

# Horticulture Expert Joins Experiment Station Here

Dr. Roland C. Blake, recently of Mount Vernon, Wash., will join the southern Oregon experiment station as horticulturist starting March 1, experiment station officials have announced. He replaces Dr. John Higdon, who recently resigned to go into



DR. ROLAND C. BLAKE  
New Horticulturist

private business after three years as horticulturist at the experiment station.

**Assistant Horticulturist**  
For the past three years Dr. Blake has been assistant horticulturist for the northwestern Washington experiment station of the state college of Washington.

He was graduated from Howland High School, Howland, Maine, in 1937 and was an agent of the United States Department of Agriculture at the Cheyenne Horticultural field station from 1940 to 1941. He was then in the Army Air Corps finance department for 30 months, serving in Africa, Italy, France and Germany.

**Received Degree**  
Upon his discharge from the Army, Dr. Blake attended the University of Maine, and received his bachelor of science degree in horticulture in 1945. He received his doctor of philosophy degree in horticulture at the University of Minnesota in July, 1954.

He is affiliated with Alpha Zeta, Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Alpha fraternities. Dr. Blake is married and has two daughters, Kathryn, 3, and Carolyn, 10 months.

**Duties Outlined**  
As horticulturist for the south-

ern Oregon experiment station, Dr. Blake will conduct research on tree fruit nutrition, nutrition in relation to soil management and soil moisture, root and trunk stocks for pears and apples, pear breeding and variety testing, stony pit of pears and other fruit tree diseases and factors affecting fruit set and finish.

The program is conducted in orchards of the Rogue valley as well as on station orchards and in cooperation with specialists from Oregon State college.

## Dairy Breeders Group To Meet Here Today

The annual meeting of the Jackson County Dairy Breeders association will be held at 8 p.m. today at the court house in Medford.

All members of the association and others interested in artificial insemination have been urged to attend and hear reports of the activities of the Jackson County Dairy Breeders association and the Oregon Dairy Breeders association.

Fred Roberts, manager of Oregon Dairy Breeders, will be present to discuss the activities of that association.

## Seed Is Important In Producing Good Crop, Agent Says

Good seed is the number one factor in producing a good crop, extension agent. All good farming done in the last years will not be of much value if poor unclean seed is planted, he said.

Surveys in Washington, where department of agriculture employees took samples from drill boxes as farmers were seeding, indicated that farmers were seeding one weed seed for each square foot of their field he said. Among the weeds were leafy spurge, all hard to kill perennials, Jossy noted.

Buying certified seed is one way of being sure seed is free of noxious weeds and contains a minimum of other weeds. The certification tag also insures that the variety of seed in the bag is the same as represented.

**Selection Important**  
Selection of varieties is important to the final yield of the recommended following varieties for spring planting on Jackson county farms: oats, carleton or kanota; wheat, federation 38 or lembi; barley, Bonnevill or Velvon (use Velvon on lighter soils where moisture is a problem); corn, for grain production, Idaho 544; for silage, Illinois 200 or Illinois 1570. These must have plenty of water and high fertility, Jossy said.

In alfalfa two varieties are equal in quality and yield, he said, and lahontan has the advantage of being tolerant to the spotted alfalfa aphid and resistant to bacterial wilt.

For irrigated pastures, grass and legume mixtures, akarok orchard grass and ladino clover were recommended. Where bloat is serious, lotus can be used in place of the clover, or as a mixture with clover, Jossy said. On lands where irrigation is apt to be interrupted alfalfa fescue will do better than orchard grass.

For dry land pastures where fair soil conditions prevail Alta fescue and Subterranean clover (Nangeela, Talarook, or Mt. Baker) are recommended, he said. Dry land where soil is shallow and will not support perennial grasses very well sub clover and burnet are recommended.

**Appointments Being Taken for Clinic**  
Appointments are still being taken for the annual landscape clinic March 4 and 5 in the courthouse auditorium, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent.

