

County Agent Writes About Numerous Farm Matters From Eggs to Storage

By T. W. Thompson

Have you noticed that preliminary research has been done on making wheat into a cork like building material. This wheat board is similar and could replace plywood or other similar materials.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has invited bids for 100 million bushels of grain storage structures. At present, the government owns storage structure with a capacity of 635 billion bushels.

The 4-H Tri-County summer camp will be held at Suttle lake July 18-23. The camp is for 4-H club members any age and this year cost will be \$14 per youngster. Craft classes, sports, camp activities, and general recreation are part of this camp.

The 1954 4-H Summer school has been set for June 15 to 25 on the Oregon State college campus at Corvallis. Sherman county has a quota of 20 for this year's summer school. Delegates from Sherman county will be selected by the 4-H Leaders' association the last part of April.

Such extreme cold nights for this season brings out considerable concern regarding annual weed spraying. Plants sprayed with 2-4-D are able to absorb and translocate the hormone killer at quite cold temperatures. Kill will be obtained at this temperature but not quite as effective as when temperatures are warmer during the night. If a person could expect an 85 percent kill under a little higher temperature—75 percent kill could be anticipated now with the other 10 per cent severely hurt. Therefore, as an individual recommendation when temperatures are as low as was the case one might look at the weather forecast and if the weather was to warm up in a few days wait and spray at that time.

The question of rotary-hoeing in conjunction with weed spraying is of interest now. One should wait 5 to 7 days following spraying prior to doing any rotary-hoeing. The use of hormone sprays depends not only on absorption, translocation and the digestive processes of the plant

but the growth process as well. Therefore, the plant needs to grow undisturbed for a few days before it is jarred by rotary-hoeing and the time-table for reaction is upset.

Pressure cooker gauges for Oregon housewives in previous years were tested as a service at OSC. Commercial laboratories are now available for this service. Single gauges may be tested for 75 cents at a laboratory in Portland. Those desiring to have their cookers tested should contact this office for the address.

The three most important factors in preserving quality after eggs are laid are time, temperature and humidity. Eggs are a perishable product and unless given proper care deteriorate rapidly. The sooner eggs are marketed, the better quality will be. With proper environment, however, the quality can be maintained for a considerable length of time. During summer months, eggs should be marketed at least twice a week. They should be protected from high temperatures and low humidity while held on the farm or in transit to market.

In order to preserve the original quality, eggs should be kept at a temperature ranging from 40 to 65 degrees F. with a relative humidity above 80 percent.

Pole frame buildings for the farm economical and sound construction. L. E. Kaseberg, Wasco, has constructed a good cattle feeding and shelter shed and corral with pole type construction. Ideas on "Pole-Frame Construction" is incorporated in an extension circular No. 559 for the asking at the county office.

Two years results at the eastern Oregon livestock experiment station at Union on lamb feeding are quite interesting. Range lambs were put on feed first of October and fed for 60 days. Lambs were fed under four conditions and daily gain is as follows: shorn, fed outside, 375 lbs. a day; shorn fed inside 349 lbs. a day; wool fed outside 320 lbs. a day and wool fed inside 286 lbs. a day. Conclusion for lamb feeders are to shear lambs and feed outside. There is nearly one tenth of a pound difference between lambs shorn and fed outside and those shorn and fed inside. For fifty lambs this is five pounds per day or 300 pounds in 60 days.

Some lamb feeding was done last winter and probably more will be done by a few operators this coming winter here in the county. Average fleece weight was about four pounds for the shorn lambs.

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

Rev. E. E. Zachary, the superintendent of the northwest district of the church of the Nazarene had charge of services in Rufus Sunday night. Rev. Zachary's home is in Yakima, Wash.

The Rufus Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Willis Barney Wednesday afternoon for its monthly meeting. Devotional was on the Easter lesson. The missionary study was on the land of Mexico.

