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Practical Pointers From Branch Farms

A stationary spray rig which has been in operation for 10 years on the Hood River branch experiment station has used for power throughout the period an engine from an old 1915 automobile which cost only \$25 originally and operates at a cost of about \$26 per year, less than a fourth of the estimated power cost for electricity. So many advantages have been found for the stationary spray outfit as compared with the portable that 15 or 20 growers in the valley are making such installations this year.

Thirty-six miles of roads and 86

miles of fence have been built on the new 16,000 acre Squaw Butte range experiment station in central Oregon. These and other improvements have been made by a CCC camp established there. Some of the fences are coyote proof, while a few around small test plots even exclude rodents. All the fences are built with large peeled juniper posts, which last almost indefinitely in that climate.

Morning glories are being controlled by two methods on the Union branch experiment station without using chemicals. On one patch which had become badly infested, alfalfa was seeded, and by the end of the third year no morning glory can be found. Farmers throughout many parts of the state have successfully controlled morning glory with alfalfa on land where the latter will do well. In a variation of the clean cultivation method on the Union station a potato digger was used on a small patch to bring roots to the surface. At the end of two seasons, with one crop of fall wheat in between, the

The rotation of peas and spring wheat in the heavier land section of Umatilla county has been found to be the most profitable in experiments conducted on the Pendleton branch station. Plenty of moisture is usually available for maturing these crops in alternate years without the use of summer fallow.

morning glories had been cleaned up.

Control Work Started On Garden Symphalids

Hope for the thousands of persons all over the west coast whose farms and gardens suffer annually from the work of those small, threadlike worms known as symphalids or garden centipedes is to be found in the fact that a search for a solution to

station, using funds appropriated for that purpose by the last legislature.

Hundreds of letters pour into the experiment station offices annually manure that has become infested from persons who say they have with the small pests. planted corn or some other crop several times and cannot get a stand, or that the plants they set out do not grow, regardless of ample water and trouble is an infestation of symphaincluding black locust and Russian of control methods. olive trees. In one case they were

to asters and aster seed.

No survey has yet been made of the exact areas infested with symphalids or of the annual loss caused by them, but for the mass of people in Oregon who raise crops either commercially or otherwise, they constitute probably the most serious single problem from the standpoint of financial loss and difficulty of control, according to A. G. B. Bouquet, vegetable crops specialist at O. S. C. Bouquet is working with the entomology department on the problem. The pests are known to exist in western Oregon counties from the Jackson county line north, and in Washington and British Co-

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Professor Bouquet believes symphalids are often unwittingly brot in in the soil around plants purchas-

ed at stores and elsewhere, and in

The greatest difficulty in working out a method of control for symphalids is that they are not affected by anything that will not penertate fertilizer. Almost invariably their the soil, according to Bouquet. The funds provided by the legislature for lids, the station finds. The pest does an investigation of the problem came not confine itself to gardens, of a little late for a good start this year, course, but feeds on the seeds and but studies are under way on the fine white roots of many crops, even station looking toward development

found responsible for \$6000 damage Dean of Men Assistant Named at O. S. C.

Corvallis-Dan W. Poling, who has been superintendent of schools at Maupin and Myrtle Creek, has been named assistant to the dean of men at Oregon State college, subject to final confirmation by the state board of higher education. Poling is a graduate of Oregon State college school of commerce in 1928.

The new assistant succeeds Percy Locey, who is now manager of both intercollegiate athletics and the campus non-athletic students activities. In his new position Poling will give special attention to living organizations, dormitories, clubs and class organizations, while Dr. U. G. Dubach, dean of men for the past 12 years, will handle the personal guid-

the problem has been started by the lumbia. Few reports have yet come ance work. The campus personnel Oregon State college experiment from eastern Oregon, Bouquet says. organization, which assists students in every school, will be continued under the coordinated plan adopted year ago.

> Poling is the son of Dr. D. V. Poling, present high school contacts man for the state system of higher education, and a relative of Dr. Daniel tion was turning out pretty fair, he Poling, noted Philadelphia minister. said.

He will also teach some classes in political science, a department of which Dean Dubach is head.

Verner Troedson, in twon Saturday from the north Ione section, reported his harvesting operations under way. His crop of white federa-





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