

New Pear Slated For Market Test Under Agreement

Corvallis—Market tests of a new pear selection have been made possible under an agreement between growers and the Oregon State agricultural experiment station, it was reported recently.

The new hybrid pear, a cross between Seckel and Comice No. 63, is often referred to as the "Christmas Seckel." It was developed about 12 years ago at the Southern Oregon branch experimental station by several orchardists in the Rogue River valley.

Recently, there has been increasing interest in the new selection, but the amount of fruit produced by experimental plantings has been too small to permit an adequate market test. The new agreement will allow cooperating pear growers to expand their experimental trials and increase the amount of fruit grown.

Applications for participating in the expanded testing program can be made at the branch station office in Medford, or the central office of the experiment station in Corvallis.

Farm and Garden



WINS FOURTH PLACE—Ron Hanson, member of the Eagle Point Future Farmers of America chapter, won fourth place in public speaking competition at the recent 29th annual state FFA convention in LaGrande. Topic of his speech was "We Raise It: Let's Sell It." He received a permanent plaque from Oregon State Grange.

Crater Hig FFA Group Wins Honor

The Crater Future Farmers of America chapter received a Master Chapter award at the 29th annual FFA convention held in LaGrande March 11-15.

The award was given for standards and accomplishments met by the chapter during the 1956-57 school year.

14 Boys Attend—Fourteen Crater FFA boys and their two instructors attended the convention.

Ralph Simon and Bob Elden were given State Farmer degrees during the convention. The State Farmer degree is the highest FFA degree given by the state board. To qualify, a boy must have an outstanding farming program, along with leadership qualities.

Team Places Third—The Crater parliamentary team placed third in the state contest. Newberg placed first; Pendleton, second; Scappoose, fourth; and Vale, fifth.

Fire Prevention Measure Introduced—Salem—(U.P.)—A bill requiring hospitals, day nurseries, and institutions for aged and infirm to meet fire prevention and protection requirements set by the state fire marshal has been introduced in the House.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes had asked for a review of fire protection requirements at the institutions.

Rep. Norman Howard, Portland, sponsor of the bill, said it would establish maximum numbers of persons permitted and set standards for construction, wiring, fire escapes and warning and extinguishing devices.

Also introduced today was a resolution providing for appointment of an interim committee to study state regulation and taxation of public transportation.

State Developing List Of Broiler Raisers—Salem—The state department of agriculture is developing a list of Oregon broiler and fryer raisers as result of the recent petition for creation of an Oregon Fryer commission.

To speed the compilation, the department is asking all poultry processors and handlers for reports of fryers and broilers handled last year for each grower. Paul T. Rowell, market development chief for the department, said the reports should be in Salem by April 12. Any processor or handler who has not received the report forms may obtain them from the department headquarters in Salem.

Scott Firm To Move 60,000 Cords of Timber—Walla Walla—(U.P.)—Nearly \$1 million worth of timber will be moved from the Blue Mountain area near here to Everett by the Scott Paper Co., officials of the firm said today.

The company moved 8,000 cords from the Blue Mountain area to Everett last year on a trial basis. This year the firm plans to move 60,000 cords.

AUTHOR-EDITOR DIES—New York—(U.P.)—Burton Rascoe, 64, author, editor and former drama and literary critic, died Tuesday night of a heart attack.

Prepink Spray Should Be Applied For Scab Control

Prepink spray should be applied soon for control of scab, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent, and L. G. Gentner, entomologist at the Southern Oregon branch experimental station.

On bartlett, bosc and winter nelis, Cordy and Gentner recommend 8 gallons liquid lime sulfur or 12 pounds polysulphide per acre. On D'Anjou and comice, they recommend 7 pounds ziram or ferbam per acre. If mildew is a problem on D'Anjou, 24 pounds of golofog per acre is recommended.

Cordy and Gentner advise 12 pounds malathion or 6 pounds parathion per acre in this prepink or the pink spray (preferably the pink) if any of the following conditions prevail:

1. The dormant spray was not applied.
 2. Where aphid is a problem.
 3. Where scale was severe and additional control is desired (in this case use parathion.)
- If lime sulfur and parathion are combined, do not allow the mixture to stand. Cordy and Gentner cautioned.



