

Coos-Curry Jersey Cattle Club Holds Meeting Friday At Hotel

The Coos-Curry Jersey Cattle Club met Feb. 16 at 12:30 at the Coquille Hotel, where a lovely banquet was served to about 35 members and guests. Those registered were I. W. Slater, Prof. P. M. Brandt, John Milton, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Schwenn, Mrs. Scranton, Robert Gould, Edwin Hoy, A. L. Motchee, George Rood, Leonard Rood, Gerry Heath, Sydney Cadman, Frank G. Wilson, Chas. Perkins, Clifford Brunell, O. H. Aasen, Fred Brunell, Bob Knox, Dorothy Sabn, Hans Seltors, John Carl. Several left before registering.

Following the banquet the business meeting was called to order by Pres. John Milton. I. W. Slater western field man for American Jersey Cattle club, discussed Jersey problems and the three new major programs of A. J. C. C.

Prof. P. M. Brandt of O. S. C. discussed artificial insemination, saying that the association needs sires of right production inheritance to be successful and urged testing.

Frank G. Wilson was unanimously elected secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

The next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday in March at the Hoy and Gould farm at Alleghany, North Coos river.

Ag Department Welcomes Employees

With the return this month of three key men, the state department of agriculture swelled to 31 the number of servicemen and women assisting its work. Nine of these were with the department when they entered the service and the remainder have assumed department posts since re-entering civilian status. A tenth employee of pre-war days, Howard Graham of La Grande, will soon be released from the navy and return to the department, which makes only two former employees. Wayne C. Cook and Roe D. Crabtree, still in the army, to be checked back into their civilian jobs.

Every war theatre is represented in the service ribbons of the department veterans and on the service flag there is one gold star, for Clarence L. Pinkley, navy, killed in action in the North Sea. He worked for the department shipping point service in Milton and Portland.

The veterans returning this month include Clinton R. "Bud" Jester, last of the servicemen to return to the division of foods and dairies. He went to work February 15 as division representative in Josephine, Jackson and Klamath counties and is stationed at Grants Pass. Virgil Hiatt, chemist, and Don Duffield, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, returned to their work in Salem headquarters earlier this month. Joe Gray, now in charge of the grading plants, returned in January.

Other veterans of both war and department service back are M. E. Roberts, with grain division office in Pendleton; Floyd Markham and W. N. Kanipe with the produce inspection in Portland and Clifton T. Neilsen with the same work in the Ontario district, and Dr. R. C. McCornack, Salem, assistant state veterinarian with the division of animal industry.

Nine men on the department payroll when they entered the service have taken up other pursuits, chiefly business and farming, or have gone back to school.

New to department service since their discharge are these veterans: R. H. Sarver, R. H. Griffith, W. E. Rohrbach, Victor J. Guthrie, J. H. Ashton and J. A. Howard, all with the division of grain inspection in Portland; Bernard H. Arnold, Corvallis, poultry work; R. M. Smith, Baker foods and dairies division representative in northeastern Oregon; John E. Davis, Salem, senior entomologist and plant pathologist, division of plant industry; and ten men and one woman, Margaret Bell, who is in the Salem office, with the shipping point inspection service. These ten men are Lansie Pitts, Medford area; Jack Williams, Ontario district; Clifford L. Smith, Portland; A. C. Best, Redmond district; F. D. Duncan, F. M. Elsberry and D. N. MacKnight, Klamath Falls district; Orville Ott and Randall Miller, Salem district, and Charles H. Stewart, Ontario man working in the Klamath Falls area.

Sgt. Harold S. Dey called his wife from Pittsburg, California, Wednesday evening, February 13, to inform her he was en route to Fort Lewis for a discharge after serving 14 months overseas, most of that time on Okinawa and in Manila.

Dairy Quality To Be Continued

Reactivation of the war-recessed milk and cream grading program in the dairy manufacturing plants of plants return to a more normal status upon return of veteran graders, the state department of agriculture announced this week.

Joseph A. Gray, himself a veteran, has returned to the department staff and will be in charge of the renewed quality improvement activities for the department, says O. K. Beals, chief of the division of foods and dairies. Initial work is being carried on in southern and central Oregon plants.

Milk and cream graders in the dairy manufacturing plants serve in effect, though not actually, as deputies of the department inasmuch as they are licensed by it. In the department program, in which Gray is being assisted by George Dickinson, dairy supervisor, the services are available to all dairy manufacturing building back a quality product.

