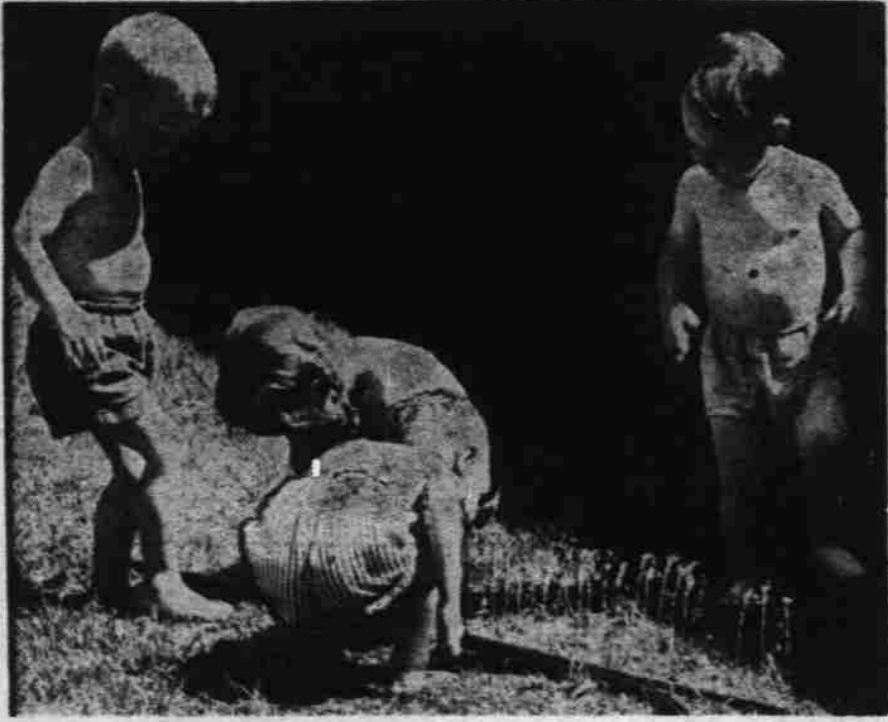


WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMER

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

Stole Show at Farm Picnic



The little fellow turning the west side up in the center of the picture is Howard Rutschman, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rutschman of Central Howell. At left is Tim Gorman, 2, son of the Ed C. Gorman of Woodburn, and at the right is his cousin, John Gorman, Portland. The girl with braids is unidentified as she dashed away at the unexpected flash of the camera. The children furnished unscheduled entertainment at the Sunday Farmers Union picnic. (Statesman Farm Photo.)

Ranch Ramblings

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
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The social-professional agricultural fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, will hold its convention in the Northwest for the first time on August 15-17. A lot of big names are listed on the program — Dr. J. C. Knott, Pullman, Wash., nationally known dairy judge, and what is even more important, widely known here in the Valley, and Frank Mullian, former vice president of the National Broadcasting company, and recently associated with production of television in Hollywood, are a couple of these names.

The Greek letter farmers are going to do something, too, besides discussing weighty farm problems, with, perhaps, emphasis on farm legislation. They are taking a trip out to see real Willamette Valley farms. The tour will terminate in a barbecue at the U. S. Alderman Farms near Dayton. There will also be a trip to Corvallis where the new chapter house on the campus will be viewed. It was just completed this summer.

While enjoying the warm sunny weather Sunday, at the Farmers Union picnic at Champeoig, we certainly wished we were younger again. Out to the side of the open-sided pavilion where speakers were going on, was a group of youngsters who had found a sprinkler. The speaker had difficulty in keeping the attention of his listeners on that side of the pavilion. The youngsters were furnishing much the more colorful entertainment.

Charles Walter of North Plains attended the Oregon State Farmers Union meeting, too, and had a lot of fun talking over Salem of 62 years ago with other Farm Union members who could remember way-back-when. The Ranch Rambler had the pleasure of sitting beside him for a time, listening to him talk of when he had a blacksmith shop in the old Scriber and Pohle building where White & Son Seed store now stands. Charlie had been blacksmithing since 1885. Sixty-two years ago he moved to North Plains where he has been operating and living in the same house for all these 52 years. Says he is now the only blacksmith that shoes horses in Washington County. When asked if there were horses yet to shoe, he looked a little hurt; "What with all them riding horses around? Say, we are busy most of the time," he said.

