

Jackson County Farm Notes

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Progress Made On Milk for Camp White

Progress is being rapidly made in inspection of dairy farms from which the milk supply for the cantonment will be furnished. Aage Gribskov of the state department of agriculture, has been in the county for a week and is covering the territory, giving advice to prospective milk producers as to housing and sanitary requirements to meet the army regulations. There is every evidence that a sufficient supply of milk will be obtained in Jackson and Josephine counties to fill the requirements of the camp. Any dairy farmers who have not turned in their names to the county agent should do so at once, so that the preliminary inspection can be made.

There appears to be some apprehension on the part of the public that the cantonment will bring a scarcity of milk in this territory. This is not the fact, as there will be two pools set up—one a civilian pool, which is in effect, and a military pool from which will come all of the milk required for Camp White. These two pools will be kept entirely separate and will both be under jurisdiction of the Oregon Milk Control Board, one of the duties of which is to see that a supply of milk is available for the public at all times.

Farmers Invited In Army Day Parade

All farmers and farm women are being urged to participate in the parade at Medford, Monday, April 6, starting at 7 p. m.

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This is in celebration of Army day and the parade will be participated in by all civic and defense organizations.

Farmers are playing a far more important part than most people realize in producing food both for ourselves and our allies, and this parade will not be complete without a good representation from the farm. All you need is your working clothes and a hoe, rake or shovel. The parade starts in the neighborhood of 6th and Bartlett streets at 7 p. m.

Waste Products Salvage To Be County-Wide

The county agent has been appointed chairman of the county salvage committee of the county council for defense. Organization has not yet been completed, as the details of all waste that is to be salvaged have not been worked out, but further information will be available at an early date.

Committees will be appointed in the various communities in the county to work with the existing committee, so that an orderly collection of waste products can be effected. So far, in the rural areas scrap iron is about the only thing that has been collected. To date 1200 tons have been shipped from this county alone, which is a very good record. There is that much more that can be easily picked up.

Farmers are warned, however, to go through their scrap iron piles and save any articles that will be of repair value to machinery on the farm and any steel that can be used for repair farm implements should be saved. The process of planting and harvesting farm crops must be kept in the forefront and the repair of farm machinery can be of as much importance in some instances as more bullets and tanks. Steel for repairing farm equipment is already on the priority list and when it is necessary to use steel in farm implements it may be difficult to obtain.

Governor Sprague has stated that this collection of salvage is a long term program and what we need is a constant flow of waste material to the places where it will do the most good. By R. G. Fowler, County Agent.

Pink Bud Spray For Scab Control

The Anjou buds are still in good condition to receive the pink bud spray for scab control. As buds are developing rapidly, time is short on this variety. Six pounds of wettable sulfur per 100 gallons or four

pounds of 325 mesh sulfur plus two pounds of dry lime sulfur per 100 gallons are the safest materials to use on Anjou. Many growers are preferring to take the risk of russeting the fruit in order to use the more effective liquid lime sulfur at 2 or 2½ gallons per 100 gallons.

Bartlett are also ready for the pink application and Bosc, Winter Nellis and Comice will be ready in a few days. All these varieties except Comice can be safely sprayed with 2½ gallons of liquid lime sulfur per 100 gallons. On Comice use six pounds of wettable sulfur per 100 gallons.

This spray should be applied when the buds are well separated in the cluster but no harm will be done if 10 or 15 percent of the buds are in full bloom. This is a very essential spray for scab control as a rainy period any time now will start a large number of infections.

Lawn Fertilization Will Bring Pickup

If the lawn is not growing very well it can be stimulated by an application of fertilizer. For quick stimulation, five pounds of ammonium sulfate to 1,000 square feet is excellent. Fifteen pounds of complete fertilizer or a mixture of 12 pounds of cottonseed meal and four pounds of ammonium sulfate per 1,000 square feet will give longer lasting results.

The lawn should be thoroughly sprinkled after these fertilizers are applied to prevent burning.

Organic Matter For Victory Gardens

If your garden soil is stiff and works up with difficulty, the chances are that it is low in organic matter. If sufficient decaying organic matter is present in the soil, it serves to keep it in a loose, friable condition. As decay progresses, the organic matter is turned into plant food and stimulates plant growth.

The organic matter in the soil is used up more rapidly when the soil is cultivated and cropped. As a result, after a piece of ground has been cultivated for a few years, it becomes hard to work and runs together very tightly. This is especially true of the clay and clay loam soils.

This condition can be corrected in two ways. One of these is by cover cropping and the other is by the direct addition of organic materials. As cover crops cannot be grown now, the other method must be resorted to. Barnyard manure is one of the most common; used and one of the best organic materials. A ton of manure on

a 50 by 100 foot garden will be a big help.

