

Serious Tree Damage Results From Mice

Portland—Attack by mice and small rodents is causing a heavy mortality in trees from one to five years of age in Oregon and Washington, according to Walter G. Thomson, division of state and private forestry, of the U.S. Forest Service.

"Our recent examinations of plantations made by farmers and owners of small woodlots in both Oregon and Washington have revealed the advisability of good ground preparation and cultivation in new plantations of trees in order to reduce the mouse and small rodent population as well as to retain the moisture," he said.

Thomson urges those who are planning to plant trees under the Conservation Reserve Program to consider ground preparation this summer even though it may now be too late to plant trees this spring. "By signing up before the April 15 deadline," he said, "it will be possible to receive conservation reserve assistance in preparing the ground (as for summer fallow) so that both rodents and weed competition can be reduced. A much better stand of trees will result if this practice is followed, even if the trees are not planted until next fall or winter."

Thomson said, "Even in northern Washington I observed so many mouse runways that I could not avoid stepping on them while examining plantations. One planting crew reported so many mice in one area that two of the mice were killed by just stepping on them while the men were planting the little trees. One of the best ways to reduce this mouse population is to remove all herbaceous cover, especially grass sod, by plowing before planting and cultivating afterwards."

Thomson pointed out, "The conservation reserve payments are planned to share in the cost of ground preparation and also the cost of cultivation. The county ASC committees have authority to pay up to 80 per cent of these costs as long as they do not exceed \$30 to \$35 per acre for ground preparation and tree planting. They also can pay \$1.50 to \$3.50 per acre for each cultivation, up to two cultivations for the first

3,500 Herds Get Brucellosis Test During March

Salem — During March, 2050 herds or a total of 36,246 cattle were blood tested for brucellosis, according to the state department of agriculture. In this type of testing 339 reactors were discovered for a percentage of 0.93. In addition, 1381 herds containing an estimated 27,620 cattle were milk ring tested, which disclosed 124 suspicious herds.

More than 6,000 cattle were tested for the disease at saleyards for movement back to farms; among these 36 reactors were found.

Since the state meat inspection program became statewide recently, a system of collecting blood samples at the various slaughterhouses for brucellosis testing has been instituted. This program will be of material advantage in locating infected herds as well as for record purposes in the recertification of counties, according to Dr. A. G. Beagle, who is in charge of the federal program in Oregon.

Testing for certification as modified brucellosis-free areas is completed or almost completed in Baker, Union, Grant, Benton, Lincoln, and Polk counties, according to Dr. Beagle. Tax rolls and all other sources of information are now being checked for any possible missed herds, he added. June 30, 1959 is the date set as a goal for certification of the entire state.

Calf vaccination against brucellosis was conducted in 903 herds containing 20,919 calves.

One tuberculosis reactor was found in the 3,672 tests administered. More than two-thirds of the cattle tested were from Jackson county farms and ranches.

Integration Set For Discussion At Poultry Meet

"Will integration and contract egg production take over our industry?" is one of the questions which will be discussed during the 12th annual Western Poultry Congress this June 17, 18, and 19 in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Other questions which will be considered will be the major problems facing the turkey industry west of the Rockies, sale of more eggs.

According to Frank Lang, WPC president, the three-day program will emphasize current marketing problems, headlined by such well-known men such as Peter Crafts, president, National Turkey Federation, and Lloyd Geil, PENB. The turkey day program will run concurrently with other activities.

Some of the social events designed to brighten leisure hours will include the annual PENB breakfast, the traditional Western Poultry Congress banquet, show and dance; the chicken barbecue and the California turkey federation luncheon.

Headquarters for the three-day session will be the luxurious Flamingo Garden Hotel in Santa Rosa. Business meetings and exhibits will take place in the spacious convention hall at the Santa Rosa fairgrounds. Those who are planning to attend are urged to send in their reservations now — directly to the Flamingo Garden Hotel.

The Western Poultry Congress is a non-profit organization composed of men in all segments of the poultry industry in the west. Anyone who is in any way connected with poultry in the 11 Western States is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free.

DROPS PASSENGER RUN

Baltimore, Md. — The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will discontinue passenger service between New York, Baltimore and Washington effective April 27. The company said it planned to maintain present service from Washington westward and anticipated no change in freight service to Wilmington, Del., Philadelphia and New York.

Farm and Garden

Various Solutions Given Government On Agricultural Surplus Difficulty

Washington — When "John Jones" of Chicago saw his government wrestling with a knotty problem, he decided to help.

He wrote a letter to Washington, telling a top administration official how to eliminate U.S. farm surpluses and population surpluses elsewhere in two easy steps:

—Put a 10-year moratorium on "creation" to take care of the population problem.

—Order every U.S. citizen to buy one bushel of wheat,

one bushel of corn, and 10 pounds of tobacco. That would help empty the government's surplus warehouses.

Might Create Problems

You can see at a glance that the "Jones" plan might create some problems of its own. But rest easy. The government is taking the suggestion with remarkable calm.

"Jones" — the name is fictional though the letter was real — received a polite, tactful reply from an agriculture department official who answers dozens of similar letters every week.

