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

State Controls Agriculture In Sweden

By Lillie L. Madsen arm Editor, The Statesor some weeks ago in Sweden. Each tion in Oregon since 1940. farmer can almost feed his family from his farm, Dr. Wilster said. Wheat Smut of its needs. Only very few items

taken several years to bring it to its present point, Dr. Wilster stated, and "it has resulted in a rationalized agriculture without unfavorably affecting any one agri- regaining the dubious distinction cultural group."
Land Policy Followed

It has grown so gradually that the Swedish farmer has scarcely known he was following a set policy. But in order to reach this goal, a number of points have been stressed, with the government at the head of the teaching staff. Soil smutt, control Government agencies northwest states.

on par with our best equipped and of the smutty grain, White indi-managed farms here," Dr. Wilster cated. Sweden Has More Cows

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Sweden has seven million people against Oregon's one and a half million, but has one and three quarters million cows while Oregon has only 225,000 dairy cows. Sweden consumes much more butter, cheese, milk and potatoes than the part of farmers to take proper seed treatment and do but much less meat. Dr. we do, but much less meat, Dr. Wilster says, adding that he saw no beef cattle during his stay in Sweden.

ers to take proper seed treatment precautions, are listed as the principal reasons for the increase.

In the western Columbia basin

The Swedish farmers preach the gospel of "not each farmer for himself but each farmer for all farmers." But to the average American farmer, the Swedish policy may be carried a bit too far, Dr. Wilster admitted. The government has gained too much control of agriculture to suit the American. In Sweden, 50 acres, exclusive of lamette valley. In Sweden, 50 acres, exclusive of grazing and forest land, is considered the ideal acreage. If a farm- known to reduce yields up to 25 er has more than the government or 30 per cent, Oregon State colfeels he can properly handle or lege agronomists declare.
should handle, he can lop off a bit In the Pendleton inspection sta-

sell. Farms Must Produce Also if a farmer dies, he is not assured that his farm will go to his heirs. Only if the heirs plan to cultivate the land that has been Reported by PWC. previously put to crop production, can they keep it. Otherwise they are requested to sell it to someone

lacks independence in control of his land or crops.

In Denmark, Dr. Wilster's native country which he also visited during his trip abroad, things were different. Conditions are comparatively good, but there is not the complete self-sufficiency he found in Sweden. There is, however, more independence. Danish farmers are still running their own farms how and when they wish.

Denmark Lacks Machinery

But Denmark, always one of the

slipped somewhat during its German occupation during the war, Dr. Wilster said. Denmark is just now getting back on her feet again. While not much material damage is noticeable in the greater part of Denmark, the dairy and hog herds have to be built up again. Machinery is not quite so plentiful as in Sweden. Plumbing in the rural sections has not advanced as rapidly as it has in Sweden or even in idly as it has in Sweden or even

America in recent years, he said.

But he described Denmark as one of the "cleanest and nestest countries I have ever been in" and the Danish people seem quite happy. Cooperatively, the Danish farmer maintains strict rules in sanitation both in production of his dairy products, and the health of his seeds and livestock.

Dairy plants in both Sweden and Denmark are entirely cooperative.

Government statisticians estimate that the rat population of the U.S. is at least 14,000,000, about equally divided between farm and

Production Falls **Below Consumption**

According to Noel Bennion, extension poultryman at Oregon State college, Oregon consumers used 32 per cent more eggs than produced here in 1949.

While plenty of poultry is pro-duced in the United States, Ore-Self-sufficiency seems to be the gon has changed from an exporttop aim of Swedish farmers, Dr. ing to an importing area of mar-G. H. Wilster of Oregon State col-lege, reports upon his return from change has been brought about the World Dairy Congress held by the large increase in popula-

are needed through importation, On Increase

west seem well on the way to of being the nation's number one wheat smut disease sorespot.

the head of the teaching staff. Soil smut control committee by R. E. has been studied carefully and a complete fertilization and soil improvement program has been cargrain inspections for the three

have pointed out which part of the White estimates that thirteen land is best for which crop and million bushels of the 1949 wheat how that land should be improved crop in the three states will be to give the maximum production. marketed as smutty. In addition The farms have been mechanized, to cash discounts, the extension Combines, milking machines, elec- farm crops specialist, Rex Warren tric power are all common on at Oregon State college, a mem-Swedish farms. The farmer is bet-ber of the smut control committer educated than in former years. tee, points out that presence of Agriculture has advanced far in smut also affects yields adversely.

