

WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMER

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

West States Wool Contest Sets Opening

Approximately \$15,000 in college scholarships, savings bonds and valuable merchandise will be awarded in the 1950 "Make It Yourself With Wool" home sewing contest, sponsored by the Wool Bureau, Inc. and the Women's auxiliary of the National Wool Growers association. The contest opens this month for its fourth consecutive year in 12 western states.

The contest, designed to promote skill and fashion knowledge in making coats, suits and dresses of virgin wool fabric, is open to all girls from 14 through 22 years of age living in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, and other western states which may qualify later in the year.

A national fashion show, held the first week in December in conjunction with the 86th annual convention of the National Wool Growers association in Casper, Wyo., will terminate the contest. During the show, all top-ranking state winners will model their own home-created fashions in competition for national awards. Prizes will be awarded by a judging panel of fashion and home sewing experts.

National awards offered in this year's contest include: Grand prize for best garment in all divisions of senior class — \$300 scholarship by Forstmann Woolen company.

Grand prize for best garment in all divisions of junior class — \$300 scholarship by Pendleton Woolen Mills.

School of Fashion scholarship for best national entry garment made from an original design — \$450 scholarship for one year's tuition at the Traphagen School of Fashion, New York, New York, awarded by the Traphagen School.

Junior class (includes girls from 14 through 17 years of age) — Best suit — \$100 Savings Bond by Millridge Woolen Co., Inc.; best dress — a Singer Featherweight portable sewing machine by Singer Sewing Machine Co.; best suit — \$100 Savings Bond by Millridge Woolen Co., Inc.

Senior class (includes girls from 18 through 22 years of age) — Best suit — \$100 savings bond by John Walther Fabrics, Inc.; best dress — \$100 savings bond by Botany Mills, Inc.; best coat — a Singer Mahogany Console sewing machine by Singer Sewing Machine Co.

Original design class includes all garments made from original designs. It is open to all contestants from the ages of 14 through 22. Second prize — \$100 savings bond by the Wool Bureau, Inc.

Savings bonds, cash and other awards will be presented in local area and state contests. In addition, state winners will receive wool fabric lengths awarded by Botany Mills, Inc., John Walther Fabrics, Inc., and Millridge Woolen Co., Inc.

The wool bureau this year is offering \$225 in "bonus prizes" to contestants writing the best 300-word statement on sewing with wool fabric.

Louise Hennies, pictured here, is a busy woman. Tonight he will preside at the Marion county Livestock association dinner at Union Hill. As soon as he is through with that he will shift his attention to the Marion County Fat Lamb show where he is a director and as his special little project will direct the state sheep dog trials in June. (Farm photo for The Statesman.)

Marion County Fat Lamb Show Plans Being Announced

Karl Wipper of Cloverdale has been re-elected president of the Marion County Fat Lamb show to be held the first Saturday in June. Wipper, Louise Hennies and Bob Hunsacker have been named for three-year terms on the executive board of the Lamb Show corporation which conducts the event.

The state sheep dog trials, held in connection with the show, will be directed by Hennies. Carl Booth will have charge of the fleeces and wool display. Lamb entries and exhibits will be cared for by M. O. Pearson.

A new ruling limits fat lamb competition to grade sheep. Pure-



As illustrated here, lighting specialists recommend that a 250-watt E-40 type reflector bulb be suspended at a comfortable height, yet high enough so that straw will not catch fire as a simple and easy way to provide warmth for young animals.

Pigs Do Well Through Use Of Heat Lamps

Infra-red heat lamps installed in the pig brooder will pay big dividends in getting hogs to market while prices are at their peak.

The heat lamp used over the farrowing pen will keep the sow comfortable before she farrows, prevents smothering or chilling, and discourages cannibalism, which frequently causes heavy losses in each litter.

Whether you use a commercial or homemade brooder, be sure that it is sturdy enough so that the sow can't knock it down. Many state agricultural colleges and experiment stations offer detailed instructions on how to construct various styled brooders, three of which are illustrated in the sketches at the bottom of the photograph.

In addition to using heat lamps in pig, chicken and lamb brooders, many farmers depend on this convenient source of quick heat for drying newborn livestock.

Exchange Value Of Farm Products Down 5 Percent

The exchange value of farm products has declined about five per cent during the past year, according to the weekly farm price, crops and weather review prepared by the Oregon State college extension service from USDA reports and other data.

