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Hog Feeding Profitable Any Way Its Done

Three Methods Tried; All
Successful As To Profit
Pasture Helps Little

War production board has learning the hard way that one of its earlier pet theories was unworkable. At the beginning of the war, when requirements of the armed forces imposed what seemed to be a well nigh impossible task upon industry, officials whose duty it was to meet these requirements advanced the theory that greater efficiency could be obtained through concentration of production in the larger plants. This may have been logical in theory but it didn't work out in actual practice. Even the largest plants lacked space and equipment by which immense quantities demanded could be produced, and the letting of sub-contracts became necessary—small production of special parts by a large number of small plants.

One of the earliest experiments, which has now been completely abandoned, was in the production of alarm clocks; and it probably became one of the most irritating of the inconveniences necessitated by the war. In pre-war days the annual output of alarm clocks was 12,500,000 and these timepieces were essential equipment in every workingman's home. War production board ordered that the production of alarm clocks be limited to two plants in order that all others might turn to the production of war needs. Immediately the output of alarm clocks dropped to one million a year and a howl went up from every part of the country. War workers who had to report for duty at all hours of the day and night couldn't make the grade without an alarm clock—and the shelves of every dealer were stripped in record time.

At long last WPB realized its mistake and, beginning the first of this month all restrictions on the manufacture of alarm clocks were removed and the field is now wide open to every concern that can find the material and the men to do the work. Bicycle makers have also been freed so far as machines for adults is concerned; the ban on wheels for juveniles remains, and this constituted 85 percent of the pre-war demand. Lifting of the restrictions on the bicycle industry, however, is not expected to start a headlong rush, but the concentration theory has been discredited and abandoned.

Farmers were unduly elated, it has developed, by the war food administration decree freeing farm equipment distributors from control and farmers from rationing. The order was a happy gesture but it does not in the least affect the farm machinery situation. Not a single additional machine was made available by the order and there is so immediate prospect that the shortage in farm machinery will be relieved in time to be of benefit in 1945 planting and harvesting. The order did remove a mass (or mess) of red tape and in isolated instance someone may be helped.

Farm machinery manufacturers are still subject to rigid priorities both as to material and manpower, and there will be no easing of the situation until the war in Europe has ended. This was made clear when WPB chairman J. A. Krug turned down a request from automobile manufacturers for priority ratings on current orders for machine tools. Some reconversion is being permitted, but not for such plants as are still required for supplying army and navy needs. Manufacturers of farm machinery are in this category and they will not be permitted to exceed their quota of civilian production while the armed forces.

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The experiment in feeding of hogs for market which is carried on annually at the local station continues to give similar results although the price of feed and hogs has changed in the last year. Results show that pasture prepared for growing hogs has a value that may not be justified. A feeder can shut his growing pigs up in dry pen and make about as much money as he can by fencing a pasture and feeding it. But results do definitely show that there is money in feeding hogs, regardless of the method by which it is done.

This year the costs of growing and fattening the 30 hogs in the experiment was \$9.22 per hundred for the dry lot hogs, \$8.55 for those on full pasture and \$7.12 for those on some pasture and light grain ration. All the hogs brought \$15.75 on the market which gave a nice profit on the deal.

Small Hogs Fed

All the 30 hogs weighed 422 pounds at the beginning of the experiment. Those in the dry lot gained 1734 pounds, those on pasture and full grain feed gained 1762. This was done in 114 days. The dry lot hogs gained 100 pounds on 369 pounds of grain and the pastured and fed hogs gained 100 pounds on 346 pounds of grain. Cost of grain and tankage was figured at 2 1/2 cents per pound.

Of the bunch of hogs that run in pasture and were given a maintenance ration of grain one died at the start of the experiment. The remaining nine gained 1667 pounds. The entire group put on 100 pounds of gain for 282 pounds of grain. They were fed 140 days and the last month they had full feed.

Best gains were made on the pea pasture although total pasture value for those given full feed and pasture cannot be figured as over \$7 or \$8 for 1 1/2 acres. The hogs that had pasture and a little grain obtained more value from their pasture.

