# WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMER

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

## **Good Drainage** Brings Higher Farm Profits

Increased farm production and possible greater profits are the results of good drainage, according to Art King, conservation specialist at Oregon State college, who spoke before the Polk county farm drainage meeting.

Charles Evans, chairman of the meeting, reported 50 persons in-terested in better land drainage attending the all-day meeting.

Three Dams Completed
Colonel Donald G. Eliget ,executive officer of the Portland district, U.S army engineers, spoke on the flood control phase of the Willamette Basin project. Colonel Eliget reported three dams—Cottage Grove, Fern Ridge, and Dorena—are in operation, while others are under construction.

Fred G. Ingram of the engineers, discussed the drainage work for which congressional authorization which congressional authorization is being requested at present in Bill HR 5472, which includes Ash Swale, Salt Creek, Mud and Basket Slough, Ash Creek and Soap Creek in Polk county.

Ingram stated that the Lewisville dam is not included in the bill. He further pointed out that authorization does not include an

authorization does not include an appropriation for work. These appropriations are obtained by request of the people and the con-gressional delegation after authorzation is granted.

Brainage Increased Claude Hoisington, Polk county PA secretary, reported a large increase in open ditch and tile drain-age in Polk county in 1949. Ap-proximately 8,900 rods of open ditch and 35,000 rods of tile were placed in operation in the county.

The group passed resolutions opposing the location of the Lewisville dam and recommending Con-gress to make a restudy of the Luckiamute project; the formation of legal subdivisions for the purpose of expediting drainage either in cooperation with PMA, or as individuals; and requesting Ore-gon Congressional delegations to work for passage of HR bill 5472, which authorizes the drainage pro-

### Farm Calendar

er hall, 10 a.m.

January 27-Linn County drain-

hall, corner 5th and Lyon streets, January 27 - Yamhill Pomona grange, Newberg chamber of commerce, 10 a.m.

January 27 - Annual meeting fant: at hospitals." Polk-Marion Cherry Growers as-sociation, Mayflower hall, Salem,

January 28 - Annual meeting Oregon Jersey Cattle club, Keizer hall, North River road, Salem. January 30-February 1-Western babies. He said: Oregon Livestock association an-

nual meeting, Corvallis.

January 30—Mt. Angel Cooper-

January 31 - Yamhill County South 40 field tour of Northwestern Malting company and Vancouver Grain company, Vancouver,

rition conference, Oregon Feed and Laid to Dwarf Smut February 4—Fifth annual Ore-gon Swine Growers bred gilt sale,

Oregon state fairgrounds, 11 a.m. February 6—Oregon Polled Her-eford association dinner meeting, 7 p.m., Senator hotel, Salem. February 8 - Annual meeting

DHIA, Rickreall grange hall, 10 February 9-11 - Fourth annual Hop Growers convention, Salem, Marion hotel, 9 a.m.

February 9-10 — Annual grange lecturers school, Memorial Union building, OSC. February 10 - Second annual

Mint Growers meeting, museum building, Oregon State college. February 11—Marion county sil-

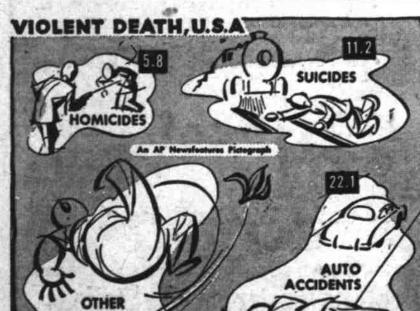
age forum, Mayflower hall, 10 a.m.
February 18 — Oregon Swine
Growers bred gilt sale, La Grande.
February 18-25—National FFA

NEW OFFICERS NAMED

Newly elected officers
Clackamas County Livesto February 21-23 - State conven-

February 24-Hop Growers con-

ference, 208 Memorial Union build- Coin Walrod, Oregon City is the ing, Corvallis.



IGURES PER 100,000 POPULATION; SOURCE: OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS).

## Triplet Lambs Arrive Early



CLOVERDALE — Karleen Drager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Drager of the Cloverdale district, is shown doing her best to corral her three new triplet lambs for The Statesman photographer shortly after their arrival this week. Even their busy mother on the left decided to get in on the picture—after due persuasion. The triple arrival, a rarity even in sheep circles, came in the midst of an early lambing season which prevails this year. All are registered Suffolks. (Photo by Lester F. Cour, Statesman cows has just been put into a Valley editor.)

