

# Jackson County Farm Notes

Compiled by County Office O. S. C. Extension Service

## Pest Control On Plants In Revolutionized Process

Pest control on plants is in the process of being rather completely revolutionized, and a lot of generalizing publicity is appearing which is exciting the attention of the home gardeners as well as the commercial orchardists.

The advent of the new organic poisons such as DDT revolutionized the type of material being used, and now we are promised that an entirely different method of attack is being developed. This method of attack is to feed the poison to the plant so that any insect attacking the plant will be killed. Some of these poisons are apparently versatile enough so that they kill not only insects but diseases as well. This is a development which originated in England but is being widely carried on in this country. So far none of the articles have given any specific information as to the type of poison used, so we are still in the dark as to their nature.

While we are all very anxious to have a development such as this, it will be best if the experimenters investigate every angle very carefully before releasing it. For many years one poison has been available which would do this same thing, but it was a very toxic material and accumulated in the plant so that it was also poisonous to humans. Apparently these new materials are non-toxic to humans, but this point should be so thoroughly investigated before release that there would be no doubt about it in the public mind afterwards.

These new chemicals are so effective that in some cases the seed can be treated before planting and any aphid or other plant bugs feeding on the mature plant later will be killed. This would certainly take a lot of the backache out of home gardening.

## Carburetor Too Rich Makes Motorist Too Poor

Car owners who are wasting money and not getting proper gas mileage due to over-rich mixtures will be pleased to learn of a Wisconsin inventor who has developed a very clever unit that helps save gasoline by "Vacu-mating." It is automatic and operates on the supercharge principle. Easily installed in a few minutes. Fits all cars, trucks and tractors. The manufacturers, the Vacu-matic Carburetor Co., 7617-700 W. State St., Wauwatosa, Wis., are offering a Vacu-matic to anyone who will install it on his car and help introduce it to others. They will gladly send full free particulars if you write them or just send your name and address on a penny post card today.

## Berry Spraying For Red Mites Should Be Done Soon

Spraying berries for red mite is a chore which should be done soon. The new buds are coming out now and in the course of a week the little blossom clusters should be exposed. Sometime between now and the appearance of these blossom clusters would be the right time to apply a lime sulfur spray. Use one quart of liquid lime sulfur or one pound of dry lime sulfur in three gallons of water. This will give good control of the red berry mite both on boysenberries and blackberries.

It is unfortunate that dandelions are considered a weed instead of a flower. They are one of our earliest blooming plants and will always attract attention with their bright yellow color. As they do destroy the nice green appearance of a lawn, they are properly classed as a weed and should be eliminated.

With present chemicals there is really no need for anyone to have dandelions in the lawn. One light spraying or sprinkling with 2,4-D will nearly eliminate these weeds. One or two follow-up spot sprayings and you will no longer need to worry about them. 2,4-D used according to the directions on the package gives an excellent kill. This can be applied either with a small hand sprayer, or a small bottle with a sprinkler cap similar to what the housewife uses to sprinkle clothes can also be used on small areas. This type of sprinkler bottle is available in local feed and seed stores.

## Lawn Fertilization Aids Weed Elimination

Going hand-in-glove with the elimination of lawn weeds is lawn fertilization. Fertilizer applied at the same time as the weed killer not only invigorates the lawn but it encourages the lawn to fill in the area previously occupied by the weed. This makes it much more difficult for weed seedlings to obtain a foothold.

Of course, you should not use fertilizer if you are not willing to mow the lawn more often. The effect of the fertilizer is to cause the grass both to grow faster and to form a thicker turf. This fertilization is especially important on those areas of the lawn where the grass is thin. This is quite common under shade trees such as oak and walnut.

Use one pound of ammonium sulfate or four pounds of complete fertilizer on a 10x10 foot square. A better procedure would be to use half of this amount and then make a repeat application in about two months. For thin lawns under trees, these applications should be repeated at two-month intervals throughout the year, or until the lawn becomes so vigorous that you can no longer keep up with the mower.

# News Notes from Medford Hi

By Robene Starcher

Three seniors have been given awards for outstanding publications work, according to word



Robene Starcher

received early last week from the University of Oregon. Jack Bailey, Hi-Times editor, received the Eric W. Allen certificate of newspaper service. Susan Drummond, editor of the 1949 Crater, Medford senior high school annual, and Elaine Leach, 1950 Crater editor, received the George S. Turnbull certificate of newspaper service.

