

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

Tests Show Valley Grain Crops in Need of Sulphur

By LILLIE L. MADSEN Farm Editor, The Statesman Willamette Valley grain crops need a small amount of sulphur. This need of sulphur may account for differences obtained by fertilizing with one nitrogen-carrying fer-

Little Boys Tackle Big Apples



Apples are one fruit most little folk like at first sight, and Kyle, 4 1/2 years, (left) and Dan 5 1/2, are no exceptions. They enjoyed a few "extras" while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tucker, 2145 Bellevue, Salem, were shopping for their winter's supply. (Statesman Farm Photo)

Ranch Ramblings

By RURAL REPORTER (Editor's Note: The Statesman Farm and Garden editor returned this week from a tour of the Midwest States. As Rural Reporter, she rambled through the by-ways of Central Oregon, and these ramblings are her impressions in her final story for the 1956 vacations.) CANYON CITY—At least one Oregon man's dream came true. C. W. Brown of Canyon City has his museum. Brown, who until three years ago was a service station operator, spent his "waking hours" dreaming of a museum in which to preserve Central Oregon's history more picturesquely than in mere printed form. He is now caretaker of the Grant County Museum. But the museum is in existence because Brown did more than dream. Early in life he began collecting the relics which depict that history of his beloved John Day country. He talked museum. Evidently he talked in the right places, for the money was donated for the fair-sized knotty pine and concrete building found in this little mountain town. Chiefly it honors the Central Oregon poet, Joaquin Miller, but broadly, the museum does honor to the entire John Day country. Besides the collection of Brown's, it contains donations from the residents of the entire little community and includes everything from old-time pictures of the pioneer families to every form of implement used indoors and out in pioneer days. We counted 15 clocks—all going. Our surprise at this, brought the remark from Brown "In my mind a clock that stands still just isn't worth much, so I fix them during my spare time." Certainly, the museum is not the "dusty collection of relics" with which we usually associate a museum in a small rural town. Everything shines as if Brown dusted its thousand and one pieces each morning. There is no admission to the museum, but we noted in the first part of the building, some cards and a few duplicate relics and a few articles representative of the country, for sale. We asked if the caretaker's position is salaried. Brown smiled and said "It's supposed to be but so far it hasn't added to my income tax, but I like the work and we are raising enough one way and another to maintain the building." It's a monument to what a little town can do when it puts its mind to it. JOHN DAY—Here we are guests of our nephew, Robert Madsen, a native of Salem and now with the State Forestry service stationed at John Day. Grant County has, he told us, 700 miles of fishable streams, with three good trout lakes within arm's length of John Day. There is also more game within this county than in any other in Oregon. Canyon Creek archery area lies but five miles away and here archery enthusiasts from over the entire northwest gathered to try their luck shooting deer with bow and arrow. The fossil beds are but a half hour's drive away and these have yielded remains of the three-toed horse, elephants, manadons. We viewed them, but saw only magnificently colored mountain sides. Also there are rattlesnakes here. Robert told us that each morning he and Grace (Mrs. Robert) would go over the beautiful, peaceful looking lava in search of the snake before they would open the doors to the two little girls and one little boy which make up the family. In the six months they have lived here, they have found four good-sized rattlers about the lava. The snakes move in the cool of the morning and remain quiet during the warm of the day, Robert said, so if they are "sneaked away" in the early morning, there is little fear of them returning before nightfall again. Ugh, was our thought. BEND—The thought uppermost in our mind when we covered that territory which lies between Nyssa and Bend, was that when we speak of Oregon—those of us to whom home lies between Portland and Eugene—we mean the Willamette Valley. Just three hours from Salem and we are in that country the correct adjectives for which we usually reserve for California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada—any place that is not "nice and green like Oregon." Yet there is much to be said—even some of it complimentary—for the largest part of Oregon which actually lies without the Willamette Valley. Chief attraction is the light, heady air, which seems to rob one of sinns with the first breath. Much of the country is barren, with the exception of small spots of pine forests and the juniper country where trees are nicely spaced about a city block apart. We wondered why, when one tree will grow in a plot of that size, more won't also grow there to make the semblance of a lumber forest. We were surprised (this is our first trip into this part of Oregon beyond Redmond) to find Mitchell about the size of Scotts Mills when we had expected it to be even larger than Silverton. A temporary highway carried us into the little town, as the regular highway has not yet been rebuilt since it was washed out in last spring's flood. Talk in Mitchell is still of little else than about the flood, and it must have been a frightful sight to the residents