SUCCESS in vaccinating chickens against leukemia, incurable blood cancer, is reported by Dr. E. R. Burmester, U. S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian, at an East Lansing, Mich. laboratory. (International)

Beekeepers Get Register Reminder

Salem—Two thousand beekeepers have received reminders that April 1 is the date to register bees for this year with the state department of agriculture.

At the same time, the department has sent notices to all beekeepers in an effort to recruit more deputy state bee inspectors. The inspection season normally opens in April, but weather conditions may delay it this year. A Burr Black, in charge of apary inspections, said.

The state faces a problem in getting deputy inspectors because of seasonal nature of the work. The need for more help is especially urgent for Lane and Washington counties.

The department is sending application forms to all bee owners on the state registry in the last few years. Those who no longer have colonies are urged to so advise the department to help reduce mailing and clerical costs.

The number of small beekeepers in Oregon is declining. Bee registrations in the last four years were: 1956, 1,253; 1955, 1,342; 1954, 1,526; 1953, 1,537.

Most of the commercial operators now rent bees for pollination purposes, with the 1956 rentals ranging from \$3.50 to \$5 per colony. This business may get a slight upturn this year due to increased crimson clover plantings in the Willamette valley and more alsike in central Oregon and the Klamath basin.

Onions May Be Packed In Any Container Now

Salem—Onions grown in Oregon may now be packed for sale in any kind or size container the grower or shipper wants to use. This follows an order of the state department of agriculture, based on a hearing held several weeks ago, rescinding all standard containers for onions.

Onions offered for sale must still be labeled with the name and address or brand of the grower or packer, and the net weight. Culls must also be properly marked (letters two inches high) with the word "Culls".

Fruit, Vegetables May Be Key to Expansion of Crops

Corvallis—The amount of fruit and vegetables being unloaded in major West Coast produce markets may be the key to expansion of the truck crop industry in Oregon, R. H. Groder, extension marketing specialist at Oregon State college, believes.

For instance, Portland produce markets handled the equivalent of 11,000 carlots of fruit and vegetables in 1956, Groder reported. Of this, California growers furnished nearly 42 per cent, Oregon 22 per cent, Washington 11, and Florida 4 per cent. Imports of bananas and tomatoes from other countries made up another 10 per cent.

Products Being Imported—By watching what products are being imported in large quantities from other areas, Oregon can spot fruits and vegetables that should be considered when expanding their plantings, Groder pointed out. On the Portland market, large amounts of

potatoes, lettuce, vegetables, and melons were brought in by rail and truck.

Information from other West Coast markets can also show trends where expansion might be profitable, the marketing specialist said. Los Angeles, second largest produce market in the nation, unloaded the equivalent of 125,000 carlots of fruit and vegetables last year. San Francisco, Oakland, and Seattle are also major market areas on the coast. Unloading information from these markets can help local growers spot current market trends and locate major areas of competition.

Growing populations on the West Coast will increase the demand for garden products and cause production areas to change, Groder says. And he thinks Oregon growers should also be planning now to satisfy at least some of this increased demand with fruit and vegetables from their farms.

Baker Leads State In Brucellosis Testing Last Month

Salem—Baker county, with 3,456 cattle tested in 72 herds, topped the February testing for brucellosis (bang's disease) in Oregon counties. Second and third greatest number of tests last month were in Marion and Malheur counties, according to the monthly report of the federal veterinarians and state department of agriculture.

Statewide, 31,780 cattle in 2,525 herds were tested in February with 212 reactors or .667 per cent. The percentage of infection was lower than in January, when eight-tenths of one per cent of the 42,333 animals tested were reactors.

Without Reactor—Fourteen counties came through February testing without a single reactor. They were Benton, Clackamas, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Linn, Marion, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler. In eight counties from 1 to 9.2 per cent of the cattle reacted to the test.

In the first two months of this year, 30,824 calves in 1,458 herds were vaccinated, and 3,948 cattle were tested at sales yards for movement back to farms. Tuberculosis testing in February uncovered 23 reactors in the 12,565 cattle tested in 1,395 herds. Twenty-one of the reactors were found in Jackson county and one each in Marion and Multnomah counties. In January, no TB reactors were found in the 17,003 tests made.