## 'Rocking the Baby' **Medical Approval**

January 26 — Marion County

LINCOLN, Neb.-(INS) - "Rocking the baby" is coming back into scientific acceptance.

Dr. Morris Fishbein, former ed-

of the Journal of the Amer can Medical association, told this to University of Nebraska stuage meeting, Veterans Memorial dents in a recent address.

The doctor, who held the edi-torial post 25 years, added:
"I wouldn't be surprised to see science get over its habit of separating mothers and new-born in-In discussing infant feeding, Dr.

Fishbein recounted how an eastwoman physician decided to test the food selection desires of babies and placed all manner of food within reach of a group of

"One baby ate five hardboiled eggs, one after the other, with no obvious ill effect. Another child ative Creamery annual business showed a great liking for cod liver

He said this and other experi-ments and studies indicated that a "lot of scientific feeding practices may be on "heir way out."

## February 3-Eighth annual nut- Smut Spread Blame

Ninety percent of the wheat smut increase in the Pacific Northwest last year was due to dwarf smut - a variety which cannot be controlled by seed treatment it has been estimated by Dr. C. S. Holton, USDA cereal chemist stationed at Washington State college.

From figures given him by the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealer's association, Dr. Holton reports that 14 out of 35 wheat varieties grown in the area last year were smut free. Golden and Elgin contributed 86.4 percent of all smutty wheat reported. .

Newly elected officers of the Clackamas County Livestock association are Walter Fisher, Carus, president; Marcus Vetter, Monitor, tion, Oregon Farmers Union, Vet-erans of Foreign Wars building, ton, Liberal, director. Holdover directors are Ben Elmer, Clarkes and Otto Lucht, Molalla. Don secretary-treasurer.



Rilea W. Doe, of Oakland, Calif., is the featured speaker at the Western Oregon Livestock association meeting at Corvallis January 30, 31 and February 1. Solving the problem of keeping livestock products on the move at high volume will require producers, processors and distributors alike to give more careful attention to the demands of the consumer, and this, says Mr. Doe, will be his topic at the con- Polk Plans DHIA vention. Doe is vice president of For Rickreall, Feb. 8 Safeway stores.

### McMinnville Creamery To Give 4-H Banquet

The 4-H club banquet for all livestock club members sponsored annually by the McMinnville Cooperative Creamery will be held Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rickreall Grange hall. Following the banquet, there
will be movies and a talk by Cal
Findley, Rickreall, is already goinvited to attend this banquet.

MALES MAKE MORE GROWTH Males make more economical gains than females broilers or turkeys. The males shire females.

### 'Possible Taxes' Scare Residents Of Monte Carlo

PARIS-(INS)-The tiny prindirect taxes.

Manegasques are so accustomed

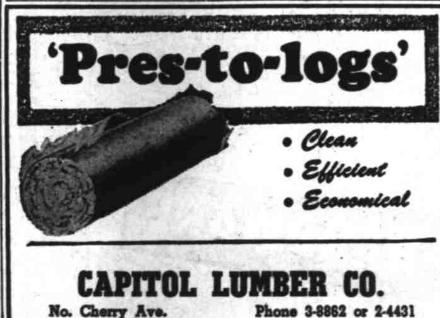
to this happy state of financial affairs that they are now demanding free gas, electricity and water from their government, but they are evidently out of step with the times. An unprecedented 1950 budget of close to \$3,000,000 is working against the happy, tax-free population of the little .607 square mile

nation on the French Riviera. all 18 members of the Monagasque parliament resigned rather than vote for a direct tax. The recently installed Prince Ranier III called for new elections this month when 900 male electors will go to the polls to choose a new legislature. In the meantime the very word "taxes" makes a Monegasque

"We now pay 1.75% on all business transactions to support our national soccer team. That's too much as it is!" exclaimed one.

ion to the regular business meeting, Ben Simondson, manager of the Oregon Dairy Breeders association, will discuss the organization of an artificial breeding

boys and girls enrolled in 4-H ing ahead with plans to start such club dairy and livestock clubs are a unit. A minimum of 1200 cows is needed to start a unit in this county. In the afternoon, Tom Ohleson, administrator of the milk raising marketing administration, will discuss the milk pricing situation. grow faster than the females, and the has been on the milk control the faster the growth the higher the efficiency of feed utilization. In broiler trials at the Massachus-knows the marketing problems. etts experiment station at 3½ The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. pounds of body weight, New Hampshire males required 40 per cent less feed than New Hampafternoon.



