

Mid-Willamette

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## Fertilizing Equipment Use Increases in Area

Fertilizing equipment is rolling overtime on farms in the Willamette Valley after being held to a late start on fields made soggy by wet weather this spring.

Frank Meeker, Salem fertilizer dealer, says business has been "excellent" during the past two weeks as farmers took out loads of material to apply on grain, mint, strawberries, cane berries, pastures, sugar beets and forage seed crops.

Compared to a year ago, there has been a slight drop in cost of nitrogen fertilizer with phosphate and potash materials about the same.

### Keeps Ear Open

Meeker is keeping an ear open for results of the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing at which western railroads are asking for a 17 per cent rate increase. If granted, this would raise our fertilizer bill proportionately because the "stuff" used is shipped here from considerable distance.

Principal manufacturing points are: Trail, B.C., nitrogen and potash; Pocatello, Idaho, P.O.T.A.S.I.; Elter, Tex., nitrogen; Bell, W. Va., urea nitrogen; Niagara Falls, Ontario, cyanamid nitrogen.

Meeker says materials are now in plentiful supply but there is possibility of temporary shortages in urea and calcium nitrate due to heavy demands for shipping space.

Mostly in April

Farmers of this area put most of the commercial fertilizer on fields during April, May and June. Figures released by the Oregon State Department of Agriculture show that 40 per cent of fertilizer purchases were made during the

## Silverton Man Has 14 Jersey Cow Winners

Fourteen registered Jersey cows, owned by James G. Phillips, Rt. 2, Silverton, have received special recognition from The American Jersey Cattle Club for their production records.

The highest producing animal in the group was Standard Minnie of Tredell with an official Herd Improvement Registry record of 13,217 pounds milk containing 807 pounds butterfat at the age of six years and nine months. She made this record in 305 days.

The actual 305-day records of the other cows attained or exceeded 8,828 pounds milk and 515 pounds fat. Their ages varied from 1 year and 11 months to 11 years and 11 months.

## Fruit Spray Session Topic

"Spray Program for Apples and Pears in the Willamette Valley," is the title of a circular just published by the Oregon State College Extension Service.

It gives a simplified spray program for controlling pests on apples and pears in the Willamette Valley.

The circular contains information on kinds and rates of spray to use, pests or diseases each spray will control and lists cautions necessary when handling spray poisons. It also keys spraying times to bud and flower development in trees.

## Paul Rowell Tells Grass Seed Ruling

To correct some reported misunderstanding, Paul T. Rowell of the State Department of Agriculture today explained that no Commodity Commission assessment on ryegrass seed sales can be levied on sales made before a commission is formed.

He said only sales made after a commission is created will be subject to the grower assessment. Growers are now voting to determine whether or not they want a ryegrass seed commission. Ballots postmarked up to midnight April 20 will count in the determination.

Rowell said that up to April 15, a relatively light vote had been cast. He urged all growers to vote "to whatever action is taken will represent the will of the majority of the growers."

If approved, the commission may assess a tax on grower sales of up to 1/4 per cent of the last three-year average price of seed received by growers. Rowell said the misunderstanding on what sales the assessment will affect probably came from a letter explaining the average price basis for the assessment.

### YUL BE SORRY

MILWAUKEE (UP)—Two teen-aged boys will get a hair-growth measurement Friday to determine whether they may resume going to school. The boys, Charles Klotzke, 16, and Richard Weidman, 15, had their heads shaved clean a week ago to show their admiration for movie star Yul Brynner.

second quarter of the year 1956. Use of commercial fertilizers has been widening rapidly in Oregon. During 1956 sales were one-third larger than they were the year before. The total was 183,018 tons of simple and mixed materials, along with 18,284 tons of agricultural minerals and 53,771 tons of lime.

Meeker expects total 1957 fertilizer use in Oregon to be well above the record set last year. "There may be some drop in use in ryegrass areas but to make ends meet there will probably be more used on other fields and specialized crops," Meeker stated.

Fertilizer tonnage in the U.S. last year was 4.4 per cent less than during the previous year but

the average plant nutrient content was higher so the total amount of plant nutrients used was about the same as in 1955, according to William Rittour of the National Plant Food Institute.

### Increase in West

The greatest decrease was in the west north central states drought area. Only the 12 western states showed an increase in use.

California, with more than one and one-quarter million tons used, is now in third place among top state users of fertilizer. Rank of states each using more than one million tons is: North Carolina, (1,646,965 tons), Florida, California, Georgia, Alabama, Indiana and Ohio.

