

Farm and Garden

Cloverlawn Farm Rated Top Herd For Last Month

Cloverlawn Guernsey farm, Medford, was top herd for November, according to records of the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement association.

The top herd in average butterfat production in the county had 663 pounds of milk produced, 39.4 per cent butterfat average from 16 cows. None were dry.

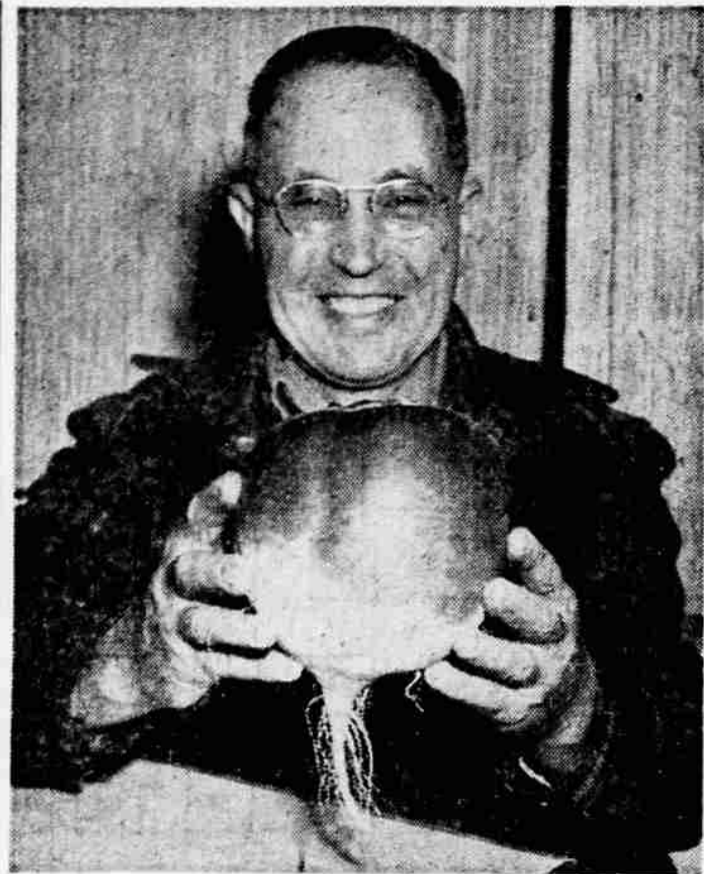
The herd owned by Glenn and Edna Chase, Rogue River area, was second with a 931 pound average of milk production, 37.8 per cent butterfat average from 24 cows. Four cows were dry.

Third was the herd owned by Clarence and Sadie Williams, Ashland, with 760 pound average milk production, 37.5 per cent average of butterfat from 34 cows. Five cows were dry.

Fourth was the herd owned by Bill and Jo Hubbard, Eagle Point, with 743 pound average, 35.1 per cent average butterfat from 55 cows. Seven cows were dry.

Top 10 cows had production records which ran from 1,490 to 1,749 pounds of milk, butfat of 80.5 to 96.2 pounds and days in milk ranging from 30 to 78 days.

The top cows and their owners listed in order were: Brownie, Clarence and Sadie Williams; Alice, by Clarence and Sadie Williams; No. 111 by Spear L. Ranch, Eagle Point; Rosie by Bill and Jo Hubbard; Diane by Jean Bitterling, Eagle Point; No. 9 by Gilman Dairy Farm, Medford; and Belle by Harry Dunn and Sons, Central Point.



BIG TURNIP — Earl R. Miller, route 1, box 570, Central Point, displays the four pound turnip that he harvested recently from his garden. Miller said that he didn't add a thing to the soil except water, but that the ground had been sitting idle for two years. The turnip, which measures six inches across, is a purple-top white globe. Miller also said that he grew a sunflower last year that measured nearly two feet across.

Higher Prices Seen On State Farm Land

Corvallis — Higher prices than ever are being paid this fall for Oregon farm land, according to Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist.

Land values in this state have gone up without interruption for four years, she said. Current values were boosted again this fall and now average 5 per cent above a year ago and 50 per cent above the 1947-49 postwar average. This is somewhat smaller than the national average gain, the extension economist noted.