Grange Protests High Taxes in State—The Phoenix Grange No. 799 at a meeting last week resolved to ask Jackson county representatives in the state legislature to use all their influence in defeating any and all measures calling for increased taxes.

In the resolution Grange members said, "The cost of State, county and school operations have reached a point that creates a heavy burden on farmers and other business men in the state of Oregon. There has been submitted to the current legislature a multitude of bills, many of which involve the appropriation of money to implement them, and to date there has been submitted no comprehensive plan to finance them."

Copies of the resolution were forwarded to all subordinate Granges in the county, to Jackson County Pomona Grange and to the Oregon State Grange.

A note from Mrs. Helga Mitchell, Applegate-Jacksonville correspondent, asks the identity of the gentleman from Shady Cove, who was in Applegate at the scene of the fatal heart attack of Clyde Smith and who furnished a blanket from his car to cover Mr. Smith. Mrs. Smith wishes to thank him and return the blanket. Mrs. Smith said she was grateful to the gentleman but neglected to get his name or how to contact him.

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Special evangelistic meetings are being held every evening this week at the Trail Community church with the Rev. Floyd Fradenburg as guest speaker.

Weed Control Meet Set For March 27

A public meeting on weed control by chemicals and mechanical means will be held Wednesday, March 27, at Bigham hall on the county fairgrounds, under sponsorship of the state department of agriculture, highway department and Oregon State college.

The all-day session will begin at 9 a.m. It is one in a series of area meetings being held in the state.

Speakers will include Ray Kelso, state department of agriculture; Jack Ross, Oregon State college farm crops specialist; and Bill Kosesan, member of the highway department.

SHADY COVE-TRAIL Third, Fourth Degrees Set

Scottie Parrick of Trail will go to the Veterans' hospital in Portland the last of this month for check up and observation.

Walter Cross of Shady Cove has returned home from Sacred Heart hospital where he was confined last week.

On Saturday, March 30, at the Shady Cove school gym the Roxy Ann degree team of the Roxy Ann Grange will hold third and fourth degrees for Shady Cove Grange starting at 8 p.m. The event is for Grangers only.

On March 27, the regular monthly social meeting of the Shady Cove Grange will be held at the Shady Cove school starting at 7 p.m. with a potluck supper. Anyone interested in the Grange has been invited.

Of interest to his many friends in the area is the marriage of Claude Close of Glendale, formerly of Trail, to Mrs. Fleta Robinson of Lodi, March 3, in Reno. Another recent marriage is that of Douglas Johnson of Ft. Ord, Calif., son of Mrs. Jeanette Johnson, and grandson of Mrs. Frances Miller, both of Shady Cove, to Miss Marge Oaks of Medford. They were married March 4 in Reno. Doug expects to leave shortly for Germany and Mrs. Johnson is returning to Medford to live while he is overseas.

Mrs. Eldon Grow of Shady Cove was hostess at her home Monday, March 18 with a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Earl Warren of Medford. The Warren family formerly lived in Shady Cove where Warren managed the McCullough saw shop. Guests present were Mesdames Richard Pfeiffer, Ed Leaming, Frances Miller, Carroll Watson, Russell Harris, Fred Kiel, Joe Waltz and Howard Nutt of Shady Cove, Rose Sturgill and Joe Fosse of Medford, Arthur Mahaker and Archie Kincaid of Ashland, Jack Grow of Eagle Point, the honored guest, Mrs. Earl Warren of Medford, and the hostess, Mrs. Eldon Grow of Shady Cove.

The annual Easter breakfast will be held this year from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the VFW hall in Shady Cove sponsored by the Ladies auxiliary of the VFW. The menu will include ham, eggs and hotcakes. Chairman for the event is Mrs. Gene House of Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wubbels of Medford were visitors recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barrett of Shady Cove.

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SHADY COVE-TRAIL Milk Distributor Book Inspection Passed by House

Salem (U.P.)—The House has passed 49-7 a bill requiring a state audit of Grade A milk distributors' books at least twice a year to determine how the milk is used.

