

Hints on Holly Care, Decorations Given

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Some folks are fortunate enough to have some Oregon Holly and want to know how to keep it fresh.

Holly and other green shrubs make welcome gifts to those who live in areas where greens are not available. Add a bit of holly or juniper to each Christmas remembrance. Pre-treat holly and other greenery with a fruit hormone solution for longer life. After rinsing branches in water to wash off excess dust, dip in hormone solution that is three times the strength recommended for treating fruit trees. This hormone may be purchased under several trade names at garden and seed stores.

Treated greens may be packed in cardboard boxes lined with moisture-proof paper or foil. While we're talking about Christmas, why not make a Christmas tree salad. This is lots of fun for children and adults, too. Serve Christmas tree salads for dinner one of these December days. Pour a cranberry gelatin salad mixture into cone-shaped paper cups. Place the cups in glasses to hold them upright. When they are set, unroll and decorate with softened cream cheese in pastry tube.

Candles are always a part of the holidays. Candles that have been used to some extent may need cleaning. You can clean candles with a cloth dampened in alcohol. Also your candles will drip less if refrigerated before using.

How about adding some holiday charm to your fireplace? Some chemicals burn with interesting colors and when added to the fire in a fireplace make a lovely display. Usually these colors come from metallic salts. Easiest to get is copper as either copper sulphate, known also as blue vitriol, or copper chloride. This burns with lovely

blue and green flames. Strontium chloride or nitrate will burn with a red flame, lithium chloride will burn with purple coloring, and barium chloride will burn with a bright green flame, but these chemicals are more difficult to obtain.

The chemicals can be put on the flames dry but are more difficult to hold in the place desired. Cones, soft wood, rolled paper or sawdust can be treated in several ways to hold the chemical.

The burnable material can be dipped in melted wax and the metallic salt crystals shaken over the soft wax to hold it. Or the crystals can be mixed with melted and partially cooled wax and painted on the cones or other materials.

Since the metallic salts will dissolve in water it is possible to make a solution and soak the burnable materials in this. First provide a glass or crockery container as the salts may corrode metals. Dissolve approximately 1 pound of salt in a gallon of water. Soak the porous materials for several hours. Then dry thoroughly. Some of the salt should adhere to the material so it can be burned.

May I wish you and yours the warmest Christmas greetings. May the holiday be filled with happy memories.

Reports Given Before 4-H Livestock Club

The Blackhorse Livestock meeting was held at the Ray Papineau home December 3. The meeting was called to order by Martha Doherty, president. Barbara Bloodworth led the 4-H pledge and we sang America the Beautiful. Roll call was taken and Karen Edwards had an excused absence. The minutes were read and approved. The program of work was discussed with the members of the club and it was accepted. There were suggestions for a community project and we finally decided to sack Christmas candy. There was no new business.

Nancy Doherty gave a report on Lepptospirosis and Jimmy Bloodworth gave a report on Bangs disease. Tony Doherty reported on the livestock judging field day and Barbara Bloodworth reported on the 4-H officers training meeting. Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned. Tony Doherty, reporter

ASC Committee Elections Complete

In elections just completed, community and county ASC committeemen for the 1962 program year have been elected by the agricultural voters they will represent.

The people elected to community committees are as follows, (the first alternates respectively):

Zone: Dick McElligott, Alfred Nelson Jr., Rollo Crawford, Milton Morgan, Donald Heliker.

Alpine: Larry Campbell, Jack L. Barak, George Luciani, Robert Kilkenny.

North Heppner: W. C. Rosewall, Kenneth Turner, O. W. Cutsforth Jr., Douglas Drake, William Kenny.

South Heppner: Barton Clark, Alvin Bunch, Raymond French, John Graves.

Lexington: M. V. Nolan, William H. Padberg Jr., James Bloodworth, Bryce Keene, Kenneth Palmer.

Morgan: Verner Troodson, Ted Palmateer, Kenneth Smouse, Roy W. Lindstrom, Eugene Rietmann, W. E. Lightner, Louis Carison, Laurence Becket, Roland Bergstrom, A. C. Warren, Frank Anderson.

Boardman: Henry Zivney, Charles Anderregg, Earl McQuaw, Arnie Hug, Ernest Obermeier.

Irrigon: Paul Slaughter, Leroy

Gustafson, Lloyd Cooley, Clarence Rucker, Carl Knighten.

The county committee chosen for the 1962 program year is: Paul W. Jones, chairman; Paul W. Tewa, vice chairman; Roy Partlow, regular member; Roy Martin, first alternate; Bob Van Schojack, second alternate.

The alternates to the county committee were elected on community committees but when elected to the county committee left the community with only four members. The remaining members just moved up and filled the vacancies.

The newly elected committeemen are looking forward to administering the ASCS programs to the expected satisfaction of all who are concerned.

Cow Belles Back Beef Promotion

A stepped up education program in the schools in unorganized Cow Belle counties is announced by Bee Hynd of Cecil, president of the Oregon Cow Belles, who attended an executive meeting in Portland Thursday.

Approval by the Oregon Beef Council of the project to the extent of \$1,500.00 was received at a recent meeting of the Oregon Beef Council. An appropriate contract will be executed between the two organizations.

This beef educational program has been carried by the state and county Cow Belles associations for the past five years as a major project in the promotion of beef. Funds allocated will be used in metropolitan centers this year.

Home economics teachers will receive teaching kits, fully embellished with color charts. On completion of the suggested instruction, teachers may apply for purchase certificates to the Cow Belles for fresh beef to be used in actual demonstrations in their classes.

