

Jackson County Farm Notes

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Order Cotton Bags Now Is Warning

The Jackson County USDA War board this week renewed a warning to growers of seed crops to order the cotton bags they need immediately. Growers are asked to act without delay to prevent a threatened shortage of containers.

An estimated 5000 cotton bags will be needed for Jackson county's cover crop seed production this year, F. C. Holmes, chairman of the War board, reported. Unless all of the bags that will be needed are ordered by growers within the next few days, a shortage is certain when harvesting begins, the chairman warned.

Mr. Holmes explained that the war production board has allocated ample supplies of cotton bagging material to make containers for northwest seed crops. However, inventories of bag manufacturers are limited to a 30-day supply, and for this reason manufacturers have been unable to make bags without a backlog of orders. The situation is further complicated by the demand for cotton bagging material. Unless material allocated for seed bags is used at once, it will be taken for war purposes or diverted to other areas for grain bags.

There is no advantage in delaying the buy of needed bags. Growers are advised. On May 25, all types of new cotton and burlap bags were placed under a price ceiling by the office of price administration. Maximum prices for all types of second hand burlap bags announced March 25. Bags were divided into two price classifications. The first, processed bags, include containers which have been cleaned, mended and patched and are ready for immediate re-use. The second, unprocessed bags, consists of those which, since last being used, have not been reconditioned so as to be ready for immediate re-use.

All sellers of secondhand bags come under the terms of the regulation—these include dealers, peddlers, and individual sellers. Prices are as follows: 8 oz., 24"x36", processed .11½; unprocessed .08½; 8 oz., 33"x44", processed .19; unprocessed .16; 10 oz., 24"x36", processed .148; unprocessed .118; 10 oz., 33"x44", processed .248; unprocessed .218.

Three Cows Finish Guernsey Records

Three purebred Guernsey cows in Jackson county have completed their year's work under official registry. Two of these cows owned by Chas. H. Wing include a two year old, Sonja of Waldo Hills, produced 3573.0 pounds of milk and 445.8 pounds of butterfat in class EEE and a three year old, Sharon of Waldo Hills, produced 9000.1 pounds of milk and 427.0 pounds of butterfat in class EEE.

Rubber Drive Holds Gas Ration Decision

The drive for reclaimable rubber under a directive from President Roosevelt is now on. Upon the results of this campaign will rest the decision as to whether gasoline will be rationed at once or not. If enough rubber can be salvaged so that a large amount of tires can be re-capped, gas rationing in most sections will not be necessary, as one of the primary objects in gas rationing was to conserve rubber.

Every reader should at once pick up the scrap rubber that can be found on any farm or in any home and take it to the

nearest filling station, where one cent per pound will be paid for it. The oil companies have undertaken the collection of this material largely on account of the facilities which they have throughout the country for close contact with the people.

By R. G. FOWLER,
County Agent.

How To Save Sugar In Home Canning

The government has made arrangements whereby home canners may receive the sugar necessary to can fruits. Since jams and jellies need a larger proportion of sugar, it is only logical that the allotment for this purpose should be low. We like jams and jellies, but if it will help in the victory program the sacrifice is very small. Suggestions have been made that you can crushed berries and fruits with the war ration of sugar, and then throughout the year make up small amounts of jam from your regular sugar ration.

The war ration of sugar, one half cup per quart of fruit, will make a very satisfactory product. It is possible to can without sugar, but not advisable as the fruit does not retain its natural flavor, color or shape.

There are many ways, however, of saving on the amount of sugar needed.

1. Make your sugar syrup with the juice of fruit rather than water to take advantage of the natural sugar in the fruit.

2. Crush or slice the fruit that is to be used for sauces, pies, etc., before canning. This will make the fruit seem sweeter.

3. To can whole fruit in large pieces, add dry sugar to the fruit, cook slowly and stir carefully until the sugar draws the natural juice from the fruit. It may then be canned by open kettle or hot water bath method. The latter preserves more of the food value.

4. Honey may be substituted for one half the sugar required in canning or making jams and jellies. One cup of honey has the same sweetness as one cup of sugar.

5. Corn syrup may be substituted for one third the sugar called for in the recipe. Corn syrup is only half as sweet as sugar, thus assuming the recipe called for one cup of sugar it would be necessary to use two-thirds cup of corn syrup.

6. Saccharine—The Home Economics bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture sug-

gests that if saccharine is to be used for sweetening fruit it should be added just before serving and not canned with the fruit. Cooking Saccharine brings out a bitter flavor. Naturally, the use of saccharine does not affect the consistency of jellies and preserves.

7. Dry a goodly share of your sweet cherries, peaches, pears and apples.

To help homemakers throughout the county with their food preservation problems, the Oregon State college extension service has many bulletins available upon request. Two suggestions are "Home Food Preservation" and "Preservation by Freezing."

Call or write the office of the Home Demonstration agent, courthouse, Medford, and we will be glad to be of service to you.

