

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

These fall days many trucks are seen going to the mountains cutting poles and posts for fence and corral repair. The ideal treatment for lengthening the life of the green posts and poles is a salt method preservative treatment. A new bulletin released this week by Oregon State college gives details on salt treatment for green posts and poles. It is very timely.

Many times the question is asked whether it is worth the trouble of treating posts with them so easily available in the mountains. Most of the cost of a post is in setting it, rather than its original cost. Seventy-two salt treated posts installed 24 years ago at the Oregon State College post farm are still standing, although their tops are no longer serviceable in most cases.

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These posts were round, unpeeled Douglas fir, four to seven inches in diameter. Untreated posts, similar to those treated, failed in seven years. The bulletin giving detailed treatment is available at the county agent's office.

Many of our herds of calves are now being weaned as livestock comes in off of the range. Weaning will continue from now through November depending on the range area. It is during this weaning season that steps can be taken for livestock improvement in most beef herds. The first one is selection of replacement heifers while they are still running with the cows. Look for good growthy calves that are fat, and out of deep roomy cows. In other words, look for the fat calf, lean cow combination. The second one is culling the cow herd. Take out old cows; cows with bad eyes; cows with bad udders; crippled; cows with very late calves and all cows that did not produce a calf the past season unless for some good reason. If these two steps are followed, much can be done in improvement of the herd in an attempt to bring the cost of production closer in line with our now low market.

Did you know that 90% of all fires are due to carelessness, and that 80 people lost their lives in Oregon fires in 1952? 10,600 home fires occurred in Oregon last year. This is National Fire Prevention Week. Why don't you use this as an excuse for checking your farm buildings for fire hazards?

The Oregon Cattleman's Assn.

State Grange To Hold Conference At Boardman

By Flossie Coats

Due to unavoidable circumstances the State Grange Officers conference will be held in Boardman October 30, 1953 instead of at Lexington as was previously announced through this column.

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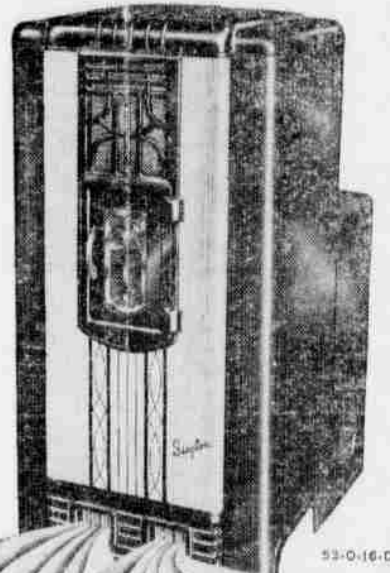
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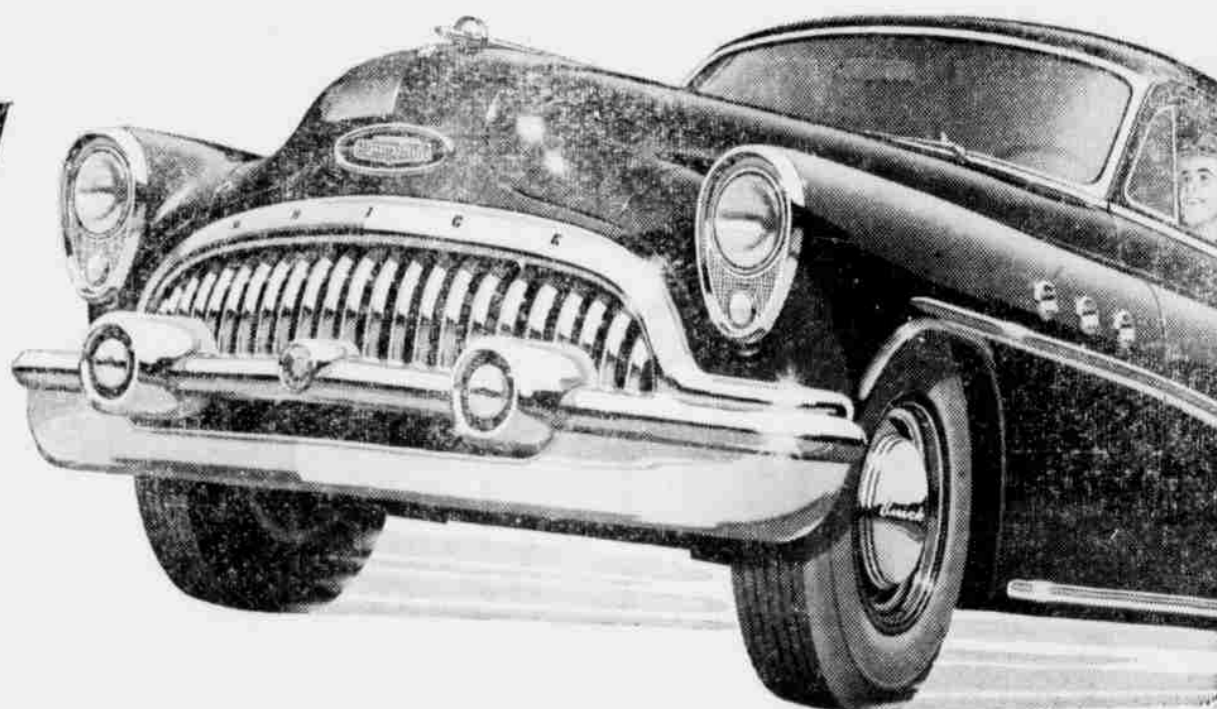
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