Walnut Growers Must Have Check

By DON BERRY
Jackson County Extension Agent

Local walnut growers must have inspections on their walnuts before selling or shipping to retailers, except in the following cases:

1. When nuts go directly to a packer or sheller, inspection is not required before shipment.
2. When not more than 500 pounds of unshelled walnuts or 200 pounds of shelled walnuts are sold directly to consumers, no inspection is needed.
3. Shipments by parcel post or express directly to consumers are exempt providing that no shipment to one consumer in any one calendar day exceeds 10 pounds of shelled or 4 pounds of unshelled walnuts.
4. Any quantity of walnuts if sold directly to customers at roadside stands are also exempt if location is specifically approved by the walnut control board.

Growers requiring inspection on walnut sales should contact the Oregon state shipping point inspection service in Medford.

Spray Suggested For Leaf Curl

By DON BERRY
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Home gardeners should apply a peach leaf curl spray during the latter part of December or the first part of January.

Since this disease attacks the peach buds as soon as they begin to swell in the spring, delaying application after the middle of January will reduce the effectiveness of the spray. The spores which produce this disease are present on the surface of the trees during the winter months. Fungicides applied now will kill the spores before they have a chance to germinate and infect the peach buds.

For small sprayers, use one-fourth of a pound of fixed copper or Bordeaux and three gallons of water, and spray the tree thoroughly.

Flowering peaches are also susceptible to peach leaf curl and should also be sprayed at this time.

EMERGENCY LANDING OK

Wilmington, N. C. — (UPI) — A National Airlines Constellation with 106 persons aboard made a safe emergency landing here Wednesday when an engine caught fire. The fire was extinguished before the landing with a built-in extinguisher. There were no injuries to the 101 passengers and crew members.

First free public bath in the U.S. was opened in about 1904.

FUND ELECTS OFFICERS

New York — (UPI) — The Ford Fund for the Republic announced Wednesday that Elmo Roper was reelected chairman of the board. Paul G. Hoffman was elected honorary board chairman.

Grading Rumor Talk Squelched By Ag Director

Salem — A misconception that a "double standard" exists for grading domestic and export grains was corrected this week by Director Robert J. Steward of the state department of agriculture. He emphasized that only one set of standards is used regardless of where the grain inspection is made.

"The state department's division of grain inspection is a licensed agency to sample and grade commodities under the provisions of the United States Grain Standards act," Director Steward said.

"All samplers, inspectors, and supervisors employed by the department are supervised by the Portland district supervisor, grain division, agricultural marketing service, United States Department of Agriculture."

T. Ralph Harry, grain inspection chief, Portland, reported that "While it may be easier to sample-probe a box car of grain destined for domestic consumption, sampling from the outstream of grain going into the hold of a ship produces the same end results since the same methods of processing samples are adhered to. Precise methods are prescribed, and followed, to insure the most representative sampling possible."

"A cargo of wheat would yield the same dockage (foreign matter) that would be found in 200 carloads of the identical load," Harry continued, stating that grain has to have at least one per cent dockage before being noted on the grain grade.

He was referring to cattle thieves who lately have been thorns in the sides of the cattlemen. Cattle thievery isn't quite so subtle now as the old time cattle rustling used to be. As the various cattlemen from the southern Oregon area hopped to their feet to tell of their experiences their fellow stockmen guffawed. Many of them were funny but the loss in dollars and cents isn't.

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Reter Company Enters Polled Hereford Sale

Pendleton — Reter Fruit company, Medford, has become another Medford entry in the Feb. 28 through March 3, Columbia Empire polled Hereford association conference, show and sale activity in Walla Walla, Wash.

Floyd H. Baker, head of the company's polled Hereford division, has entered five bulls in the nationally spotlighted activity — largest of its kind ever staged anywhere, it was reported.

More than 50 Idaho, Oregon and Washington breeders will show and sell polled Herefords, as will some breeders from outside the Columbia Empire region, a spokesman said.

Miraflores ranch and Ralph L. Cook ranches are other Medford breeder-exhibitors with entries already recorded.