## Don Snabel Elected Breeders' New Head

Don Snabel, Powell Butte cattleman, was elected president of the Oregon Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Assn. at the group's annual meeting held in Salem in connection with the recent annual spring sale.

Eric Fisher of Oregon City is the new vice president. Loren Hicks of Turner was retained as secretary-treasurer. Carlton McLeod of Brooks, who served as president during the past year, is a member of the board of directors for 1957.

Considerable informal interest

was shown in the successful dispersal of the Dale West herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle held at Klamath Falls early this month.

Bardolier D W 2401, the West herd sire, sold for \$25,100, highest price ever paid for an Angus bull in Oregon and one of the top values ever received in the West for a beef bull.

West bred the bull which had a distinguished show record of 58 grand championships, including the supreme champion purple ribbon at the Pacific Coast Angus Futurity held at the 1955 Oregon State Fair.

Mrs. Florence Heberding, Indian Creek Ranch, Canfield, Ohio, made the purchase.

Average price on 64 lots (some including calves at side) at the West sale was \$1,427. Total ran to more than \$90,000.

## Bent Hearings Scheduled for Late in April

Three hearings for Highland bentgrass growers have been set for late April in this section of the state.

The first, April 23, will be held at the Waldo Hills Community Club at 8 p.m. and the second, set for the night of April 24 at 8, at the Mt. Pleasant School, northeast of Seaside.

The Yamhill County Fairgrounds auditorium, McMinnville, will be the scene of the third hearing, which is slated for the afternoon of April 25 at 1:30.

Most of the nation's Highland bentgrass seed is grown in the Willamette Valley, with the greatest acreage in the Silverton Hills area. The hearings will give the growers an opportunity to express themselves concerning a commodity commission for their crop.

### Applications Due

Crimson Clover applications for certification are due immediately says Marion County Extension Agent Hollis Ottaway. Since field inspections are made in May, it is necessary that all applications be received in April. Full particulars on certification can be obtained by contacting the County Extension Office.

### Cow Sets Record

One of the registered Holstein cows owned by C. J. Berning, Mt. Angel, recently completed an outstanding official production record. The cow, Nugget Walker Homestead 2713009, produced a total of 15,669 pounds of milk and 845 pounds of butterfat in a 345 day period. A nine-year-old, the cow was milked twice daily.

## Checks Beans and Peas



Shown in this OSC greenhouse is Dr. H. J. Mack, college horticulturist, checking the influence of soil temperature on growth and phosphorus up-take on beans and peas. The two-week-old plants are kept on this steam table under temperatures of 65 and 75 degrees. Dr. Mack's research is basically concerned with the problem of fertilizer efficiency. (Capital Journal Photo)

## They're Pretty Classy Chicks



The birds above may look like just ordinary chickens to the casual observer. But, they're not. These are a group of the famous Leghorn line of chickens now being raised at the Cottage Farm. It is said that they are descendants of a famous Leghorn line that set many egg-laying records in the early 1900s. (Capital Journal Photo)

## Placing of Chicks Down From 1956

In the week ending April 6, commercial hatcherymen placed 169,000 chicks for broiler and fryer production in Oregon.

This, according to the Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, which compiled the report, was 13 per cent above the previous week. It, however, was 32 per cent below the 250,000 placed a year earlier.

Eggs set for meat-type chicks totaled 362,000, down three per cent from the preceding week and down 17 per cent from the same week a year ago. During the same period, 255,000 eggs were set for layer replacements compared to

276,000 set a week earlier and the 265,000 set a year ago.

Placement for meat-type chicks in the three states of Oregon, Washington and California during the week ending April 6 totaled 1,409,000 birds. This was down 21 per cent from the corresponding week a year ago.

In the 22 states reporting to the service during the week ending April 6, fryer chick placements totaled 26,822,000.

This was one per cent below a week earlier and also one per cent less than a year ago. Meat-type eggs set were estimated at 37,289,000. This was three per cent more than a year ago.

## Ag Unit Reports Big Turkey Poult Week

The week ending April 6 found an estimated 228,000 heavy breed turkey poult hatched in Oregon, according to the Department of Agriculture's crop and livestock reporting service.

This was down two per cent from the previous week but 10 per cent above the previous year.

Settings of heavy breed in the

state during the week was estimated at 323,000 eggs, 23 per cent below the previous week and two per cent below the period a year ago.