Many plants, especially the larger ones, have been able to keep up a pretty good grading program during the war, but in others conditions have been such that it has not been possible to achieve the pre-war quality.

AAA Committees Prepare Practice Program

With \$2,800,000 available for improving and conserving Oregon's agricultural resources this year, AAA committeemen are helping farmers and ranchers plan an all-out attack on erosion and depletion with the assistance of the 1946 agricultural conservation program.

The conservation work for each farm will be charted on a farm plan, the basis for participation in the program, according to E. H. Miller, chairman of the state AAA committee.

At community meetings, county officers, and in individual visits with committeemen, operators will show on the farm plans the practices for which they want assistance during the year. May 1 is the final date for filing a plan for participation in the program.

County committees will review each farm plan and determine the amount of assistance to be given the operator. In addition to cost-sharing payments, this assistance can be in the form of conservation materials or technical aid needed to plan and carry out the practices.

In fixing this amount, committees will consider the size of each farm's conservation job in relation to the funds available for conservation work on all farms in the county. Payments will average 50 per cent of the cost of performing the practice.

Citing the need for building back fertility lost in heavy wartime production, Miller called on every farmer to perform all of the conservation practices he can carry "on his own," and then add a few extra practices with the assistance of the program. Committeemen taking farm plans will have full information on the practices offered, and also will be prepared to discuss production goals, price support programs and crop insurance.

Rural Pastors Will Attend College Meet

An institute for town and country pastors, open also to rural church lay leaders and religious education workers; will be held at Oregon State college July 22 to 27 as the result of arrangements made by a committee of the Oregon Council of Churches and an advisory group from the Extension service and other departments of the college.

This institute or training course will be similar to those held in leading middlewestern land grant colleges, says Dr. E. W. Warrington, chairman of the planning committee and professor of religion at the college. It is intended to provide information, training and inspiration to help the rural pastor or church worker contribute most to the general betterment of rural life in his community.

An advance contribution has been made by a national mail order house to help pay travelling expenses where denominational funds are not available. Details of the program are to be announced later, says Dr. Warrington.

Gets Navy Release

Clarence E. Shilts, seaman first class, of Myrtle Point, has received his discharge from the U. S. Navy, it was announced this week by navy public relations' offices.

4-H Members Study Safety

Oregon 4-H club members are again enlisted in a rural safety campaign to eliminate dangers long overlooked on farms, says H. C. Seymour, state club leader for the O.S.C. Extension service. Although relatively few are enrolled in organized safety projects, most club members have safety precautions called to their attention in connection with their other projects.

This year the national 4-H farm safety program is sponsored by General Motors which will provide eight prizes in each state of \$25 savings bonds, plus a special plaque for the county with the best record. Champions from all states will compete for 16 trips to the national club congress this fall where 12 will each receive \$200 college scholarships.

State winners in Oregon last year were Henry C. Jaeger and Larry Wade, Condon; Charles Hornecker, Cornelius; Darrell A. Quint, Oregon City; Al Ziebert, Sublimity; Miss Hazel Nelson, North Bend, and Eugene Storey, Sweet Home.

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Homemakers' News

By Cecilia Van Winkle
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GREASE IN THE PIPES

Grease floating on the dish water, or a sink drain clogged by accumulated grease in the pipes is more than a nuisance. It is a strong hint that dishes and pans are not being carefully scraped before washing, and that fat still greatly needed for salvage, is being wasted.

Every good housekeeper knows that grease should never be poured into a sink or drain. Not everyone, however, is careful to scrape every bit of fat from frying pan, platter and plates. Some of the fat left from cooking can be saved and used again for cooking. The rest should be strained into cans and turned in to the butcher for salvage.

Hotels, hospitals and other institutions usually have grease traps installed with the kitchen plumbing. Grease caught in these traps nowadays is regularly turned in for salvage. In private homes without this equipment, the saving must be done by scraping.

Chemists and household equipment specialists advise keeping sink drains in good condition by pouring down boiling water every few months. This softens and carries away any grease. Whenever a drain begins to "run slow," boiling water should be used at once, and also, if possible, one of those rubber force cups on a handle known as "plumber's friend."

