WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMER

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

Farm Calendar

December 15 - Spring Valley

farmers union covered-dish din-

ner 7 p. m. at school. Unions to

December 17 - Annual meet-

ing of the Marion County Jersey

Cattle club, Mayflower hall, Sa-

December 18 - Annual meet-

Blue Lake Packers, Inc., 10 a.

January 11-12-Oregon Essen-

January 15-17-Western Oregon

Two major goals have been set

committee were: continued atten-

provement of rural housing-

which has been the major goal

of the home beautification project

Weather Helps

and so far we have had a very

In Gross's opinion a little car-

before lambing we start feeding

much hay or grain.

meeting, Grants Pass.

Independence.

street. Salem.

Oregon Food Gift Boxes Available -- If You Hunt Hard

Farm Editor, The Statesman

Willamette people as a whole are sending and giving at home more and more fancy food items out of Oregon soil, one prominent grocer mineral elements, claims H. P. at Salem told me Tuesday afternoon as I stood watching him making Ewalt, Oregon State college exup a package of Oregon cheese, Oregon cranberries and Oregon

"But," he added, "it's still funny how many people want to send packages of the famous Wisconsin cheese. I'll bet we have packed a half-hundred packages of Wisconsin cheese to go back to Wisconsin as Christmas gifts. If they want to send cheese to a cheese state why don't they send Oregon

I could answer that question give program. myself. Wherever you go in grocer stores here in the valley, you can find nice little packages ranging from \$2.50 and up for fancy cheeses - all strating with "Wis" I took time out Tuesday to go into five different grocer stores ing of Marion County Dairy Herd sibility of mineral deficiencies. here in the valley. In each I asked Improvement association, 10:30 a. the same question:

"Do you have any gift packages of Oregon cheese? In four, I found the same an- m. Izaak Walton League hall, swer, "No, but we could make south end of Cottage street.

Surrounded by Wisconsin Growers 10th annual meeting, In the fifth store, I found a Multnomah hotel, Portland. very fine gift package of four December 19 - Oregon Purevarieties of Oregon cheese. All bred Sheepbreeders association, around this package were other annual meeting, American Legion nice gift packages of Wisconsin half, 2650 South Commercial

The grocer told me this was the January 3-5 - Oregon Dairylast one of the Oregon boxes. He men's association, annual meeting, added, "You know these gift box- Grants Pass. es of Oregon cheese aren't too good a buy. You can buy the same tial Oil Growers league, second packages separate at less money. annual meeting, Oregon State col-We didn't figure folk would buy lege. them so we only made 50 of them. They certainly went fast. Next Livestock association, year we'll make more."

That proves something, doesn't January 29-31 - State Producit? Perhaps the cheese does come tion Market association meeting, a bit higher. But there is time and Hotel Gearhart. good looking packaging included. Time is an element for most of us who work. And I noted that the Oregon package was every bit Polk Committee all remet. as good a buy as were the many have nothing against Wisconsin Aims at County cheese. My background is Wisconsin, but the Oregon cheese is right up at the top. For a number of years, my Wisconsin relatives have sent me a box of cheese for the holidays. I have returned the by the Polk County Farm Home Both are available free. compliment—with Oregon cheese and Rural Life committee for its -we've all enjoyed the exchange. 1951 project. Make Nice Gift

round three-pound cheeses in a few of the grocery stores. These public health department in orpacked with a sack of filberts (they, too, come in interesting little burlap sacks) or a box of Oregon prunes, make a nice gift for east, south, north or right here at

When it came to prunes, I had considerable difficulty, too. Wherever I went I could buy California prunes, in fancy and plain packages. Only twice in my ramblings tionally fine. They were done up in attractive five and 10-pound tee reports. There is a state law, vate land.

jellies and jams, all Oregon products and labeled so. To a similar package another grocer had added cranberries in attractive cello-

No Yule Packages I tried to get a fancy package of Oregon fish-there is an oyster association with headquarters problem. in Salem-I could buy the cans individually but nowhere did I find a Christmas package of such. tion to drainage problems, im-I found jars of canned turkey and of canned chicken-Oregon canned, that is-but there were no this past year-and continuation Christmas packages of these. In early November, when I was through landscaping.

spending my vacation in Southern California, I found hundreds of fancy packed California foods with large advertisements calling attention to the "colorful, delightful, romantic gifts right out from the land of sun and desert." Sheep Problem We Oregonians are prone to

crab a bit about California "hogging the markets." We are apt to say, when looking at a nicely done package of prunes or walnuts or other food item (outside of citrus fruit) with a California label, "Yeah, but I'll bet that was grown in Oregon, the big bums!" Step Forward That remark isn't the answer.