In the Pacific Coast states, the heavy breed hatch was 1,632,000 poult, a 14 per cent increase over the same week a year ago. The heavy breed set was 1,791,000 eggs. This was 12 per cent above that period in 1956.

## Ag Department Tells Ruling For Potatoes

All Irish potatoes for seed purposes, shipped from Oregon into Washington, must now carry an official bacterial ring rot free inspection certificate from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Oregon department officials report this is a recent quarantine ruling of the Washington State Department of Agriculture. It applies to certified seed potatoes as well as non-certified seed stocks, and is directed at all seed potatoes imported into Washington from any state.

The order also requires persons taking seed potatoes into Washington to notify Washington state inspectors of the time and place of arrival at destination so inspection may be made.

Output of heavy breed turkey poult in the 11 important turkey states totaled 2,664,000 for the week ending April 6, showing a six per cent increase above the previous year. Heavy white breed accounted for 12 per cent of this total.

The light breed hatch in those states totaled 205,000 poult, 22 per cent below the same week a year ago and the heavy breed set was 5,210,000 eggs, an increase of five per cent over 1956. The light breed set in those states, estimated at 623,000 eggs, was eight per cent above the same week last year.

## Mill Picketed At North Bend

NORTH BEND, Ore. (UP)—A dispute over working hours of a nine-man boom crew Monday idled 750 men at the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. sawmill and logging operation here.

A 350-man logging local, which has not worked since last Thursday, early Monday threw up a picket line around the firm's lumber mill here, and none of the 400 members of the mill local went to work.

The two locals both are part of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union.

The dispute began when the firm last week announced that part of the boom crew at Allegan, 25 miles east of here on the Millacoma River, would start work at 7 a.m. and the rest at 11 a.m. The entire crew formerly had gone to work at 8 a.m.

The union has maintained that the switch in working hours should have been negotiated. The company said that the change was covered in the present contract.

The logging crew and the mill here constitute Weyerhaeuser's entire operations in the Coos Bay-North Bend area.

The union's present wage contract expires June 1.

## Plane Crash Kills Mexico Film Star

MERIDA, Mexico (UP)—Pedro Infante, one of Mexico's top singers and movie actors, and two other persons were killed today when a twin-engine plane crashed in flames on a street in Merida.

Also killed in the crash were Victor Manuel Vidal, Mexico City pilot of the plane, and an unidentified woman who was hit by flying debris from the plane.

## About Million Saved In Postal Shutdown

WASHINGTON (UP)—Postoffice officials today estimated the department saved about one million dollars by the curtailments of service on Saturday and Sunday.

The department said it does not know but that these were largely the result of layoffs for temporary and substitute part-time workers, the reduction of hours for regular employees.

## Soviet Economic Upheaval One of Biggest Since 1917

By CHARLES McCANN  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
Soviet Russia is undergoing an economic upheaval.

It appears to be one of the biggest in the 40 years since the revolution of 1917.

The extent of the upheaval has been disclosed in a series of announcements in the last few weeks.

What it all adds up to is that the Soviet government, while it continues its program of subversion all over the world and now is threatening Allied countries with destruction by nuclear weapons, is in trouble at home.

It was announced in January that Russian production for 1956, under the current five-year plan of

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## Effigy Hangings Follow Firing of School Employees

ROSEBURG (UP)—Hanging in effigy is in style at Camas Valley, a little community 27 miles southwest of Roseburg.

Sunday, three effigy figures were found hanging from a power line across the entrance to the Camas Valley school.

The figures were said to represent Mr. and Mrs. Al Schafer and Henry H. Cummings, Schafer and Cummings are school board members.

Supt. J. Clyde Akey said the effigy hangings were possibly the result of the firing of two school employees last week. They were A. A. Spencer, custodian, and Mrs. Edgar Markham, cook.

The reason for the board's action against the two school employees was not explained. Akey would only say: "The minutes of the meeting did not reveal why they were replaced in their positions."

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NEITHER DO SOME WOMEN! EFFINGHAM, Ill. (UP)—Mrs. John Nosbisch said her cocker spaniel, "Dodger," has learned to answer the telephone when it rings and bark into the receiver, but there's a hitch. Dodger doesn't know how to hang up.

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## Somebody Is Putting Snakes in Mail Boxes

ASTORIA (UP)—Postmaster Neil Morfitt Monday said many of his mail carriers are getting irked because someone has been putting strange objects in mail boxes here.

Most of them aren't too much of a problem, he said, but snakes in some of the boxes have given his carriers quite a fright.

The snakes, though, weren't poisonous, he said.



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