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

State Controls Agriculture In Sweden

By Lillie L. Madsen, Farm Editor, The Statesman. Self-sufficiency seems to be the top aim of Swedish farmers...

The agricultural policy which provides this self-sufficiency, was not formulated overnight. It has taken several years to bring it to its present point...

Land Policy Followed. It has grown so gradually that the Swedish farmer has scarcely known he was following a set policy...

"I visited many farms that were on par with our best equipped and managed farms here," Dr. Wilster said. Sweden Has More Cows...

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...

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 previously put to crop production...

Denmark Lacks Machinery. But Denmark, always one of the advanced countries in agriculture, slipped somewhat during its German occupation during the war...

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

Production Falls Below Consumption

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

Wheat Smut On Increase In Past Year

Oregon and the Pacific Northwest seem well on the way to regaining the dubious distinction of being the nation's number one wheat smut disease sore spot.

During 1949, more than 20 per cent of nearly 19,000 farmer-owned lots of wheat graded smutty, a rise of 6 per cent from the preceding year...

White estimates that thirteen million bushels of the 1949 wheat crop in the three states will be marketed as smutty. In addition to cash discounts, the extension farm crop specialist, Rex Warren at Oregon State college...

Infestation Climbs. Total smut infestation after being reduced to just 2.8 per cent of the crop in 1942-43, has been climbing for seven straight years. Swing to non-smut resistant varieties such as Egin and Golden...

In the western Columbia basin area, the total infestation was reduced from 11.3 per cent a year ago to 6.3 per cent in 1949. Marked improvement was shown in the Condon area, White stated. Bad spots were confined to the northern parts of Wasco and Sherman counties...

Smut, a spore disease, has been known to reduce yields up to 25 or 30 per cent, Oregon State college agronomists declare. In the Pendleton inspection station area, improvement in the over-all smut picture was also registered in 1949 as compared with the year previous...

Recent Wool Sales Reported by PWG

The Pacific Wool Growers report the sale of a considerable volume of original bag fine and half blood range clip wool and a substantial amount of graded fine wools late in December.

The prices ranged on the fine wools from \$1.40 to \$1.48 per clean pound landed in Boston, which is the current market. Graded prices range from 48 1/2 cents to 59 1/2 cents per shrunken pound depending on the shrinkage.

DESIGNER GIVEN BLANKET

Frederick H. Ely of Salem, has recently been presented with a sand shade wool blanket. The blanket was a gift from the Oregon Purebred Sheepbreeders for his work in designing the memorial to the pioneer sheep breeders of Oregon...

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A snow-covered countryside is picturesque but not economical for farmers who must feed livestock without benefit of green grass. Here is a typical scene of the week at the farm of Werner Keller...

Farm Calendar

- Jan. 5-7-Northwest Spray Conference, Imperial hotel, Portland. Jan. 5-7-Oregon State fair association meeting, Multnomah hotel, Portland. Jan. 6-Linn County Livestock association, Lebanon city hall, 10 a.m. Jan. 9-11-Oregon Seed Growers league, Multnomah hotel, Portland, 10 a.m. 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 a.m. Jan. 14-Annual Marion county 4-H cooking club leaders training meeting, Hogg Bros. kitchen, Salem, 10:30 a.m. Jan. 17-Annual meeting Clackamas County Livestock association, Oak Lawn community hall, Barlow-Monitor highway, 1 1/2 miles south of intersection with Woodburn-Mollala highway, 10:30 a.m. Jan. 19-Farm drainage meeting with Willamette River basin commission, fair building, McMinnville, 10 a.m. Jan. 21-State directors of Farm Bureau luncheon, Salem. Jan. 21-Meeting of Marion county 4-H local leaders association, Mayflower hall, 2135 Fairgrounds road, Salem, 1 p.m. Jan. 22-Marion County Jersey Cattle club, Mayflower hall, 12:30 p.m. Jan. 23-25-86th annual convention of Oregon Dairymen's association, Eugene. Jan. 23-25-State PMA conference, Gearhart. Jan. 23-Annual stockholders meeting, Willamette Production Credit association, Marion hotel, 11:45. Jan. 24-26-Annual western Oregon 4-H local leaders conference, Memorial Union building, 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. Jan. 28-Annual meeting Oregon Jersey Cattle club, Keizer hall. Jan. 30-Feb. 1-Western Oregon Livestock association annual meeting, Corvallis. Feb. 4-Oregon Swine Growers Breed Gilt sale, state fair grounds, Salem. 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 company of Vancouver, Wash., which will be open to all interested in malting barley production. Gilbert Courtright and Roland Schmid, both of Union county, are chairman and secretary of the malting barley committee of the league. In addition to a tour of the plant, the program will include an on-the-spot discussion of the barley research program; malting barley production by Richard Henzel, Klamath county, and pro-

Pest Controllers Will Meet With College Leaders

Commercial pest exterminators from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia have arranged an annual conference plan with 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 department of entomology of the OSC experiment station, after he and representatives of the commercial firms had agreed upon procedure.

Prison Padres in England Want Death Penalty Kept

LONDON-(INS)-The warden and padres of Britain's jails want to retain the death penalty for murderers. This fact was disclosed in two memorandums submitted to the third public meeting of the Royal Commission Capital Punishment in London.

"Prison warden favor the present system of execution by hanging," 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 statement said. "Society may act on behalf of God. In the matter of evil doers it has a God-given right to check and correct any subversive elements in its midst, and in extreme cases, where no alternative remedy is prudently available, to remove offenders by death."

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 sulfaquinolaxaline continuously.

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 winter come from motorists whose cars have been disabled by battery failure.

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.

All general sessions will be held in the Multnomah hotel, starting daily at 10 a.m., says R. Wallace Rice, Grants Pass, president. The annual banquet January 10 will feature Governor Douglas McKay.

Two prominent seed industry spokesmen, Carey Strome, Junction City, and Alec Cellars, McMinnville, have recently returned from attending the annual meeting of the Southern Seedsmen's association in New Orleans. They will report their findings on market conditions to the state's alta fescue seed growers the afternoon of January 9.

Bulk of Oregon's alta fescue grass seed, Jackman explains, is 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 techniques 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. Regular 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 opening day, January 9.

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 Young Martin was married in 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, South Dakota; Billings, Montana, and Craig, Colorado. R. A. Ward, Portland, is chairman of the public relations committee of the association.

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