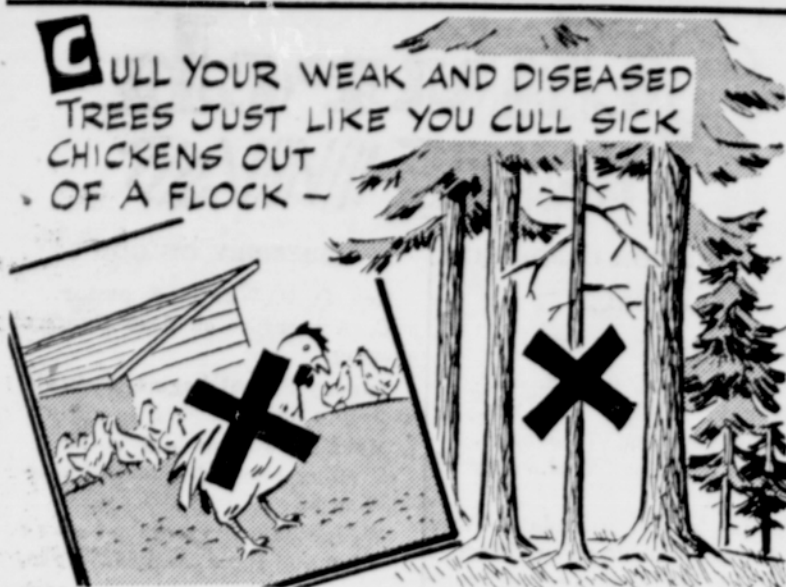




There's Gold In Your Farm Woodlot

No. 4 (Fourth in a series of six articles on second-growth forests as a cash crop, prepared by private, state and federal forest agencies)

How do I know what trees to cut so that my woodlot will keep on producing crops? Here's a rule-of-thumb for handling forests of seedling and sapling size, pole size and saw-log size.

In thinning seedlings and saplings watch your spacing so that trees are close enough to fill in gap when you take out Christmas trees, posts and other small products. If cutting a Christmas tree leaves too large a gap, don't take it. This is a good time to do fill-in planting if there is too large a space in your young growing forest.

From about 25 years on, the young, pole-sized forests will yield an increasing amount of merchantable products. Improvement cutting from now on will more than pay its way. Before logging a pole-sized stand, mark trees to be cut. In marking leave the best quality, healthiest trees fairly well spaced. Mark trees to be cut with an ax, blaze, paint, or paper tags. Use these four rules to guide your marking:

- 1) Remove larger, rough, limby trees that will release healthy better quality trees so they can grow faster.
- 2) Remove merchantable trees that are likely to die before your next time through the forest. These should include those dying.

Rev. Gray had graveside services for the funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown Monday afternoon at 2.

Rev. Louis Collins and family from Central Point were visiting friends in the valley over the week end.

Av. size of tree diameter	Desirable No. trees to acre	Av. space between trees
6"	654	8'
8"	410	10'
10"	284	12'
12"	210	14'
14"	162	16'
16"	129	18'
18"	105	20'
20"	87	22'

How to plant bare land or poorly stocked woodlot will be considered next.

(For more particulars write you State Forester at Olympia, Washington or Salem, Oregon for your free copy of "YOUR TREES—A CHOICE" how to grow and harvest them in the Douglas region.)

Kerby P.T.A. Meeting

The Kerby P.T.A. met March 13 in the cafeteria at the grade school. The County Fair was discussed. County Fair prizes are to be given for the best posters in the four lower grade and four upper grades. The contest began March 10 and will end March 31.

Anyone having anything to be auctioned or for the white elephant booths please notify the school.

There will be three meetings called to make Easter bonnets. The dates are March 20, 27 and April 4. Anyone is welcome to help. Bring any old felt hats, scissors, needles, thread, old stockings, flowers, etc., that you might have around.

The date set for the County Fair is April 18.

