



HIGH CORN—Mrs. J. R. Scoville, 416 Boardman st., Medford, grew this tall corn stalk in her back yard. She doesn't know what kind it is, but it just seemed "to get out of hand." When she went to pick some the first ear was higher than she could reach, she told Mail Tribune Photographer Robert Vroman.

Princess Report On Dairy Contest Given Bureau

By ERBEE MULKEY
Farm Bureau

Connie McDonough, Salem Valley, Jackson county dairy princess, spoke at a picnic held recently by the Jackson County Farm Bureau.

Connie told of her trip to Portland to the Oregon Dairy princess contest, held in June. She said it was most interesting meeting other contestants and taking part in activities of two days and was thrilled to watch the coronation of Adrienne Ellison of Mt. Angel as the winner.

John Patrick, Eagle Point, who participated in the "Good-will" trip to Europe in July, gave a preliminary talk on his travels. He expects to give a complete report at the next meeting to be held in the auditorium of the extension building on the fairgrounds Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 8 p.m. Nat Elzel, vocational agriculture instructor of Eagle Point High school, who with Mrs. Elzel accompanied the tour, will assist in the report while slides are being shown. The public is invited.

Ernest Radonske, president of Jackson County Farm Bureau, reported on the state resolutions meeting held in August at Coos Bay. Mrs. Radonske, women's chairman, accompanied her husband. Radonske said among matters discussed were federal aid to education, community colleges, an agricultural building and the issue of carelessly stored dynamite.

Howard Fugli, state commodity director, spoke on changes taking place in administrative policies of Farm Bureau, on the local, state and national levels. He asked members to think seriously on just what they want accomplished. He also raised the question of "Just who is a farmer?" since farming is now integrated with many other businesses.

Edwin Taylor, county commissioner, talked on the benefits of retaining county agricultural lands to produce food for county institutions and to provide work for prisoners jailed on minor charges.

Oregon Man Named To Farm Post

Salem-Val Klampe, Marion county native, joined the state department of agriculture Sept. 17 as statistical and marketing analyst in the agriculture development division.

He has been for more than six years office manager of the Santiam Farmers Cooperative at Stayton and prior to that worked as an accountant in Salem and Roseburg. His family has lived in the Lohish area north of Salem since 1923 and participated in the development of that area as one of the major onion producing districts of the state.

The analyst post in the agriculture development division, authorized by the last legislature, has been slow in filling until Paul T. Rowell, division chief, could get "the right man."

Klampe's work in agricultural areas and contacts with producers and dealers will be helpful in his new position and an asset to his understanding of problems and project concepts, Rowell believes.

Radioactivity Reading At Portland Increases

Portland—The Portland radioactivity reading rose to 14 micro-microcuries Monday, but authorities called it insignificant.

The average summer reading has been three but 1,000 is considered the minimum level of concern. Richard Hatchard, air quality control chief for the state Sanitary Authority, said the slight increase might have reflected Russian nuclear testing.

FROM THE GROUND UP.

By BART BARTLETT

It must be emphasized again that ideas in this column are designed to provoke thought by persons dealing with biological materials. This provides quite a wide latitude for the utilization of that portion of the human anatomy known generally as grey matter.

Seen by the Roadside

This should be a good time for those who are interested or engaged in the arrangement of dried floral decorative pieces to begin making some collections of the plant materials that may be needed this winter.

Homeowners and others that are served by ALL irrigation districts should consult the manager of each district to find out when they plan to stop delivering water. Then make it a point to be well irrigated by that date. It may be a long dry fall.

Home Orchard Problem
The apple trees in many home orchards are full of wormy apples. The reasons for this are not simple or easy to explain. It seems that the advice that home orchardists get is partly at fault. It is also a fact that the majority of home orchards should not exist. They are neglected and at best expensive. The fruit produced by most home orchards could be bought far cheaper than it can be grown.

However, there are instances where one must defend the motives of the home orchardist. It is a hobby, or it has value as an avocation for an elderly person. Some of the blame for the pest problems of the small grower must be placed on the commercial companies who sell shoddy spray equipment and a package or bottle of "cure all" spray material.

