

Alfalfa Weevil Feature of Talk To Farm Bureau

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Montague Correspondent
Montague—Dave West from the Yreka farm advisor, gave a demonstration on the alfalfa weevil to the Shasta Valley Farm Bureau when it met at the Montague clubroom on Tuesday, May 21.

A potluck dinner preceded the meeting and while the ladies cleared the tables, the men went to the Norman Shaw ranch north of Montague to observe the 152 test plots on a five-acre area. Samples were taken for the demonstration later.

West pointed out the weevil menace has been prevalent in the county for some five years. The alfalfa crop here is valued at about \$3 million and can be cut as much as half if the condition is not curbed. Utmost cooperation between the rancher and his office is urged.

West showed specimens of various stages of the insect, namely the adult, eggs, larvae and the cocoon. He also showed charts of the life cycle and the action of the pest. He had samples of clear alfalfa, which had been treated with heptachlor, and some that was untreated and had been attacked.

Also shown was a sample of alfalfa infested by a stem nematode, clearly illustrating the stunted results. Where this condition exists the only solution is to plow the crop under and replace it with Lahontan, a stem nematode resistant variety.

If heavy infestation is noted at this time of the year (which is three weeks before the normal harvest of forage) either early cutting is recommended, or in some instances, light pesticide application, West stated.

The only natural enemy of the alfalfa weevil is the Bathypictes Wasp which has been brought in from Oregon, but not enough can be obtained to do any substantial good.

The business portion was conducted by Gary Townley, the center vice-chairman, in the absence of John McMurry, chairman. Various legislative matters were read and discussed.

Mrs. George Flock gave a few highlights of the trip to Hawaii which she and Mr. Flock and four other local people made. Mrs. Roy Townley gave a humorous reading, "The Gusher."

It was noted that the halting for Wheat Marketing

Property Tax Relief Farmer's Responsibility

The farmer will have to take the initiative to get any property tax relief, Lou Norris, Salem, director of tax and legislation for the Oregon farm bureau, told Jackson County Farm Bureau members recently.

Another raise in property tax is anticipated next year, he predicted. Referring to tabled bills, Norris pointed out it takes only five votes to get them on the floor.

This longest session is his first session, he remarked. Working in the legislature is an interesting experience. Above all, he learned farmers must stand together and this they have done well the past months. Lots of bills still need agriculture's attention and help.

Seven of the nine dairy princess contestants were present with their chaperones, Mrs. Jack Boerma, Grants Pass; Mrs. Russell Johnson, Rogue River, and Mrs. Harry Kimball, Applegate. Mrs. Kimball introduced the candidates and each gave a brief sketch of her background and future plans.

Hereford Group Assists Juniors

The Oregon Junior Hereford association will hold its field day at the Lost River ranch near Klamath Falls Saturday.

The judging contest will include 15 members from the newly formed Rogue Valley Junior Hereford association plus 4-H and FFA contestants.

Purpose of the junior group sponsored by the American Hereford association is to start those interested in the cattle business with good cattle, Cal-Oregon Hereford Association President Eddie Meeker, Phoenix, explained.

The Rogue Valley juniors held their first meeting Sunday at Richard Ireland's Hereford ranch at Valley View near Ashland.

A judging team was selected for the Saturday event.

New officers elected were Jerry Hanson, 15, Eagle Point, president; Hugh Charley, 15, Central Point, vice president; Mant Hansen, 12, Eagle Point, secretary-treasurer, and Darrell Dow, 15, Eagle Point, reporter. Howard Hansen, Eagle Point, is advisor.

Quota Referendum netted 12 favorable votes and 80 "no" votes from the Shasta valley balloting area. Cline Soule, Larry Walters and Gary Townley served on the board.

The candidates' comments on how to promote dairy products were:

Rita Lasater, Grants Pass, "Milk is Nature's most perfect food and there should be continued research on promotion."

Elizabeth Clark, Medford, "Play down the idea of strong and healthful, and play up the energy and attractiveness to get teen-age girls to drink milk."

Kay Stephenson, Eagle Point, "More emphasis should be placed on dairy products as dietary foods in the trend to diet."