Farm Calendar

- Oct. 13-14. P. Oehler hereford disposal sale, 11 a.m. Silverton. Oct. 15-18 - Annual Town and Country Church Conference, OSC. Oct. 18-19 - Joint annual meeting of the Willamette Basin project and the Oregon Reclamation congress, Salem. Oct. 26-27 - Pacific International Livestock Exposition, North Portland. Nov. 12 - Western Vegetable Growers association annual convention, Sheraton-Palace hotel, San Francisco. Nov. 13-35th annual Agricultural Cooperative Council of Oregon, Multnomah hotel, Portland. Nov. 8-10 - Oregon Wool Growers 61st annual convention, Imperial Hotel, Portland. Nov. 8-10 - Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, annual meeting, Pendleton. Nov. 12-14 - Oregon Weed Conference, Bend. Nov. 14-17 - 90th session of National Grange, Powers Hotel, Rochester, N.Y. Nov. 15-17 - Western Oregon Livestock Association, Eugene Hotel, Eugene. Nov. 23-30 - Vegetable Growers Association of America, 48th annual convention, Hotel Pantlina, Grand Rapids, Mich. Dec. 3-5 - 16th annual Oregon Seed Growers League, Eugene Hotel, Eugene. Dec. 4-5 - 42nd annual meeting of Nut Growers Society of Oregon and Washington, Yamhill Fair Building, McMinnville. Dec. 6-7 - 71st annual meeting of Oregon State Horticulture Society, OSC, Corvallis. Dec. 6-8 - 25th annual meeting Oregon Wheat Growers League, Multnomah Hotel, Portland.

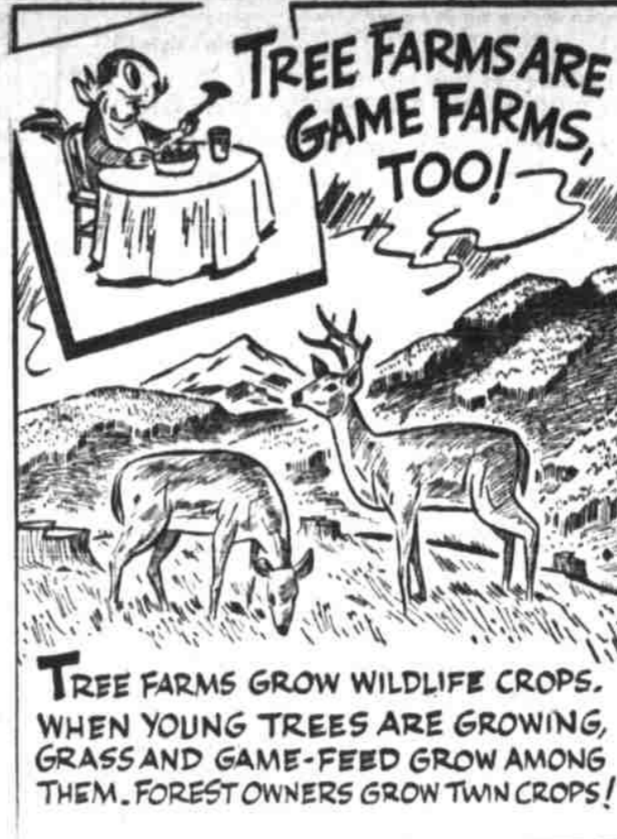
Pumpkin Storing Methods Listed

Winter squash and pumpkins will store better if they are well matured and free from disease and injury, says Oris Rudd, Marion County Extension Agent. A preliminary curing at 80-85 degrees for two weeks will help to harden the skin and heal any injuries caused by handling. After this curing, squash and pumpkins may be stored in a heated basement or other place where temperatures are kept around 50-60 degrees. Ventilation is important where any sizable quantities are stored.

TRUCKS PURCHASED

HONG KONG, Oct. 10 (AP)—Peiping radio says Red China has bought 113 trucks from Japan. They are one-ton three-wheelers. to see the water rush down toward them in the narrow little canyon. Debris from the flood is still noticeable all about the town and some of the buildings have not been repaired or reopened. BACK ON THE JOB—We found Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lynch finishing this week their apple crop from their four acres on 2095 Dallas Road. Mrs. Lynch and her brother, Ray Hawthorne, who now lives in Canby, set out the apple orchard 50 years ago when their father, the late J. M. Hawthorne owned the farm. Usually the four acres yield around 1000 bushels. This year only around 700 bushels are being harvested—due largely to last winter's "bad weather." Most of the apples (these not sold from their roadside stand) go to Keith Herman at Portland who freezes them and returns them to Salem folk for pies. Spitzbergers are the best freezers, Mrs. Lynch tells. But there are Delicious, Golden Delicious, Jonathans, Winter Bananas, Grimes Golden... and then people think Hood River is Oregon's only apple country!

Candid Forestry BY BIM



Rural Church Meet Set to Open Monday

"Knowing the Community" is the theme of the 1956 Town and Country Conference. Slated for Oct. 15-18, the conference will be held in the Memorial Union building at Oregon State College, Corvallis. Church and civic workers are invited to attend, and general chairman, Mabel C. Mack, promises an outstanding program of vital interest to community leaders. One of the highlights of the three-day program will be the reports of community surveys conducted in three Oregon communities last summer. Speakers include: Dr. Will Herberg, noted author and lecturer on theology; Jack Wright, widely known community development specialist; Dr. E. J. Neiderfrank, extension sociologist, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Mack emphasizes that the program is for lay leaders in church and community work as well as for professional workers in these fields, and that the general public is invited.