Straw or hay of any kind is very good for loosening up the soil and after it decays, it is also good fertilizer. As straw decays very slowly, some ammonium sulfate should be added at the same time. Five hundred pounds or more of straw and 50 pounds of ammonium sulfate is a good application to a 50 by 100 foot plot.

Another material that will be available at many homes in limited quantities for the rest of the summer is lawn clippings. These are especially desirable as they are free of weed seeds and can be worked into the soil between rows of vegetables that are already planted.

Increase Wanted In Canning Tomatoes

There is need for a larger acreage of tomatoes for canning if Jackson county is going to contribute its share of this important food. The national goal for canned tomatoes calls for a 50 per cent increase over last year's pack.

To date, tomato growers locally have not indicated an intention of exceeding last year's small acreage. Anyone with a suitable piece of ground that does not have a crop planned for it, should give consideration to planting it to tomatoes. Tomatoes are a particularly valuable source of vitamins and minerals and play an essential role in maintaining the health of our soldiers and the civilian workers necessary in war production.

By C. B. Cordy, Assistant County Agent.

Moisture Conditions in Mid-Columbia Top Record of Ten Years

The Dalles, Ore., April 2.—(AP)—Crop prospects in the mid-Columbia region have not been better in 10 years so far as moisture conditions are concerned, it was agreed today at the annual meeting of the water forecast committee, held in the courthouse here and presided over by R. A. Work, federal irrigation engineer of Medford.

Snow water supplies in the mountains are the best since 1939 or longer, with watershed soils saturated, insuring maximum runoff later, according to figures submitted by Roger Wilhelm, Wasco watermaster. Throughout the farming regions of Wasco, Sherman and Jefferson counties soil moisture conditions are the best in years, it was agreed. Partial reports indicate that Gilliam county soil are not quite so well saturated.

The meeting here is the first of a series of seven throughout eastern and southern Oregon being held by the snow survey and irrigation water forecast forces.

Smudge Season This Year Has Sanction of Army As Good Blackout Practice

By Juenease Butler.

As regularly as pussywillows along Bear creek, dandelions in front yards, daffodils in florists' windows and black straw hats for milady in shops along Main street or Central avenues, comes Roy Rogers, from Pomona, a sure sign that spring is definitely here.

To see Mr. Rogers (who comes for the season) and Floyd Young (who stays but briefly), associate and senior meteorologist, respectively, of the U. S. weather bureau, go walking down the street, is as much a part of the season as the fragrance of the daphne on the library grounds, the first new grass in the park, lambs in the fields and sunshine after rain. That is, to the average citizen.

To the pear grower and to the careful housewife, the appearing of these two estimable gentlemen is another story and sometimes viewed with alarm.

At least with little quivers of apprehension. To the pear grower it means the beginning of a period of maintaining lookouts for the arch enemy, J. Frost. To the housewife, it means "tattletale gray" on her white window curtains, on the nice new wallpaper in her guest room, not to mention nostrils that look very peculiar when she first looks at herself in the bathroom mirror some cold spring morning. In brief, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Young are not only signs of sweet spring. They are also signs of smothering smudge.

Mr. Rogers arrived on a bad day this year, Friday the 13th. He will remain until May 31st. He brings word that the estimated damage from frost, to the citrus fruit in California is between 15 and 20 per cent. In our own little valley, he says the budding is more normal and much behind last year when the buds had almost blossomed on the 13th.

Mr. Young was in the valley for three days, March 18 to 20. He will return about April 4th. For many years the meteorologists have spent part of the spring season in our valley and some have just "put up with" the smudge, others have rather

enjoyed the sight of the lighted orchards and still others have referred to the practice as "really our only drawback." But this year, it is quite different. This year, the smudge will act as a most effective blackout, if such measures become necessary. This year, it may have a two-fold purpose. It may save not only the fruit. This year, the United States army lifts the smudge pot from its lowly social status, albeit usefulness, to a position meriting respect and gratitude.

States Brigadier General William Ord Ryan, commanding general, fourth interceptor command: "Smudge pots used by fruit growers for the protection of growing fruit from frost, are authorized to continue to burn during blackouts, provided the smudge pots used do not give off a bright light. Smudges created by these pots increase effectiveness of blackout."

So Roy Rogers and Floyd Young and Jack Frost and the smudge pots are here again and there may be smoke screens over our valley but no clouded issues in our minds. We hope, as the "all clear" signal sounds continuously in the thoughts and hearts of loyal Americans.

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Washington, April 2.—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Jones announced today that Rubber Reserve company and the Defense Plant corporation, RFC affiliates, have awarded contracts "which will bring the annual production of synthetic rubber to more than 700,000 tons."

The plant participating in the contracts and agreements will go into operation over the next 18 months, an announcement said, "and if no unforeseen construction delays are encountered

all should be in production by the end of 1943."

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