Landscape architects participating in the clinic will be Mrs. E. C. Lorish, John Adams, C. E. Corry, and I. B. Solberg and George Fredeen from Oregon State college.

Appointments are being scheduled on a 30-minute basis, Cordy said. A resident desiring advice on landscaping will meet with one of the landscape architects during that time.

Those planning to attend have been asked to take a photograph or rough sketch of their dwellings, Cordy said. Appointments may be made by telephoning the county agents' office, 2-5264.

Shrubs will be on display at the courthouse by local nurseries so homeowners can have some idea of the different shrubs, Cordy added.

## Appraisal Short Course Scheduled

Corvallis—An appraisal short course, designed to improve property appraisals throughout the state, will be held at Oregon State college March 18 to 22.

Approximately 100 county assessors, deputy assessors, and other persons interested in appraisal training are expected to attend the course. It is sponsored jointly by the college and the state tax commission.

An introductory course, which covers the basic principles of appraisal will be offered along with a second-year course that will cover special appraisal problems. Three field trips for practice appraisals of farm, urban residential, and urban commercial properties are included in the second-year schedule.

## 4-H Club News

**Outdoor Cooking Club**  
The meeting of Eagle Point Outdoor Cooking and Living club was called to order by Mrs. Dunn on Feb. 23. Officers were elected. They are president, Ann Higday, vice president Gayle Norris, secretary Jim Ackerman, and reported, Cathie Carrol.

We decided to have two meetings a month. Our next meeting will be March 9 at Jim West's home at Eagle Point. If there is anyone in the Eagle Point district who would like to join, they are welcome to come to our next meeting.

Cathie Corral, Reporter.  
The percentage of disposable income spent for drug preparations today is about one-fourth less than it was in 1939, reports the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

## Conservation Reserve Program Described

Albert Straus, chairman of the Jackson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, has reminded Jackson county farmers they have through April 15 to sign contracts to put part of their cropland in the conservation reserve program.

Straus pointed out that land put in the conservation reserve must be land which otherwise would be in crops. The same acreage reserve and the conservation reserve. A farmer is eligible to participate in the conservation reserve only if he does not exceed any acreage allotment established for his farm.

**Elements Noted**  
The chairman also reminded farmers that to participate in the conservation reserve, the farmer must sign a contract to keep the designated acreage in an approved conservation practice for the required period of years. Approved practices include protective vegetative cover, water storage facilities or other soil-water-wildlife or forest conserving use.

No crop may be harvested from the land put in the conservation reserve, he stated. The only exception is timber from trees thinned out as required

## Recommendations Due at Public Meet All Day Friday

Recommendations of more than 200 members of Jackson County Agricultural council committees will be presented to the public at a meeting in the county courthouse auditorium Friday.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m., recess for lunch at noon, then resume at 1:30 p.m. The session is expected to conclude at 3 p.m. After the recommendations have been presented and discussion held, members of the council will elect a chairman and vice chairman for the coming year. Arnold Bohnert, Central Point, has been chairman of the council for the past two years and Don Nichols, Ashland, has been vice chairman for one year.

**Various Phases**  
Recommendations of the committees cover various phases of activity in the county, including youth activities, home and community life, forestry, poultry, farm and truck crops and horticultural crops.

W. B. (Ben) Tucker, county agriculture agent, said a report E. C. Lorish, John Adams, C. E. Corry, and I. B. Solberg and George Fredeen from Oregon State college.

## Stockmen Elect Officers for Year

The Jackson County Stockmen's association, at its recent annual meeting in Central Point, elected two new community directors and reelected seven others to represent communities in association work during the next year.

Newly elected directors were Richard R. Hein Ashland district, and Leon Offenbacher, Applegate district.

Reelected directors included Ernest J. Lathrop, Central Point; W. J. (Bill) Bigham, Eagle Point; Merton Bradshaw, Lake Creek; Collier H. Buffington, Medford; Herb Carlton, Prospect; Ogden Kellogg, Rogue River-Gold Hill; and E. Piele, Sams Valley-Shady Cove.