The nut growers, at their recent bohydrate in the ration is desirameeting held at Salem, took a step ble for ewes prior to lambing time. forward. They voted a committee to investigate a self-imposed tax for the furtherance of research in the ewes a little grain or molasgoes toward publicizing the use of their product the year around. Oregon cranberry men are doing a about equal in feed value and Salem, December 19, reports nice publicity job. Others are falling in line-but we are still way both. Molasses has been known The meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.

And the shopper could help a bit too, by stressing, in his request for these items, that they be Oregon grown.

I'm not rabid on the subject of Oregon products. There is room for the products of all of our states. But Oregon is our home and we should enjoy—particular-ly at gift time—sending out Ore-gon products. You know you like to get a box of oranges from Florida, a box of dates from Indio, California; a box of pralines from New Orleans, a box of little cans of fish from Norway-and even a box of cheese from Wisconsin.

50 Per Cent Of Dairy Cows Said Underfed

Fifty percent of Oregon's dairy ows are underfed. This defect in dairy cattle feeding greatly overshadows any deficiencies of vitamins or trace-

tension dairy specialist. Most essential minerals, for example, are found in hay or forage plants and will supply adequate amounts providing dairy animals get enough supplemental grain feed to meet their requirements. If cows are forced to graze on scattered plants in unproductive pastures, malnutrition is a possibility, Ewalt admits. Animals Eat More

Fertilizer applications, which may or may not alter composition of plants, should increase forage production and palatability. By causing dairy animals to eat more, this reduces or eliminates the pos-

Dairymen frequently lose money by not paying attention to their nearly 30 growers have already protein percentage, Ewalt states. With good legume silage and hay, December 18 - Annual meeting a 10 percent digestible protein content is plenty. This can be obtained through use of a farm prune trees in the Liberty, Zena, December 18-20-Oregon Seed grains mix-50 percent oats; 25 percent barley; and 25 percent district, according to Best and

Where poor roughages are fed, it is economical to raise the protein content to 16 percent digestible nutrients. A common dairy feeding error, says the specialist, is holding back on relatively cheap hay and expecting to take up the slack by increasing the priced grain ration. More Protein Needed

Second to feed shortage as a feeding error is protein deficiency. Phosphorus deficiency, usually detected by poor appetite, ranks as the most common mineral lack. Where cows get all the high quality roughages they will eat and reity roughages they will eat and receive a grain mixture of the neceive a grain mixture of the necessary protein content, mineral requirements will usually be

The college feed recommenda-

I found some delightful little the members of the Polk county Oregon Greens ganizing a county health council. Mrs. W. E. Knower of Salem Decorate U.S. has been appointed chairman of

the committee to work on this Two of Oregon's specialty crops project. Assisting her will be Mrs. -Christmas trees and holly-are Grove Peterson of Independence; helping to decorate the nation for Mrs. Warren Wheelock of Airlie, the holidays. Oregon farm and Mrs. S. VanStaavern of Perrydale forest lands will supply part of and Mrs. Charles Bowman also of some 28 million Christmas trees to be sold throughout the nation Second major goal is to correct during the next two weeks. About did I find Oregon PRUNES. The and prevent roadside dumping of a fourth of this year's trees will capitals are intentional. The Ore- garbage and trash. Oregon high- come from Canada. Most of the gon prunes I found were excep- ways cannot be kept attractive if Christmas trees harvested in the this practice persists, the commit- United States are grown on pri-

packages already to ship. They had been packed in Salem, the of-ways and the law will be entractive mixed packages of nuts, stated. However, the committee is grown in the northwest, but hopes to correct the evil by pub- many trees in this area were damlicizing the dump grounds. Reaged by last winter's low tempercommendation was made that H. atures.

Captain, Polk county sanitarian, assemble information regarding Polk Herds location of public dumps in the county as well as ways of more Test Higher effectively caring for the dump Minor goals planned by the

Average milk production per head per cow increased 200 pounds, and average fat producty dairy herd improvement asterfat production 411.2 pounds. Last year Polk county had the Top herd in Polk county, bas-

Average milk production

open winter," says Louie H. Gross, figure. Walter ierman of Indepenon 29 cows.

bohydrate in the ration is desira- Steusloff Reminds He suggests that about a month Sheepmen of Meet

Sheep raisers are invited to atwhere the ewes have good pas- association at the American Legi- sociation. ture. The molasses and grain are on Hall, 2650 S. Commercial st., some may want to feed a little of Claude Steusloff, Salem, president. to be especially helpful in the pre- with a banquet scheduled for 6:30 May be someone is missing a bus-big chance in not starting a bus-iness in gift-packaging Oregon layers also good, Gross says.

