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

Silverton Hills Present Optimistic Picture

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While the farmers are busy mowing their lawns of recent weeks, it is also "visiting" time — not facing the gloom which has spread over much of the Willamette Valley early June farming.

Rye Seven Feet High



One cheerful note in the farming area is the size of the rye this year. Here Arthur Madsen, Salem realtor, who is 6 feet two inches tall, expresses amazement at finding grain taller than himself. The rye is growing on the Louise DeSantis farm, chiefly a strawberry farm. (Statesman Farm Photo)

Agent Issues Cherry Fruit Fly Reminder

"Maintain your cherry fruit fly control program until all cherries are harvested" is a reminder to sweet and sour cherry growers by County Extension Agent D. L. Rasmussen. Although the sweet cherry harvest is underway in some orchards the grower must maintain a protective spray or dust cover on those trees that will be harvested later during the picking season.

"If a grower has been dusting or spraying at certain intervals, he should continue the same program on any unharvested trees in the orchard," continues Rasmussen. "The control program should also be maintained on any trees that will not be harvested this year. These may include pollinators (including seedlings) or trees having light crops."

Cherry fruit flies emerge from the soil every day for at least four to six weeks in the average year. Emergence under the traps in the Cherry Hill orchard continued steadily during the past week.

Continued wet, humid weather is favorable for the development of brown rot on the fruit. Wettable sulfur, 6 pounds in 100 gallons of spray, or 1 1/2 pounds ferbam or stram plus sprayer in 100 gallons water, or sulfur dust at the rate of 40 to 50 pounds per acre included in the cherry fruit fly control program will help control brown rot.

A cherry fruit fly and brown rot spray or dust will not last indefinitely. It must be repeated at regular intervals so that any flies or rot organism will be exposed in the position or fungicide. Applications of spray or dust should be made at regular intervals of 7 to 10 days. Additional applications should be made following heavy rains. Rasmussen concludes.

Jersey Cows Repeat High Test Rating

Nineteen dairy herds on Dairy Herd Improvement Association test in Marion County were above the 40 pound fat average per cow in May. James Phillips Silverton with 41 registered Jerseys topped all others with a 55.9 pound fat average. Each cow gave 1044 pounds of milk. Carroll Ellison, Mt. Angel, had 22 cows average 1189 pounds of milk and 53.4 pounds of fat. William Vogt at Salem with 24 registered Jerseys averaged 52.1 pounds of fat and 948 of milk. Don Buckley at St. Paul had a herd of 33 Guernseys reach a 52 pound fat average with 1008 pounds of milk. Buford and Orville Brown at Woodburn were at the 50 pound level with 34 Guernseys.

Several 40-Pounders

G. K. Austin, Aurora, W. H. Brandt, Silverton, Warren, G. A. Turner, C. J. Bering, Mt. Angel, A. V. Brundage, Hubbard, Malow Bros. and Barnes Bros., Silverton, Smith and Hubbard, Aurora, and Keith Phillips, Lyons, all had averages above 40 pounds of butterfat per cow. Others on this level were Harlan Wilson, Salem; C. J. Duda, Mt. Angel; Frank Gratzinger, Gervais; Orval Frank Jefferson and George Mayo, Salem.

Oregon State Penitentiary owned the high cow in milk. Holstein Number 2. She produced 3120 pounds of milk in May on three-time-a-day milking. Robert Terhune of Jefferson milked the high Guernsey a grade named Goldie, with 2.40 Carroll Ellison a Guernsey at Mt. Angel led her for top honors. Warren milked a registered Jersey, Marie, milked 1910 pounds of milk to win her honors for the breed.

