

Agricultural Department Authority Listed in Law

(Note: this is another in a series from the state department of agriculture about its first 25 years. The department was created July 1, 1931.)

Salem — Laws spell out the work of the state department of agriculture and beyond their scope it has no authority to serve.

The laws it administered after being created in 1931 have little resemblance to the agricultural code of today. Some have undergone drastic face-lifting or modernization. Only last year the legislature substituted a shortened, modern basic livestock sanitary law for the whole patchwork of laws on this subject which had developed through the years.

Some laws have been tossed out entirely due to changing times. Two examples are repeal of the stallion registration law and the gasoline standards law, both within recent years. In 1931, Oregon still had a lot of horses on the farm and nearly 200 stallions, mostly draft horses, were on the state registry. The gasoline law of 1933 died on the vine, too, because its useful days were past; once the department laboratory tested all gasoline sold.

New Legislation

Shifts and development within agriculture and allied industry brought about new legislation and operations throughout the 25 years of department life. Among the more recent were laws embodying the new conception—in contrast to quarantine—of stopping plant pests and diseases on arrival through systematic surveys; the regulation of all commercial applicators of herbicides; the weather modification act which requires registry of all who would change nature's ways with rain, hail and frosts; and the livestock auction sales market law.

Court tests were called over some laws, both in the department's formative years and later. The produce dealers' act of 1933 was challenged in the courts but was declared constitutional. But the agricultural adjustment act of that same year was unconstitutional.

To replace the lost AAA act, the 1935 special session voted a new agricultural marketing act. Under it, the director soon mailed 20,000 questionnaires to farmers but the act was never actually used for a farm commodity group. It was repealed later to give way to the present commodity commission enabling act.

New Aid

Last year a new aid to marketing problems and development in Oregon came in a law creating a division of market development in the state department of agriculture.

Another field in which far-reaching changes have occurred in the past 25 years is dairy legislation. It was a big step in 1933 when a permissive grade A milk and cream law was passed, and again in 1935 when the first Bang's disease control act required compulsory inspection in dairy cattle countries.

Probably more battles have been fought, both before and after enactment, over dairy laws than any other phase of the department work. The first act (1937) setting up price differentials on milk and cream was held constitutional after a court suit. Parts of some other dairy laws have been tested in the courts with some decisions for and some against the legislation.

The fluid milk act and Bang's codes were completely rewritten in 1945. The versions have since been amended but they set the pattern for today's sanitation programs in the dairy field.

Standard Container

Many will recall the days when the department set up a standard 12-ounce container for strawberries, raspberries and other berry items. (During the department's first five years, grades and standards were written for virtually all Oregon commercial perishables.) The berry hallock order was contested, too, but upheld in courts.

Another milestone in the department's operations for bene-

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Three Medford Youths Get Elk Scholarships

Portland — Six southern Oregon youth, including three from Medford, have been named recipients of Elk Lumber company scholarships to Lewis and Clark college, according to an announcement from Dr. Lewis A. Thayer, chairman of the college scholarship committee.

The three Medford high graduates who will enroll this fall at Lewis and Clark are Richard S. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur A. Arnold, 1011 Reddy ave.; Robert E. Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer V. Ayers, 26 South Orange st.; and Walter H. Knight son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Knight, 452 Fairmount st.

Also honored with Elk awards were Joan M. Kuhnhehn, Brookings; Barbara L. Moore, Klamath Falls; and Janet M. Robinson, Rogue River.

Arnold, who has been active in all Medford high music organizations and local and national Boy Scout work, will major in music education. Also active in music and speech projects, Ayers will major in pre-law. Knight, a member of the rally squad, Boys' league and physics-chemistry club, will prepare for laboratory research.

Survivors include one daughter, Miss Ruth J. Nye; a son, Ste-

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Mrs. Anna Nye Dies In Hospital Friday

Mrs. Anna E. Nye, 89, of Talent, died at a local hospital Friday, Aug. 3.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at Perl Funeral home with the Rev. John Reynolds, First Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial park.

Mrs. Nye was born in Menomone, Wis., in 1867. In 1895 she was married to Stephen A. Nye at Devils Lake, N.D. The couple moved to the Medford area in 1907 where they resided until Mr. Nye's death in 1951.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Tom Edwards Named Construction Engineer

Salem — U.P. — Tom Edwards, southwestern Oregon division engineer for the State Highway department, has been named construction engineer for the department.

Edwards' post at Roseburg will be taken by Frank D. Morgan.

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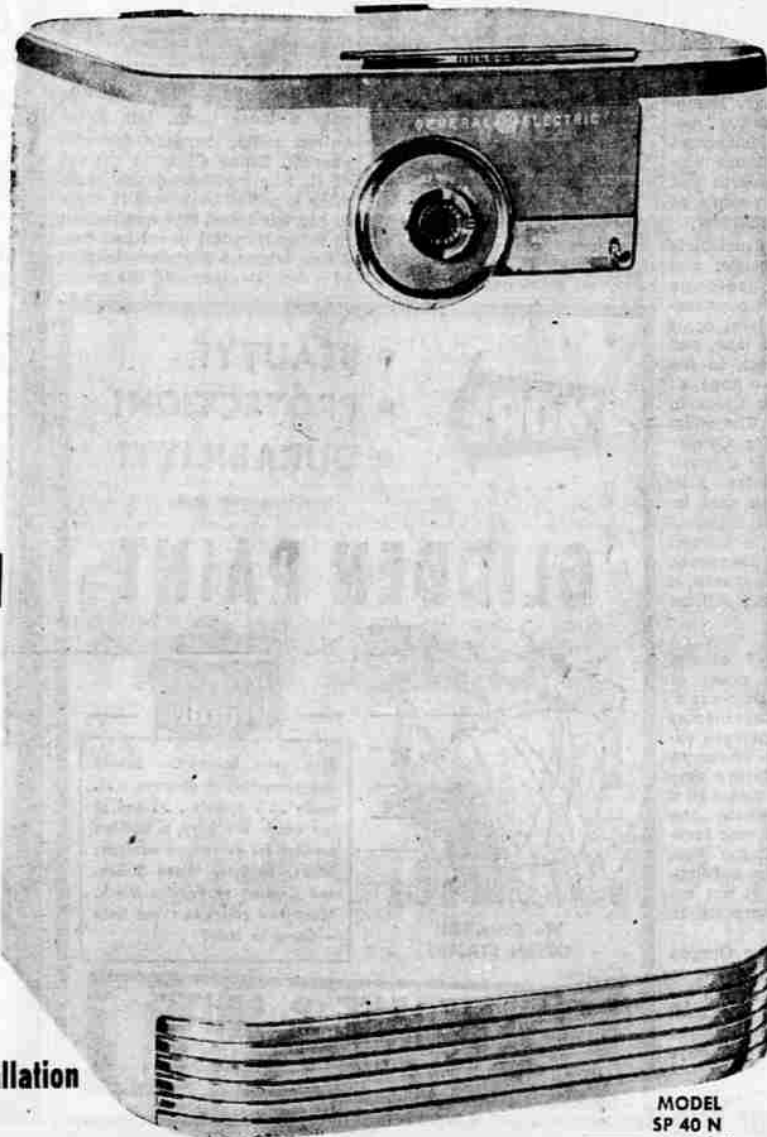
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