## Infant Death **High in Pigs** Says Lindgren

This little pig went to market; this little pig stayed home—and quite possibly died.

Paraphrasing the popular nurs-ery jingle, Harry Lindgren, Oregon State college extension ani-mal husbandry specialist, points out that farrowing season is on hand, and that four out of 10 pigs born in this country never reach the nation's dinner tables.

Not only is the loss represented by cash at market time, but at least 14 per cent of all hog feed is wasted as a result of feeding hogs that die on the farm. Program Outlined

To insure added hog profits, the specialist has outlined a five-point plan which he says will cut pig losses and benefit every hog grower: One, have brood sows in condition; two, give pigs a chance through good facilities and good care; three, know your feeding; four, control parasites; and five, control infectious diseases.

Various scientists express the view, Lindgren explains, that every pig farrowed dead costs the grower 140 pounds in wasted feed. Any pig dying between farrowing and weaning represents an average loss of about 1 and three-quarter pounds of feed for every day

Guard Rail a "Must" Approximately one-half of the registered Jersey owned by Rex losses in young pigs come as a result of the sow lying on them. Thus, to a close end, Richard Gale, a guard rail around the walls in DHIA supervisor for the two a farrowing pen is a "must," Lind-gren says. It is also a good idea Babe, whose to put a sow in her farrowing pen a few days before pigs arrive in by a very close margin. Her pro-order that she will become ac- duction for 305 days was 821.6 customed to the new surroundings.

Best farrowing house tempera-ture is about 57 degrees. At 60 degrees sows become warm and restless; at 50 degrees or below, little pigs begin to chill. Electric brooders, easily made from a light bulb, a reflector and a piece of plywood or tin, will save many pigs from chilling during cold weather.

Improper diet also results in many pig losses, the specialist con-

## Klemans of Keiser Build Their Own

A silo for farms with four to six cows has just been put into use by Max Kleman and his sons in the Keizer district north of Salem. The Kleman family is handy with tools and build most of their equipment and buildings themselves.

The structure is seven feet in diameter and 23 feet tall. Staves lumber made the 12 bands. Kleman took no chances on the strength of the wooden bands and added a 1/4 by 2 inch strap iron band just under the first six bands from the ground up. These steel bands give

The bill of materials for Kleman's seven by 23 silo read something like this: 700 feet of flooring for staves, 700 feet of scrap The crisis came to a head when pine for prefabricated bands, galvanized eight penny sox nails, three ply plywood for door, steel and a half ton of concrete for the

> Total cost for materials was tons of corn or grass silage. Ben know before. A. Newell, county extension agent (livestock) in Marion county, says that's cheap storage and is encouragement to operators with only a small acreage and a few cows. Life of such a silo should be 20 years or more.

### JERSEY WINS MEDALS

Baroness Seena, a registered Jersey cow owned by Newton Dairymen are urged to attend Davis of Endee Farm, Woodburn, the annual meeting of the Polk has completed a production record county Dairy Herd Improvement of 10,483 pounds of milk and 618 association, which will be held pounds of butterfat which has Wednesday, February 8, in the qualified her for the Gold and Rickreall Grange hall. In additcan Jersey Cattle club.

ANCIENT HISTORY SPRINGFIELD, Ill.-(INS)-The untold history of Illinois for countless centuries before the coming of the first white man is em-bedded in five feet of soil atop State Park, near Ottawa. Archae- and we really learn a let. ologists last summer found there traces of progressive Indian occupations stretching back for thousands of years, possibly as annual meeting of the Western early as 3,000 B. C., or earlier.

Oregon Livestock association to be early as 3,000 B. C., or earlier.

of Eagle Creek, and "Babe," a president. The banquet, which so many be clerk at the sale which will be who do not attend all the sessions, cried by H. J. McMurray, Council Ross of Mt. Angel, has just come motor up for, is set for the night of January 30. Charlie Evans, Independence, is president of the association. Charlie is even busier

Norsemen from Silverton.