With a banque scheduled lot of p.m. Speakers include James T. Brand, Chief Justice, Oregon su-hay is also good, Gross says.

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Growers Say Tree Scale On Increase

An increased number of scale clusters on the limbs and twigs of some fruit and nut trees in the Salem area is bringing about early winter plans for the control of these pests, according to reports being received by County Extension Agent D. L. Rasmussen, Most growers are planning to apply sprays containing dormant oil Growers report that the Lecani-

um scale population has notice-ably increased on some Italian prune orchards luring the past two years. However, Lecanium and other species of scale have also been building up on some peach, cherry, apple, pear, and filbert orchards. Even walnut orchards may be attacked by scale. Rasmussen says the standard control for Lecanium scale is to apply an oil-emulsion spray in the early spring as the winter buds are beginning to swell. The spray should contain four per cent actual oil. Under no circumstances should dormant oil sprays be applied after the buds start to open or spray injury will probably result

"The interest being shown by farmers in controlling scale is encouraging", says Rasmussen. "Progressive farmers know that scales devitalize trees and shorten terminal growth. Fruit or nut production decreases in badly infested orchards."

Arrangements to pool an order of dormant oil emulsion for nearly 30 growers have already Electric Fuses been completed by two Orchard Heights district farmers, James B. Best and Abe Withers. Most of the oil will be used on Italian Oakgrove, and Orchard Heights Withers

"Dormant oil-emulsion in 28gallon drums can be purchased by farmers for 30-35 cents per gallon," says Rasmussen. Less than drum lots will cost more." Oil emulsion can be obtained through most feed and seed stores, farmer cooperatives ,and handling agricultural chemicals, Rasmussen says.

An international flavor will be tions are contained in an experi- added to discussions of Oregon ment station bulletin, No. 464, problems at the tenth annual Orwhich is entitled, "Feeding for Milk Production." A chart to use in figuring amount of grain supplement required on the host of the size of fuse needed. She in Portland, December 18, 19 and in Portl plement required on the basis of 20, according to Carey Strome of cuits. Appliance circuits can take county income, Hansen stated. The milk flow is extension circular No. Junction City, president. Nearly 398, and is entitled, "Barn Chart." 600 persons are expected to at-600 persons are expected to at-

first general assembly Tuesday, following a Monday program devoted largely to a weed confer-

China Farming Topic

E. R. Jackson, extension range management specialist of Montana State college, will speak on agricultural adviser. His travels tificates. took him into the hinterlands of the Orient where few white men R. Hoerner of Oregon State colhave been.

Oregon State college, will discuss der the hop marketing agreement his recent experiences in the Phil- must accompany all hops offered ippines as a member of the gov- for sale. On the other hand, that ernment survey mission.

will be described Wednesday af- be sold. ternoon by E. R. Jackman, OSC Too Many Hops farms crop specialist and secretary-treasurer of the seed league. Oregon Problems Stated After surveying the world out- In recent years, Hoerner adds,

Oregon problems. The use of de- heavily toward over-supply. As foliants-materials which cause a consequence, prices have been premature ripening or drying of low. Effect of the market agreeplants—will be discussed by J. R. ment is to bring growers a better McCambridge of the Chipman price for their product. Chemical company. In cases Growers may now either sell where defoliants can be used, they that portion of their crops coverenable a farmer to set his own ed by certificates-about 85 perharvest dates for seed crops.

above last year in the Polk coun- potatoes, weeds and defoliants, ladino clover, legislation and fed- not eligible to go into trade chansociation. Average milk produc- eral programs, insect pests, pollin- nels. tion was 8,213 pounds and but- ization, harvesting methods, and Last year, many Oregon growfertilizers and soil analyses, ers sold the certificates for their Growers will be guests of the ag- entire crop. Some even sold cerhighest average in the state with 407.6 pounds butterfat per cow. I ricultural committee of the Port-land Chamber of Commerce at a This explains why many Oregon land Chamber of Commerce at a This explains why many Oregon banquet Tuesday night.