"I visited many farms that were Golden, contributed 86.4 per cent Infestation Climbs

area, the total infestation was re-

Smut, a spore disease, has been

and sell it to a neighbor who may tion area, improvement in the be cultivating less and would like more. The farmer gets the money, ex clusive of taxes, for the property sold, but he may be forced to sell. 19.7 for the year before.

The Pacific Wool Growers re-port the sale of a considerable who will cultivate it in a manner the government feels is best.

The farmer, Dr. Wilster said, has self-sufficiency but frequently lacks independence in control of wools late in December.

But Denmark, always one of the recently been presented with a advanced countries in agriculture, sand shade wool blanket. The slipped somewhat during its Ger- blanket was a gift from the Ore-



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The agricultural policy which provides this self-sufficiency, was not formulated over night. It has In Past Year

Oregon and the Pacific North-

Reported by PWG



snow-covered countryside is picturesque but not economical for hals in the Evergreen area south of Silverton. The livestock is evifarmers who must feed livestock without benefit of green grass.

Here is a typical scene of the week at the farm of Werner Kellergrass pasture is covered with snow. (Statesman Farm photo.)

Farm Calendar

Jan. 5-7-Northwest Spray Conerence, Imperial hotel, Portland. Jan. 5-7-Oregon State fair asociation meeting, Multnomah 11:45. hotel, Portland.

Jan. 9-11—Oregon Seed Growers league, Multnomah hotel, Port-

Jan. 11-Annual meeting Santiam soil conservation district, city hall, Stayton, 10 a.m.

Jan. 12-Annual meeting south Tillamook soil conservation district, Nestucca, Grange hall, 10:30

Jan. 14-Annual Marion county Salem H cooking club leaders training meeting, Hogg Bros. kitchen, Sa-

Jan. 17-Annual meeting Clackamas County Livestock association, Oak Lawn community hall, Barlow-Monitor highway, 11/2 miles south of intersection with Woodburn-Molalla highway, 10:30 a.m. with Willamette River basin com-

Jan. 21-State directors of Farm Bureau luncheon, Salem.

Jan. 21—Meeting of Marion county 4-H local leaders association, Mayflower hall, 2135 Fair-

vention of Oregon Dairyman's as- Pest Controllers sociation, Eugene. Jan. 23-25—State PMA confer-

ence, Gearhart. Jan. 23-Annual stockholders meeting, Willamette Production College Leaders Credit association, Marion hotel,

association, Lebanon city hall, 10 ence, Memorial Union building, ranged an annual conference plan OSC campus, 10 a.m. Jan. 27-Linn county drainage meeting, Veteran's Memorial hall,

corner of 5th and Lyon street, Albany, 10 a.m. Jsn. 28—Annual meeting Oregon
Jersey Cattle club, Keizer hall.

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ing, Corvallis.
Feb. 4—Oregon Swine Growers Bred Gilt sale, state fair grounds,

Malting Barley Tour Scheduled

A feature of the annual Oregon Seed Growers league in Portland January 10-11 will be a tour of the Great Western Malting com-Jan. 19-Farm drainage meeting pany of Vancouver, Wash., which will be open to all interested in mission, fair building, McMinn-malting barley production. Gil-ville, 10 a.m. malting barley production. Gil-bert Courtright and Roland Schaad, both of Union county, are chairman and secretary of malting barley committee of the league.

In addition to a tour of the Jan. 23-25 56th annual con- Henzel, Klamath county, and pro- specialist of Portland.

Will Meet With

Jan. 6—Linn County Livestock Oregon 4-H local leaders conferwith the first to be held on the Oregon State college campus next April for three days.

This announcement was made by Dr. Don C. Mote, head of the mercial firms had agreed upon

Purpose of the annual conference, to be rotated in future years, is to bring the commercial workers and scientists together so the former may obtain latest information on the life habits and control of such pests as wood boring insects, flies, carpet beetles, clothes moths, roaches, fleas and other household insects, as well as such rodents as rats and mice.