The government index of prices received by farmers dropped seven per cent during the 12 months period ending February 15, while farmers costs prices declined only 2 per cent.

For the second consecutive month, however, the index of prices received by farmers advanced 2 points. On February 15, this index stood at 237 per cent of the 1910-1914 level. Higher prices for meat animals and cotton were mainly responsible for the rise. Truck crops, dairy products and eggs weakened from mid-January to mid-February.

Somewhat lower prices for feed, clothing and farm supplies lowered the parity index 1 point during the month. This index, which includes prices paid by farmers, taxes, interest and wage rates, now stands at 248 per cent of the 1910-1914 level.

As a result of the higher price index and lower parity index, the purchasing power of farm products rose slightly, but, as a whole, they are still below parity. The parity ratio stood at 96 on February 15. That was up 2 points from January 15, but 3 points below mid-February 1949.

Honey Producers Are Awaiting Supports

The market for honey continued unsettled during the last half of February. Many producers and dealers price marking time until the effects of the price support program could be determined. No details on the program have been announced but the parity price for extracted honey at mid-January was calculated to have been 16.5 cents a pound.

The average received by United States beekeepers for the 1949 crop is estimated at 11.3 cents a pound for all grades and methods of sale. The 1949 Agricultural act authorizes support on the 1950 crop at 80 to 90 per cent of parity, which, as given previously, was 16.5 cents at mid-January. During the first part of March, dark amber honey in the Pacific northwest was moving to bottlers at 8 to 8 1/2 cents a pound in large lots. Inter-mountain white clover was 9 to 9 1/2 cents while midwest white clover was bringing mostly 9 to 10 cents a pound.

breeds can be shown only in breeding lamb classes.

Long-lasting Relief For Itchy Skin Irritation

Here's a tip! So many people depend on Resinol Ointment to relieve smarting itch of dry eczema, chafing, common rash, it must be good. At all drug stores. The cost is small—relief is great. Try it!

New Zealand Clover Being Planted Here

Clackamas county farmers are planting 2000 acres of New Zealand and mother white clover seed this month. By next spring hopes are to have a few fields clean enough for harvest, after which this seed will enter regular channels of trade. Most of the seed harvested is expected to find a market for improved pastures in the Willamette valley.

Fifteen years ago it was believed the Willamette valley climate was too dry for white clover, particularly when raised with grass. However, after some of the fields were fertilized and planted to improved grasses and subterranean clover, white clover started volunteering.

There is a lot of difference in white clover types, of which New Zealand mother white is recognized as one of the best.

Among those to plant certified seed of this strain for the first time this spring are Harry Lane and Charles Couche, Sherwood; Rogner Anderson, Colton; Vernon Hepler, Albert Kyman, Henry Kyrlo, C. C. Conrad, G. E. Gilmore, of Canby; George Wells, O. O. Ogden, Gilbert Schaad, Rollin Maddock and N. L. Wenzler, Aurora; George Wroistad and Harold Fisher, Molalla and Eugene Willwood, Woodburn.

Walter Hardy of Russellville and Fred Sailer of Molalla have nice 1949 spring plantings which will be used for demonstrations this spring.

Farmers to Get Questionnaire In Late March

The United States bureau of the census is preparing for a large mailing job in connection with the 1950 census of agriculture. More than six million farmers are on the mailing list.

Late in March every rural route boxholder will receive an agriculture questionnaire which he will be requested to fill and have ready for the census taker when he calls at the farm in April during the Seventeenth Decennial Census of the United States.

The questionnaire to be used in the 1950 census of agriculture has been designed so as to be filled out as easily as possible. The average farmer will answer less than 100 inquiries, most of which can be completed without reference to any records.

About one-half of the inquiries on the agriculture questionnaire apply to all farms in all sections of the country. Of the inquiries regarding approximately 115 kinds of field crops, vegetables and fruits, the average farmer will answer less than a dozen since, generally, he will have produced only four or five different crops. For crops harvested in 1949, the farm operator will be asked to report the acreage, yield and value of the crops sold or to be sold. Livestock inventories will be reported as of April 1, 1950, while inquiries for the production of livestock and livestock products refer to the 1949 calendar year.

To further simplify the questionnaire, a special form will be used for nearly every state, listing only the crops principally grown by the farmers in that state.