ed on butterfat average, was Ed Lange's and Lloyd Spires' herd of a \$30,000,000 industry, according "It's getting near the time of Falls City with an average of to Jackman. Oregon has a high-year when lambs will be coming 524.2 pounds butterfat. Eight cows er percentage of land used for seed were averaged in computing this crops than any other state, and Oregon seed is sold in all 48 states Yamhill county extension agent, dence was second with 522 pounds as well as in foreign lands. About This mean, he adds, that probably on 22 cods, and third was Ray 90 percent of the fine lawn seed, we have not fed our sheep very Hobson, Amity, with 497 pounds one third of the alsike clover seed and about 75 percent of all alta fescue seed used in this country is produced in Oregon. president, National Wool Growers

association: W. H. Steiwer, president, Oregon Wool Growers assomarketing their product. The tur- ses. Possibly one-half pound of tend the annual meeting of the sociation; and W. P. Wing, secre-key men have a similar tax which grain a day will be sufficient Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders tary California Wool Growers as-



Here is a group of products off from the Oregon soil. With the exception of the holly, these items can be used as gift items the year around. There are scores of others along the same line which make nice

sale of certificates was slim in-

tain its competitive position, the

While Polk county agricultural

income reached an all-time high

during 1950, net income, in many

instances was down, N. John Han-

sen, county extension agent, stat-

Animal and dairy production

accounted for 42 percent of the

seed crop at \$1,739,000 topped all

other cash receipts. Dairy pro-

ducts were second high with

\$1,642,600. Three other divisions

mark: meat animals and wool at

\$1,543,000; grain and hay at \$1,-070,000 and specialty field and

drug crops at \$1,400,000.

ran over the one million dollar

Women Should 1950 Know About

A penny in the fuse socket may tificates changed hands for as cost you your home. That's what high as 42 cents a pound, many Alma Hartman, extension home sold for as little as 35 cents a economist, is telling farm women pound. Thus, profit margins from over in Yamhill county.

She says that many people are deed. still unaware of the danger of Hoerner points out that Oreoverheating wires by replacing gon now has the lowest average burned out fuses with a penny, hop yield of any principal west-In a recent survey she points out ern hop producing state. This inthat pennies had been used to cludes Idaho, Washington and "fix" fuses in 106 out of 443 farm California. If Oregon is to main-

Alma explains that the fuse is specialist believes more attention a protection and when it "blows" must be paid to improved culturthat's the warning that the wires al practices to produce higher are overloaded. More electricity is being carried than the circuit for market. can handle safely. The trouble may be that two many heating ap- Polk Gross Income pliances are being used in one circuit. It may be some defect in the High, Net Income Down appliance used. The defect can be in the cord or the appliance.

Too few women are familiar, says Miss Hartman, with the size of wires in the house and the size of fuses recommended for them. Check, she says, with your ed Wednesday. Rising costs reelectrician if there is any doubt duced the net income, he pointed

Two recent visitors to other lands have been scheduled for the For Growers

Oregon hop growers must de-"China As I Saw It." Mr. Jack- cide - and soon - whether they son spent a year in China as an are going to grow hops or "cer-

This is the view taken by G. lege. The extension hop special-Dr. A. L. Strand, president of ist explains that certificates unportion of a grower's crop not The South American picture covered by certificates may not

The marketing agreement is intended to bring hop supplies into line with supply and demand. look, the growers will get down to hop production has tended to lean

Growers may now either sell cent of the total last year - or Tuesday afternoon will be de- sell the certificates. In the latter tion per cow increased 3.6 pounds voted to committee meetings on case, the portion of the yard no longer covered by certificates is

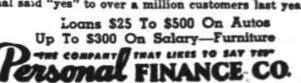


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hop yards were left unpicked in COW BUILDS HERD

SEATON, Ill-(AP)-Lady, an An-Production Cost High Cost accountants, meanwhile, in mass production has been figured that Willamette valley hop building a herd by herself on the growers had an average 1949 in-vestment of 29 plus cents a pound past 10 years, Lady has had 19 in their crops prior to picking. calves and all but one came in Pre-harvest costs were even highpairs. Carson believes the 11-year er this year. Although home cerold cow may have set a record for twin bovine births.

BECKE WADSWORTH

Honor Cows

To Be Named

Dec. 18 Meet

The annual meeting of Marion

County's Dairy Herd Improve-

ment Association in Salem, De-

cember, 18 will announce the

high production records of the

1950 testing year, Ben A. Newell,

Marion County extension agent,

reports.
President Fred Davis of Wood-

burn, said the meeting would

flower hall in north Salem.

start at 10:30 a. m. in the May-

Besides the DHIA supervisors

reports that will honor high pro-

duction cows and the herds with

the high averages, a full program

has been arranged. Professor

Floyd Wolberg of Oregon State

college dairy department, will re-

port on testing throughout the

Bill Williams, manager of the Marion County Dairy Breeders

association, will discuss the rela-tion of the testing and breeding

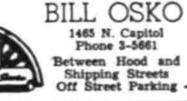
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