Land Bank Pays Dividend Again

A 10 percent dividend payable to all stockholders of record September 30, 1944, has been declared by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, R. E. Brown, President, today, advised Victor G. Peterson, secretary-treasurer of the local National Farm Loan Association at The Dalles.

The stockholders consist of national farm loan associations, with the exception of a few borrowers who have obtained loans direct from the bank, Peterson said. "This dividend, which approximates \$400,000.00, is the first declared by the bank in more than 20 years," Brown told Peterson. "It carries out the cooperative function of the institution to return savings to its stockholders and reflects the improved financial condition of the bank made possible through sound operations, and the general improvement in agricultural conditions."

STILL WORKING

The champion forger at a Chester, Pa., chain and forge plant is a 70-year-old man who weighs 118 pounds. This man is making records in open hammer forging, one of the heaviest of operations. Frail men and women are doing good work in foundries, particularly where little or no brawn is required—and they are sticking to their jobs, the War Manpower commission reports. More forge and foundry workers are urgently needed by the industry.

C. von Borstel Reported Killed In Italian Battle

Additional word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Amandus von Borstel that their son, Carsten, had been killed in action while on the Italian front. At first the von Borstels were informed that Carsten was missing, in action and the second telegram confirmed their worst fears by bringing the news of death in action.

Carsten von Borstel was born at Kent December 3, 1924 and until he was inducted January 12, 1944 he had spent his entire life on the farm with his parents. He attended Kent public schools, graduating from the high school there. He was active in 4-H club work and took several calves to the Pacific International as a part of that work. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Phil and Fred and two sisters, Helen and Mary.

Victor Anderson Funeral Held Today

C. V. (Vic) Anderson died at his home west of Wasco Tuesday afternoon after a long illness. He was born in Vesterick, Sweden, July 9, 1870 and at the age of 19 came to the United States. Fifty years ago with his brother, Emil, he came to Sherman county and began farming.

He is survived by a son, Carl V. of Portland, a grand daughter, Dorothy, and two step daughters, Mrs. Hildred Zell of Wasco and Mrs. Dorothy Miller, now in New York.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 from the Methodist church in Wasco with interment at Sunrise cemetery. Mr. Anderson was a member of Taylor lodge of Masons at Wasco and Al Kader Temple in Portland of the Shrine.

Cit Officials Asked To Attend Session

City officials of Mosier, Wasco and Grass Valley have received invitations to attend a meeting of all city officials of Sherman, Wasco, Hood River, Gilliam and Wheeler counties and of civic leaders interested in municipal postwar programs. The meeting, which will be held in The Dalles on November 21, is one of a series of 22 regional meetings sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities being held throughout the state this fall.

Featured topics on the program will be a discussion of proposed federal and state legislation of particular interest to cities, postwar planning, and the exchange of information of local municipal programs.

County Officers In Portland This Week

Tuesday a part of the county officers left for Portland to participate in the conventions held for the different groups which are being held there this week. County Judge J. M. Wilson and members of the county court are in the annual convention of Oregon counties, while Clerk Ross Ornduff is attending the sessions of the county clerks and Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder is convening with the treasurers. All will return home at the end of the week.

NEW COUNCILMAN IN

At the city council meeting Tuesday night the votes were canvassed and the officials whose names were reported last week were declared duly elected to their respective offices. Newly elected councilman Lawrence Kenny, LeRoy Wright and Ernest Woods drew lots to see which one would be sworn in to fill the vacancy on the council. Kenny was chosen and sworn into office. Bills were paid.

Moro Football Team Wins Final Game 6-0

Season Ends With Three
Wins, Four Ties and One
Defeat; Many Injured

The Moro high school team won their final football game Saturday when they defeated Maupin 6-0 at Maupin. The score was made by Roberson in the second quarter when he broke over guard on a fake reverse and ran for 60 yards to cross the goal line.

Moro's had luck as to injuries continued as Keith Bayer was hurt at the start of the game and did not attend school all this week. Hoskinson took his end position. Maupin made no scoring attempt that came near to success except in the last quarter when that team drove to 15 yards from the Moro goal. Losses inflicted by Brisbane, who tackled a runner on an end around play behind the scrimmage line made them lose their chances to score.