**Ghosts Travel** 

lieve in ghosts shouldn't ride on

Anyone who doubts this should

take note of a Rome dispatch to

way inside. But this time there

came to the bus-top voyager. He

opened the coffin, stretched out in-

cedure on Italy's little interurban

busses.) The newcomers were rev-

erently regarding the coffin with

their hats over their hearts when

Before he could explain to his

They were taken to a nearby

Among registered Holstein-

recently completed production re-

cords were recorded by the Herd

Improvement Registry department

was one owned by Walter M.

Brog, Salem. This cow, Bess Hou-

months.

fellow passengers, they had jump-

ed off the roof, either not noticing

peek at the outside world.

described as "very serious."

HOLSTEIN MAKES RECORD

the Paris newspaper Figaro.

Rome Busses

bus tops.

Babe, whose registered name is than Louis. "Come Son Junior's Babe," won As a fun note at the banquet a by a very close margin. Her proing inaugurated. Marion County pounds of butterfat and 13,814 pounds of milk.

New officers for the Marion County Jersey Cattle club were elected Sunday at the annual meeting at Mayflower hall. Standing from left

to right are Fred Davis, Woodburn, director; Floyd Bates, Salem, president, and Leonard Lee, Salem, vice president. Seated are Ted

Hobart, Silverton, secretary and Mrs. Arthur Buyserie, Woodburn, assistant secretary. (Statesman Farm photo.)

Ranch Ramblings

Frannie, whose registered name is "Bessie Peertain Bracelet," produced 811.2 pounds of butterfat and 20,371 pounds of milk in her 305 day test period.

While Frannie produced considerably more milk than Babe, butterfat has been the customary point where most stress has been placed. Neither cow had any special care other than that given the rest of their stablemates.

Lebanon's 12th annual Turkey Day has been announced for February 15. The event will be held in Lebanon's city hall which was such a pleasant surprise to those who attended the Turkey Day a year ago. Few of the smaller towns year ago. Few of the smaller towns of the state have as attractive a the door and tried to wedge his city hall as does Lebanon. The Rambler wonders if turkeys or just wasn't room for one more. strawberries or both are respon-sible for it. It couldn't be that to the roof and squatted on an lumber was, could it? Well, even so, the Oregon soil - which pro-The proof of the family's skill is duced the lumber, too—likely paid well demonstrated in the newly for the hall.

Hazel Prague, and we suppose, cipality of Monaco is known for its famous gambling casino in Monte Carlo, its beautiful scenery and the Carlo, its beautiful scenery and a hand saw. Scrap pieces of pine the corns of the carlo and saw. Scrap pieces of pine the carlo are one by four flooring. The hoops main Hazel Prague to most of us, and A. E. McCornach were receiving good wishes and congratulating goo no matter how we try, she'll retions on their marriage at the Willamette Commodity Credit association meet at Salem Monday. apparently standard operating pro-Hazel is widely known for her sheep ranch at Scio and her work in maintaining the high tone of the Linn County Sheep show at adequate strength for grass and legume silage.

Scio each spring. Something new raise the lid for a little air and a is being planned for the event this year, she whispered.

Mac, Hazel's new husband, fsn't a stranger to these parts either. He has been a director of the credit association for some time or not caring that the bus was and is now its vice president. He traveling at high speed. is associated with the Eugene for reinforcing bands and a yard Fruit Growers and admits that he hospital where their condition was and Hazel are sort of commuting between Eugene and Scio. Also, he adds, he certainly is learning \$125. The silo will store over 30 a lot about sheep that he didn't

> Clackamas county has got something for these snowy days. Good, fashioned community fests," with food at noon, have been on the schedule. One such event was held at Oak Lawn on wtje Veeman, made 603 pounds January 20 with George Howard of butterfat and 18,810 pounds of in charge and it proved most suc- milk in 331 days of two milkings cessful. On February 3 another daily at the age of 4 years and 8 one has been planned for Marquam's community hall out east of Silverton, with Albert Barth in charge. Walter Hardy, Russellville, reserved the date of Febru-

ary 10 for a meeting there. Just about everything of interest to the farmer is talked. First we start out talking rather formally about soil conservation and weed control, but first thing you know we are off on a tangent which may end anywhere between crop and livestock production, to how the water in the well held out last summer and what about water-Starved Rock in Starved Rock right laws in the state. It's good

Louis Hennies, Turner, is one busy man getting ready for the big



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

### Give Us Back Our Sidewalks, Slim!

I wrote that over an article in the Clarion last week, but I didn't like doing it. After all, the man it was aimed at - Slim Henderson - is a good friend of mine.