The Allen certificate is of special interest here since Eric W. Allen Jr., son of the late Dean Allen of the University of Oregon journalism school, is city editor of The Medford Mail Tribune.

Entries are now being received in the second annual Hi-Times baby contest. Students submit copies of their baby pictures, the pictures will be exhibited in the show cases downstairs and a committee of teachers will choose two winners.

Noon movies shown last week included "Alice in Wonderland" and "The Fabulous Dorseys."

The Spanish club presented its annual Pan-American day assembly in the auditorium April 12 during sixth period. The scene was an informal get-together, such as South Americans love, and several musical numbers were given.

A string quartet composed of Joyce Montgomery, Maureen Rice, Robene Starcher and Mar-

garet Huson, played "Cielita Linda," "Juanita," "The Clap Song" and "The Mexican Hat Dance."

Raoul Maddox, accompanied by Miss Lorraine Veidt, gave "Begin the Beguine" as a trombone solo. Anita Shaw, Roger Hogstrom, Kathleen Hicks, Frances Zimbelman and Shirley Garrius zipped up the woodwind quintet which played "Canzonetta."

Also on the program was the boys' octet composed of Charles Ashpole, Norman Love, Jim Bryant, Douglas Phillips, Roger McIne, Raoul Maddox, D. C. Mills and Jim Grimm. They sang "Who's That Tapping at My Door," "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie" and "Dear Old Girl," which was dedicated to Miss Veidt. "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" was given as an encore.

Frances Zimbelman, Marie Laird, Jackie Henbest and Kathleen Jones are members of the clarinet quartet which played "Dark Eyes." The last number, "Castilla," was given by Keith Mirick, Walter Kendall, Henry Rawstern, Raoul Maddox, Bernie Padgham and Kathleen Hicks, who make up the brass sextet.

Norma Jean Snell was mistress of ceremonies.

A radio program which presented three ensembles from Medford senior high school music department was aired over KMED April 13 at 4:45 p.m. The groups presented included the girls' sextet, the string quartet and the cornet quartet. Miss Barbara Burns was announcer.

A large number of students attended the annual senior week-end programs held at the University of Oregon, Oregon State college and Southern Oregon college. The programs are designed to acquaint high school seniors with campus life.

Visiting Oregon State college are Dean and Dale Coverstone,



## OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens

**Cedar For Sailing . . .**  
The wood of the great ocean-going canoes of Northwest Coast Indians, and the wood of today's racing shells used by college crews east and west, is also the mainstay in the amazing increase of small sailing craft of North American waters.

This wood is the Western red cedar. Summer after summer the large lakes and the bays of the country are blossoming in more white sails, with reflections dipping and speeding in wind-brushed water.

The sail of old is still a magnetic symbol of adventure to the youth of the land, it spells peace and relaxation and the beauty of life in the outdoors to all but the bleakest souls. Small-craft builders everywhere are awake to the business prospects in this universal, age-old appeal of the wind-powered small boat of wood. One nationally known boatbuilder is banking on a product designed to meet the sailboat wants of everyday people with everyday incomes.

**Top Dressing Of Sawdust Helps Retain Moisture**  
On soils which pack and where you have trouble keeping the lawn moist for longer than a day, you might wish to try a top dressing of sawdust. Any sawdust can be applied an inch deep and the grass will come right through it. This will form a good much to retain moisture and it will also give the turf a good springy feeling underfoot.

After that when people walk across the lawn it will no longer pack the soil so hard that it will neither take up moisture when the lawn is watered nor hold the moisture afterwards. When the sawdust is used it is essential that fertilizer be applied, otherwise, the lawn will turn yellow.

C. B. CORDY,  
County Extension Agent Horticulture.

## NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that Harriet A. McCallister, Administratrix of the estate of Herbert M. McCallister, deceased, has filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the county of Jackson, in the matter of the estate of Herbert M. McCallister, deceased, her final account and report as such administratrix, and that said court has fixed the hour of 10 o'clock, a.m., of the 13th day of May, 1950 in the courtroom of said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto, and all persons having any objections to said final account and report are hereby notified to make and file the same in said court and matter on or before said time, as aforesaid.

Harriet A. McCallister  
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## ANGLER CATCHES CHICKS

Riverside, Ga.—L.P.—Fishing in the Chattahoochee river, B. E. Freeman hooked a floating box with 20 live chickens in it.

Jim Collins, Nelson Harbin, Raoul Maddox, James Welty, Joan Dean, Bob Gilman, Patsy Bottjer, Sybil Older, Lee Stothers, Lloyd Dyer and Henry Padgham.

