

Oregon Dairymen Plan Jan. 11-13 Annual Meeting

Corvallis - The need for Oregon milk producers to stabilize milk prices by forming larger bargaining groups or obtaining a federal milk marketing order will be discussed at the 66th annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association, Jan. 11 to 13 at Ontario.

Dr. S. Kent Christensen, Oregon State agricultural economist, will bring dairymen up to date on marketing changes in the dairy industry affecting such things as the stability of prices to milk producers.

Secretary Harold Ewalt, OSC extension dairy specialist, says the meeting at the Moore hotel will run the gamut of problems facing dairymen including a talk on milk sanitation and antibiotics by Dr. Paul Elikker, head of the OSC bacteriology department.

Elikker, who attended the International Dairy congress in London last summer and who spent six weeks helping set up a model milk plant in Spain, also will tell about milk products abroad.

To Give National View
The national dairy situation will be reported by R. E. Burleson, federal extension dairyman, Washington, D.C. Burleson also is scheduled to meet association meetings in Marion county, Jan. 15, and Linn county, Jan. 16.

Dairy herd improvement will be reviewed by Burleson and Don Anderson, OSC extension dairy specialist. Dick Hammond, manager of Farmers Coop Creamery, Payette, Idaho, will tell how a cooperative handles milk. Cecil Griggs, milk producer in southwestern Idaho, will speak on milk pooling.

Don Thomas, Portland, executive secretary of the Oregon Dairy Products commission, will tell about the commission's activities.

Dairy feeding and management will be reported by a panel of leading dairymen, including Louis Wettstein, Ontario; Bert Nelson, Bend; Stan Masten, Klamath Falls; Earl Faw, Vale; and Dr. L. R. Jones, OSC professor of dairy husbandry. Moderator will be Harry Sandquist, Malheur county extension agent.

New System Used By Ditch Users

Recently officials of the Nye Ditch User, Inc., of Prospect turned water into a newly constructed concrete ditch and pipeline system. The new works eliminates an open ditch which has not delivered water because of excess seepage.

The new ditch and pipe are part of a revised system of getting water into the group's canal system. The ditch and pipe takes an allotted flow from Mill Creek and discharges it into COPCO's power canal leading to the Rogue river. At COPCO's Prospect dam, a siphon is being installed to take the allotted water into a pipeline leading to the group's canal. A suspended pipeline crossing over the Rogue river has been eliminated.

Begin Project Study
The late Bruce Grieve of Prospect began study of the project several years ago. Agreement on the plan was signed this fall by COPCO officials and users of the Nye Group. Engineers of COPCO and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service planned the details of the project.

Mr. V. L. Chapman is president of the group. Dave Neville has been supervising the work. A local contractor, Mr. Robert O'Day, constructed the 850 ft. ditch, three structures, and laid 800 ft. of pipe. The group is installing the siphon, pipeline, and measuring weir.

The project provides domestic and irrigation water for the farmland around Prospect. The Ross Mill also gets water from the mill pond and boiler.

Washington - (UPI) - The Agriculture department is testing prefabricated sheets of burlap coated with asphalt as a "practical and long-lasting liner for irrigation canals."

The bests are under way near Logan, Utah. Under present irrigation practices, about two-thirds of all irrigation water is lost. About one-third of the water seeps away during conveyance, and another one-third is lost through run-off and deep absorption and into the soil.

A department scientist said preliminary results of the Utah tests would not be known until the burlap has been tested a year or longer.

CHIT CHAT

By JOE COWLEY
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

(Editor's Note: This is a reprint of a column published recently in the Walsh County Record of North Dakota.)



UNCLE DAN SEZ

The way things is working out it looks like we got more and more bad seasons in this county every year. We got the hurricane season, the tornado season, the polio season and the hay fever season, just to name a few.

And one of our very bad seasons is getting to be what we might call the "Item 4 Minus 3" season. Them brass hats in Washington figgers farmers is a little dumb, so they make the farmers get their income tax reports in a month afore normal folks has to turn theirs in.