Slim came into quite a windfall last month, and bought the old Clarke place. The deed gave him title to all the land-right down to the street. Then Slim started to take up the sidewalk to make his point of view before writing any lawn look better.

I felt it wasn't fair to the town and said so in my article. Next morning Slim comes around and wants to know what I mean-getting folks riled against him. I felt ornery myself, and we had quite a aet-to over the whole business.

From where I sit, that was foolish. Once we'd cooled off (over lunch and a bottle of beer at Andy's Tavern), Slim decided the sidewalks should stay-for the common good and I promised next time I'd take a good look at the other fellow's articles about him!

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### **Breeders Sign** 32 Gilts for **Swine Auction**

Twenty-two breeders have con-signed 32 registered bred gilts to the 5th annual Oregon Swine Growers sale at the state fair-grounds in Salem Saturday, February 4, 11 a.m., reports F. L. Zielinski, St. Paul, sale chairman. Nine breeds are represented with breeders to include, Chester Whites, six head, Glen Hawkins, Shedd; Alton Marshall, Mulino; Elton Watts, Silverton, Leonard Forster, Tangent, Spotted Beland Forster, Tangent. Spotted Poland Chinas, two head, Wilmer Lyon, Junction City, and Elmer Stangel Wilsonville. Berkshire, five head, Richard Schaefer, Salem; Oregon State college, E. L. Sawtell, Mol-alla. Poland Chinas, three head, Wendell Willard, Dayton; F. L. Zielinski, St. Paul, Leonard Forster, Tangent. Durocs, eight head, Jim Lorenzen, Silverton; Edwin Ridder, Sherwood; Homer Zielin-ski, Gervais; Guy Hansen, Junction City; C. E. Stretcher, Beaver-ton, and Marvin Robertson, Sher-

Prospect. Herefords, two head, Earl Drury, Fall Creek, and Har-old Schmidt, Newberg. Hamp-shires, three head, Lyle McKinley, Shedd, and F. C. Putman, Hills-A top-notch production race be-tween "Frannie," a registered Hol-and February 1. Hennies is Marstein owned by Dr. J. B. Harrison ion County Livestock association Richard Barnes, Silverton, will

wood. Yorkshire, three head, F.

L. Zielinski, Elmer Stangel. Min-

nesota, one head, Hugh Severin,

### **New Lincolns** As a fun note at the banquet a barbershop quartet contest is be-Livestock association is offering for its contribution the Four Exhibit Friday

Bluffs, Iowa.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 25—
Heralded with the slogan "Nothing could be finer," the 1950
Lincoln and Lincoln Cosmopolitan
cars will bow to the public tomorrow in more than 1,400 showrooms across the nation, including the Warner Motor Co., at Salem, PARIS-(INS)-People who be- Ore.

Unusual luxury and liveliness combined with the highest standards of comfort and performance are claimed for the new cars which feature 150 changes in stylcylinder engine, officials said.

Benson Ford, vice-president and general manager of the Lincoln-Mercury Division of Ford Motor company, said that while mechanempty coffin that was being de-livered to a family in Pievre di ing precision are outstanding features of the 1950 Lincolns, to the Things were going fine until it public the striking first impres-began to rain. A brilliant idea sion would be a sense of luxury sion would be a sense of luxury and "life" imparted by new styl-

### Yamhill's 87-Year sengers climbed on the roof, (It's Old Tile Still Works

The highlight story told at the Yamhill drainage meeting was that told by George Zimmerman of Yamhill.

The story was about tile that Zimmerman's father had put in the Cove Orchard area, 85, 86 and 87 years ago. The clay tile put in at that time are still working and doing a good draining job on the Zimmerman farm.

Reports at the meeting showed that in 1947, there were 111 farms completing 18,000 rods of tiling. Also, 69,000 feet of ditching were dug that year. Estimates made in 1949 show that approximately 160,000 cubic yards of earth had been moved and 27,000 rods of tile had been put in during the past Friesian cows in Oregon, whose year.

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