

# Lane County Farmers Union News

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## AGENT STARTS WAR AGAINST SQUIRREL

### Monday, March 29, To Be Unlucky Day For Lane County's Gray Diggers; Two Tons of Barley Poisoned for Use in Drive On Rodent Pests, Says Fletcher.

Nineteen-twenty-six will be an unlucky year for gray diggers if plans of County Agricultural Agent O. S. Fletcher materialize. The county agent has prepared two tons of poisoned barley and has outlined a definite plan of action against squirrels in all sections of Lane county. Monday, March 29, is squirrel-poisoning day throughout the county.

Adopting a plan of starting the anti-squirrel campaign earlier this year than last, County Agent Fletcher will appoint squirrel control supervisors in all districts where there is a squirrel problem.

In county papers Mr. Fletcher is having published notices calling attention to the state law which makes it the duty of every individual owning or occupying land infested with rodents to proceed with the extermination of the pests. In the notices, it is stated if property-holders fail to comply with the regulation, authorities will proceed with the extermination and levy the cost against said lands.

Agent Fletcher recommends that squirrel poisoning day be celebrated by farmers on March 29 by a county-wide war of extermination against squirrels, using the poisoned barley which may be obtained at his Eugene office.

### FARM POINTERS

The object of spraying for fungus diseases as explained by the Oregon experiment station is to cover all exposed surfaces with a fungus poison, which will kill the diseased spores, that would have been carried to the plant and thus prevent infections. Thoroughness in spraying is therefore essential to success, since any bit of unprotected surface will be an open port of entry for diseases. Pruning cut and other wounds should also be protected by an antiseptic tree paint such as Sherwin-Williams' Fungi Bordo in raw linseed oil.

An average fleece weight, or standard fleece weight, for each particular flock is decided upon by successful growers of farm sheep. All sheep not producing standard fleece are culled from the flock. By culling the ewes that shear light fleeces the average fleece weight for the flock increases. It is well to bear in mind that in all culling work two-thirds of the return from the ewes comes from the lambs and one-third from the wool, says the extension service.

Successful Oregon farms cull the ewes in their farm flocks on the basis of age, conformation, size, fleece, and ability to breed. The information on these various points is gathered throughout the year. Culling on the basis of conformation is done immediately after shearing. The condition, size, and conformation of the lambs are indications of the ewe's ability to breed. Records of fleece weights are taken at shearing time. The best time to dispose of the culled ewes is in the fall, says the college

## NELSON POULTRY MAY MAKE HIGH RECORDS

Three-hundred egg records are likely to be broken by at least one or two of the crack leghorn pullets owned by Robert Nelson, Springfield poultryman. Mr. Nelson is keeping trap-nest records of the laying of his hens, and reported this week that prospects are good for first class records from several of them.

Last year one of Mr. Nelson's hens made a record of 294 eggs in a year, considered a high mark. Had it not been for the cold spell, the poultryman believes his hen would have gone into the 300-egg class, but she quit laying for a time during the freezing period.

This year, he says, even better prospects for records are seen at his ranch. He has several hens and pullets who are promising to catch new records in their classes.

The world's records Leghorn hen laid 337 eggs in 365 days, and a Black Orpington hen in Australia laid 342 eggs in a year. When hens get into the 250-egg class or better, they are considered doing exceptionally well, and a 300-egg hen, such as Mr. Nelson believes he has, is a remarkable layer.

Last fall Mr. Nelson took several of his best fowls to the International Livestock meet at Portland and captured all the first prizes in the classes in which he entered his chicks. This record brought considerable comment in poultry journals, and poultrymen are watching with interest for new records from the Nelson poultry yard.

### Mrs. Solomon.

Hubby: "Why are you dating this etter the 16th when today is the 1st?"

Wifey: "I'm going to let you mail it."

### His Master's Voice.

Rastus "in undertone to Sambor: "Time was when ah could whip de old lady in a ruff and tumble fight."

Old Lady overhearing: "You's a black lih—me nebbah wuz—nebbah ain't—an' ain't nebbah will be."

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extension service.

Peach leaf curl in Oregon orchards cannot be prevented or controlled after the leaves have begun to appear. Before this time though, the experiment station has found that bordeaux mixture spray will give complete protection. Where a protective spray has not been given and where there are only a few peach trees the owner can control the disease by pulling off the diseased leaves, in doing so the tree will send out new ones provided the buds are not pulled off. This of course only applies to very small orchards as pulling off leaves in a large orchard would be impossible. The fruit will be lessened the first year but will be better the next year and the disease will have been controlled.