Before using any of the drain cleaners on the market, the housewife should understand the action of the lye in these preparations. Soda lye combines with grease to form hard soap. Potash lye forms soft soap. Many drain cleaners are made with soda lye because it is cheaper and easier to obtain than potash lye. If pipes do not contain too much grease, the soda lye, used according to directions with water may clear the pipes satisfactorily. However if it forms too much hard soap, it may close the pipes and cause more difficulty than the grease. Potash lye is better for this purpose because the soap it forms is soft and more soluble in water so can be flushed down the pipes easily. Drain cleaning preparations should be kept from spilling or splashing on hands, clothes, linoleum or other floor coverings. When not in use the can should be kept closed on a high shelf out of reach of children.

WASHING FURNITURE

The cure for a dull or grimy look on furniture may be simply a soap and water wash. Soil from handling or from smoke dust or grease may accumulate gradually on furniture and dim the finish. Almost all finishes on wood may be washed safely, except shellac and cheap varnish which water turns white. In washing any furniture, care must be taken to use very mild soap and not to get the furniture dripping wet nor allow moisture to reach glued joints. Wring a soft cloth or chamois out of warm soapsuds, rub the surface until clean, then wipe dry with a dry cloth. After washing varnished or oil-finished furniture polish with a good furniture polish. Painted or

Farmers Should Use Caution In Fern Fires

Burning fern land in late February or March is only justified where subsequent seeding of grass is planned, as burning without such seeding only results in a heavier crop of fern than before, points out D. D. Robinson, extension forester at Oregon State college, in giving suggestions for handling fern land.

Clear or relatively clear land, badly fern infested, can best be handled if plowed and cultivated several times during the year before grass is seeded on the area. Even mowing two or three times in the summer will help. In stump and heavy brush land, however, burning has been found to be the only way to get the land seeded, says Robinson. County agents can recommend locally successful mixtures.

Usually four or five days of clear weather in late winter or early spring will dry fern enough to burn. If burning is delayed too long, it may become too tinder dry as to be dangerous. In 1942, for example, 25,000 acres of Oregon forest land were burned over from uncontrolled fern fires while about 15 years ago 60,000 acres were blackened when high winds fanned fern fires.

Can Close Season

enameled furniture also may be washed this way but does not need polishing.

BEAN PROTECTION

If any of the dried beans from last summer's garden begin to show small round holes, that is evidence that bean weevils are at work. No time should be lost in getting the beans into a very slow oven to save them from further damage.

Place beans in shallow pans and heat at least half an hour at 135 degrees F. a temperature low enough not to scorch the beans. After heating, keep beans in a tightly closed jar or can, protected from future attack until they are used.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 22—The Eastside Extension Unit will meet at 10:30 for the demonstration on Quick Breads. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Brant Bachelor. Project leaders are Mrs. Batchelor and Mrs. Mark Scott.

Feb. 22—The Charleston Extension Unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Ruth Peck at 10:30 for the demonstration on Closets and Storage Spaces.

Feb. 26—The Fairview Extension Unit will meet at the Grange Hall for the demonstration on Labor Savers. The meeting will start at 10:30 a. m.

Feb. 27—The Glasgow Extension Unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary White at 10:30 for the demonstration on Labor Savers.

Feb. 28—The Greendale Extension Unit will meet at the Grange Hall at 11:00 for the demonstration on Labor Savers.

This danger led to an amendment to the Oregon fire permit law empowering the governor to advance the closed burning season to any date up to February 1 if conditions warrant. Under such circumstances, fire permits are necessary even for fern burning.

The safest practice in burning ferns, says Robinson, is to avoid starting the fire in the bottom of a canyon or draw where it normally is not dry enough to burn until after fern on the higher ground is so dry as to be hazardous. By starting the fires on the upper edges of a slope or hill, next to a previously prepared fire break, one can burn downhill or against the wind until a strip 150 feet or more has been burned. The fires can then be safely started halfway down the slope and finally at the bottom, burning the entire area without danger.

Robinson recommends that farmers planning to burn fern prepare fire breaks around the area unless there are natural barriers, such as streams, roads and rocks ledges, and then assemble tools and manpower to handle the fire if it should get out of control.

Veterans Getting Education Aid

A total of 180 ex-servicemen are attending Oregon schools and colleges under the state education aid program for veterans, Hugh E. Rosson, director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, announced this week.

These benefits amount to \$35 a month in classroom attendance per month in accredited schools for veterans who were Oregon residents for one year before entering service and who had 90 or more days in service. The benefits are for 36 calendar months.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McLeod have returned to this area from Lebanon, Ore., where they have lived for about a year and a half. They are living at Norway until they can find a home in Coquille.

Mrs. D. B. Kesner is in Seattle visiting relatives, according to friends.

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