If you haven't attended one of the food preservation demonstrations, plan to attend one of the following to be held next week for practical help on canning, drying and freezing.

June 25—Eagle Point at the Grange hall, starting at 10 o'clock.

June 24—Griffin Creek school 1:15.

June 25—Trail-Shady Cove at Mrs. Eva Segessman's, 10.

June 26—Applegate, 1:15.

By Marian J. Farrell,
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Oil Emulsion Good In Ditch Cleaning

Use of diesel oil emulsion for cleaning grass out of irrigation ditches was demonstrated to be very practical this year. Five hundred feet of ditch was sprayed on April 18 and about one week later it was burned. At this time the grass is just starting to grow again.

This ditch is about four feet wide and two and a half feet deep. In spraying five hundred feet of ditch, 100 gallons of emulsion were used. This one hundred gallons contained twenty-five gallons of diesel oil, twenty-five gallons of water and one-half pound of fluxit. The fluxit is necessary to cause the oil to mix with the water. The twenty-five gallons of oil cost \$1.87 and the fluxit cost ten cents so the total material cost was about \$2. Spraying took 20 minutes. It was done on Mr. Weagant's place in Valley View. As a result several farmers, including Mr. Weagant, A. H. Davenport and H. R. Westberg, sprayed about three miles of laterals on their places.

The oil kills the grass and enough oil remains on it so that after a few days it will burn vigorously. Therefore, it would be desirable to fill the sprayer with water and patrol it carefully while burning. A burning permit is required.

There are a few precautions that must be observed. It is essential that diesel oil be used, as stove oil and other more refined oils will not kill the grass. Good agitation is required to keep the oil and water mixed. The mixture will not work in hand sprayers. Thorough spraying is necessary or some grass will not be killed.

This method of ditch cleaning is cheap and a big labor saver. It is best accomplished by the cooperative efforts of several farmers in an area.

By C. B. CORDY,
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Higher Pay Awarded Lumber Night Shift

Portland, Ore., June 18.—(AP)—A National Labor board decision, released here today, gave the night shift its first wage differential in lumbering history and hoisted wages 7½ cents an hour.

Worth Lowery, president of the CIO International Woodworkers of America, who announced the award, said it increased the minimum of 33,500 fir workers and 6,000 plywood workers to 82½ cents an hour, and of about 25,000 pine workers, mostly in the Klamath basin, to about 80 cents. He said, however, the pine wage was not standardized.

Girl Loses Life Protecting Pet

Roseburg, Ore., June 18.—(AP)—An attempt to prevent the fall of the family's pet dog from a precarious perch atop a farm tractor cost the life Tuesday of Lucille Hollinger, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hollinger, of South Myrtle Creek. The girl was driving the tractor back from a sheep pasture, while her sister, Alice, 14, and brother, Edgar, 11, and their dog went along for the ride. Coroner H. C. Stearns reported.

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Chicago Landlords Refuse to Comply With Rent Ceilings

Chicago, June 18.—(AP)—Alderman Arthur G. Lindell, chairman of the committee on prices and rents of the Chicago Commission on National Defense, told the city council today that Chicago real estate men have refused to comply voluntarily with the March 1, 1942, rent ceiling recommended by the Office of Price Administration.

Instead, the alderman reported, they have permitted rent increases ranging up to 15 per cent for May and June, and in many instances refrigeration and decorating services were curtailed along with the rent increases.

Lindell said the OPA had been notified of the situation and informed that Chicago was unable to handle the matter locally. Since the alternative to voluntary compliance is a government rent administrator, Lindell said it was almost a certainty that one would be appointed for this area.

Chewing gum usually can be removed from car or furniture upholstery by rubbing gently with carbon tetrachloride and then scraping with a dull knife.

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FAT SALVAGE IS NEXT WAR PLAN

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—A salvage campaign to recover household cooking fats will be launched by the war production board some time in early July.

Leslie J. Rosenwald, chief of the Bureau of Industrial Conservation, announcing this today, asked that housewives save cooking fats and to sell them, when the drive starts, to neighborhood chain food stores, meat markets, and frozen food locker plants.

Fats are essential in the war effort as a source of glycerine for explosives and the WPB, Rosenwald said, "hopes to secure over half a billion pounds a year of wasted cooking fats from the kitchen of American homes."

Woolen and Worsted Ceiling Inaugurated

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration today issued a price ceiling order on woolen and worsted apparel fabrics which provides a price premium to induce manufacturers to blend at least

25 per cent of cotton or rayon in the materials.

The OPA action was seen as a move to assist the War Production board in its efforts, pressed over a period of months, to induce mills to turn out blended instead of all-wool fabrics for men's clothing.

Wooden Boats to Fight Submarines

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—In a war of metals, wood took a new and important place today for use in construction of small patrol craft to combat the submarine menace and protect vital coastwise shipping.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee disclosed that a big percentage of the 1,000 small craft envisioned in the navy's \$8,550,000,000 fleet expansion program would be made of wood.

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