Nat'l. Ag Meet Speakers



DR. J. C. KNOTT



GEORGE L. PENROSE

Fraternity to Meet at Portland

Dr. J. C. Knott and George L. Penrose are key figures in the coming national convention of Alpha Gamma Rho, national agricultural fraternity, to be held in Portland, Aug. 15 to 17.

Dr. Knott, director of the Institute of Agricultural Science at Washington State College and nationally known dairy judge, will be the principle convention speaker. Dr. Knott is also widely known in the Willamette Valley for his dairy judging.

Wool Grower Grows Trees On 800 Acres

KLAMATH FALLS—A nationally-known sheepman who combines wool growing with tree growing will be a feature of next Saturday's tree farm birthday in Klamath County, the Western Pine Association reports.

William H. Steiwer of Fossil, president of the National Wool Growers Association and owner of a newly-certified 800-acre tree farm, will round out a program of three speakers scheduled to address the public observance of tree farming that will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday on the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. tree farm 18 miles west of Klamath Falls, just off Highway 66.

Ernest L. Kolbe, chief of the pine association, said that Steiwer will speak as an individual owner of a small tree farm on the income-producing possibilities of small woodlots.

Glassow of Bend Talks

Other speakers will be Sen. Guy Cordon and A. J. Glassow of Bend, general manager of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co.

"By managing forests to produce continuous timber crops," Kolbe said, "industry is demonstrating that private enterprise is shouldering its responsibility for future generations and future harvests. We regard this tenth anniversary as only the first decade in a continuous march of practical forestry that will insure timber crops forever on privately-owned lands."

Saturday's celebration, to which the public has been invited, will include a short tour of the area immediately surrounding the observance site and the serving of a tree farmers lunch by the Weyerhaeuser Co.

Signs will mark the turnout point from Highway 66 and plenty of parking space will be available.

Turkeys Need More Water in Hot Weather

The recent hot spell has caused some heavy losses in turkeys, poultry men are reporting. The more experienced turkey men are blaming the losses on lack of shade and water on the range.

Turkeys need enough shade to protect them from the sun and this without crowding. If range shelters are used, sufficient for all the birds should be supplied. They should be close enough together to prevent the whole flock from trying to use one, especially during very hot spells. Some losses have resulted when a lot of birds crowded around a little shade.

Water, one of the cheapest parts of a feeding program, is also one of the most neglected, Noel Benning, extension poultry specialist at Oregon State College, has repeated over and over. Turkeys consume large amounts of water, and supplying this item is especially important during hot weather. Drinking facilities should be situated where all the birds can satisfy their needs at all times.

NEW FOOD METHODS TOLD

The August issue of Country Gentleman announces two developments in the farm food line: An apple juice with a champagne taste but no alcoholic content has been developed by Dr. Lyle L. Davis, Virginia Polytechnic Institute. A process to can fresh hard-boiled eggs, keeping indefinitely, has been developed by a Water-ton, Mass., company with secret processing rights turned over to the Navy.

HEIFER SALE PLANNED

The annual heifer sale of the Marion County Dairy Breeders Association has been announced for Monday, Sept. 22. Thirty association calves, heifers and cows will be offered at 1 p.m. at the State Fairgrounds. Technicians Bill Williams and Paul Mann at Silverton are accepting entries now.

Linn Co. Grassman of Year



Merle Manning, Brownsville, right, receives trophy from Linn County's 1951 Grassman of the Year, Hubert Wiloughby, Harrisburg. The laugh was on Wiloughby, Manning states, as Wiloughby was the county's first grassman and the trophy came only about an hour before he had to present it to Manning. (Statesman Farm Photo.)

Polk County 4-H Group Makes Trip

Seven 4-H livestock club members from Polk County have returned from a three-day 4-H livestock tour held at Corvallis. Over 100 other 4-H members from Linn, Lane, Benton, Douglas and Lincoln Counties attended.