The four-day, early-spring event features a national polled Hereford show; a classic sale of replacement females and herd sire prospects; and a pen bull sale. The second annual Western Polled Hereford conference is slated as are numerous banquets, luncheons, demonstrations, educational exhibits, etc.

Congress May Cut REA Program

Washington — (UPI) — A Key Democrat predicted today that Congress will reject administration proposals to cut federal spending on farm conservation and rural electrification programs.

The forecast came from Rep. Jamie L. Whitten (D-Miss.), chairman of the House appropriations subcommittee which handles funds for farm programs.

Budget director Maurice H. Stans indicated the President's new budget would include proposals for reducing the 250-million-dollar-a-year agricultural conservation program and federal loans to rural co-ops under the rural electrification administration.

Stans said the co-ops should be required to borrow from private sources rather than the government.

Rejecting both proposals, Whitten said the administration should focus its economy efforts on defense spending "where far more money is wasted than many other agencies spend."

Written said subsidy payments to help farmers finance conservation practices must be maintained at present level as long as farm income "remains depressed" under administration farm price support policies.

As for the proposal to provide for private financing of REA co-ops, Whitten said the administration could not find a single Republican lawmaker who would introduce such a bill in the last session of Congress.

Ponderosa Pine Seedlings Ready

Oregon state forest nurseries have a large supply of Ponderosa pine seedlings available for distribution to woodland owners, Jack C. Mace, local service forester, announced today.

Besides being a major timber tree in southern Oregon, Ponderosa pine has assumed a position of being one of the accepted Christmas tree species on the west coast. This tree is well adapted to the hot south slopes of this area, Mace explained.

Seedlings are delivered to the woodland owner for \$12 per thousand. For orders of 10,000 trees or more, the purchaser may take delivery at the nursery for \$9 per thousand, the service forester said.

Trees order blanks may be obtained from a county agent, state forestry headquarters, or the county ASC office, Mace said.

Persons wanting trees should submit their orders in the near future, so as to be assured delivery.

Air in Portland Dirtier Than L. A.

Portland — (UPI) — Portland's air in recent days has actually been dirtier than that of smog-ridden Los Angeles, the State Air Pollution Authority said Wednesday.

Richard Hatcher, chief of the technical division of the pollution authority, said air pollution in the Portland area was running well over the nuisance level.

He said weather conditions which have been producing fog also caused a concentration of polluted air, heavy with soot, dust, fly-ash and other suspended particles. A temperature inversion has been holding the air over the city and a lack of breeze prevented the usual clearing of pollutants put into the atmosphere by automobiles, industry and residential heating plants.

It was raining in Portland this morning, however.

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AND THE PUPILS.

Eastham, England — (UPI) — The local board of education ordered an inquiry today into complaints that the High Colliery County school is so cold that ink freezes in the inkwells.

SHEREE NORTH MARRIES

Hollywood — (UPI) — Actress Sheree North and Dr. Gregory Sommer were married Wednesday night at the Bel Air Hotel. It was the third marriage for both Sommer and Miss North.

--- CHIT CHAT ---

By JOE G. COWLEY
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

A cry of the old wild west sounded in the Central Point Grange hall last Thursday when one of the more active members bounded to his feet with, "We should shoot 'em or hang 'em as they used to do!"

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Some time ago we ran a summary in this column of the findings of the Oregon legislative interim committee's report on migratory labor. On the whole the report was thorough, searching and fair. However, in some areas covered by the report the investigators failed to consider the economic status of the farmer and other factors important in his relationship to the migrant laborer.

This was particularly true in housing. When the rancher or farmer doesn't have the money to put out for housing he won't be erecting any more adequate housing than he can afford. Nothing was mentioned of the severe 1955-56 freeze which destroyed so many fruit trees, particularly in the Milton-Freewater and Wasco county areas. Nothing was mentioned also of the length of picking season which makes a difference in establishing more permanent type housing.

Tuesday's Oregon Journal had an editorial on the "Migrant Report Fair, Balanced." "A remarkable feature of the Oregon legislative interim committee's report on migratory labor is its balance," the Journal editorial stated.

Since a number of stories appeared in the papers on migratory labor abuses, perhaps some people expected "a blanket indictment." However, the committee noted some abuses but pointed to a good job being done by farmers, farm organizations and communities.