Mrs. Crowl read the pamphlet about the phonograph album, that has been discussed for the school. Mrs. Daniels and Mr. Miser put on a nice program of songs and piano music.

Mrs. Gass of the Grants Pass County council presented Mrs. Crowl with a lovely corsage of white carnations for having the largest attendance at the meetings in the county. Mrs. Gass brought out a film on national defense, about the atomic bomb. The purpose of this film is for all school children to know what to do in case of an attack. It was shown at the meeting so the parents will know what it is about.

The next regular meeting will be April 10. The meeting was adjourned and a light snack was served.

AF Pilots Still Sought

Thousands of additional young men are needed for pilot, navigator and air observer training, according to information released by the department of the Air Force. Under the new program, the age limit has been lowered to 19, and it is now possible for young men with a high school diploma to enter the training.

Young men between the ages of 19 and 26½, unmarried and high school graduates may make application for this training after enlisting in the Air Force. Civilians with two or more years of college education may still make application direct from civilian life. For detailed information, interested young men are advised to contact the U. S. Army and Air Force recruiting sergeant at the postoffice building in Grants Pass.

Track Season At IVHS

Twenty-three would-be track and field aspirants are working out daily at Illinois Valley high school under Coach Norman York in preparation for a defense of the JDJ league championship gained last spring. Six lettermen are included in the turnout, which includes two JDJ league record holders. Pete Brown, senior letterman, is the present title holder for the 120 high hurdles, and Floyd Pritchett, junior transfer from Sutherlin, won the 880 yard run last year. Other lettermen include Bob Behm, dashes; Jack Cooke, dashes and relay; Dick Merrill, discus and javelin, and Hugh Blue, weights and the 440 yard dash.

Others turning out include Bob Gilliam, Mel Barton, Earl Reinhold, Doug Plumlee, Ray James, Don Warren, Eddie Hubbard, Bob Clayton, Jimmy Scott, Larry Sanders, Clarence Pullen, Ronald Cole, George Bell, Ko Krauss, Charles Floyd, Wayne Spencer and Jimmy Yandell.

Five meets are scheduled, with the first being Friday, March 28, at Grants Pass high school. The highlight of the track season, the JDJ league meet, has been set for May 24 and will wind up track activities for the year.

Easter Gymkhana Planned

In connection with the egg hunt on Easter morning, the Ramblers will have their fourth annual Easter egg hunt and gymkhana on horseback for grown-ups. Anyone riding a horse is invited to compete. The adult hunt will be at 12:30 p. m., followed by games on horseback. Eight outside riding clubs have been invited to participate in the horse games and races, which will be free to all spectators. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded. The Ramblers' snack bar will be open all day.

Mrs. Jess Martin is ill with the flu.

No Diploma Required For Women's Services

Women without a high school diploma may now enlist in the "Women in the Air Force" according to recent information received from headquarters United States Air Force, by M/Sgt. Ralph D. Sykes Jr., army and air force recruiter of Grants Pass.

The new change to WAF enlistments states that women without prior active military service must possess a certificate of graduation from high school or must present substantiating data that they have successfully completed the high school level general education development test, which is given through the state department of education, Salem, Oregon.

Young ladies between the ages of 18 and 34, single with no dependents, high school graduate or the equivalent, may contact the air force recruiter in the post office building, Grants Pass for full information.

Housewarming Held For Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knippel

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knippel were pleasantly surprised Sunday evening when a group of friends arrived bringing potluck dinner.

The Knippels recently moved to their new home, purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Orville Meredith. The group presented the honored couple with a beautiful set of breakfast dishes.

Pinochle was played and the climax of the evening came when Bessie and Ed captured high score.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bunch, the Cecil Brinks, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Drews, the Jack Spitz and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hoskins.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Haught of Sweetwater, Tex. are visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Tibbs of Rockydale road. The Haughts plan to remain in the Valley for two weeks.

Art Dedrick is in the Josephine General hospital recovering from extensive surgery. He will be at home in Selma this weekend.

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