Farm Calendar

- March 9—Oregon Jersey Cattle club directors meeting, 11 a.m. Senator hotel.
- March 9—Marion County Livestock association dinner meeting, Union Hill grange hall, p.m. Louis Hennies, Turner, president.
- March 10—Valley Farmers Co-op annual meeting Silverton KP hall, 10:30 a.m.
- March 14—Polk County Farmer-Merchant banquet, Dallas city hall.
- March 19—Marion County Jersey Cattle club.
- April 1—Grand National Junior Livestock Exposition, San Francisco.
- April 3—Linn County Home-makers' Festival, Sweet Home high school.
- April 4 and 7—Oregon Swine Breeders association Market Hog and Carcass show, Portland.
- April 30-May 6—National home demonstration week.
- May 8-10—Annual Oregon State Cattleman's association convention, Klamath Falls.
- June 3—Marion County Fat Lamb show, Turner.

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Dusting Co-op Elects New 1950 Officers

The board of directors of the Polk County Dusting Cooperative were commended at the recent annual meeting for the excellent work done in the 1949 dusting program. The board of directors was given a vote of confidence for 1950 and recommended that they proceed immediately with the dusting cooperative pool for the dusting of hairy vetch and Austrian peas.

At the board meeting following the annual meeting, Charles Ross was re-elected president, and John Dickinson, Independence, secretary.

Report of the board of directors stated that the cost of dusting last year was \$2.48 per acre net cost to the grower. This was a reduction of almost \$1.00 from the previous year. President Ross stated that this cost was down for a number of reasons: 1. A lower cost of dust; 2. a lower priced contract with the flying companies; 3. the cutting of administrative expense by the board of directors serving in the area in which they were located in Polk county.

The total of 9,978 acres were dusted in the 1949 program. Big Acreage Planned

Indications for the 1950 year are that about double the acreage of hairy vetch and Austrian peas are grown in Polk county. A preliminary survey, of which 100 growers had reported, showed almost 9,000 acres of peas and vetch to be dusted.

Alec Cellers of Buchanan Cellers Seed and Feed company, McMinnville, was the principal speaker. Cellers reported on his recent trip into the south regarding the demand for cover crop seeds. He stated that there is a good demand for hairy vetch and the only possible competition might be from Texas, if they get a high yielding crop. He also reports a good outlook for common regrass, although the price may be down slightly from last year.

In regard to Austrian winter peas, Cellers stated that most of these will be bought under the government purchase program on support prices, due to the great supply being produced this year and quite a large carry-over in the western part of the United States.

At the close of the dusting meeting, President Ross reported that the contracts will be out to growers just as soon as they can be let with the flying service and dusting concerns, in order that a price may be set for the 1950 dusting.

OFFICERS NAMED

John Steele was retained as manager of the Lower Columbia Cooperative Dairy association for 1950 and H. O. McIntire, Brownsmead, president. Other officers are Walter Carl, Birkenfeld, vice president and G. A. Rock, Svensen, secretary-treasurer. Headquarters of the plant is at Astoria.

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Polk County Grange Trophy To Be Awarded

The annual meeting of the Polk county agricultural and home economics committees of the Polk county granges will be held Saturday, March 11 at 10 a.m. at the Rickreall grange hall, O. C. Brown, Pomona grange agricultural chairman, announces.

R. W. Schmidt, state agricultural grange chairman of Albany, will attend the meeting and discuss the agricultural program of the state grange.

Rex Warren, farm crops specialist of the extension service, Oregon State college, will attend the meeting and discuss various weed control methods and answer questions in regard to chemical control of noxious weeds and brushy plants.

Brown states that selection of the Polk grange to receive the Dallas Chamber of Commerce trophy will be held in the morning with announcement to be made at the noon luncheon. Each year the grange with the best agricultural program for the year receives the revolving trophy offered by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Farmer-Merchant Banquet Plans Made

Governor Douglas McKay will be the featured speaker on the 11th annual Polk County Farmer-Merchant banquet to be held Tuesday, March 14, 7:15 p.m. at the Dallas city hall. W. C. Leth will

serve as toastmaster. Tickets are being sent to community PMA committeemen for distribution to farmers throughout Polk county. The committee in charge of the banquet includes W. Frank Crawford, Salem; John Dickinson, Independence; Frank Neufeld, Rickreall; Claude Hoisington, secretary of the Polk County PMA committee, and N. John Hansen, county extension agent.

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