All current officers were elected for another term. They include Charles Stanley, Lake Creek, president; Warren Bayliss, Medford, vice president; W. B. (Ben) Tucker, Medford, secretary; and John Bohnert, Central Point, treasurer.

## Auditions for Friendship Follies Slated Saturday

Auditions for the third annual 4-H Friendship Follies, to be held in the Medford High school auditorium March 14, will be held in the courthouse auditorium Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to Glenn Klein, county 4-H agent.

All participants in the program must have their numbers auditioned, Klein said.

## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor, two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Karen K.**—I must marry now, but I feel I must get away from home. My father thinks and is very domineering. My mother is under his heel. Our home has always been very unhappy and it seems to be getting worse as I get older. I would run away right now if I could only support myself.

**Mrs. B. J.**—She should stick it out at home. **Karen K.**—I am 17 years old and a senior in high school. I have a boy friend and would like to marry him as soon as I get out of school, but my sister, who married at my age, is against it. The boy I am planning to marry is still in the service. My sister thinks he is lazy and would not be a good provider. Just the same, we are in love and want to get married.

**Mrs. B. J.**—I know what Karen is going through because I had it all my life too. I would take her to live with me if only we had the room. I have four small children and my own home isn't too much of an improvement over what Karen has. I married to get away from home and I have regretted it. My husband has many of the faults my father had. I feel that if I had taken my time, I could have made a better marriage. The boy Karen wants to marry is too young. He is not ready to undertake the responsibility of a family. I feel that, hard as it is, Karen should try to stick it out at home until she can make a better marriage. She is very pretty and can do well.

**The Council**—Karen is very fortunate in having a sister who can understand and sympathize with her situation, yet has the experience to be able to guide her. Her sister's example should be enough to tell her that marriage for the purpose of getting away from home is not likely to work out very well. It can be a case of going from the frying pan into the fire. Nevertheless, Karen does not need to suffer at home. If she stays at home, the pressures of the situation may later lead her to do the same thing that she is now ready to do.

**A much better solution for Karen would be to select a career, like nursing, that enables her to live away from home, to develop a useful skill and broaden her horizons. She will make friends and learn to judge people with more objectivity and maturity.**

**If nursing does not appeal to her, she might consider joining one of the women's branches of the armed forces. Here, too, she will expand her contacts and her view of life and will be able to live away from home under a certain amount of adult guidance and protection.**

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NATALIA DARRYL  
At left, for film role; right, before razor used.

## Around Hollywood

**By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press Correspondent**

**Hollywood—(UP)—The Worst** part about being the first Hollywood actress with a Yul Brynner-type haircut is that your head feels cold, pretty Natalia Darryl decided.

Natalia is bald. Or, rather, she has about a 7 o'clock shadow all over her head. She looks like a doll after a child tore off its hair.

The pretty Russian-born actress made the news two weeks ago when she had her head shaved for Universal-International's exploitation picture, "The Secret Diary of Joseph Stalin." Today I looked in on Natalia as a hairless female.

**Head Displayed With Poise**  
We sat in a restaurant. Some of the diners looked at her curiously. Others apparently didn't notice, possibly because she is a tiny brunette who carries herself with great dignity and poise.

"It was worth it," smiled Natalia. "The studio liked my scene and gave me a seven-year contract with 40-week options. I accepted the role because I feel an actress' life is not her own. Whatever a picture requires, she must do."

Under this theory Natalia sat before the cameras weeping while a barber sheared off her shoulder-length hair and then went to work with shaving soap and a razor.

**Director Likes Scene**  
Director Russell Birdwell had heard that Stalin went for bald women and, being an express agent, Birdwell couldn't pass up that scene.

"I was supposed to look bewildered and frightened," Natalia said. "After the scene I didn't look in the mirror right away. I took a shower first. I

was afraid to look at myself. I finally did and I said, 'Hello, Yul Brynner!'"

The studio gave Natalia three leagues to wear but she usually leaves them off because "wigs are not good if you want the hair to grow." On the street some people give her a double take but she's "used to it now."

