

## Ranch Ramblings

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sales is now around five billion dollars a year. Dairying accounts for about 20 percent of all farm income.

Folk are talking about wheat being high this year. Now we know what they mean. We spent the weekend at La Grande and coming through the heavy eastern Oregon wheat belt we were surprised to see the funny shaped fields on which wheat was growing. . . high up on the ledges of those rock hills. The machinery was many times as big as ours here in the valley and cultivation seemed to be carried out way to the edge of the ledges, on places we were almost afraid to walk, let alone drive a heavy tractor pulling machinery as wide as a house. We figured it would be a good place for circus trapeze workers to retire to—now that folk are retiring TO the farm instead of FROM the farm.

But the wheat looked very good. It could go 40 bushels per acre. Let's see, the support price here in Marion county is \$2.06 per bushel. More than one farmer in eastern Oregon has a couple of thousand acres of wheat—nice income. But then it's a nice outgo too, what with cost of cultivation, fertilizer (and you don't grow wheat like that without fertilizer) harvesting and finally the income tax. Anyway the farmer has fun growing it when it looks as good as it does this year.

But then there won't be no marketing quotas for the 1951 wheat crop. The current wheat crop is estimated at 855 million bushels and the carryover from last year is estimated at 450 million bushels, a total of 1,305 million bushels. This is 18 percent more than the normal supply. Marketing quotas for wheat must be proclaimed when the total supply exceeds the normal supply by more than 20 percent. The announcement on wheat acreage allotments for the 1951 crop will be made by the secretary of agriculture on or before July 15.

If you think you are going to be short of hay this year, consider feed canary grass as an emergency hay crop. It does very well on wet, swampy land that may otherwise be wasted. And it can be planted during the late summer, says Farm Quarterly. Usually a summer seeding is best on poorly drained or overflow creek and river bottoms. Looking about a bit in the Willamette valley, one finds quite a bit of the canarygrass growing along our streams where some farmer planted it some years ago.

You had best not pay extra money for fertilizer materials claimed to be radioactive. A recent report by the U.S. department of agriculture says there was no benefit from using radioactive materials. Tests have been made at more than a dozen state experiment stations using various radioactive materials.

Corn is sort of figured as the litmus paper of your soil. Anyway, it has numerous ways of showing up what is wrong with your soil. When there is a potash deficiency, the edges of the corn leaves turn brown and give the appearance of being scorched. Nitrogen hunger is indicated by fired corn beginning at the tip of the leaf and extending back along the midrib. Poorly drained soil may also cause this.

A phosphorus deficiency in young corn plants retards growth. This produces purplish colored leaves. A look at the corn leaves gives you some indication of the type fertilizer your soil needs.

Dean Hall of Turner bought June Winemah, a registered Jer-

sey from the herd owned by Lewis Judson of Salem.

Have you noticed how producers of food stuffs are always sending out good looking recipes by which to use up their production? The wool folk have caught up with the idea. Now the wool bureau is helping out its product by giving publicity to garments made from its materials.

Specialists from the bureau will tell you there'll be no sun-stroke on Dad's mind this summer—not if his warm-weather wardrobe is chosen wisely. Keeping cool, comfortable and presentable when the mercury is mounting is largely a

## Buena Vista Youth Hold Meeting, Picnic

BUENA VISTA—The Young People's society of the Buena Vista Methodist church met at the church Sunday evening, later enjoying a weiner roast at the P. A. Wells home.

Those present were: Misses Dorothy and Luella Schizman, Nina Moon, Sandra Staats, Betty Cline, Sharon McGowan, Eva Kambatoff, Kay Wallace, Mable Thomas, Margarette Cornutt, and Juanita Christopher; Messrs. Bill Prather, Darrel Ward, Jack Walters, Gordon Wells, Terry Staats, Jack Cook, Scott McGowan, Ronald Pruiett, Randol Sparks, and Cleon Christopher.

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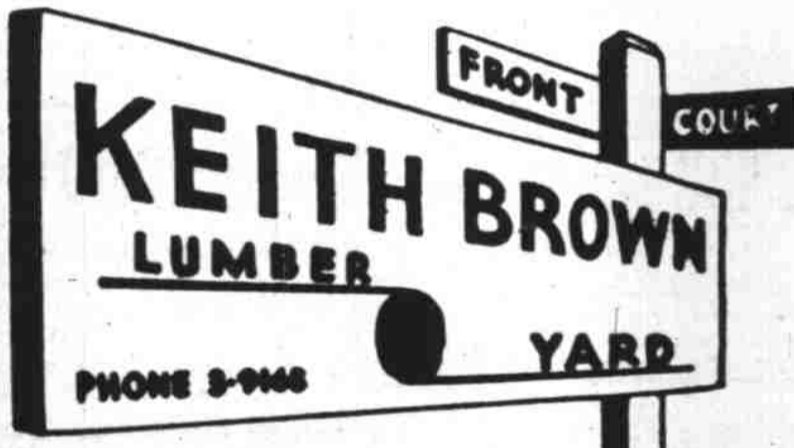
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