Rep. Joe Rogers, Independence dairyman, said most Oregon milk producers favored the bill along with three large Portland distributors. Rogers said an audit was important to producers because if the distributors could not use a producer's milk in the bottle and can trade and turn it into manufacturing channels, the producer received less money. He said the producer now had no way of checking how the milk was used or how much he should be paid.

Rep. Keith Skelton, Eugene Democrat, opposed the bill on grounds it was an opening wedge for a return to milk control which was voted down by the people three years ago.

Rep. Arthur Ireland, Forest Grove Republican, said the bill was not a return to milk control. "Oregon is trying to get along without state or federal milk control," Ireland said. "All this bill does is provide a little protection for the distributor."

An estimated cost of the auditing program of \$34,000 a year would be paid by the producers. The Department of Agriculture would hire four auditors to do the job.

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Mrs. Roy Vaughn of Laurelhurst rd., Trail, is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Vaughn in Napa, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clair of Shady Cove who lived in the Kenneth Oliver home have moved to Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Athel Dudley and son-in-law, Tom Quail of Central Point, and Mrs. Clara Thurman of Shady Cove, attended a meeting of the Dry Cleaners association of Medford and vicinity at the Rogue Valley Country club March 12. On Friday, March 15 Mr. and Mrs. Athel Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quail and son, Alan, celebrated the Dudley's 29th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Ruth Sanford, her daughter, Ann, and Henry Connor returned Monday from Los Angeles where they have been this past winter.

Teddy, Paul and Philip Trusty of Klamath Falls spent their spring vacation visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Trusty of Elk Creek. Billy Trusty, the oldest grandson is leaving for San Diego where as a Naval reservist he will take a two weeks cruise in a training program.

Chet Wilson of Trail is on a business trip to Portland and Bend.

Mrs. Paul Bulkin and daughter of Far Hills Ranch, Shady Cove, spent the spring school vacation in Portland.

EAST EVANS CREEK-MEADOWS 4-H Club to Meet April 12

By NELLIE BERGMAN
East Evans Creek—The next meeting of the Meadows 4-H club will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mattison April 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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Weeds and Herbicides

By RAY HUBBELL
County Weed Control Superintendent

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles on weeds and herbicides written for the Mail Tribune by Ray Hubbell, county weed control superintendent. Readers having questions concerning weeds as well as control methods should send them to the county extension office, courthouse, Medford. As many answers as possible will be printed in this column. Other questions will be answered by letter.

It is explained in last week's column that herbicides, at high rates of application, are used for complete sterilization. Speaking of sterilization, and since this is the time of year for use of some of these materials, our suggestion would be to look into that weed problem and see if this method would apply.

Irrigation ditches, parking areas, fire breaks around buildings, lumber piles and fence lines are a few of the places where complete sterilization works well.

Sterilant Material—A sterilant material works through the soil. Rainfall takes it into the area of the plant's root system. Extreme caution must be used so the sterilant applied will not come into contact with desirable plants. Applications made on wet ground prior to a heavy downpour, may be washed off and into an area where damage will result. Leaching may also cause damage if applied too close to wanted plants.

If your problem is primarily annual grasses or plants of shallow root systems, urea materials will work very well. However, if deep rooted plants are present, a chlorate material may be used for best results. The chlorate combinations, being more soluble in water, penetrate deeper into the soil than the urea materials.

Urea Material—If the predominant plants are shallow rooted annuals, with only scattered deep rooted plants which are susceptible to hormone type sprays such as 2-4-D, we use a urea material for our first application. If any of these plants are up and growing, we could add 2-4-D to our spray for their control. Possibly a touch-up would be needed at a later date.

Since deep rooted plants are the main problem, chlorate materials would probably be the most effective. These herbicides, requiring from four to 20 or more inches of rain depending upon rate of application and soil texture, should be applied prior to this moisture need.

This might be a good time to remind residents that all wild blackberry areas sprayed last fall or winter should now be burned to remove all top growth. This will permit more intensified coverage of any regrowth this spring.

GAMMA FLOWERS—Storrs, Conn.—(U.P.)—Prof. Gustav Mehliquist of the agricultural College at the University of Connecticut said he produced "more attractive carnations and other flowers" through the use of gamma radiation.

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