The Rufus High school is all set to deliver one of its funniest plays in years. A three act comedy, "Everybody's Crazy Now", keeps the audience in convulsions as a fast moving series of events take place. Dottie Steward as a hero worshiping teenager sets off the play by falling for the author, played by Howard Garland. Lots of added touches are filled in by "crazy in the head" Hetty played by Lola Johnson. The students say, "don't miss this fun fest!" The date is Friday April 9 at 8 p. m. in the Rufus school gym. Mrs. Doris Morin is the director of the play.

The Home Economics club of the Rufus grange served Friday night a baked ham dinner with all the trimmings to 80 members of the Shrine lodge. Daffodils and green shrubbery were used for decorations. Helping serve the dinner was the chairman Mrs. Wm. O'Brien and helpers Mrs. Roland Johnson, Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. Will Huck, Mrs. George Drinkard, Mrs. Alta Smith Mrs. Joe Morris, Mrs. Joe Drinkard, Mrs. Fred Dormaler and Mrs. George Fox. After dinner an orchestra came in from The Dalles and played for dancing for the lodge.

Mrs. Bee Macnab and daughter Joan of The Dalles spent from Thursday until Sunday as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and family. Sunday, the Don Macnabs had as dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Russ McCullough and baby of Dufur and Bee Macnab and Joan. They all went home that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox and Jimmy were dinner guests Sunday at the Frank Weatherford home near Arlington. Mrs. Earl Weatherford and son Grant came home with them to stay until Tuesday.

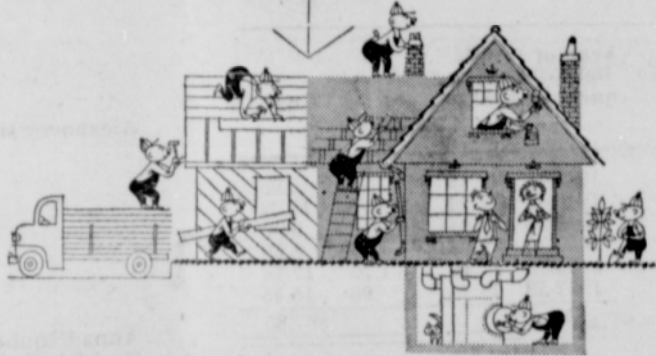
The Gordon Ridge Beef club met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Reid Sunday afternoon. The Reids

served lunch to the leader Leonard Fields, and the president Lee Kaseberg and Sterling Gochbauer who is the secretary. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kaseberg and Mrs. Terry and Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fridley and children Gene and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Fields and children Michael, Virginia and Sally, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thomas and children Johnny, James and Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Coats and children Tom, Mary, Pat and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gochbauer. Many Rufus grangers heard



Four-year-old Brian Mulcare, whose home is in Curry county, exercises muscles under direction of Geraldine Wessels at Easter Seal agency's hospital school in Eugene, where children from over 20 Oregon counties receive special therapy and education. The exercises will strengthen Brian's muscles so that he can walk. The school is financed by the sale of Easter Seals.

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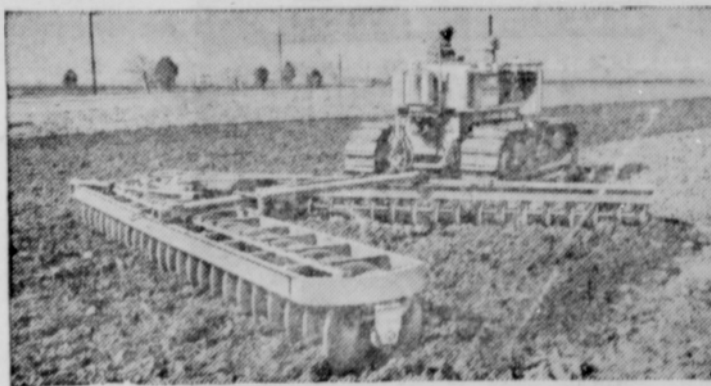
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Alec Marshall, The Dalles grocery man, talk when the grange met Thursday evening.

Harland McDonald presided at the meeting. George Fox, legislative chairman reported on the reduction in excise taxes and how it will affect the people.

