrigation. Pretty soon it was spring and everything was still fine.

Today there are more than a hundred stalls and shops. There is a milk bar, a grocery store, a barber shop and beauty shop, coffee stands, and five bakery places, home made jams, jellies and baskets, a Spanish kitchen famed for enchiladas and an Eng-

lish one for fish and chips. There are 14 restaurants of various sorts among the stalls of potatoes, beets, candies and chintzes. Some are under wooden cover, some are under awnings.

**New Shop Added**

For sometime 21 shops had been grouped in the Farmers Dell. Now there are 22. A new one opened the day we were there. It used to be that anything you'd want for modern living—almost—could be found at the Farmers Market. Now it has gone back into history, too. An old American store was added. I saw things there that I haven't seen anywhere else excepting on my grandfather's farm in Wisconsin where he settled in 1847 and where everything ever

used was kept by family who came after.

There are even lemonade, apple pie and Oregon cheese in the market. The cheese stall is something beyond description. Its products came from everywhere. At the All-States honey shop I saw honey from Albany and Newberg as well as from every other state in the union.

The list goes on and on, there's a post office, a telegraph station, and the market even takes in washing. At the bird shops everyone visits a bit with the parrot which answers to "Alice."

But in the beginning the Farmers Market was exactly what the name implies—a market place where the farmers and growers

## Brucellosis Most Costly Malady of Cattle, Says Muth

No cattle disease in the United States is more important from an economic viewpoint than brucellosis, reports Dr. O. H. Muth, state college veterinarian.

In cattle, the veterinarian says, the disease is caused by a bacterium, *Brucella abortus*. Related bacteria cause a similar disease in goats and hogs. However, the latter are not commonly affected in Oregon.

Either of the three organisms will infect humans, causing undulant fever.

The act of aborting is the only easily recognized disease symptom. Dr. Muth states the time of incubation between infection and the period when animals react to tests may vary from 14 to 100 days. The blood agglutination test, now commonly used, is the only reliable method for diagnosing the disease.

"Vaccination of calves between the ages of five and eight months results in considerable protection to a high percentage of calves," the veterinarian points out. "Such vaccination, however, does not give complete and lasting immunity to the animals as does the vaccination of calves for blackleg, or the vaccination of pigs for hog cholera."

"Evidence has accumulated during the past several years which reveals the limitation of calfhood vaccination. It has been found that vaccination does not always protect against severe exposure and that the immunity acquired diminishes after the first year," he adds.

**Clackamas Show Plans Completed**

The Clackamas county corn show is being held at the fairgrounds at Canby, Saturday, November 26th. All 10-ear exhibits for this show must be in by 4 p.m. Friday, November 25, since the judges, Dr. R. E. Fore and Rex Warren, from Oregon State college, will make the placings of the exhibits Friday night.

The corn show will be open to the public all day Saturday with the judging contests starting at 10 a.m. Sixty-seven entries in the yield contest will be on display, as will sixteen varieties of hybrid field corn grown on the Red Hills soils experiment farm. Another main feature will be an exhibit put on by hybrid seed corn growers outlining the history of the production of hybrid seed corn. Corn machinery will be on display, motion pictures will be shown, and a program is planned for the noon hour. Lunch is being served at the fairgrounds by one of the 4-H club units.

## DHIA Production Records Due

Top DHIA production records will be released Thursday, December 1, when Marion County Dairymen hold their annual testing association meeting at Mayflower hall, Salem, reports Fred Davis, Woodburn, president. Time has been set for 10:30 a.m.

A round table discussion of grass silage by a group of experienced dairymen will be a feature. George Fullenwider, Carlton, a member of the state board of agriculture, will talk on the work of the Oregon Dairy Products commission. H. P. Ewalt, extension dairymen from Oregon State college, will speak on "Herd Sire Selection."

Those in-the-know tell me that's how most markets started anyway. Whenever farmers made good was a good place for the butcher, the baker and the electric light equipment manufacturer to follow.

**Oregon Apples May Cross South Border**

Those who are accustomed to stop at the California line to finish up their apples before confiscation, will no longer have to do this. They can now take Oregon grown fruits, vegetables and nuts into the Golden state without danger of confiscation and delay.