I always start on mine the first week in January so's to allow plenty of time fer prayer and meditation. I been working on this new jig-saw puzzle for three straight days and I git a new answer ever time I figger it out. I got a good notion to wrap up my Sunday suit and that nine dollars I got in the bank, send it to 'em and tell 'em this is what I'm holding and for them to work it out. I'll add a note advising that if there's anything left over, I'd like to have my Sunday pants back.

"Subtract item 4 from item 3, then carry it to Schedule 4 Line 9" or somepun, it says. I can't even find Schedule A, much less Line 9. Ever year about this time I git out that old motto I won at the county fair, dust it off and hang it over my bed: "I will lay me down and bleed awhile and rise to fight again."

Taxes is getting to be a religion amongst them folks we elect to public office. I see where the U.S. Tax Foundation says there's 151 difference taxes on a loaf of bread, 92 on an egg, 116 on a man's suit, and around 600 on a house. And when they run out of regular taxes they come up with a "temporary" tax fer some emergency. When the emergency is over they just make the tax permanent and hike it a little.

It's got so I never ask the price of nothing no more, just ask about the tax. I figger that if I can pay the tax they'll credit me for the balance. A feller that runs a grocery store over in town told me the other day he had to hire three clerks, two to wait on the trade and one to keep books for the Government. From the looks of things right now, Mister Editor, I figger ulcers is in fer a good, long run in this country.

A feller said onct that whenever three business men git together in this country, sooner or later they form a company and one is president, one is vice-president and one is treasurer. And it looks to me like ever time we elect three candidates to office, one turns out to be the tax collector, one assistant tax collector, and one tax inspector.

Well, I got to quit now and git back to Item 4 Minus Item 3. It's a funny thing to me that when we owe Uncle Sam money he's got to have it right away, but he'll wait 30 year for England to pay him.

Nurseryman Tells Care of Fuchsias

By J. VERNON MARSHALL, For. Rogue Valley Nurserymen and Growers Association
Tips on growing fuchsias—I am now starting fuchsias in our greenhouse, by cuttings, and would like to pass on a few tips to my readers, that enjoy growing Fuchsias from the beginning.

New introductions are created by crossing pollinations. This painstaking task sometimes takes years of work to find the new variety the originator is looking for.

After the new introductions are found they are increased by cuttings. Tip cuttings are the best. Take a cutting about 3 or 4 inches long, cutting just under the leaf joint. Cut off the bottom set of leaves near the base. Insert the cuttings about 1-inch in good coarse sand. Keep it moist and warm.

In about 10 days to two weeks the cuttings should be rooted. Some varieties root very easily, while others are extremely difficult to root. After the cutting is rooted it should be placed in a small pot, 2 1/2 inch size, planted in mild light humus soil. Again it should be kept moist and warm for fast growth.

In a month or so, this cutting should be placed in a 4-inch pot. The soil for this should be 1/4 peat moss, 1/2 leaf mold, 1/4 compost with a little sand, and 1/4 garden loam. After a month or so these can be fertilized with a good well balanced fertilizer according to the directions, such as Liquinox or Rapid Gro, which should be followed most carefully. Feed often, as the weather warms. The fuchsias should be fertilized every week to 10 days, using fertilizer as I mentioned above. As too strong a solution can cause burn.

Protect From Insects
Like anything really lovely put in the garden. Fuchsias must have a pest or two. Aphids, white fly, strawberry root weevil and red spider are a few that like to bother them. A good soil insecticide-fungicide dust should be used when preparing the soil to prevent the strawberry root

