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

Strawberry Growers Will Meet Jan. 18

Frost prevention in strawberry fields will be one of the featured talks at a meeting of strawberry growers scheduled by County Extension Agent D. L. Rasmussen for Friday, Jan. 18, in Salem. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. in the Isaak Walton League club house, 600 South Cottage Street.

Albert Jesse, strawberry grower from Gates Creek in Washington County, will discuss frost prevention methods and results at his farm. Jesse has kept records during the past five years that should be of interest to those attending the meeting.

4-H Stamp to Be Available Jan. 15

A new 3 cent postage stamp commemorating the 4-H Club work will go on sale in the post offices about January 15. The stamp will be green in color with a 4-H Club emblem in the center, beneath which is printed "The 4-H Clubs" and across the top "To Make the Best Better." A farmstead scene is on the stamp and a boy and girl wearing 4-H Club emblems.

Essential Oils Will Be Discussed at Corvallis Parley

Essential oils around the world will be discussed by Dr. Ernest Guenther, outstanding essential oil authority for New York City, at the Oregon Essential Oil Growers League annual meeting in Corvallis Jan. 10 and 11.

Dr. Guenther is vice president and director in charge of research for the Fritzsche Brothers Essential Oil Company of New York City. Karl Baur, Director of Research, Pacific Supply Cooperative, Portland will speak to the essential oil growers on fertilizers. Weed control in mint will be discussed by Arthur J. Renny, agronomist, University of British Columbia. A report from the essential oil industry will be given by Larry Givins of I. P. Callison and Sons Company of Seattle.

Egypt Needs Small Industry

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Egypt is undergoing a period of rapid change and needs small industrial enterprises and social services, says Dr. Karl de Schweinitz of the University of California, who has recently returned from heading a U. S. state department Point Four mission in Egypt.

Two factors are bringing about great social change, Dr. de Schweinitz said. The first is interest in western technical advances and social customs which have resulted in modern building construction and increased rights for women.

The second factor is that the Egyptians for the first time in their history are running their own government. From 525 B.C. to 1936 A.D., Egypt has been ruled successively by the Persians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Turks and British, he said.

Egg Contest Entries Will Close Jan. 11

CORVALLIS — Entries in the contest to decide which Oregon poultryman produces the best eggs are due at Oregon State College by Friday noon, Jan. 11.

Producer entrants are restricted to no more than four entries of a dozen uncracked eggs each, and single entries must include eggs of the same color. Prospective entrants must notify the club by writing to the egg show committee, Poultry Club, OSC poultry department by Jan. 9, giving name and address, number of entries and color of eggs.

Sheep Raisers Are Warned of Ewe Paralysis

Ewe paralysis or pregnancy disease in sheep flocks has made its appearance already this year and flock owners are warned to watch the ewe flock closely.

Many things may contribute to the disease according to County Extension Agent Ben A. Newell. Pregnancy, poor feeding and lack of exercise usually are the causes. Symptoms usually include lagging behind the rest in moving, and the victim grinds her teeth, appears weak and dull and trembles.

If good green pasture is not available then give clean bright legume hay. Small quantities of molasses, pure dextrose, corn syrup or brown sugar also are advised as well as plenty of salt and clean water.

INSTITUTE JUNE 23
CORVALLIS — Dates for the fourth Institute of Northwest Resources at the 1952 Oregon State College summer session have been announced as June 23 to July 5.

Farm Income Outpaced by Rising Costs

J. J. Inskeep, Clackamas County Extension Agent, says Clackamas farmers are rubbing their sore shins and looking hopefully toward the New Year because their bout with old man 1951 was disappointing to say the least.

Even a whopping and surprising 25,687,000 dollar income, 2 per cent above that of last year, failed to keep pace with rising costs, he said. While income was up, on the whole purchasing power of the average farm family has undergone a decline because of continued inflation and increase in operating expenses.

During the past 10 years almost everyone on the farm made a little money. This year, however, many individual farm operators, berry growers in particular, went into the red, Inskeep said.

The gross income preliminary figure for 1951, \$25,687,000 is subject to adjustment as more complete information is obtained. This estimate compares with the first estimate of \$24,696,000 for 1950. Of this year's figure farm crops accounted for \$12,397,000. The total for animal products including meat animals, dairy and poultry products is estimated at \$13,290,000.

Dollar increases were shown in dairy products, meat animals and wool, poultry and poultry products, tree fruit and nuts, specialty field and drug crops, potatoes and truck crops.

Decreases were shown in miscellaneous animal products, grain and hay, seed crops, small fruit crops and horticultural specialty crops.

Farm forestry products held even.

Communism in Malaya Described as Racket

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (AP) — A Malayan leader says communism in Malaya is "nothing more or less than a fabulously wealthy racket."

W. M. MacLeod, member of the Council of the Malayan Association, said he estimated conservatively that the communists in the jungles were collecting something like \$3,300,000 monthly from the sale of stolen rubber.

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