The committee of the Northwest Pest Control Operators association which met with Dr. Mote to work out plans consisted of George A. Atchison, Ardee Maintenance Co., Tacoma; D. V. Turkian, Sutherland and Turkian Scientific Pest Control, Inc., Seattle; and Merle H. Weaver, Weaver Exterminating Co., Portland.

DRUGS CONTROL DISEASE Experimental results of Rhode Island agricultural experiment station found that frequent cleaning is one method of combating coccidiosis in growing chickens. The use of drugs is the other. Losses from cecal coccidiosis were less than 2 per cent in chicks on rations containing .0125 per cent

Prison Padres in **England Want**

sulfaquinoxaline continuously.

LONDON-(INS)-The wardens and padres of Britain's jails want to retain the death penalty for

memorandums submitted to the cars have been disabled by battery third public meeting of the Royal Commission Capital Punishment in London.

"Prison wardens favor the present system of execution by hang-ing," stated the memorandum submitted by a panel of five jail heads. The memorandum by a panel of three prison padres also supported capital punishment. Their statetent said.

"Society may act on behalf of God. In the matter of evil doers it has a God-given right to check and Jan. 22—Marion County Jersey an on-the-spot discussion of the barley research program; malting barley grades, probarley production by Richard barley production by Richard barley production by Richard barley production by Richard ably by B. W. Whitlock, federal prudently available, to remove of fenders by death."

Growers Will Hear of Seed Conditions

How Oregon-grown alta fescue grass seed is faring in competition with Kentucky 31 in the southern states will be reported at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Oregon Seed Growers league in Portland, January 9, 10 and 11. E. R. Jackman, league secretary has announced.

Wallace Rice, Grants Pass, president. The annual banquet January 10 will feature Governor Douglas McKay.

Two prominent seed industry spokesmen, Carey Strome, Junetion City, and Alec Cellars, Mc-Minnville, have recently returned from attending the annual meet-ing of the Southern Seedsmens' association in New Orleans. They will report their findings on mar-ket conditions to the state's alta fescue seed growers the afternoon of January 9.

Bulk of Oregon's alta fescue ming; Bell Fourche and Newell, grass seed, Jackman explains, is South Dakota; Billings, Montana, sold for forage and soil conservation purposes in the southern states. Kentucky 31, a similar grass, competes with alta fescue seed throughout the area. New potato marketing tech-niques will be on display during

niques will be on display during the league's potato committee meeting the afternoon of January 10. Chairman M. B. McKay, Troutdale, says the display will include waxed potatoes, especially processed peeled potatoes, canned and frozen French fries. Re ular grades will be on display to show grades will be on display to show growers the spread in price between poor and good potatoes as well as price differences between various producing areas.

Chairmen of the legislative, farm-owned cleaning plants, weeds, and marketing problems and outlook committees have also called meetings of their groups. Discussion of weed control methods will be featured the open-

WEAK BATTERY NEW YORK, (INS)-The Automobile Club of New York says that 45 per cent of the emergency road service calls it receives in the win-This fact was disclosed in two ter come from motorists whose

Ban on Marriages Faces Court Test

LONDON, O. -(INS)- The ban against married high school students in Ohio may follow the rubber hose as a symbol of a bygone

era in education. The London board of education's "unwritten law" against the enrollment of married students faces a court test because it refused to admit a married 17-year-

old boy to classes.

Joseph S. Martin, the father of Joseph IV, filed a mandamus ac-All general sessions will Young Martin was married in held in the Multnomah hold. February, 1948, and the school refused to enroll him.

Other Ohio villages and rural areas which follow the same custom of barring married students will be greatly influenced by the court decision.

WOOL AUCTIONS SCHEDULED The Western Wool Handlers are scheduling a series of auctions to be held in May, August and October at Portland, San Francisco, Salt Lake, Denver, Casper, Wyoming; Bell Fourche and Newell. and Craig, Colorado, R. A. Ward. Portland, is chairman of the public relations committee of the as-

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