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THE WHEAT STRAW WORM.

A NEW PEST has proven somewhat expensive to farmers of Washington in the wheat straw worm which is a small, yellow worm about one-quarter of an inch in length, and when present can easily be found by cutting through a straw lengthwise. They are generally found near a joint. The adult is a small, black fly which punctures a tiny hole in the wheat straw near a joint and lays the eggs which develop into the small yellow worm, which is common now. The worm lives over winter in the straw, either in the stack or in the field, and then develops into the adult in the following summer. The eggs are laid about the time the wheat begins to head.—N. W. Stockman and Farmer.

STUDENT LABOR HELPS SOLVE FARM PROBLEM

FARMERS who find satisfactory farm labor hard to get may, if they wish, make application to the Agricultural College for student labor. Students of agriculture from towns and cities, who have had no experience in farming, find their work harder and their progress less satisfactory than the work and progress of those who have worked on the farm. Many of them have thought best to go out and get that experience before completing their course. Farmers who have tried this class of farm help report the best of satisfaction with it. Many of them repeat this practice year after year. The young men are as eager to do work in the best way as the farmers are to have it done. They are willing workers because anxious to learn.

In sending applications for student help, farmers should give necessary information as to kind of employment, time of beginning, probable duration, opportunities to benefit from the work, and wages paid.

Students and prospective students who wish to take this means of securing practical experience while earning fair wages, are requested to send their names, addresses, and other vital points of information to the College where the facts will be kept on file for use when occasion arises.

From the list of positions and the list of applications, the College will try to bring the demand and the supply together, to the benefit of both farmer and student.

Orchardists in Washington have trouble with the wooly aphid. They are easily controlled on branches by contact insecticides, but it is hard work to kill them when they attack the roots. To protect against this the ground should be cultivated so there will be no roots near the surface. Northern spy trees are very free from attack.

In preparing fowls for the fairs and poultry shows, try to make each bird you send a sensation for beholders.

Timber Men to Meet

THE annual meeting of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, which is the established conference of all Pacific Coast protective organizations, and possibly the most important yearly gathering of timber owners in the United States or Canada, will be held in Tacoma this year, December 7 and 8.

The fire protection part of the program will abandon the general topics so thoroughly covered in the past and deal only with important needs disclosed by the past season; the chief of which seem to be a better system for financing emergency expenses, perfecting state policies and legislation, requirements for continuation of Weeks Law funds, and utilizing fire wind forecasts in the most practicable manner. A study of timber insurance possibilities will be reported.

While what is really new and important in fire work must not be neglected, it has been decided that at this time such an important gathering should devote much of its time to other matters of pressing interest. With the proper officials present to give authentic information, there will be discussion of the new Government study of the lumber industry, the Trades Commission bill, Forester Graves' new plan for capitalizing national forest resources to assist state road building, and taxation amendments now up in Pacific states. The stumpage situation and its trend is another subject chosen for expert analysis.

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