We refer to last week's column in which mention was made to the Jackson county fairgrounds and subjects relating thereto. The old Talent agronomy station would be an excellent site for a fairgrounds. A track for the running of ponies and horses could easily be constructed at this site and leave ample space for barns, pens and whatever else is needed for a proper fairgrounds setup. The present fairgrounds are too near Medford to even be considered for such purposes as the long range development of a fairgrounds area.

Aside from this some other areas of Jackson County should be developed besides those that favor Medford and its businesses.

Not Prime Farm Land
The old agronomy site is not prime agricultural land. This fact can be gleaned from the records and attested to by the agronomic leaders of the present agronomic experiment station at its present site at the Hanley farm on Jackson creek.

It is also questionable as to whether society owes jail prisoners the privilege of rehabilitating themselves while in jail awaiting trial or for the purpose of serving short sentences. If they were used to clean up garbage along roadides it may be preferable to having them grow economic crops that tend to compete with those grown by local farmers. We would offer one thought in this regard and that is that the prisoner who was being rehabilitated in the old Camp White Nation Guard area recently had quite a rehabilitating effect on the large warehouse that was burned to the ground.

Interested informed landowners. During the afternoon on Wednesday, Oct. 3, interested landowners are invited to attend the tour. Anyone wishing to attend should call the extension service, Soil Conservation Service, or the state forestry in Grants Pass for further information and directions. There also will be other notices about this tour in the paper and over the radio.

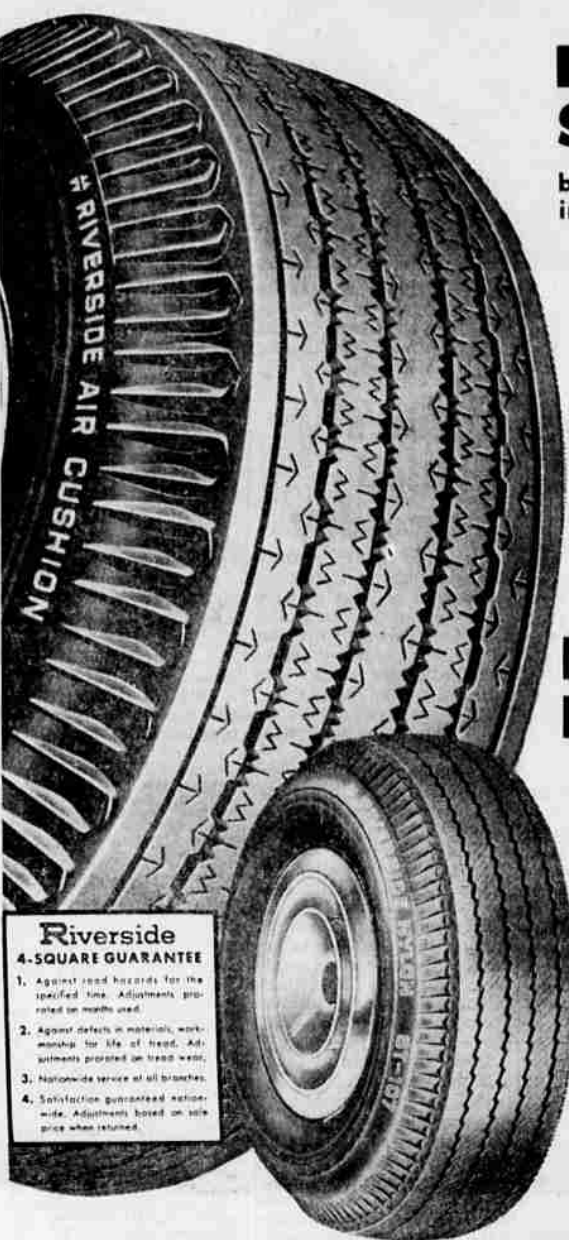
CONSERVATION TOURS
On Oct. 2 and 3, Josephine county is going to hold its annual school forest conservation tour. This tour is attended by all the sixth graders in Josephine county. Good forest conservation is demonstrated here from tree planting to commercial harvesting. The seven stations are instructed by private and public foresters.

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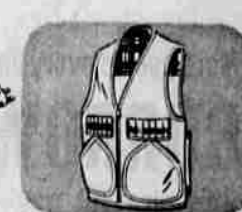
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