The Moro team was made up of freshmen and sophomores in general as many of the veterans were injured. Lemley played a short time, being the only one on the crippled list to return to the game this season. Crowley Wilcox, Bayer were other injured boys.

Moro's line-up was: Hoskinson LE, Platt LT, Meizer LG, Roberson C, Brisbane RG, Melzer RT, Hartley RE, Lawrence Q, Lemley F, Foster RH, Fritts LH. Substitutes were C. Hegler, Christenson, both of whom played center, Billy Garroff, who has about won a guard position, Bayer, and Phil von Borstel.

Thieves Take Gas Tickets From Cars

At least three cars were rifled of a book kept in the glove compartment while their owners were attending the volleyball game at the school house Tuesday night. The OPA has been notified by Sheriff Wilson and information will be sent to service station operators making the tickets invalid. Although some questioning has been done by the sheriff no arrests have been made. Car owners losing tickets were M. M. Oveson, A. Douma and Ross Guilford.

Junior Red Cross Doing Work Here

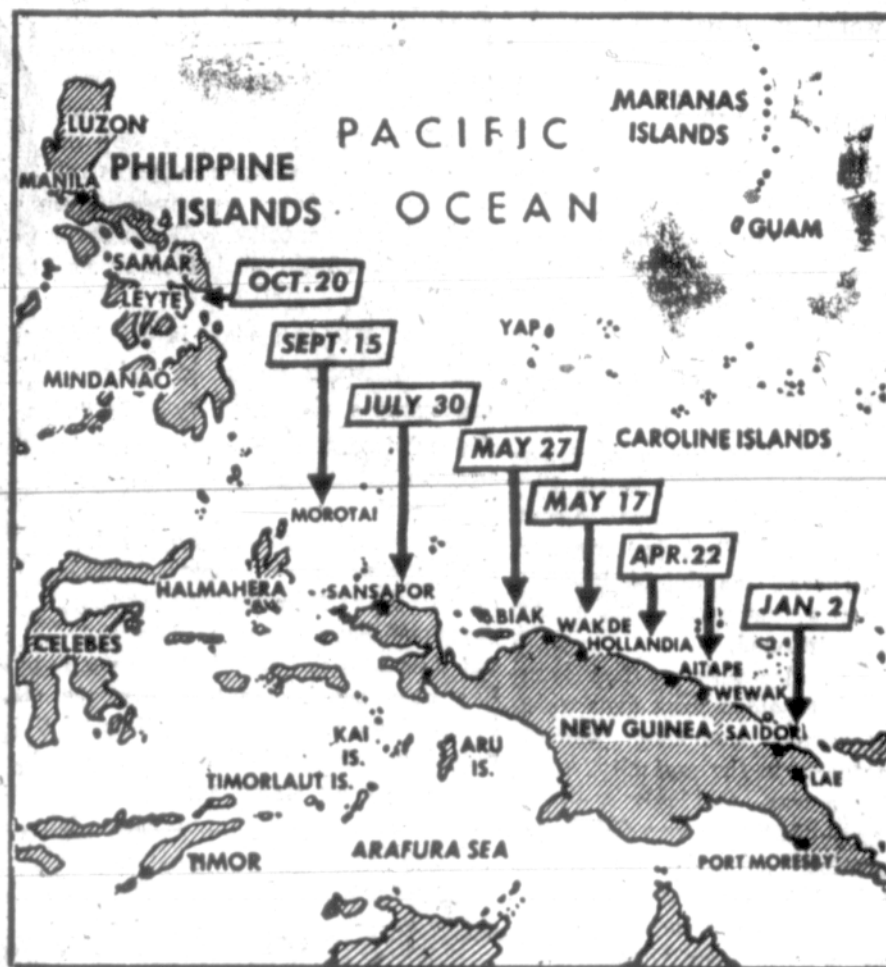
Mrs. Lois Hilderbrand county chairman of the Junior Red Cross is organizing school children of the county from the first grade to those still in college. Purpose is to have them utilize their time to make joke books from clippings, toys for children, and do elementary sewing for those in the service. A part of the material so made will be sent to children in countries released from Nazi bondage and a quarter of the funds raised go for that purpose also. Sent to headquarters is 50 cents per school room and \$1 for each high school.