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## Community News

By Special Correspondent

### UPPER WILLAMETTE

Mrs. Andy Olson and infant, Robert Andrew, returned to their home from the Goshen hospital Sunday, February 28.

Mrs. Titsworth, mother of Mrs. Chas. Curtis, left for Salem last week enroute to her home in Idaho. Mrs. Titsworth has been visiting her daughter at Pleasant Hill the past month.

The freshman class at the Pleasant Hill high school chose the following class officers Tuesday, March 2. President Vena Awbrey; vice-president, Nina Dilley; secretary-treasurer, Harold Dilley; class reporter, Maurice Bendshader. The junior officers are: president, Barry Mauney; vice-president, Russell Woodward; secretary-treasurer, Minnie Olson; class reporter, Helen Larimer.

Guy Mathews of Dexter was chosen as all-star guard on the Lane county all-star mythical team in class "B," picked in Eugene Saturday night after the tournament held at the Y. M. C. A.

Walker high school basketball team defeated the Pleasant Hill team Saturday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. building by a score of 37 to 17. The line-up for Pleasant Hill was: forwards, Mathews and Davis; center Woodward; guards, Elliott, Bedall, McKenzie was a substitute.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge, who purchased a ranch at Pleasant Hill last fall have traded their place for a ranch near Orlando, California.

Otto H. Wengeline of Long Beach, California, who is making his home at Pleasant Hill celebrated his 74th birthday, March 2.

T. F. Kabler received word from his former home in Kansas that the death rate from influenza had been higher this winter than during the scourge in 1918. The last newspaper from there gave notices of the death of five personal acquaintances of Mr. Kabler.

The botany class at the Pleasant Hill high school will go for a field trip in the near future. The members of the class are very busy pressing and classifying the wild flowers of Oregon.

Loganberry vines are beginning to bud and farmers are rushing the work of getting the vines on the wires.

C. F. Hyde and Emory Schrenders motored to McKenzie bridge Sunday. A splendid program followed by a lively box social netted the members of the Woodmen at Pleasant Hill over forty dollars Saturday night, February 27. The money will go toward buying baseball suits.

As only a few people turned out to the cemetery meeting called by the Pleasant Hill public school board no action was taken in regard to the necessary improvements that will soon have to be made at the cemetery.

Much interest is being taken this winter in the Trent literary society which has held some very lively debates and good programs in the past.

In a health record taken at the Pleasant Hill public school it was learned that the children range from 25 pounds underweight to 25 pounds overweight.

Belle Olson is sick at her home with the flu.

### WILLAMETTE

Mrs. G. R. Fish was stricken with paralysis Sunday at Junction City, where she, in company with her husband and son, Gilbert, had gone to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Bogart. Physicians and a nurse were summoned, and she was removed to the Eugene hospital Monday. Mrs. Henry Cook of Oakridge and A. Fish of Salem arrived Monday to be with their mother. Mrs. Fish is reported much improved.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Administrator of the Estate of Nancy J. Rutherford, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, and with the proper vouchers, to the said Administrator at the law office of Gordon S. Wells in the Court House at Eugene, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice.  
Date of the first publication of this notice is March 4, 1926.  
JAMES RUTHERFORD,  
Administrator of the Estate of Nancy J. Rutherford, deceased.  
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### THURSTON NOTES

Frank Campbell motored to Leaburg last Monday.

Clifford Weaver motored in from Klamath Falls and visited his parents Thursday.

George William started his sawmill to running Monday after a lay off for some time.

John Price sold his team of horses. John Edmiston and family motored to Junction City last Sunday and visited Mrs. Edmiston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baugh attended the auxiliary meeting of the County Sunday school officers at Springfield last Sunday.

George Platt lost one of his valuable Jersey cows last Saturday.

Howard Platt from Eugene called on his brother, Walter, last Sunday.

There were no preaching services here last Sunday as Rev. Pite has resigned and no one has been chosen to fill his place.

Howard Cotten from Springfield visited relatives here last Sunday.

The Thurston basketball team only liked one game of winning the silver cup of being the best rural team. They met their defeat with the Walker team last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker, also Mrs. Charlie Hastings and son, James, attended the Price revival in Eugene last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrison and family from Marcola visited Mrs. Baxter last Sunday.

The Ladies' aid are going to give a picnic at the church on Friday evening, March 12, the proceeds are to go on a fund to build a kitchen on the church house. They will meet with Mrs. Brown for all day meeting on Thursday.