Recorded Brands Gain

A 1961 supplement to the State Department of Agriculture Livestock Brand book is due to be published after the first of the year, says Roy Nelson, chief of SDA's livestock division. "We are nearing the 12,000 mark in number of recorded brands," Nelson said. During November, 68 new brands were recorded and five old ones transferred to new owners.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gimbel attended a Pacific Power and Light Christmas party in Pendleton Friday night.

Rains and Snow Brighten Outlook For Irrigation

Oregon irrigation water supply conditions that dipped to the critical point last summer have taken a turn for the better starting with statewide heavy rains and snows during and following the Thanksgiving period.

W. T. (Jack) Frost, Oregon snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation Service and Oregon State University agricultural experiment station, reports mountain snow cover greater than usually expected at this time.

Frost cautions, however, that continued above-average storm conditions are needed to "re-charge" exceptionally dry watersheds, especially in eastern Oregon.

While snow cover is good for this early in the winter, carry-over water in all eastern Oregon reservoirs except Upper Klamath Lake and the main Deschutes dropped to near rock-bottom during the past irrigation season, Frost reported.

Above average water run-off will be required during coming months to build up adequate supplies in reservoirs for next summer.

Early winter precipitation is especially valuable for replenishing underground water supplies that feed creeks and springs for the late irrigation season, the forecaster explained.

Early frost in some eastern Oregon soils was taken out by the Thanksgiving storms and soils are now recharging their water supplies. Both Lake and southern Malheur counties report practically no streamflow with most of the present precipitation and snowmelt going into the dry soils. However, small amounts of Malheur run-off are being caught in the Warm Springs and Agency Valley reservoirs in the west part of the county.

The Crooked river near Prineville is now producing excellent run-off, indicating that the soil is primed. Prineville and Ochoco reservoirs are starting to fill well, Frost stated.

Unity reservoir in southern Baker county is now storing run-off and the area appears off to a good start.

Frost gathered the preliminary reports from supervisors of reservoirs and irrigation districts and from U.S. Weather Bureau cooperating stations throughout Oregon.

Scattered reports on November precipitation, not including the last two days of the month, showed the following comparison with the 15-year average from 1943 to 1957: Roseburg, 40 percent above; Baker 70 percent above; Klamath Falls, "better than normal."

Areas showing below normal included Pendleton, Burns, Lakeview, and Salem. Frost said any appreciable precipitation in several of these areas during the last two days of the month could bring them to near normal.

Frost said his first official report, based on general observations, will be made in early January. Specific forecasts will begin Feb. 1 and continue monthly through May.

The February 1 report should be highly significant, the forecaster stated, since long-time records show that we normally have two-thirds of the year's total snowpack on the ground or stored as soil moisture at that time.



FARM NEWS

Growers Attend Stockmen's Shortcourse in Washington

If the five Morrow county livestock growers who attended the 11th Annual Stockman's Shortcourse at Washington State University last week got as much from it as I did, I am sure that they would agree that it was well worth their time and effort. With the weather the way it was the past week, I know that some of these livestock men left their ranch reluctantly. Ron and Tom Curran, W. W. Weatherford, Terry Thompson and Gerald Peterson from Morrow county were five of the 413 livestock men from nine states, 2 Canadian provinces and old Mexico that spent a profitable week on the WSU campus. They participated in as many of the 192 lectures which were offered as time would permit as well as tours to the beef, sheep, swine and horse barns to hear of and observe research being carried on at this university. Some also participated in a few of the 28 lectures provided for the horse owners shortcourse and some of the nineteen lectures of the agricultural relations section. The 128 instructors from colleges, universities, chemical companies, USDA, and successful ranchers from as far away as Hawaii were well qualified in their field of which included a broad variety. Covered during the five days were lectures on breeding and reproduction; feeds and feeding; nutritional diseases and ailments; what's ahead for the livestock industry; pasture and ranges; fish and wildlife; hay and silage; management; buildings and equipment; animal health; disease prevention and parasite control; marketing meats; livestock credit and financing; range and irrigated pasture and miscellaneous topics covering all classes of livestock. In addition everyone had the opportunity to consult the instructors as authorities in their field, on Monday and Wednesday evenings in pre-arranged "smoker" hours. 735 students and stockmen enjoyed the annual student-stockmen's banquet held on Tuesday evening. Dan Thornton, ex-governor of Colorado, as well as a businessman in real estate development, mining, manufacturing, insurance, special estate business and purebred breeder, gave an interesting talk. This well organized shortcourse is getting more popular each year and more and more livestock men from more and more states and counties are participating in it.

business for weak and strong points. There were many questions concerning income tax audits. The income tax agent suggested again: (1) that every transaction be written down; (2) that notations be made on the bank statement concerning deposits, what they were for; (3) that records of personal accounts be noted in case there was some question as to percentage claim-ness; (4), if an auditor comes, create a good climate by being friendly and helpful and (5), where leases are concerned that there be notations made if there were oral agreements or disagreements.

Instead of talking about income taxes and record keeping we should wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. We hope all of you have one.

One of the interesting lectures of the Stockman's Shortcourse was given by an agent of the Internal Revenue Service from Spokane. The lecture titled, "Income Taxes, the Stockman's Return, The Burden of Proof," contained a number of good suggestions which might be timely as everyone is thinking of the 1961 income tax return as well as preparing for 1962. As we have always suggested, the agent encouraged stockmen to keep a good set of records. If so, income tax reporting will be simple as well as provoking a basis for analyzing the farm

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