weevil. We find Botano, a very good control, also insects on the leaves may be controlled by this same dust. If you prefer wet sprays, use Malathion.
One disease that has plagued the fuchsias in late years has been called "blight" by most of the growers. This disease travels fast during warm weather. Sometimes it strikes only one limb and other times it will kill the entire plant. The best way to avert this is to keep the plants well ventilated, not too wet, well spaced, and clean of dead leaves and blooms.
Dusting with an all-purpose insecticide-fungicide dust will prevent the so-called "Blight". Water carefully during the warmer days of summer. Fuchsias will need much more water than they did earlier in the season. However, they should be watered only when they need it and not at any regular time.
Some plants, those with the most foliage, require more water than others. Occasionally a plant will "drown". This is caused from over watering or poor drainage. If a plant is wilted, when the temperature is below 80 degrees, and the soil is extremely moist, you are probably over-watering. If this condition continues over a 3 or 4-day period the plant will probably die. If the "drowned" fuchsias are caught the first day or so and water stopped for several days to give the soil a chance to dry out, the plant has a good chance to survive.

Washington - (UPI) - The agriculture research service has begun a full-scale insect attack against tansy ragwort, a toxic weed that has invaded California, Oregon, and Washington coastal areas. Larvae of the cinnabar moth tyria jacobaeae were released last June in four West Coast areas heavily infested with the weed. Scientists believe the moth will emerge next spring at the time the tansy ragwort weeds are starting to form flower buds.



INSPECT STRUCTURE - T. C. Cunningham and Dave Neville of the Nye Ditch Users, Inc., and Robert Lonsway, of the Sams Valley-Beagle Soil Conservation district, stand at the intake structure where a new concrete ditch takes water from Mill creek.

State Livestock Prospects Bright

Corvallis - Oregon's livestock market prospects for 1960 have been brightened considerably by the USDA pig crop report released this week, according to Marion D. Thomas, Oregon State college extension agricultural economist.

Prices of cattle, sheep and hogs all now seem likely to be higher than expected earlier.

This latest survey of farmers' intentions reveals plans for a sharp cut in the number of sows to be farrowed during the next five months. The national total will be down 12 per cent from last spring if farmers stay by their present plans.

The prospective cut apparently stems from low hog prices in 1959 plus an opportunity to secure price-supporting loans on corn and other feed grains.

Any decrease in farrowing during the next six months will be reflected in the supply of pork reaching the nation's markets during the last half of 1960. For the next few months supplies of pork are expected to continue large as the number of hogs now on farms is about the same as a year ago. Many of these may be fed to heavier weights in view of the prospect for reduced supplies and higher prices later in the year.

Higher hog and pork prices should bolster 1960 cattle and sheep prices too, although some decline in cattle may occur anyway as marketings increase from expansion in herds that has taken place in the past two years.

Grange News

Gold Hill Grange
The annual Christmas party of the Gold Hill Grange was held recently at the Grange hall. Thirty-four members attended. Gifts were exchanged by members. The exchange was under the direction of the lecturer's committee.

In addition to the gift exchange, the program also included singing carols, a Bible reading by Chaplain Nona Waite, a musical number by Evelyn Jones and her son, Billie, games conducted by Leona Jinks, and a quiz game conducted by Dorothy Eskew.

Refreshments were served following the program. Birthdays occurring in December were recognized, including Bob Cook's 82nd birthday.

Portland - (UPI) - Stockholders of Howard-Cooper Corporation of Oregon and Howard-Cooper Corporation have authorized a merger, according to R. F. Cooper, president.

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Farm Crops Specialist To Work in New Delhi

Corvallis - Dr. D. D. Hill, retired head of the Oregon State college farm crops department, will leave early in January to take charge of the New Delhi, India, office of Western Wheat associates, formed by wheat commissions and wheat growers associations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho for market promotion and development.

Hill will be in India for two years directing wheat marketing and development for the Northwest organization. Mrs. Hill will accompany him.

Western Wheat associates is carrying on a vigorous market development program that began in 1949 in the Far East and Middle East. In addition to New Delhi, offices are maintained in Japan and Pakistan. Cooperating with the Northwest group is the Great Plains Wheat Market Development association.

A 1952 OSC graduate, Joe Spruta, formerly of Albany, is now in charge of the New Delhi office. He will work in Ceylon, Indonesia, Burma and Thailand after Hill's arrival in India. The U.S. Miller's National federation will cooperate in work in those countries.