California still has rigid restrictions relative to transportation of nursery products, and cherries are on the forbidden list because of danger of transportation of cherry fruit flies. Too, citrus fruits may not be taken in. Further information may be had by calling Frank McKernan, chief of the division of plant industry, state department of agriculture, Salem.

**Nut Production Costs in State Studied at OSC**

Filbert and walnut production costs and practices will be studied by the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station this winter in an attempt to help growers reduce costs and increase efficiency of production.

The project, requested by nut growers and processors, will start about December 1. Dr. G. W. Kuhlman, agricultural economist, will be project leader.

Cost records for at least 100 representative orchards will be gathered and analyzed to determine the cost of production under various Oregon conditions. These figures can then be used by individual growers as a basis for judging the efficiency of their operations and for improving farming practices. Dr. Kuhlman points out. Industry can use the data to chart the position of nut growers in varied market situations.

Dr. Kuhlman and the late Carl E. Schuster made a study of nut production costs in the early 1930's when most of the Oregon orchards were still young and such things as costs of establishment were fundamental.

The study this winter will bring the findings up to date and will check the effects of various items connected with mature orchards such as fertilizing, thinning, spraying and "blanks" or shrivels on the cost of production.

## Farm Calendar

- Nov. 25 — Silverton Hills grange 20th anniversary, Bertha Beck special guest.
- Nov. 26 — Clackamas County Corn Show, Canby.
- Nov. 30 — Oregon DHIA test conference, Corvallis.
- Dec. 1 — Marion county annual DHIA meeting, Mayflower hall, Salem, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 6-10 — Northwest Turkey Show, Roseburg.
- Dec. 7 — Marion County Dairy Breeders annual meeting, Silverton, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 8 and 9 — Annual meeting of Nut Growers society of Oregon and Washington, Portland.
- Dec. 9 and 10 — Annual Oregon State corn show, Ontario.
- Dec. 9 — Marion County Livestock association annual meeting and dinner, 7 p.m., Silverton Hills community hall.
- Dec. 9 — Annual meeting Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders association, 1:30, Benton hotel, Corvallis.
- Dec. 19 — Oregon Guernsey Breeders association, Osborn hotel, Eugene.
- Jan. 9-11 — Oregon Seed Growers League, Multnomah hotel, Portland.
- Jan. 23-25 — 56th annual convention of Oregon Dairymen's association, Eugene.
- Jan. 30-Feb. 1 — Western Oregon Livestock association, Corvallis.

## Gardner to Head County Livestock Advisory Board

Continued improvement of permanent pastures and increase of livestock enterprises to best utilize pasture was recommended by the Polk county livestock advisory committee at its fall meeting, reports N. John Hansen, county extension agent.

Wiley Gardner, Dallas, was elected chairman for 1950, succeeding Ronald Hogg, Salem.

Harry Lindgren, animal husbandry specialist and O. B. Hardy, livestock marketing specialist, both of the Oregon State college extension service attended the meeting.

Production of high quality pastures by the use of grass and legume mixtures and the application of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers will provide greater profits from livestock enterprises, the committee stated.

With a reported 20,000 sheep in Polk county in 1949, the committee recommended an increase to 30,000 in the next few years.

Opportunities for increased swine production are provided by improved pastures, which will save one-fourth to one-third the amount of grain needed to produce a 200 pound hog.

In light of price trends, the committee felt that increased sheep and swine production would prove more profitable than increasing beef cattle production at this time.

Operators are encouraged to market livestock as it is ready, rather than selling all at once. The "topping out" of market livestock has proved profitable to many Polk county livestock men, the committee stated.

## Geographers Schedule Columbia Basin Talks

A series of dinner meetings dealing with Columbia basin resources and problems has been arranged by the Oregon State College Geographers association. The four monthly meetings in the Memorial Union building here will be open to off-campus teachers and others interested as well as to local students and faculty.

Information bearing on the pros and cons of a Columbia Valley authority will be stressed at the meetings, announces Dr. J. Granville Jensen, head of the college geography staff.

The meetings will be held the evenings of December 1, January 12, February 2 and March 2 with representatives of the Interior department, army engineers, and U.S. department of agriculture as speakers.

Orinoco River Indians in Venezuela collect turtle eggs for an oil used as fuel.

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