Going to the university were Martin Johnson, Bill Walker, Doug and Fred Griffith, Jane Jeldness, Susan Drummond, Larry Hansen, George Weir, Connie Inskip, Barbara Green, Kaye Crawford, Jane Durno and Tom Rhodes.

Visiting Southern Oregon college campus Saturday were Nancy Adams, Pat Benton, Eyaue Leach, Ernest Wisely, John DeZell, Elizabeth Ronsse, Leah Peabody, Joan Burk, Dorothy Wright, Betty Acker, Bebe Millisap, Diane Hight and Myrna Hannaford.

# SOCIETY and CLUBS

## Fun Party Held Monday By Sorority Members; Mrs. Howe Wins Prize

Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority members held a "fun" party for members and guests at the housing project April 10. Honored guests were Miss Evelyn Dickenson and Mrs. Roy Simmons.

Entertainment began with amateur theatrical make-up by the members. Impersonations followed. Mrs. Roy Howe received first prize for impersonating a concert pianist and Mrs. Chester Peterson received second prize as a drum major.

Refreshments were served. Next meeting of the group will be Monday, April 17, at 7:30 p. m., in the home of Mrs. Dorothea Gustafson.

## Sams Valley Hostess Entertains Wednesday

Mrs. Ida Palmer, Sams Valley, entertained nine former members of the Jacksonville Home Economics club at her home Wednesday.

Canasta was played, with Mrs. John Niedermeyer and Mrs. Henry Conger winning first prizes, and Mrs. George Wendt and Mrs. Frank Janosky prizes for low score.

Present were Mrs. Janosky, Mrs. Wendt, Mrs. Niedermeyer, Mrs. Conger, Mrs. Chester Wendt, Mrs. Ira C. Jones, Mrs. Weldon Hartley, Mrs. A. E. Brockway and Mrs. Ralph Jennings of San Fernando, Cal.

## Home Extension Unit Makes Plans for Camp Homemakers' Festival

Homemakers were made at the last meeting of the Medford Home Extension unit for the unit's participation in the Homemakers' festival to be held in Central Point, May 3.

The unit's display will be a table of herbs. Dresses will be modeled by members of the better dressmaking class. Exhibits will be in the Legion hall and program, style show and luncheon will be in the Grange hall.

Tickets for the luncheon may be procured by calling Mrs. Clarence Earl, phone 2-9159. A demonstration of home lighting was given at the meeting by Miss Eula Wintermote. She pointed out convenient placings for switches, locations of lights for safety and saving of steps, and kinds of switches to make lighting of a home less costly.

Types of lamp bulbs and shapes of shades for proper lighting and colors for walls and floorcoverings to give best results were also pointed out. Mrs. Roland Beach, Mrs. Louis Bittle and Mrs. Cleve Ferris were elected as a nominating committee. Officers will be installed at the June picnic for which Mrs. Bittle and Mrs. Louis D. Medcalf were appointed chairmen.

Mrs. Metcalf gave a report on the homemakers' camp held at Low Echo camp at Lake o' the Woods last year. The annual vacation at the camp for all homemakers of Jackson and Klamath counties will be held this year in August for four days. Registrations will be August 1 at the camp. Charges will be made for registration and also for camp privileges. For complete information, homemakers are asked to call Mrs. L. I. Douglas, phone 2-7313.

The unit voted to contribute \$30 to the Azalea house fund. Mrs. George Huebner received a prize for attendance.

## Rebekahs Hold Party Recently in Gold Hill

Gold Hill—The Rebekah card party held at the hall recently, was considered successful.

The pinocchio prizes were won by Mrs. M. Merriman, first, and Mrs. Paul Thompson, second. At the very young people's table, Dick Whitlock placed first and Douglas Smith second. At the canasta tables, Melford Hood placed first and Mrs. Paul Holderness second.

Following cards the groups adjourned to the dining room where they enjoyed refreshments served by the committee composed of Mrs. Lester Parker, chairman, and her co-workers, Mesdames Cecil Bell, Daniel Stewart, George Dorman and Harry Newham.

## Society To Meet

St. Peter's Lutheran Ladies Aid society will meet Thursday, April 20. Luncheon will be served at one o'clock by Mrs. J. Meacham, Mrs. R. Holmes and Mrs. R. Danner.

## Salem Couple Spends Week-end in Medford

Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Harv of Salem, Ore., were weekend guests of Mrs. Eva Fowler at Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Keyser 825 East Jackson street.



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