Collected in this county was \$63.61 of which \$11.60 will go to the area office and \$12.00 will be sent to the National Children's fund for use overseas.

KEN CHRISTIANSON HOME

A story in Gregory's column told of Kenneth Christianson, son of the late Herman Christianson and Mrs. Christianson. He was in the paratroopers who went into France D-day. He was wounded in the right arm, the bone being shattered. After hospitalization in England he was returned to the United States. He visited relatives in Oregon last week and his grand mother, Mrs. R. C. Byers going to Portland to see him. He still has eight months to remain in a hospital before being released when doctors think his arm will be good again.

Gain by Gain Toward Victory



This map shows the steps taken by Gen. Douglas MacArthur as he kept his vow to return to the Philippines. On the second day of January, 1944, he made his first major leap-frog jump along the coast of New Guinea from Lae to Sador. The map shows the succeeding operations culminating in the invasion of the Philippines.

County Court Pays Bills; Has Little Other Business For Month

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT NOVEMBER 1, TERM. In re: Claims presented against County General Funds: claims allowed as presented and Clerk directed to pay same.

In re: Monthly statements covering County Treasurers' balances for the months of September and October; Statements examined and Clerk directed to file same.

Charles Logan reemployed to audit county books covering period from January 1, 1945 to January 1, 1946.

General Indemnity Bond presented by George F. Cram Company covering lost General Fund Warrant; Bond approved of, Clerk directed to file same and to issue another warrant.

Deed presented to Court for approval of and signatures whereby County deeds to George W. E. Johnson et ux tax foreclosed property consisting of two lots in Grass Valley.

No further matters being at issue court adjourned.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR OCTOBER 1944, AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 1944 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT General Fund

First National Bank, General Assistance \$37.61; First National Bank, Aid to Dependent Children \$30.40; Clarence Mersinger, Janitor's Salary \$112.80; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expenses \$43.50; David Reid, County Commissioner \$5.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner \$9.00; Paul Cyphers, board of prisoners \$1.00; Department of Agriculture \$3.76; Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephones courthouse \$37.00; Charles R. Logan, audit county books \$90.00; Art Bibby 1 female coyote \$4.00; Philip von Borstel 1-male coyote \$3.00; WE Bruckert 1-coyote pup \$2.00; David Moore 1-female coyote \$4.00; E. R. Blaylock 1-male coyote \$3.00; Sherman County Journal, Sheriff's office \$7.50, County printing \$6.50; total \$14.00; Burroughs Adding Machine Co.; Sheriff's office expense \$1.50; Foss and Co. official car expense \$3.00; J. C. Freeman, P. M., stamps Clerk's office \$10.00; State Industrial Accident Commission officer's protection \$4.62; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$89.59; Robert V. Fleming, Treasurer National Geographic Society, Superintendent's office expense \$3.50; Foreign Policy Ass'n Sup't. office expense \$3.00; Willy W. Knighten, Superintendent's office help less tax \$21.60; Willy W. Knighten Superintendent's expenses to Salem conference \$29.35; Sunset Motor Co. official car expense \$1.25; R. H. McKean and Son, official car expense \$2.77;

C. C. Wilson, Sheriff's expense \$16.50; J. M. Wilson, County Judge's expense \$27.50.

GENERAL ROAD FUND—ROAD EMPLOYEES PAYROLL—L. L. Peetz \$93.50; E. McPherson \$84.30; C. Bagenholt \$96.90; J. Gentry \$22.24; L. L. Peetz \$108.90; E. McPherson \$110.40; C. Bagenholt \$103.20; J. Gentry \$88.16; Earl Rehr \$94.64.

