

Greedy Garden Insects

Control of insect pests of the early Oregon garden is an important problem at this time of year for the owner of an average-sized garden. The most common of these pests are the slug, cutworm, twelve-spotted beetle, flea-beetle, radish-maggot, and plant lice, according to Don C. Mote, entomologist of the experiment station.

The common garden slug attacks cabbage and lettuce plants especially. A poison half an ounce of calcium arsenate and one pound of chopped-up lettuce leaves helps protect the garden from the slug. The ingredients are well mixed and scattered in small heaps about the area.

Cutting the tender plants off just under the soil is the favorite occupation of the cutworm in the early garden. A poison bran mash is the standard remedy for this pest. The mash is prepared by mixing 25 pounds of coarse bran, one pound of paris green, 1/4 pound salt, and one pint of molasses. This is successful if the mash is made coarse and crumbly and is scattered thinly over the surface of the soil along rows of plants after sundown. Chickens are not allowed in a treated field.

The flea-beetle, so called because its hind legs are made to jump, is difficult to control as it feeds on the under side of plant leaves. Borgsaur mixture — copper sulfate 1 pound, quicklime 1 pound, and water 12 1/2 gallons — applied as under spray acts as an effective repellent.

The radish maggot is a destructive pest that attacks early garden products. Eggs laid by a fly later hatch into maggots. The best known method of control is to grow the radishes under a screen of heavy cheesecloth or light wire. V-shaped frames covered with screen are built at slight cost and may be moved readily from one place to another.

The twelve-spotted leaf beetle feeds on many plants found in the garden and field and even on weeds. Nicotine sulfate dust consisting of 40 per cent nicotine is used to control this pest.

Clustering together on the foliage and stems of plants are the plant lice. They reproduce much more rapidly than any known insect. Spray or dust of nicotine sulfate is the remedy. If this spray is used, the solution actually kills the insect to get good results.

The constitutionality of the flexible provisions of the tariff law, whereby the president may raise or lower import duties 50 per cent, has been upheld by a unanimous opinion of the United States court of customs appeals. The court held that delegation of such authority to the president was a valid exercise of the constitutional grant of power to Congress to regulate commerce.

Local School Fair Week

Pupils Show Years Progress With Exhibits in Five County Divisions

RUFUS LOCAL FAIR

The annual local school fair was held at Rufus on Monday, April 25. The athletic tryout for the county field meet took place before noon and the results showed that the remainder of the county will need to look to their laurels in a goodly number of the days events.

At one o'clock a community lunch was served by the girls of the high school. This was followed by a baseball game between the boys and girls of the school. The game closed with the boys entitled to the higher score, but also with the information that this was the first time they had been able to come out victorious.

Each of the two grade rooms and the high school room had a very fine exhibit of school room work. During the evening the local declamatory tryout was held at the church. Anna Coats, June Brackett and Opal Addington were winners for their respective divisions in this work.

An interesting feature in connection with this fair is that this is the first year that Rufus has carried out the days activities without neighboring rural schools. This is explained by the fact that all of the rural schools in the vicinity of Rufus have suspended and are working directly with Rufus in a semi-consolidated plan, with the exception of the Miller school, which is transporting its pupils to The Dalles. Two modern school buses were in evidence near the school grounds during the day.

WASCO LOCAL FAIR

The Wasco local fair was held on Tuesday, April 26. Each grade room and each high school department had very complete exhibits. Biglow and Klondike were the two rural schools who had excellent work on exhibit. The manual training work from the Wasco grades added much interest. The entire exhibit was placed in separate booths in the auditorium and the gray colored decorations gave a very festive appearance. The comments of the visitors during the afternoon showed the highest praise and appreciation for the work. During the early part of the afternoon the lower divisions of the field tryout were carried out with a showing of excellent material for the county contest.

The Biglow school under the direction of Mrs. Jeannette Vocum was given first place in the booth judging. Three divisions of club sewing were shown. Janet McQuillen won the blue ribbon in the third division which carried with it the special honor and a prize of fifteen dollars to be used to pay expenses at the Boys and Girls summer school to be held at Corvallis in June.

MORO LOCAL FAIR

The Moro local school fair was held Wednesday, April 27. The Moro grade exhibit was very artistically carried out under a booth that grouped together under a booth that carried out a Japanese effect. Gorman, Fairview, Monkland, DeMoss and Erskine were the rural schools who had exhibits.

Among other interesting features Fairview showed kodak pictures of program work during the year. The Monkland school featured the study of the Constitution worked out by the seventh grade pupil, Ronald McLachlan, during the entire year. Ronald had booklet studies of the life and effect on the Constitution of John Winthrop, Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Francis Willard and Susan Anthony. This school also had an exhibit of industrial club handwork along with a very excellent exhibit of regular school room work. A special point in the Gorman exhibit was original health posters designed by the children of the school. The DeMoss school also emphasized health work and club work in connection with their general exhibit of school room work.

The Erskine school had a most outstanding exhibit featuring a great variety of handwork in addition to the required school room work. Instead of the usual booth plan the exhibit was arranged on the two decks and the sails of the boat, Erskine. On the booth display Erskine received first place, Monkland second and DeMoss third.

The Moro Cookery Club under the direction of Mrs. John Searcy had an exhibit from each member of the club; cookies for the first division and cake for the second. Flora Williams received the blue ribbon on her cookies and Josephine Johnson received that place on her cake.

Erskine also had an excellent showing of both first and second division sewing. Lavon Sayers received the blue ribbon in the first division and Patricia Powell in the second.

