

Jackson County Farm Notes

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County Farm Labor Committee Organized

A group of men from different farm organizations in the county met and organized a farm labor committee March 24 for Jackson county. Primary purpose is to consider farm labor problems and advise with the local employment service as to labor supply needed based on area, volume and condition of crops. Also to assist in developing programs for recruiting and distributing local labor.

Committee members are H. B. Murphy, representing the Traffic Association; Ralph Cook, Fruit Growers' league; Henry Conger, general farmer and representing the County Planning Board; Fred Holmes, Ashland, general farmer, chairman of U.S.D.A. war board; Otto Bohner, Central Point, truck farmer; Lewis Ulrich, U. S. employment service and R. G. Fowler, county agent, as ex-officio members. H. B. Murphy was elected chairman and R. G. Fowler, secretary. This committee will meet monthly with additional meetings when necessary at the call of the chairman.

Oregon Jersey Cattle Club

J. C. Nesbet, American Jersey Cattle Club extension director, will appear at a meeting in Grants Pass at 1 p. m. April 2, according to W. C. Leth, secretary of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club. Only two other Oregon meetings are scheduled, one at Memorial hall, Corvallis, April 3 and the other at Hillsboro, April 4. Detailed arrangements are being made by the Rogue River Jersey Cattle club through its president, C. J. Hunter and R. G. Fowler, county agent of Medford and O. K. Beals, county agent, Grants Pass.

Mr. Nesbet's appearance in Grants Pass will be in connection with the annual Jersey tour of the Rogue River Valley Cattle club. Beginning at 10 a. m. visits will be made to the following herds: 10 a. m., Arthur Hadden, 1 1/2 miles west of Grants Pass on Allen Creek road; 10:45 a. m., George Riddle, on Hunt Lane, 5 miles below Grants Pass; just off the Lower River road; 11:30 a. m., A. E. Griffin, 1 mile north of Grants Pass on Seville road; 12:30 p. m., lunch at Rogue River Valley Grange hall, 1 mile west of Grants Pass on Upper River road. A luncheon will be prepared by the ladies of the Grange with Jersey milk and ice cream being furnished by the club. Mr. Nesbet will speak after the luncheon.

Rubber Situation Serious On Farms

The rubber shortage and its effect on farm transportation is very critical, and demands that every farmer do everything possible to conserve his tires by eliminating unnecessary trips and pooling transportation with his neighbors. While it is perfectly true that farmers are placed in eligible classifications for truck and passenger tires, there is compelling evidence that the shortage is so serious that eligibility may not make tires available. All unnecessary travel should be discouraged.

By R. G. Fowler, County Agent

Plant Spuds In Victory Gardens

With prospective potato acre

age slightly below normal and with prices expected to remain relatively high during the year, home gardeners should consider planting a supply of potatoes for home use.

Early potatoes for use during summer and fall should be planted now. Bliss Triumph, a deep pink variety, and Quick Lunch, a light pink variety, are among the best pink potatoes. Chippewa is an excellent early white potato and Irish Cobbler is a good mid-season variety. Earliest of All is one of the earliest white potatoes and is excellent for baking, but goes to pieces when cooked. There are other varieties but some have a tendency to grow very knobby in this area.

A decided advantage of pink potatoes over white ones is that the soil can be used as a storehouse. You can start digging them for use as soon as they are large enough and dig them only as you need them until early winter. The white varieties can be dug early as needed, but the digging must be completed when the plants are mature. If not dug, white potatoes develop black centers.

When planting use either whole small potatoes or cut larger potatoes into seed pieces. These cut seed pieces should be placed in a wet gunny sack and stored at 60 to 70 degrees for 48 hours to allow the cut surfaces to cork over. This prevents rotting of the seed piece if the weather turns cold and wet. Dusting the seed with land plaster or sulfur aids in this process.

Seven pounds of potatoes will seed about 100 feet of row. If the yield is good, this will produce about 100 pounds of potatoes. The hills should be spaced 18 inches apart in the rows and three feet between the rows.

Beets for early summer should be planted now. A fifty foot row of Early Model variety will supply an average family. They will mature about July 1. They can be seeded fairly thick and the young plants can be thinned and used for greens. Beet greens are richer in vitamins than the beet itself.

The redberry disease of blackberries can be controlled by spraying now with a lime sulfur solution. One gallon of liquid or four pounds of dry lime sulfur in 12 gallons of water is the proper solution. This should be applied when the new shoots are from two to six inches long.

By C. B. Cordy, Assistant County Agent.