Activities Listed
Various promotion and marketing activities are conducted by the organization. It has cooperated in sponsoring trade fairs in New Delhi, Calcutta, and Madras, India, with another fair scheduled to begin in February in Bombay. It also conducts baker's training schools; prints and distributes recipes using wheat; samples and tests all wheat shipments into India; promotes exchange of agricultural missions; and currently is developing a kitchen-bus demonstration project with wheat and assisting in training grain storage specialists for the government of India.

Western Wheat associates is contracting with the Foreign Agricultural service, U.S. department of agriculture, to obtain foreign currencies to finance the market development activities.

Hill, who retired from the college staff in July following 32 years service, is internationally known as a seed and farm crops specialist and is credited with helping develop Oregon into one of the world's leading seed production areas. He has worked closely with the Oregon Wheat commission since it was formed in 1947, serving as the OSC representative to the group.

Last year, Hill was technical leader for a Middle East country seed conference at Ankara, Turkey. It was one of three such meetings held in various parts of the world under sponsorship of the state department's International Cooperation administration.

Old Year Reviewed For Soil District

Planning and applying conservation practices were strong points in the 1959 operation, according to Elwood Abbott, board chairman for the Sams Valley-Beagle Soil Conservation district.

The board was active in directing the conservation program and had a well-attended annual meeting at the start of the year, 12 monthly meetings and two special meetings; one in Grants Pass and the other in Salem, Abbott noted.

Noted during the conservation operation were two group jobs; Table Rock and Nye water users. These groups planned and applied over \$40,000 worth of conservation practices benefiting about 60 landowners and affecting over 10,000 acres of land.

The Table Rock group was headed by E. H. Taylor, Table Rock rd. and the Nye water users by V. E. Chapman, Prospect. Cooperating with the groups were California Oregon Power company, Jackson county court and the county roads department. The U.S. Soil Conservation Service was responsible for the technical share of the operation and the Jackson county Agricultural and Stabilization committee the cost-sharing available to the groups. In planning the function with individual farmers and ranchers, 20 basic plans and five revised basic plans were developed. This brought the total to 100 basic plans for the year with nearly 400 cooperators in the district for the year, Abbott stated.

Practices Given
Included in the year's applied practices were conservation cropping systems on 12,000 acres, pasture planting on 1,100 acres, land leveling on 900 acres and five irrigation reservoirs with storage of 450 acre feet of water. Over 300 farmers and ranchers were assisted during the year with their individual conservation programs.

In the relations phase of the operations, George Loftin, of Beagle and Ed Hays of Eagle Point, were recognized as men of the year. An all-day tour in July was arranged for by Jim Gates and Bill Jess, both of Eagle Point, and

Lester James, of Sams Valley. The Southern Oregon Area SCS meeting was attended by six supervisors and the state SCD meeting by two supervisors.

Field planting trials were recognized by the board in 1959. The International Harvester company cooperating with the SCD field trials at the Curtis McRae, George Loftin ranches. Work on new dry-land grasses and legumes was started. The project's aim was to extend the season for use and to increase the productivity on the range land in the soil conservation district.

"The outlook for 1960 is excellent," Abbott forecast. "The district can progress from the foundation set in previous years."

Washington - (UPI) - The Agriculture department says that construction began on more than 100 small watershed projects during 1959.

High School Students Set Library Buzzing

Marion, O. - The library in downtown Marion was buzzing recently.

Six high school students took a hive from a nearby bee farm and, under cover of darkness, threw it in the open window of the library.

The six were caught the next morning by policemen, three of whom had angry red welts which gave them a personal interest in the case.

Student Firemen Extinguish Blaze

Durant, Okla. - Volunteer firemen took advantage of an early opportunity to impress their teacher with what they had learned in a special course in firefighting.

They were listening to a lecture by Lt. George Myers, when the alarm sounded.

After the blaze at a restaurant was extinguished, Myers said his "students" did an excellent job.

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