DECLAMATORY CONTESTS

Declamatory contest winners from Rufus:

- Anna Coats, Class C Division
- June Brackett, Class B
- Opal Addington, Class A

Declamatory contest winners from Wasco:

- Margaret Johnson, Class C Division
- Louise Moretz, Class B
- Rose Edna Moretz, Class A

Declamatory contest winners from Moro:

- Alberta Alley, 1st place, C Division
- Mildred Adams, 2nd place, C
- Jean Powell, 1st place, B
- Josephine Johnson, 2nd place, B

There were no contestants in A division at the Moro division county school local fair.

State Defends New Law

Highway Commission Show Costs of Highway Construction and Maintenance

Answering the complaint of the Oregon Motor and Parker stages attacking the constitutionality of the new stage and bus license fees, the public service commission filed its answer in the circuit court at Salem on April 21.

The commission declared that the highways of the state have been constructed at a cost to the public of \$88,000,000 and are being maintained at a cost of \$800 per mile, or \$2,300,000 annually.

The answer avers that the charges imposed by the law are not sufficient or adequate to reimburse the state for the damage done by reason of use of the highways by the stage lines. The answer states that it costs Oregon practically six cents per ton mile for construction and maintenance of the highways and the part of the highways used by the plaintiffs.

The state further alleges in its answer that the loss, if any, sustained by the plaintiffs, is chargeable to the manner, method and character and extent of the operation of the stage lines, and to a condition over which the commission has no control.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE

The city of Morgantown, West Virginia, according to C. L. Topping, state fire marshal of that state, has just finished an illuminating example of what can be done to keep insurance rates down. The University City has gained the new and improved classification in fire insurance for which its officials have been striving for nearly a decade, and it will mean an annual saving to that city in insurance premiums of approximately \$50,000. Mr. Topping adds:

"Each individual insurer is largely responsible personally for the rate he pays. Every fire hazard he tolerates within his building, and every exposure from without, adds to the basic insurance tax, for it is a tax that is applied either directly or indirectly to all business transactions and the cost of living. To reduce that tax, municipalities must strengthen their fire-fighting means and every citizen must strive to eliminate conditions which cause fires."

Auto Wreck at Rufus

Seattle Produce Salesman and Wife Killed When Car Nose Dives From Highway

Sheriff Hugh Chrisman received word from Rufus about 8 o'clock Friday evening that an auto wreck had been discovered about 1 1/2 miles east of Rufus in which two people had been killed.

When the scene of the wreck was reached by Mr. Chrisman it was soon discovered that the victims were W. M. Newmeyer and wife of Seattle, driving east in a Studebaker touring car. Later it was learned that the couple had left Seattle the previous day for Yakima on business connected with the fruit and produce firm of which Mr. Newmeyer was general manager.

The wreck was discovered by Johnny Mathieson, garage man of Rufus, who had been called to a point further east to assist a stalled car on the highway. When he was passing the place where the car had gone off the grade he happened to notice the marks in the gravel at the side of the road, stopped his car, walked to the edge of the high bluff and saw the car and its victims about 200 feet below the highway.

From marks left on the highway it is considered very likely that the wrecked car was traveling at high speed, turned in too close to the right hand cliff when attempting the turn, hit the bank and skidded sideways across the highway and over to destruction below.

The accident is supposed to have occurred about 2:15 p. m. Friday, the watch worn by Mrs. Newmeyer having stopped at that time, altho the watch owned by her husband had also stopped but a half hour later.

The car first made a vertical drop of about 75 feet and then rolled another 75 feet down a sharp inclined sidehill before coming to a stop among a nest of big boulders that literally made a complete wreck of the car. The victims of the crash received injuries that resulted in instant death.

After being released from the wreck the two bodies were carried several hundred feet over rugged boulders to the railroad track where they were placed on a railroad section push car and taken to Rufus and from there to The Dalles by Zell who prepared the remains for shipment to their home at Seattle.

Pensions for Ministers

Presbyterian Church Conducts Campaign to Raise Pension Fund for Retired Pastors

The oldest and the newest pension systems in America are Presbyterian. Almost sixty years before the Continental congress, as one of its first acts, provided pensions for persons disabled in the war for American independence, the Presbyterian church at its general assembly of 1717 in Philadelphia had established a "fund for pious purposes," for the benefit of its old pastors. The first pension was paid to a widow and amounted to \$21.

Today the Presbyterian church is completing a \$15,000,000 fund that will be the basis for a more adequate recognition of workers grown old in service of the cross. To benefit by it, ministers and their congregations must make payments over years and the big fund now being completed will provide for accrued liability so that foremost life insurance authorities and actuaries give assurance that the plan will be self-perpetuating thru all time to come. Its soundness has been attested by all qualified to give opinions upon it.

Will H. Hays is chairman of the laymen's committee directing the nation-wide campaign. The east has finished its part. Sunday, April 24, ministers in 400 cities and towns throughout the Pacific coast spoke from their pulpits for the plan, at the request of Chairman Hays.

"Care of retired ministers is the laymen's duty," said John Willis Baer chairman of the coast executive committee. "The ministry is the only profession I know of that is doomed to financial failure from the outset."

Farmers Pay City Bills

If a city has an electric light or power plant, water plant or other property operated by private enterprise, such property is taxed a large sum of money annually to help support city, county, state and national governments. If the city buys this private property and it becomes a municipal enterprise, it no longer pays taxes on the property, and the taxes thus lost (but which have not been eliminated) must be made up by heavier assessments on other property.

In California, where such cities as Los Angeles and San Francisco have invested millions of dollars in municipal undertakings, the farmers object to being double taxed in order that citizens of the large cities may have cheaper rates on electric and water service simply because these municipal undertakings are not assessed their just share of the tax burden.

The farmers are demanding that the laws be changed so that such publicly owned enterprises of an industrial character be taxed to contribute their just share toward maintenance of government, instead of being tax exempt.

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