Mt. Angel Cow High

St. Benedict's Abbey, Mt. Angel, owned the top cow in fat production. Number 36, a registered Holstein, made 103.4 pounds of fat in May and Number 67, a registered Holstein, made 101.5 pounds of fat. Duda, Mt. Angel, had a grade Holstein make 90.5 pounds of fat, and Frank Gratzinger's grade Guernsey, Brundie, at Gervais made 90 pounds of fat. Barnes Bros. Guernsey, Teddy, made 90.7 pounds of fat and over one ton of milk.

Manufacturer Retests Salk Polio Vaccine

INDIANAPOLIS, June 20 (AP) — Eli Lilly & Co. says that it is repeating its potency tests on six million doses of Salk polio vaccine which had been ready for release. The U. S. Public Health Service had announced Tuesday without identifying the manufacturer that the vaccine's potency supply would be smaller than usual because six million doses failed to meet minimum potency requirements. Lilly is the nation's largest Salk producer. Lilly said the retesting will take several weeks.

Farouk's Effects Sold

CAIRO, June 20 (AP) — A five-day public auction of ex-King Farouk's personal belongings ended Tuesday with sales of \$294,900. The money goes to the Egyptian state treasury.

One of the first stops we made was at the David Schafer farms where strawberry picking was in full swing. The 63 acres which the Shafers are harvesting this year, are in excellent condition. We have never seen larger berries than I was permitted to sample while Friend Harold took pictures of the folk who were making record pickings. Many of the berries I picked at random measured four inches across and a two-inch berry seemed "small".

Pick 100 Carriers

Al Hoffman and five of his youngsters had moved from Albany fields to the Silverton Hills this past week, driving daily from their home near Dallas. Saturday, first picking in one of the Hoffman Marshall fields, the five made 379 carriers, with the two older children, Leslie, 12, and Jane, 18, each picking 100 carriers in 9 1/2 hours — at 25 cents a carrier, figuring was easy, they said.

Jessie Hite, field boss, and a resident of the Hills, said that it was a happy crew she had picking for her, with good money being made by practically all the pickers. Picking was expected to last another four weeks in these fields — and in between — on June 30 — there will be the annual big strawberry eating festival at the Silverton Hills Community Club, just seven miles out of Silverton on the Silver Falls road. It opens around noon and continues until around 8 in the evening — there's home-made cakes, and ice cream, coffee and strawberries — and that is it — and plenty, too.

At the Louie DeSantis farm further up the highway from the Shafers, the entire hillside reaching out toward the east was dotted with pickers who also claimed they "were making good." Certainly the berries looked good — but we failed to find any quite so large as in the Schafer fields.

Rye Grows Tall

At the DeSantis farm we found something else — Abruzza Rye reaching fully seven feet high. The rye — both the Abruzza, introduced a few years ago, and the newer tetra petous, a German variety introduced around a year ago, are doing unusually well this year. They are among the better cover crops grown on the strawberry fields in the Silverton area. Only a few fields of the tetra petous variety are yet grown — there's a good field to be harvested for certified seed on the Harry Riches farm in Waldo Hills — and we've seen good fields being grown by Bob White and Elmer Morley over South of Salem, too.

Over cropping is a must in the Silverton Hills after three or four years of strawberry growing on an acreage of land.

We noted a few sheep in certain areas in the Hills — and recalled that these were one of the blessings to be counted on Willamette Valley farms this year. A drop was expected in mid-June, but the price held on at 22 cents a cent under peak — when the middle of the month said by Wool, too, while a little down from peak is also holding high, and lambs have been in excellent condition, with pastures, a little soft but good.

Hay crops, too were good — but in acre after acre, even in the small hay sections of the hills, the past tense is best used on early hay. Much of it milled in the field.

Cane berries, while there aren't so many in the hills, were looking exceptionally well, with first picking expected to be ready around July 4.

A side-trip up into the Powers Creek area, was somewhat a different story, than on the Silver Falls Highway and its tributaries. A hail storm had pocketed the Powers Creek last Friday, completely ruining some four or five large strawberry fields, where picking had just got well underway.

Most of the severe storms this season have completely missed the Silverton Hills areas, however.