**George Fox College Plans New Building**  
Newberg—Steve Ross, formerly of Salem and Medford, has been appointed to a committee of the student body of George Fox college here to confer with architects on plans for construction of a student union at the college.

Other student body representatives are Fred Hewkirk, Melba, Idaho, senior, and Jack Newell, Forest Grove.

Ground breaking for the new building will be May 4, according to Milo C. Ross, president of the college.

**Reward Unacceptable In Meier-Frank Bombing**  
Portland—(UP)—Two postal inspectors who played a role in solving the extortion plot bombing of the Meier and Frank department store in April, 1955, will not receive any of the \$28,000 reward offered for solution of the crime.

David H. Stephens, chief inspector for the post office department, said in Washington, D. C., yesterday that it would be against the policy of the department's investigative branch to accept any part of the reward.

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# Farm and Garden

## Growth Regulators Increase Cherry Size in OSC Tests

Corvallis—Growth regulator chemicals may help orchardists get more and larger sweet cherries from their trees in the future, according to two Oregon

In a three-year experiment with Royal Ann cherry trees, Quentin Zielinski and Ralph Garren Jr. found that proper use of certain plant hormone sprays increased the weight of individual cherry trees as much as one-third. The added weight was found to be due to an increase in the fleshy part of the fruit—not to larger pit size. Blossoms increased.

The research workers also were able to increase the number of blossoms setting fruit on the trees in the spring. Flavor, color, and other quality characteristics to be affected.

Zielinski and Garren checked five different growth regulator chemicals in the trials, using sprays made up of different concentrations of chemicals known as "Duraset," PCPA, NOA, NAA, and 2,4,5-T. The sprays were applied to entire trees at the rate of about 450 gallons per acre.

Most promising of the chemicals were 2,4,5-T, and a combination spray of NOA and PCPA, the horticulturists said. However, they emphasized that more experimental work on the long-range effect of the chemicals on sweet cherry trees is needed before specific recommendations can be made.

## Sectional FFA Contest Scheduled for March 1

Cave Junction—A sectional contest between Future Farmers of America of the Rogue, Umpqua and lower Willamette districts is scheduled for March 1 at 1 p.m. at the Illinois Valley High school gymnasium.

Winners in the district parliamentary procedure and public speaking tourney held in January will compete for higher honors at that time. Teams from Crater and Eagle Point will represent the Rogue-Umpqua district.

## Scholarships for Forestry Enthusiasts Announced

Corvallis—An expanded college scholarship program recognizing 4-H club members in the field of forestry, was announced this week by Burton S. Hutton, state 4-H club leader.

This scholarship program involves the awarding of four \$1,600 scholarships each to present or former 4-H club members who will be enrolled in their freshman year in 1957 and plan to study forestry.

**Present Scholarships**  
These scholarships are being presented by HomeLite, a division of Textron, Inc., of Port Chester, New York. The scholar-

## Donald T. Bohnert Gets Outstanding Farmer Recognition

Central Point—Donald T. Bohnert, Central Point, has been chosen Outstanding Young Farmer in this area, the Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce has announced.

**General Farmer**  
Farming 120 acres, Bohnert is engaged in general farming, raising Marion blue grass and alfalfa for seed, alfalfa hay and grass feed. He also has about 80 head of Suffolk sheep. With his father, Arnold Bohnert, he raises sweet corn, has some row crops and in the past has raised sugar beet seed. Outside of his own farm, he does custom combining of grain.

Bohnert is a past master of the Central Point Grange, chairman of the adult advisory council for vocational agriculture, a member of the Jackson County Young Farmers and is a member of the Medford Congregational church.

He is 29 years of age and he and his wife, Shirley, have one boy, Darrell, age 3. He graduated from Central Point High school and took a two-year agricultural course at Oregon State college.

Pendleton—(UP)—Twelve tracts of land owned by members of the Umatilla Indian tribe will be offered for sale at the request of the owners.

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