The master called to the members attention the four gold stars which last years lecturer, Mrs. George Fox received for getting the lecturer's report in on time.

Mrs. Atlee Wilson, secretary, read the quarterly report on the grange status. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grant were balloted for and will become members of the grange by initiation.

Bill Huck, insurance agent, says the grange is enlarging its insurance program. The agents will receive the revised rate book soon. Mrs. William O'Brien, chairman Home Ec, reminded members of the club meeting at Mrs. Sam Brooks home April 8 at 1:30 p. m.

At the lecturer's hour Alec Marshall told of his and his wife's recent trip to Scotland, England and Germany. Marshall spoke of the plane trip to New York and the boat trip over the ocean presenting amusing antecedents as he talked. As he finished Marshall emphasized how lucky we are to have America for our home.

James Tate spoke briefly on the blood bank which is coming to Moro on April 12. The hours were said to be from 3 to 7 p. m.

Judge Curt Tom spoke on how much good the Red Cross is doing. Mr. and Mrs. John DeFigh were evening guests of the grange.

The potluck supper was served buffet style to the more than 30 people present. After the supper hour the lecturer Mrs. Harry Adams sold the white elephant packages for ten cent a grab. She realized \$3.40 from the sale.

There were two big birthday parties April 2 which were held after school. Mrs. Fay Brackett had 17 of her daughter Joan's friends in to celebrate her 11th birthday. She received many nice gifts. Games were played. Mrs. Brackett served the guests supper topped off with ice cream and cake. Each guest received a cup of candy and a favor. Those present besides the hostess and her daughter were Mrs. Sarah Giamonatti, Joyce Carlisle, Wyla Jean Barney, Mary Tate, Karen and Jeanne Macnab, Arlene and Kay Macnab, Sandra Carlisle, Donna Mae Hansen, Manya Neal, Mary Jane Griggs, Kathleen and Patricia O'Brien, Joyce Brock, Nadine Grant, Carolyn Tom, Judy Pearson, and Mrs. Paul Blackburne and son Leslie.

Mrs. Allen Tom gave her son David his first birthday party Friday after school. He was nine years old and had 13 boys at his party. The boys were served molded ice cream toys, cake and punch. Every boy received a pop

gun. The boys played with their guns and watched television after David unwrapped his many gifts. Present were Tim O'Brien, Gary Pearson, Wayne Liacus, Leon Brock, Doug Tumilson, Lauren Byrd, Steven Belloni, Joel Neal, Randy O'Brien, Brian Tom, Richard Carrol, Doug Reid, Doug Medler, and the mothers Mrs. Curtis Neal, Mrs. Leland Medler and Mrs. Bill O'Brien.

William O'Brien, president of Rufus PTA called the meeting to order at the school house Monday night. It was reported \$37 was the sum of the recent food sale held in The Dalles.

Election of officers was held with Mrs. Joe Morris elected president, Dr. Frank Reid vice president, Mrs. Frank Reid, secretary and Mrs. Curtis Neal treasurer.

The Letterman's banquet date was set for April 22. The Rufus school spring dance will be May 15 and the school has engaged Ken Kott and his orchestra. Mrs. Frank Reid announced the Cub Scouts are putting on a circus in The Dalles May 8. The Cubs will soon start selling tickets for the event.

Cookies and coffee and punch were served to the adults and children present by some of the women. Preceding the PTA Mrs. Sarah Giamonatti, the intermediate grade teacher, and her pupils put on the following program: reading, "The Kid" by Doug Medler, piano selections by Donna Mae Hansen; reading "Ma's Monday Morn" by Jean Brackett; two piano solos by Manya Neal; play "Buying Eggs" by Kathleen O'Brien, Donna Mae Hansen and Doug Reid; recitation "Betty at the Ball Game" by Judy Pearson; piano solos by David Tom; recitation "Advise to Parents" by Wally Joe Morris; piano solo by Arlene Macnab; play "Royal Magic" by Steven Belloni, Mary Neal Joan Brackett, Judy Pearson, Douglas Medler, Leon Brock and Lauren Byrd.

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