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Dec. 26-31

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Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Slack

FARM NEWS

From Your County Agent

Seed Growers League Hear European Laws

The Twelfth Annual Convention of the Oregon Seed Growers League held in Portland last week was very interesting and well-attended. Seed growers from California and British Columbia were also present in order to become better acquainted with the seed problems of the Oregon growers.

Hardy Schoth, Federal Agronomist, stationed at Oregon State College, reported on his trip to Europe where he observed seed production and handling. Seed law of European countries are more strict than we have in Oregon. In some countries it is unlawful to grow any variety other than that recommended by the Agriculture Minister. In several countries, varieties have been developed and selected for a relatively small area such as a single valley.

Wheat are not given an opportunity to survive in the European countries. Laws prohibit seed growth on Public lands and the land owners remove every seed possible from their own crop. Here in Oregon, we are using a large amount of chemical weed killers while in several of the European countries, weeds are removed by hand.

Labor is cheap in Europe and is done primarily by the unskilled and children. Farm machinery is very limited because the people do not have the money with which to purchase machinery from the United States. A relatively large amount of machinery is used cooperatively for harvesting and cleaning of the seed and grain crops. Plants are still used on many farms with only a small amount of grain or seed to thresh.

Alfalfa, red clover, white clover and ladino clover are common legumes in pastures along with meadow fescue, eye grass, creeping red fescue, blue grass and orchard grass. The climate of Europe is very similar to that of the Willamette Valley.

In some of the countries the seed laws have not been needed for many years. The European countries are interested in standardizing all of their seed laws so that their laws will be similar to those of the United States in relation to the various states.

Many European farmers take pride in the cleanliness of their seeds when they are delivered to the processing plant. This is accomplished by careful and thorough harvesting methods and meticulous weeding of weeds plants. The seed cleaning plants are cleaned every night of dust so that the building will be clean for the next day. All seed samples are not sold in sacks of 50 pounds or more. The law requires that the samples be in his own sacks. This would have at least one advantage—the farmer would know what he planted.

European countries have a very low cost of production because of the hand labor that is available. They are interested in producing more seeds than they need at home so that the seeds can be used in foreign exchanges. The shipments of ladino clover from Italy have had a slight effect on the price of ladino clover seed in the United States at various times. Oregon seed growers must produce more seed per acre at a lower cost of production and market the crop more timely in order to compete with the foreign shipments.

Fertilizer Reports Given At Annual Convention

Karl Baer, Pacific Supply Cooperative, Portland, told about recent experiments that have been done with deep placement of fertilizers. This type of work is very new and present day equipment is not very satisfactory for deep placement of fertilizers. Deep placement of fertilizer is considered placed in bands beside seeds or equal-distant-apart bands across the field. The depth may vary from 2" to 4" depending on the crop.

Art King, Chief of the Fertilizer, Seeds and Pesticides Branch of the Mutual Security Agency, is on leave from Oregon State College. Mr. King has been in charge of fertilizer purchases that were distributed through the Mutual Security Agency program. He emphasized that recent purchases of fertilizer for shipment to foreign countries has not come from United States production. This was particularly important to the seed growers because they get large quantities of fertilizer at a low cost. The fertilizer is completely self-sufficient until fertilizers are used in the United States.

Money spent by the United States and the Mutual Security Agency for seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides gives excellent returns on the investment. Fertilizers and pesticides help increase food production. Food is one item that is needed in many foreign countries. These are only a few of the

highlights of the recent Seed Growers League Convention. The annual meeting is one that every seed grower should plan to attend. Public relations are important to the seed grower and this meeting is an excellent opportunity for seed growers to meet other growers and processors.

Legion Auxiliary, Post Have Christmas Party

A Christmas party with Glenn Morrison Post followed the Dec. 17 social meeting of the Legion auxiliary with a large attendance enjoying a gift exchange and refreshments.

Child Welfare chairman Marie Wilson entertained with a puppet show and President Irene McCasland led the group in Christmas carols. Refreshments consisted of Christmas pudding, cookies and popcorn balls.

Don't pay attention to those who say printing done elsewhere—see the NEWS.