The committee report broke down into six pieces of legislation which include licensing of labor contractors, transportation safety, housing and sanitation standards, farmer tax relief for construction of farm labor housing, a pilot-act program for migrant children and continuation and strengthening of the governor's inter-agency committee on migratory labor.

The editorial sums up the Journal's viewpoint by stating that "in addition to proposed legislation, the report contains much valuable information for both public and voluntary agencies and organizations which are interested in the migrants from a humanitarian viewpoint."

One of the more worthwhile legislative proposals to come before the state legislature is the Oregon Broiler Grower association's labeling law. This would require each fryer or its container to have a label fixed to it giving the name of the state in which the bird was grown.

This includes labelling of each whole or half fryer when sold in bulk pack. When fryer parts are on display in a container or tray the tray must be labelled with the name of state of origin.

This law if passed by the state legislature should play an important part in promoting broilers raised in Oregon. It also looks as if the beef people are going to have to form a commodity commission to protect themselves against this competing group.

Those who see the annual feeder sales each year might be interested in a few miscellaneous facts put out by Midway auction yard proprietor Bill Bray. He estimated that during the last sale he sold 1,853 head of cattle in 6 hours, 15 minutes. This year is the first year the yard hasn't expanded to take care of the increasing need for facilities.

He explained there are a lot of hidden expenses such as advertising and labor. During the last sale he reported his crew worked all night for two nights loading out cattle.

A big problem is the number of stockmen who bring cattle in at almost the last minute. One of the stockmen suggested that a deposit be required ahead of time from those planning to sell their cattle during the sale. This would help the consignors since their names could be advertised. Two weeks ahead would not be bad, Bray said.

A representative of the bureau of land management reported the number of cattle on graze remains about the same. Seventeen stock ponds and three miles of fencing have been constructed on BLM range lands during the current year, it was reported. Three cattle-guards each for the Dead Indian and Green Springs ranges have been installed, he reported. Approximately 300 acres scattered through the BLM range lands have been seeded, it was reported.

Mrs. Don Nichols, Ashland, president of the Jackson County Cowbellies, told of the continuing beef promotion sponsored by her group — an auxiliary to the stockmen's association. The money for this program was raised through cake sales. Each of the home economics classes in Jackson county schools are given money to purchase beef to use for instructional purposes. The students are trained how to buy different cuts as well as how to prepare them, Mrs. Nichols said.

A beef cooking school is scheduled in January plus a 30-minute TV program and store advertising of beef promotion. Incidentally, attractive place mats showing all the brands in Oregon can be obtained for a reasonable price. Those wanting them for party decorations or just decorations to brighten up the table during these dreary winter days should contact

Youth Looks To Partnership In Future Farming

Central Point — Jim Frink, sophomore in vocational agriculture at Crater high school, is nother future farmer planning to go into a farming partnership with a member of his family.

Jim and his brother Russell, now a freshman at Crater high, plan to take over their father's farm in Sams valley. That will give them a total of 200 acres.

Jim's vo-ag projects are field crops and dairying. He is now farming 36 acres of barley — 16 acres on the home place and rents the other 20 acres. He has three registered Guernseys. He started building up his Guernsey herd last year. The young farmer earned all the money doing odd jobs and working for other people during harvest time.

Takes Second

The vo-ag student took second place in his class with his Guernseys at the county fair last fall. He is also active in farm mechanics and built a stock trailer last year and is building an implement trailer this year.

Jim says he likes Guernseys because they milk both in quantity and quality. He sells his Guernsey milk to the cheese factory in Central Point.

What he learns in classes is applied to his farming. The supervised farming program in which instructor Ed Griggs gives him on the spot advice, helps him still further, the young future farmer said.

Milking Equipment Meeting Held Here

Four Jackson county men were among the 38 people attending the Chore Boy's milking equipment distributor's meeting in Medford on Nov. 17 and 18, it was reported.

Those attending from this county were Archie Sharp, Don Waldron and Mark McKenzie, all of Medford and Walter S. Starnes, Ashland.

The meeting consisted of a regional school on installation and servicing of milking equipment.