An opportunity to fit and judge the various classes of livestock, including rabbits, was given the 4-H clubbers as part of the program. Work was also done on the grading of beef cattle and sheep.

Going from Polk County were Kent Ward, David Wells, Nancy Lemmon and Marvin Hiebert of Independence; Jerry and Val Muller of Monmouth and Larry Keltner of Amity.

Farm Calendar

- Aug. 7-9—Newberg Fair.
- Aug. 7-8—Hood River County Fair, Odell.
- Aug. 8—Third annual Hop Growers field day, OSC, 1:30 p.m. (DST), East Farm.
- Aug. 8-10—Cooked Finger Round-up, Prineville.
- Aug. 8-10—21st annual Western International Gladiolus Show, Yakima, Wash.
- Aug. 9—Silverton Flower Show, Eugene Field Auditorium.
- Aug. 10-17—Huckleberry festival, He He Mill, Warm Springs.
- Aug. 10—Oregon Jersey Cattle Club annual picnic, Lamb Jersey Farm, Bend.
- Aug. 11-16—First Oregon Wool Week.
- Aug. 13-16—Tillamook County Fair, Tillamook.
- Aug. 14-17—Coos County Fair, Myrtle Point.
- Aug. 15—4-H tractor driving field day, Oregon State Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 15—Oregon Ram Sale, Pendleton.
- Aug. 15-17—Alpha Gamma Rho, National agricultural fraternity convention, Portland.
- Aug. 18-24—Multnomah County Fair, Gresham.
- Aug. 19—4-H Livestock Auction, Corvallis Army.

Trophy Goes To Manning Of Brownsville

Merle Manning, Brownsville has been named Linn County's "Grassman of the Year," and will compete for the state title at the Oregon State Fair. Manning's selection was announced by Hubert Wiloughby, Harrisburg, last year's winner.

Manning is in partnership with his father, O. W. Manning in the operation of 2,295 acres. Principal crops are certified Alta fescue, certified perennial ryegrass, common ryegrass, sudan grass, Red Clover, Alsike and White Dutch clover.

Crop residues are utilized by a flock of 1,100 sheep, of which 500 are commercial breeding ewes.

Drainage problems on the Manning farm have been cared for by the construction of three and one-half miles of drainage ditches in cooperation with the PMA.

The Mannings own their own seed warehouse and cleaning plant, and they follow an extensive fertilization program on the seedland acres. Last year Manning used 300 ton of 16-20 fertilizer on grass seedings. He is experimenting with the use of phosphate also. Liming he finds important and so far this year has limed 150 acres at the rate of two ton per acre.

During the summer he is running his sheep on 200 acres of pasture of sudan grass and rape.

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Monitor Ram Brings \$550



Marcus Vetter, Monitor, is mighty proud of his fine Columbia ram which brought \$550 Saturday at the Willamette Valley Ram sale at Albany. The ram, which Vetter is shown holding, was the highest priced one of the sale and went to Gordus Watts, Woodburn. (Statesman Farm Photo.)

Pendleton Sale Draws Valley Men

The 26th annual Oregon Ram Sale, to be held at Pendleton, Friday, Aug. 15, is attracting a large number of Willamette Valley sheepmen, some of whom are interested in selling while others plan to probably bring home a ram. The sale is sponsored by the Oregon Wool Growers Association. There will be 350 selected rams to auction.

The sale will start at 10 a.m. in the Show Ring at Pendleton with Earl O. Walter of Filer, Idaho, auctioneer.

Among the valley sheep to go to the sale are those from E. J. Handley, Wenton Redmond, Broadmead Farms and Dave Waddell, Marcus Vetter, Riddells and a group of Turner sheepmen.

Clubbers Compete In Tractor Driving

The 4-H tractor driving field day will be held at the State Fairgrounds, Salem, on Friday, Aug. 15, starting at 10 a.m.

The event, sponsored by the Central Valley Implement Dealers Association, will see 4-H tractor club members from Marion, Linn, Benton and Polk Counties competing for awards in various driving contests. The public is invited to watch.

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