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HANDLING OREGON FRUIT SHORT COURSE SUBJECT

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, January 20—A general discussion of the handling of fruit will be conducted by H. Hartman, horticulturist of the experiment station, at the sixth annual canner's school, February 7 to 25.

Professor Hartman has been carrying on experiments for the past few years collecting data on determining the maturity of fruit and the relation of the time of picking to keeping and canning quality. Fruit storage, diseases or fruit in storage and management of fruit storage plants will be covered in these discussions.

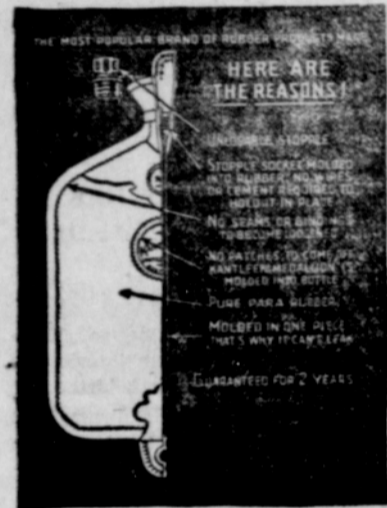
A. G. Bouquet, professor of vegetable gardening, will lecture and lead discussions on the choice of varieties and influence of seed strains on the yield and quality of canning vegetables. Methods of culture of vegetables for the factory and the growers' problems in producing the raw vegetable product for the cannery will be covered.

Many other phases of commercial canning will be dealt with by specialists of the college and other recognized authority. Registration will be Monday, February 7.

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FARM REMINDERS

House ferns attacked by scale insects are controlled by frequent applications of a common laundry soap, says the entomologist of the Oregon station. One-quarter pound of soap is used to one gallon of water. It is best to wash the solution from the plants about two hours after application.

Early winter is the time Oregon farmers get their spray machinery in readiness for the spraying season, says the Oregon experiment station. Some orchardists find it necessary to increase the spray outfits because of orchard growth. With the spray apparatus in good working condition, the spray for the control of insects is put on at the right time, thus saving many dollars to the growers.

Oyster shell scale on apples promises to be an important pest in Oregon in the coming season, says the experiment station. Growers who find the brown, pear-shaped scales on an occasional fruit examine the bark of their trees for the scale. This part is controlled by spraying with lime-sulfur, 12 gallons of the concentrated solution to 100 gallons of water, applied in February.

Insects cause an annual average loss in Oregon of 10 per cent or \$500,000 to the vegetable growers, says Don C. Mote, entomologist of the experiment station. Vegetables suffer twice as much as other crops from insect ravages, he says.

Vegetable growing is becoming a prominent industry in Oregon, professor Mote asserts. Vegetables now grown in Oregon exclusively for sale bring more than 2 million dollars annually. In addition to the commercial crop the farm garden has a value of 3 million dollars.

During the past five years several truck crops such as broccoli, lettuce and celery have developed a shipping business. The pack of cannery vegetables has also greatly increased in the last five years. Greenhouses are springing up everywhere. The largest greenhouse in the state was built in 1923.

Return From Spokane—Mrs. Osburn Pratt and mother-in-law were here Saturday en route for their home at Goshen following a visit at Spokane, Washington, with Mrs. Pratt's sister, Mrs. Roy Patterson.

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A Great Pestilence Spreading Throughout The Country

AMERICA'S GREAT CORN BELT THREATENED AS ALL ATTEMPTS TO HALT EUROPEAN BORER FAIL

Farm Experts Estimate \$3,000,000 Federal Appropriation and Fifty Mile Quarantine Belt will Be Necessary To Halt Pest's Westward March

Written especially for The Springfield News By ROBERT FULLER

Chicago, Jan. 20—Farmers in America's great corn belt, Indiana to the Rockies, are troubled over the advance of the European corn borer. Reports that the destructive worm has pushed westward as far as Kalamazoo, Mich., have led to conferences between farmers and the count agents to devise some effective defense against the pest.

Among the proposals already made to combat the borer are a \$3,000,000 Federal appropriation and a fifty-mile quarantine belt around the infested region.

The borer has done much damage in the last two or three years on both sides of the lakes in the Ontario and Erie regions. In this country the districts hit hardest are western New York, northern Pennsylvania, Ohio and southern Michigan.

Spreads Despite Three Year Fight

In these regions the quarantine method has already been tried, but on a smaller scale. Motorists there are familiar with waving lanterns that force hasty applications of brakes at night along the roads leading from an infested county to one free from the pest. State and Federal agents in these states have halted millions of automobiles in an attempt to prevent the westward spread of the borer, but its appearance in regions beyond the quarantine indicates the method is ineffectual.

Grave danger faces the farmers of the corn belt if the borer should succeed in digging himself in there. The borer might do more damage here than the boll weevil did in its raids on the South, for this region is the center of the nation's corn and pork production and of the dairy industry.

This westward advance of the corn borer is consequently of great importance to the nation at large.

The borer is a non-quota immigrant from east central Europe. Although it has done much damage in Europe, this has been lessened by the fact that the farmers there use every scrap of stalk. Since the borer lives in stalks and stubble through the winter even though the temperature drops to 40 below, it will be more difficult to prevent its spread and consequent damage in this country where much of the stalk is left standing.