JUST TOYING AROUND

Chicago — (UPI) — Employees of a major Chicago department store smiled benignly as they watched a 7-year-old boy doggedly maneuver a tricycle down three flights of escalator stairs and out the main floor entrance. The Toy Department later reported that the tricycle was a floor model.

Mrs. Nichols or Armin Richter, new president of the stockmen's association.

The United States Department of Agriculture cold storage report released Monday shows there are more fresh apples than a year ago but fewer fresh pears. Oregon State college extension economists noted. Frozen fruit and tree nut stocks are lighter also, they say.

Frozen fruit inventory is somewhat less than a year ago which means that prices on these commodities may be a little higher this winter.

Orange and tangerine production for 1958 and 1959 is estimated to be up about 14 per cent. Grapefruit production is about 7 per cent higher than the previous year, OSC economists report.

The United Kingdom will revise its regulations on permissible tolerances of a stop-mild spray on U. S. apples and pears, it was reported by the USDA. This will be effective in January. Acceptable tolerance is 10 parts per million.

Fruit Trees Ideal Home Landscaping Additions

By J. VERNON MARSHALL
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December is a good month to plant trees of deciduous nature.

It is not until the first of December, that trees of this type may be moved safely since all the foliage must be off the tree before moving.

Included in the deciduous type are the fruit, nut and shade trees. I do encourage the planting of fruit trees in particular such as apples, pears, cherries, plums and peaches. I realize also that in order to make such trees really pay expert care and attention must be given. This is the same as for anything else. Many hundreds of thousands of such trees exist all over the land on small home grounds which are giving pleasure and delight to the owners and there is room for millions more to be planted.

Peach Good Example

The early Red Haven peach is an example. This variety will grow where other better ones do not amount to much. It is very hardy. In a short time it will develop a beautiful tree with upright habits and will be covered all summer with deep green, glossy foliage. It will be loaded with thousands of flowers and bear an abundance of fruit. This type is noted as a good eating and canning peach.

More fruit trees for the home grounds should be the motto of every home owner. It takes many years to grow a good-sized apple tree. But the same amount of time applies to a maple or elm so why not have all three? What better shade tree could you wish for than an apple? And often where apples won't do cherries will. Where is the family that doesn't use cherries in summer and fall.

So far people of this area have only begun planting fruit trees in the home grounds. In the majority of cases you don't see them. Plant cherries and plums or peaches in with the stock for an irregular border of shrubs along the lot lines. Even if they bear fruit fit to eat often than one year in every five or six they look as well as any other tall-growing foliage shrub and are beautiful when in bloom.

Plenty of Room

Every little home with a 50-foot front has room for three or four fruit trees and even more than that if you plant the dwarf varieties. The latter will bear every bit as heavy as the standard tree according to the size of the

Ex-Newspaperman In Ag Information

Salem — R. H. Schillios, former Oregon newspaperman and political public relations consultant, has accepted appointment as an informational representative with the Oregon state department of agriculture. He will work in the administrative division at Salem.

Congressman Charles O. Porter said of Roly Schillios' background performance for his first successful election, "Without the devoted and able services of Mr. Schillios, I doubt very much that I would have won."

Schillios went on to Washington, D. C. as Rep. Porter's administrative aide and resigned during the 85th session to promote other Democratic congressional candidates. His public relations activities ranged from New York to San Francisco. He most recently finished a campaign in Washington's Fourth Congressional district where he served as executive-secretary to State Sen. Stanton Ganders.

A combat correspondent during World War II, Schillios later joined the Eugene Register-Guard as a writer-photographer and after seven years there, free-lanced for three years prior to his entry into governmental public relations.

OPEN TRADE TALKS

Baghdad, Iraq — (UPI) — A 12-man Communist Chinese trade delegation opened negotiations today on a commercial agreement with Iraq.

tree. A full grown peach or apricot tree will usually reach about six or eight feet high. The dwarfs in apple varieties will grow about eight to 10 feet high. Most fruit may be picked on the small trees without ladders. When planting trees do not use hot fertilizers around the roots such as barnyard manure or chemical fertilizers. Use only organics such as Liquinox or Rapid-Gro.

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