The official passed over the population control suggestion in silence. He thanked "Jones" for his "thoughtfulness in taking time to send your suggestion." He noted cautiously that the farm surplus plan would depend on the government's ability to get citizens to agree to stash away wheat, corn, and tobacco in the pantry.

Another suggestion for dealing with the surplus stockpiles came from a man in Ohio.

Put the stuff in a sort of outdoor icebox, he suggested in a letter. Just stack it in

Farm Forecast Printed By OSC

Corvallis — Oregon net farm income has gained a little in each of the past three years and has a good chance of further improvement in 1958, says M. D. Thomas, Oregon State college agricultural economist.

Oregon's farm economy is reviewed in the current issue of "Oregon Farm and Market Outlook," prepared by OSC economists and marketing specialists. Copies of the 8-page outlook booklet may be obtained on request from the local county extension agents or the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Discussed in the booklet are the general farm picture, livestock, seed and grain crops, forestry, poultry and eggs, horticultural crops, dairy, and consumer trends.

Guernsey Bull Sold By Medford Farmer

Peterborough, N. H. — P. K. Nelson, Medford, has sold the registered Guernsey bull, Wandamere Bonds Hero, according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

The purchaser was Perle S. Mesto, trustee of the Marguerite S. Tyson Trust, Reno, Nev.

This bull is out of the Guernsey cow, Ivy Oak Peggy's Petal, that has an official production record of 16,315 pounds of milk and 861 pounds of fat, made on three times daily milking in 365 days. He was sired by Wandamere Anson's Bond.

Three Animals Said Missing

Salem — Just three animals were reported strayed or stolen by Oregon farmers and ranchers during March, according to the monthly estray bulletin of the state department of agriculture.

However, the bulletin also describes 171 fat spring lambs missing from a ranch near Corning, Calif., and a Shetland pony reported lost by an Oreana, Ida, rancher.

In Oregon, two whiteface steers are missing from a Baker county ranch and one black whiteface bull has strayed or been stolen from a farm in Benton county.

Descriptions of the missing animals have been issued to state police, county sheriffs, and the department's livestock officers and brand inspectors, according to Henry A. Matschner, supervising livestock officer.

Ag Council Asks More Research For State Farmers

Corvallis — An expanded program of basic research in agriculture at Oregon State college has been requested by the Oregon Agricultural Research and Advisory Council, composed of representatives of 25 state farm organizations.

The need for a broadened program to help farmers of the state was stressed at the annual meeting of the council this week with members of the OSC agricultural experiment station staff and President A. L. Strand.

Robert J. Steward, director of the state department of agriculture, and Ralph G. Witcher, state board of agriculture member from Junction City, also participated in the meeting.

Money spent for agricultural research must be considered "an investment, rather than an expense because it returns three-or-four-fold profits in increased farm incomes and producer benefits," Larry Williams of Canyon City, retiring council president noted.

Basic Research Necessary

Basic research is necessary in plant and insect physiology as the basis for developing disease-resistant plants and more effective pest controls, James Doty of Portland, Oregon Association of Nurserymen, and Gordon Walker, Independence, State Horticultural society, pointed out.

Walker was elected new president of the council. Other officers include Carey Strome, Junction City, Oregon Seed Growers League, vice president; and Lyle Ham-mack, Portland, Oregon Dairy Industries association, secretary.

Named to the executive committee of the council with them were Williams, Oregon Cattlemen's association; Frank Anderson, Heppner, Oregon Wheat Growers League; Leon Funke, Eugene, Oregon Essential Oil Growers League; C. R. Tulley, Portland, Northwest Cannery and Freezers association; Charles Swango, Eugene, Western Oregon Livestock association; and Doty, Oregon Association of Nurserymen.

Seamless aluminum cans, for use as food containers, are being made by impact extrusion.

Latest Weed Data Given By OSC

Corvallis — Latest weed control recommendations for Oregon are presented in a handy booklet just published by Oregon State college extension service. Oregon residents may obtain copies of the booklet from local county extension agents or the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Titled "1958 Recommendations for Weed Control in Oregon," the 10-page booklet is prepared in chart form with brief easy-to-follow directions for controlling all major weeds.

Specific weed control programs are also charted for Oregon farm crops, lawns, and small fruits and vegetables plus controls for weeds in ditches and ponds. Included in the booklet are spray precautions to protect nearby susceptible crops or plants.

RETAIL PRICES RISE

New York — Retail prices in New York City went up .5 per cent in March, the National Industrial Conference Board reported Wednesday. Food prices rose 1 per cent, while apparel and housing each rose .2 per cent.

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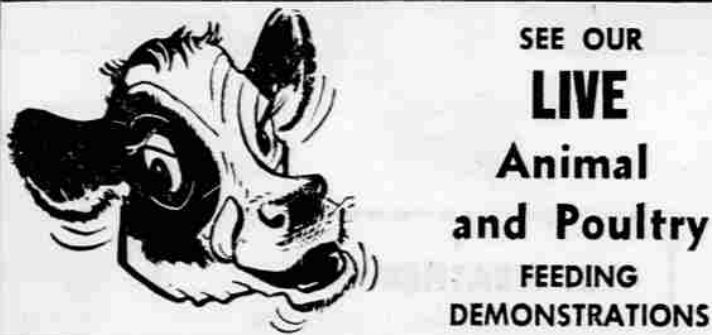
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