Tiny Moths Have Range of Twenty Miles

Warm weather finds the borer laying eggs which hatch into moths able to fly twenty miles further into uninfested territory. Eating as it goes the borer burrows up the stalk until the corn breaks and falls over before the ears have ripened. Sometimes it even devours the ears themselves.

Although no effectual remedy has been found, it has been discovered that a wasp-like parasite feeds on the borer. In general, though, the best remedy known at present is to cut the corn as early as possible and to destroy all the crop not used or put it in silos, where the borer dies, and to plant some other crop the following year.

Such remedy would be more difficult in the corn belt than in the regions of more diversified farming.

Community News

By Special Correspondents

UPPER WILLAMETTE

The members of the Christian Endeavor society are busy practicing for their play "The Deacon's Honeymoon" which they hope to give the last of January.

Several members of the Christian Endeavor society went to Eugene Sunday night to attend the revival services being held there.

D. G. Linton and Bruce Wheeler were chosen as elders to take the place of W. L. Bristow, who resigned because of his health.

The debating teams at the Pleasant Hill high school are working hard for the coming debates.

The Pleasant Hill high school basketball teams played the Walker teams at Walker Thursday Jan. 13. The Pleasant Hill girls won by a score of 24 to 9, while the boys suffered their first defeat the score being 17 to 9 in favor of Walker. Two of the second team substituted on the Pleasant Hill team as two of the regular team were out on account of sickness.

After a siege of the flu, all the Linton family are well and back in school again.

Jerry Kabler is sick with a severe cold and flu.

Five thousand baby chicks will be received from the Inwood Leghorn farm near Corvallis this week by two poultry raisers of the Pleasant Hill district, and 4400 will arrive February 1st.

Teddy Leavitt the evangelist has been engaged to hold a series of revival meetings at Pleasant Hill next summer.

Berry Manney and Daisy Winfrey represented the Pleasant Hill high school at the conference in Eugene last Friday.

Many of the radio fans are very enthusiastic over the concerts being broadcasted by KGEH Eugene, Oregon. The concert Sunday night by Miss Melba Williams and Eugene Cawles came over the air perfectly.

THURSTON

Several cases of chicken-pox have been reported. Jimmie Hill and Frank Campbell are the most recent victims.

Miss Mildred Price has recently accepted a school near Siltcoos Lake where she will finish the term.

Mrs. Lizzie Gray went to Eugene Monday to visit her little granddaughter, Betty Jean, who underwent an operation at the Northwest Hospital.

Several motored to Junction City to see Buster Keaton in "The General" which was filmed at Cottage Grove last summer.

Mr. Morly, a jeweler from South Africa was an interesting visitor at Thurston Sunday.

Ed Whittaker who has been ill expects to change climate soon.

Perry Price, a graduate of the Thurston High school was recently pledged Pi Kappa Phi at O. A. C.

Mrs. Laura Hadley is visiting her mother, Mrs. Needham.

There will be an all day meeting of the Ladies Aid at the church Thursday. Men are invited to come and help fix up the grounds. There will be a lunch served at noon.

Walterville District Sunday School Conference was held at the church Sunday afternoon.

Leaburg Sunday School won the banner for which the various schools have been contesting.

Mrs. Rena Edmiston is visiting her daughter, Hazel, at Ashland.

Mrs. Jennie Edmiston returned to Eugene Tuesday to take care of her daughter, Mrs. Rosa Baugham, who is ill.

Harvey Calvert, who has had a severe attack of the flu was able to attend school Monday.

Mr. De Witt from Seattle was a victim of the flu while visiting at the Weaver home.

Many grieve the death of Mrs. Carrie Byler, who had lived most of

her life at Thurston, and died at the Pacific Christian hospital January 13. The funeral was held at Veatch's Chapel January 15. The services were conducted by E. V. Strivers.

GARDEN WAY

At a recent meeting of the Sunshine Club which was held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Cole, the ladies decided to sew and contribute clothing for a needy family. The work will be done at the next meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Lester Cyr. Those who were present were: Mrs. H. L. Chase, Mrs. Marvin Chase, Maude Chase, Mrs. Homer Chase, Mrs. Mark Cole, Mrs. C. Cole, Mrs. Lester Cyr, Mrs. Geo. Fish, Mrs. J. Fish, Mrs. W. R. Hardie, Mrs. Geo. Harrington, Mrs. U. G. McElhany, Mrs. W. J. Pengra, Mrs. Dewey Ray and Mrs. H. E. Wylie. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Fish and son, Gilbert, and John Lynch were guests at the Briggs' home Sunday.

Ira Cline has returned from a several months' stay at Sheridan, Mo. Mr. Cline had returned to his old Missouri home with the intention of remaining there, but the lure of the West, especially Oregon, was too much for him.

Edith and Alma Landsberry of Springfield were guests of Alma Fish Sunday.

Friends of Henry Hukriede received news of his death which occurred recently at Filmore, California. Mr. Hukriede formerly owned the Fish Hoopyard.

Ava Erdman of Eugene visited with her mother, Mrs. Erdman Sunday.

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"The General" Coming

After negotiating since November 1 for a date for presentation of "The General," Buster Keaton picture with its locale in Lane county, Manager Jack Larson of the Bell Theatre announced today that the show will be here February 13, 14 and 15. Cottage Grove was the center of activities of Keaton's company last summer during the filming of "The General," and many Springfield residents visited the Grove to watch the taking of the picture.

Bell Theatre

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