Conservation Is Farm Watchword

It is sensible as well as patriotic to take care of what you already have during these times. Wool is one of these items that will become scarce for the civilian population for the duration. Miss Lucy Lane, specialist in clothing and textiles, Oregon State college, urges each of us to "help conserve the limited wool supply by making every wool garment you now have last as long as possible."

Miss Lane passes on several wool-conserving suggestions from the U. S. department of agriculture's bureau of home economics.

"Keep up the appearance of a wool garment, and you prolong its life. Brush wool coats and dresses thoroughly after each wearing. Hang garments on hangers as soon as you take them off. If you can, allow a garment to hang a few days after one or two days of wear. The "rest" lets the wool spring back in place, reduces the amount of pressing needed.

"Hang wool clothing out to sun and air occasionally. Sun kills moths as well as their eggs and larvae. Ordinary dry cleaning also kills moths. So does a washing in neutral soap.

"Never iron wool. Steam press it. You can do this with an ordinary iron and two press cloths—one of wool, the other of linen or firm cotton."

One of the biggest questions in the minds of local home-makers is "How can I be sure that I will be able to get the facilities to preserve the food I raise in my victory garden?" Word came to our desk this week from Miriam Birdseye, federal extension nutritionist, on the probable supplies of home canning equipment available in 1942. This report is a combination of information from the department of agriculture and the war production board.

To give you some idea as to what you can plan on we quote from Miss Birdseye's report:

Pressure cookers: No aluminum will be available in 1942. Supply in the hands of mail-order houses and jobbers practically exhausted.

Replacement covers for used

fruit jars: As zinc and tin are critical materials, replacement covers manufactured for Mason-type jars will gradually change to the two-piece type, because the separate band can be removed after a vacuum has developed within the jar, and reused many times. Bands manufactured under 1942 priorities probably will be of metal other than zinc or tin. We are assuming that a sufficient number of replacement covers for Mason-top jars will be available.

Metal tops for non-Mason types, like the "Kerr Economy" jars, will also be available. New glass fruit jars: Probably there will be a larger percentage of new jars with all-glass tops made this year, and the public will probably be urged to purchase these insofar as they are available. However, Mason-type jars, and other types with covers for which non-critical metals can be used, will also be on the market. We believe total supply will be sufficient to care for demand for new jars actually needed.

Rubber jar rings and rubber or composition gaskets: We are assured that loose rubber rings for jars now commonly used and material for flowed-on rubber composition on metal tops, will probably be available in adequate quantities.

Tin cans for home canning: A war production board announcement on February 23 says:

"Manufacturers are permitted to sell home-canning type cans to hardware stores and other distributors buying for resale to home or institutional canners."

"An increase in home canning this year is desirable in order to lift some of the pressure on commercial canners. The department of agriculture hopes to raise home-canning about 100 percent above 1941."

While it is expected that there will be enough tin cans available for use in home canning, use of glass jars is encouraged, rather than expanding canning in tin.

To help solve local problems in home food preservation, a

committee on preservation and storage of fruits and vegetables has been set up as part of the Jackson county Victory Garden program. The committee is made up of Mrs. Andrew Stevens, Phoenix; Mrs. William Foley and Mrs. A. L. Lathrop, Central Point, and Mrs. C. E. Myers, Medford.

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By Marian J. Farrell, Home Demonstration Agent.

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Use Mail Tribune want ads.



GUESS WHO—Middle age may be just around the corner for N. Y. millionaire playboy, Tommy Manville, who'll be 48 on April 9—but he keeps right on matrimonially. Jean Sutherland (above), 21, of Romney, W. Va., may become sixth Mrs. Manville.

PEPPERMINT OIL NEW FARM HOPE

New York, March 26—(P)—American colds—plus the war—have forced another industry to turn to this country's farmers as a source for raw materials.

The Vick Chemical company said it had placed an educational order with an essential oil refiner for menthol—imported from Japan and China until the war started—to be extracted from peppermint oil.

The company said this would be the first commercial use of American peppermint oil as a source of menthol, a medicinal chemical used principally for treatment of colds.

"Farmers in Indiana and Michigan, growing nearly 80 per cent of last year's crop of peppermint oil, will be the greatest beneficiaries of the new demand," the company said.

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SPRING TRAINING—Soldier Mickey Harris (right), Boston Red Sox hurler who's in the army's special brand of spring camp, studies a rifle along with Austin Hawshurst of New York City. They're at a jungle outpost guarding the Panama Canal.

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