Family Picks 379 Carriers in One Day



Picking strawberries has been good in the Silverton Hills and five members of this Dallas family here picked 379 carriers in one day this past week. From left to right are Alice Hoffman, 9 years; the father Al Hoffman, who did not pick but helped with carriers; Leslie 12, June 16, Jerry 13, and Marial 12. They are picking on the Dave Schafer ranch. The family's return for the day's work amounted to \$90.96. (Statesman Farm Photo)

Rowell Tells Bent Grass Vote Places

Voting places for the Oregon Highland Bentgrass Growers referendum will be cast June 24-June 28, and voting places have been announced, according to Stephen C. Marks, extension agricultural economist.

Included are: June 24 to June 28, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the county extension offices in the courthouses at Salem and Albany, and in the post office building at McMinnville.

June 25 only, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Union Hills Grange Hall, six miles northeast of Sublimity, just off the Silver Creek Falls Highway, and at Mt. Pleasant School, northeast of Seaside.

June 26 only, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the fire hall in Sublimity.

According to Paul Rowell, chief of the division of market development, any producer of Highland bentgrass seed who registered with the state department of agriculture at least 30 days prior to the referendum is eligible to vote. Each properly registered owner-operator or share land lord is entitled to one vote. A single vote may be cast by a partnership, corporation or any other business entity engaged in the production of Highland bent grass in Oregon.

Except for absentee voters, completed ballots should not be mailed to the Department of Agriculture. Growers other than absentee must cast their votes in the scheduled voting places.

Two-third majority of the registered voters must vote in favor of the commission if it is to be formed.

Foreign Intrigue Star Sued for Divorce

SANTA MONICA, Calif., June 18 (AP) — Television actor Gerald Mohr, who stars in the Foreign Intrigue series, was sued for divorce today.

His wife Rita charged mental cruelty. They have been married 17 years.

Bids Taken for Repair

PORTLAND, June 20 (AP) — North Idaho Construction Co., Coquille, submitted the apparent low bid of \$68,877 for rebuilding two miles of power line wrecked June 3 in a wind storm in Morrow County.

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Farm Calendar

- June 21-22 — Victoria Horticulture Society Summer Show
- June 22-23 — Oregon Arabian Horse Show, Salem
- June 23 — Oregon Milking Short-horn Breeders Association annual picnic, Harry Wick's farm, McMinnville
- June 25-28 — Eighth annual Fertilizer conference, Pacific Northwest, Benson Hotel, Portland
- June 26-28 — Pacific Branch of Entomology Society of America, Multnomah Hotel, Portland
- June 29 — Annual meeting of Pacific Wool Growers, Portland
- July 2-3 — Paul Rodeo
- July 3-7 — Willamette River Days Festival, Salem
- July 8-9 — Livestock Judges Training School, Corvallis
- July 10-20 — Astoria Fish Festival
- July 20 — Oregon Broule Festival, Willamalane Park, Springfield
- July 21 — Aberdeen Angus Field Day, Hoods Ranch, Grants Pass
- July 26-Aug. 3 — Santiam Bean Festival, Stayton
- Aug. 1-10 — Multnomah County Fair, Gresham
- Aug. 3 — Willamette Valley Ram Sale, Albany
- Aug. 8 — Fifth annual OSC Livestock Sale, Judging Pavilion, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 8-10 — Newberg Berrian Festival
- Aug. 12-13 — Annual Oregon Ram Show and Sale, Pendleton, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 14-17 — Clackamas County Fair, Canby
- Aug. 14-15 — National Ram Sale, Ogden, Utah
- Aug. 23 — Southern Oregon Ram Sale, Lakeview
- Aug. 23-25 — Polk County Fair, Rickreall
- Aug. 24-25 — Oldtime Threshing Bee, Silverton
- Aug. 31-Sept. 7 — Oregon State Fair, Salem

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