Hybrid Corn Contest Near

Field corn growers who plan to enter the annual Oregon State Corn Show's annual hybrid yield contest are advised to arrange soon for harvest of sample plots. Ontario will host this year's show in late November or early December. Final dates will be announced soon, according to chairman R. E. Fore, Oregon State college agronomist. County extension agents will have fields blocked off and harvested just ahead of general harvest for persons wishing to enter the yield contest. Adults must have samples taken from at least five acres of corn; FFA boys, three acres; and 4-H'ers, one acre. Both district and state awards are made to winners of each division. Other competitive events at the show include a judging contest, 10-ear exhibit, and corn husking contest. New Jersey hired 4,625 new school teachers in 1955-56, twice as many new ones as employed 5 years ago.

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1957 Grain Prices To Be Same as '56

Grain prices in 1957 will be about the same as those of the last two years, forecasts Ray Teal, seed and grain marketing specialist at Oregon State college. Writing in the latest issue of the OSC Farm and Market Outlook circular, Teal says grain price changes in 1957 are likely to be minor, even though considerable grain land is placed in the soil bank program. While wheat acreage may be reduced as much as a fourth under the new program, Teal thinks it doubtful that the national decrease in grain supplies will be sufficient to boost prices at harvest time next fall much above those of the last two years.

Tractor Care Will Lengthen Performance

Garden tractors will perform longer and better if they are properly winterized after fall work is finished, says M. G. Huber, extension agricultural engineer, Oregon State College. The first step in the winterizing process is to start the engine and run it until it is warm. Then drain the old oil out. This oil is contaminated with acids, sludge and water which corrode engine parts when the engine is idle for long periods. The next step is to fill the crankcase with new oil, and run the engine for a few minutes to coat the interior with the new oil. Now remove the spark plug and pour about 2 ounces of "top motor lubricant oil" in the spark plug hole. Replace the plug and turn the engine over several times to coat the top of the cylinder, the piston, and the valve stem with oil to prevent rusting. Do not start the engine. Just turn it over slowly, says Huber. The last job is to drain the gasoline from the tank and from the carburetor. This eliminates the formation of gums caused by slow evaporation of the fuel. When all these steps are finished put the tractor in a garage or shed, or cover it to give protection from the weather.

RATS STEAL SAVINGS

DIEPENBEEK, Belgium, Oct. 10 (AP)—A man told police thieves stole his life savings of 75,000 francs (\$1,500) from his attic. Police found the rats, and the money almost intact. The rats (four-legged) had made a nest of the bills under the floor.

Pig Raising To Be Good, Says Thomas

Now is the time for Oregon farmers to stay in or get into hog raising, believes M. D. Thomas, Oregon State College agricultural economist. Seven to eight million fewer pigs nationally this year than last point to improved prices for the next year or two. A 7 percent decrease is expected in fall farrowings. While hog prices should be better this fall than last, they probably will not have improved enough to reverse the national trend toward fewer farrowings, says Thomas. The big cut-back to date has come in the Midwest where Thomas believes farmers will continue to choose corn loans over hogs for awhile. Feed Price Moderate Oregon hog raisers' position is bolstered by large supplies of moderately priced barley. The local feed price seems likely to continue favorable under present farm programs including the new soil bank acreage reserve program. In summer fallow areas—such as Oregon's Columbia Basin—barley can be grown on land held out of wheat under the program. Hog prices are almost certain to rise more than feed grain prices, says the economist. There will, of course, be the usual fall and spring seasonal declines in hog prices, he adds. Market Plentiful The Pacific Northwest could multiply its hog numbers several times before pork production exceeded local use. This should make it possible to maintain a local price advantage over Midwest hog raisers for some time to come, Thomas believes. At mid-August, hogs brought Oregon farmers about \$2.40 a hundred pounds more than Nebraska farmers received. A detailed market outlook for Oregon livestock and grain and seed crops has just been published in the OSC Farm and Market Outlook circular. Copies of the circular may be obtained from county extension agents.

Handcuffs Tip Off Policeman

EASTON, Pa. (AP)—Raymond Hockwater, an off-duty Easton Policeman, saw a young man wearing handcuffs walking down the street. He sized up the situation, quickly, nabbed the walker and sat on him. As it turned out, Paul Cikovich, 19, had escaped from three deputy sheriffs while he was being transferred from Northampton County prison to a nearby school for juvenile delinquents. After the short delay, Cikovich was on his way to the delinquent home.

Farm Fire Tragic Waste



When the barn above was totally destroyed by fire last year, the direct dollar loss to this Midwestern farm family was estimated to be \$60,000. Total direct cost of fires to American farmers last year was estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture to be more than \$150,000,000. The USDA and the National Fire Protection Association are co-sponsors of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13.

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