Maudie Edmiston spent Tuesday night with her cousin, Leone Edmiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Spark from Blue River visited Mr. and Mrs. Arch Shough on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. W. Weaver has received word that her sister-in-law in Butte, Idaho, was struck with paralysis and is critical.

Walter Edmiston made a trip to Waverille Tuesday.

### Notice.

WHEREAS in chapter 127, general laws of Oregon, enacted in 1919, it is declared to be the duty of every person, firm, co-partnership, company and corporation owning, leasing, occupying, possessing or having charge of or dominion over any land, place, building, structure, wharf, pier or dock which is infested with ground squirrels and other noxious rodents or predatory animals, or as soon as the presence of the same shall come to his, their or its knowledge, at once to proceed and to continue in good faith to exterminate and destroy such rodents by poisoning, trapping or other appropriate and effective means; and

WHEREAS gray digger, ground squirrels (Citellus douglasii) are noxious rodents in Lane County, Oregon.

Now therefore, all of such persons, firms, co-partnerships, corporations and companies owning or having dominion over land in said Lane County, Oregon, are hereby required to take steps to exterminate said gray digger ground squirrels (Citellus douglasii) within thirty days from the date of the first publication of this notice. If such steps are not taken, a person or persons appointed by the county court of said Lane County will enter upon said lands and proceed to exterminate said gray digger ground squirrels (Citellus douglasii) and the cost of said extermination will be levied against said lands.

The county agricultural agent hereby designates Monday, March 29th, as a day to be known as "squirrel poisoning day" throughout the said Lane County, and it is hereby recommended that poisoned barley, as prepared by the undersigned and representatives of the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, be used for the purpose of such extermination. Such poisoned barley may be secured from the undersigned at his office in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, at approximately the cost of preparation.

Date of first publication of this notice March 4, 1926.  
(Signed) O. S. FLETCHER,  
County Agricultural Agent.  
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## BLIGHT OF STONE FRUIT NEEDS SPECIAL SPRAYING

Where blossom and twig blight of Oregon prunes, cherries, and apricots has been serious in the past, special attention to spraying them is recommended by the experiment station. The disease spores are all ready being produced, and as soon as winter buds open they will start new infections.

In places where the disease has been severe in the past, particularly on apricots or other very susceptible varieties of fruit, a number of sprays will be required if the season is at all wet and favorable for spread of the disease.

The following program is suggested as soon as winter buds open, and before blossom buds appear: use bordeaux 4-450, covering every bud and twig. In some sections as high as 8-8.50 strength is recommended. The second application with the same mixture is best applied as soon as the first blossom buds are opening. The third when the trees are in full bloom is effective.

Growers do not need to fear reduced fruit sets from this spray. The same protection usually increase the set of fruit against blight.

The most desirable lamb for the Oregon market is one that has condition and weighs 75 to 80 pounds when sold, the experiment station finds. That kind of lamb will dress out 35 to 40 pounds. This is the ideal weight to sell to advantage, providing the lamb has the proper degree of fat. Lambs larger than that will sell but they will bring less money.

A choice carcass of dressed lamb is thick, blocky, bright in color of flesh, and evenly covered with white fat from the hock to the neck. In the less desirable carcasses one does not find the even covering of fat. To produce ideal carcasses the lambs need ample feed.

## FIRE CAUSES \$3000 IN DAMAGE TO GREENHOUSE

Damage approximating \$3000 resulted from a fire which on Tuesday afternoon destroyed the boiler room and threatened one of the largest greenhouses on the coast at Chase Gardens. The blaze spread to the end of one section of the greenhouse before being extinguished through the aid of apparatus from the Springfield fire department taken to the scene by local high school students.

After the wreckage was cleared away it was found that the boilers had not been damaged sufficiently to prevent keeping up heat in the big flower plant, thus avoiding what would have been the most serious damage. Insurance partially covered the loss suffered.

The power line which was operating pumps being used to force water in fighting the fire went out of commission when the blaze was at its highest, and it was then that the help was called from Springfield. In the meantime the fire had spread to the greenhouse, burning a section about 20 feet long.

The most serious damage was to the pumps and to an electric motor in the boiler house.

Moss to New Place—Fred Rosenberry and family on Tuesday moved to a house at Ninth and C streets, vacating the place at Sixth and A streets.

### Still Life.

Photographer: "Man, you're remarkable. I never photographed any one who could hold the same position for so long without moving. How do you do it?"  
"Oh, I'm used to it. I'm a brick-layer."



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