ACCOUNT: State Industrial Accident Comm.' insurance \$24.96; National Hospital Association, insurance \$5.00; First National Bank with-holding tax \$97.26; O'Meara Supply and Imp. Co., repairs \$72.67; Walther-Williams Co., repairs \$61.50; J. K. McKean repairs \$40.35; Moro Lumber and Fuel Yard miscellaneous \$38.50; Pacific Power and Light Co., lights \$1.00; Union Oil Co., gas and oil \$148.30; City of Moro water machine shed \$1.75; Sunset Motor Co., repairs \$44.75.

Wool May Be Used As Fur Someday

Sheepmen who have long been concerned over the threat of synthetic fibers to the natural wool market can now take some comfort in a newly announced method which applies a plastic process to lamb and sheep skins to make a fur almost indistinguishable from that from beaver, seal, fox and other animals.

These synthetic furs made from real sheep skins are so attractive and serviceable that a tremendous market is foreseen for them, according to information received recently by Miss Lucy Lane, extension specialist in clothing and textiles at OSC. Miss Lane warns eager purchasers not to become too impatient, however, because the entire current production of such skins, amounting to about 1500 a day, is going into aviators' suits for the army air forces or the marine corps.

The new fur is achieved by plasticizing the pelt so that the properties of the processed fur become those of either the original pelt or the one it imitates. Shorn sheep pelts are used in making imitations of beaver and seal, for example, while unshorn sheep skins are transformed into imitations of fox and other long-haired furs. Practically any fur desired may be imitated, Miss Lane says.

Indications are that garments made from the new type fur may be sold for from 15 to 20 percent of the price of the genuine fur. Not only is the price attractive but the new material is said to wear many times longer than real fur and to be strictly moth-proof.

Sixth War Loan Starting Monday For \$150,000

Same Organization Will Be
Used and Same Salesmen
Asked To Serve Again

Organization of the county for the Sixth War Bond drive which begins all over the nation next Monday will be similar to the organizations that have functioned so well previously. Nearly all of the men who have sold bonds before are expected to cover their territories again.

Sale of bonds during October was light in Sherman county indicating that those who wished to invest were waiting until November and already sales of several thousand dollars worth have been reported.

Supplies have been late in arriving but will be on hand before the drive starts if they arrive when promised. Posters and early material has already arrived and subscription blanks will be distributed to bond salesmen this week end.

Women Aiding

Members of the Moro Women's club have done some work on the bond drive and will obtain credit for sales made, which will apply to their quota on purchase of a bomber. The American Legion Auxiliary will also obtain credit for sales made. Neither of these will affect the county quota but will be included in that quota. The county has been asked to buy \$100,000 in bonds, which is \$8,000 less than the June quota. Overall quota is \$108,000 as compared to \$176,000 in June.

Returns from the large wheat crop make this quota easy to meet and a record bond purchase is expected.

Burt Snyder, agricultural agent for the state, reminds bond buyers that C-notes bought in November may be used to pay farm income taxes, the payment date for which has been moved to January 15, 1945. Farmers who are going to pay income may buy these treasury notes to do it with.

Drivers Often At Fault In Accidents

Driver violations were reported in 63 percent of the drivers involved in fatal traffic accidents in Oregon in September. Secretary of State Bob Farrell disclosed today. There were 22 drivers involved in fatal accidents and violations were reported for 14 of these. The violations included excessive speed with five drivers, disregarding traffic signs and signals, 3; improper or double parking, 2; following too closely, 2; driving on the wrong side of the road, 1; other violations, 1.

The most frequently reported driver violations in all accidents during the month were failure to yield right of way, 57 drivers; improper start from parked position, 179; following too closely, 322; excessive speed, 173; on wrong side of road, 134. Of the total of 4,661 drivers involved in all types of traffic accidents in September, violations were reported for 2,883, or about 62 percent.

Weather Man Brings First Cold Week

The weather turned suddenly wintery last week and the first hard frosts began. Temperatures every night were down to 20 and 22 degrees and Tuesday night the mercury at the airport station dropped to 10 degrees. Seeding is pretty well done and those who still have some field work remaining had to work short days. Wednesday night there was no frost and the skies are cloudy and indicate that a snow may be forthcoming unless there is a change.