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DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY
PRICES EFFECTIVE THROUGH JAN. 31

Full Lug Soles and Heels formerly \$5.50	\$5.00
Full Composition or Cork Soles and Heels, formerly \$5	\$4.50
Half Soles, Composition Formerly \$2.50	\$2.25
Rubber Heels Formerly \$1	85c
Neatsfoot Oil, bulk	35c

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Valley Shoe Shop



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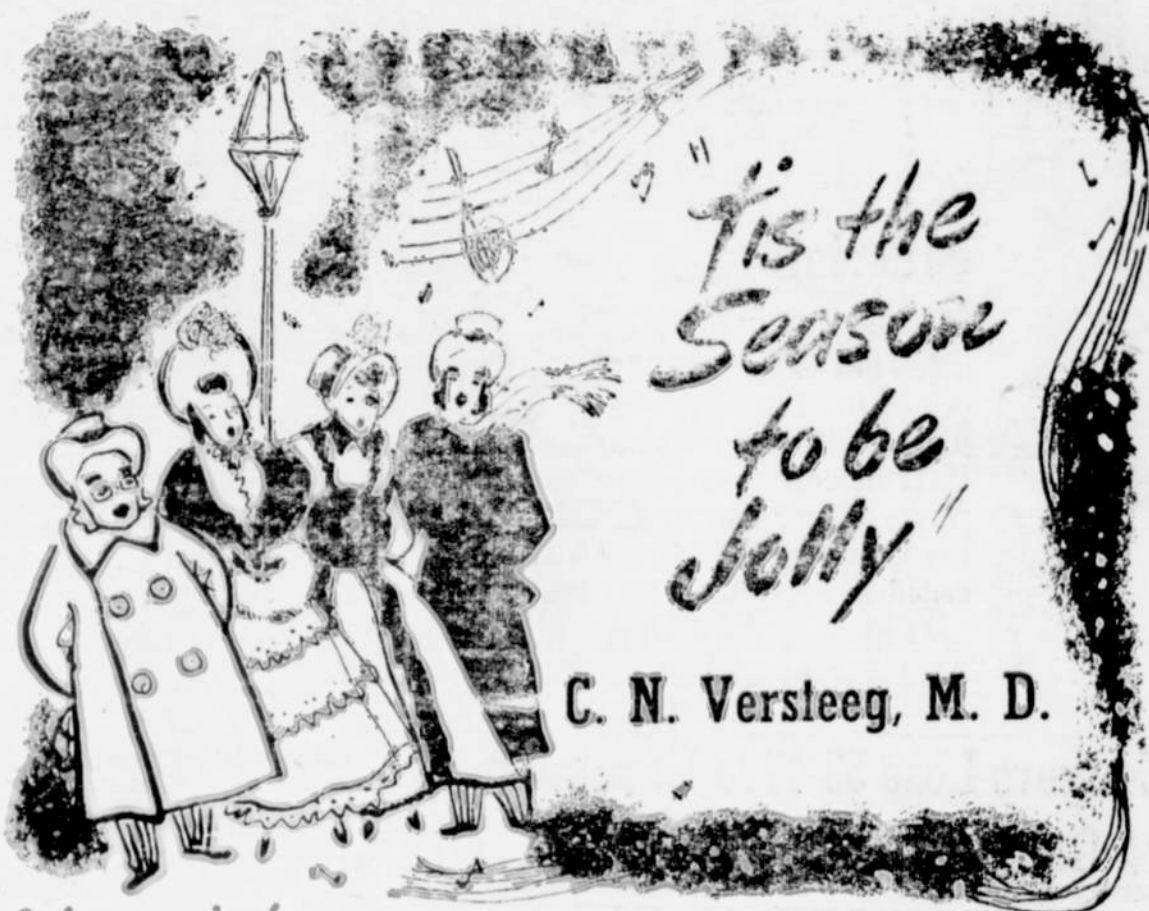
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Creetings

We're sending you loads of wishes of joy, good health and good cheer for the Holiday Season... and though they're delivered on Christmas, they're good for all the days of the New Year.

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