Barbara Burnett, Grants Pass, "No other food has so many healthful constituents and producers should be loyal to their products."

Alice Kuitert, Grants Pass, "Dairies should be clean and attractive. Plaques should be given dairymen for maintaining certain standards."

Carol Webb, Grants Pass, "Have spent the past three years on a dairy farm. They have been the most enjoyable years of my life. Milk should be glamorized and the cow should be made a child's personal friend."

Margaret Lewman, Grants Pass, "Producers should advertise by cartoons in all media keeping up with current events. Moon shots are nothing new. We all know the cow jumped over the moon. June is dairy month, but milk is important all year."

Georgia Hubbard, Eagle Point, and Carol Martin, Cave Junction, were attending college.

4-H NEWS

Snappy Cooks

The Fun to Sew club met with the Snappy Cooks at the last meeting. A member of each club told what the members were doing.

Corinne Florey did a demonstration of baked crispy apples and Jeri Parrish did a demonstration of salads. The foods prepared were served as refreshments and a game was played.

Corinne Florey, Reporter.

Elephant Races

Planned at Portland

Portland—The Portland Rose Festival is going to have something different this year—elephant races.

The races, according to an announcement made Monday, will be a feature of the Rose Festival Memorial Coliseum here June 11-16.



ATTEND PEAR MEETING—A large delegation of Rogue river valley winter pear growers and shippers attended the 32nd annual meeting of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear bureau in Portland, May 22-24. From left: Howell B. Murphy, Joe Naumes, past president; David B. Lowry, elected first vice president; Floyd Baker, Paul Culbertson, Harold Holmes, Wallace M. Hamlin and Dunbar Carpenter.

Lowry Gets Office In Pear Bureau

Portland—David B. Lowry, Medford, was elected first vice president of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear bureau, at the bureau's 32nd annual meeting in Portland May 22-24.

He was among a large delegation of pear growers and shippers from the Rogue River valley who attended the sessions.

Medford Area trustees of the bureau are R. W. Gray, Howell B. Murphy, Donald Root, Floyd Baker and J. J. Finegan.

James E. Klahre, general manager of the Apple Growers association, Hood River, was reelected president. Richard A. Patterson, Portland, was reelected secretary-treasurer and general manager.

The bureau is one of the nation's oldest and largest voluntary marketing organizations. The bureau represents some 3,000 growers and shippers on the west coast.

Frank Coleman, Yakima was named second vice president.

ident; Harold E. Copple, Weaverville, fourth vice president, and J. A. Hodapp, Placerville, Calif., four vice president.

Richard A. Glaspey, Portland, was reelected assistant secretary and assistant general manager. Mrs. Helen Kjome, Portland, was reelected assistant treasurer.

Crop Forecast

A winter pear crop forecast for the 1963 season showed that, despite rugged early spring weather in the growing areas, a pack-out of 4,179,662 boxes can be expected. This is considerably less than the pack-out of 4,835,040 in the marketing season just ended. This year's forecast is almost similar to the 1961-62 pack-out of 4,123,853 boxes.

Of the winter pear varieties, 3,243,320 boxes of D'Anjou are forecast, compared with 3,754,817 last year. The Rogue valley expects to produce 500,000 boxes of D'Anjou and 400,000 boxes of Bosc. This year's total pack-out of Bosc is expected to be 648,230.

Residue Testing Set For Coming Season

Salem—The weather is getting the blame again! This time it is for the slow start on the testing for chemical residues on raw truck garden products by the Oregon department of agriculture laboratories.

Chief Chemist J. D. Patterson says the problem is that weather conditions have delayed these commodities so much that there aren't many coming onto the market.

The testing equipment, a new gas chromatography and the standard paper chromatographic process, are being used on raw truck garden products for the first time this year.

The sensitive testing instruments are ready to operate but to date minor amounts of rhubarb, spinach, asparagus and radishes are all that have been available for testing.

In preparation for the strawberry season the laboratory is now tooling up for testing of the berries for capitan residues. This chemical is used as a mold and rot preventive.

The new residue testing equipment was acquired last year, but too late in the season to test the truck garden products.

It has not been sitting in the laboratory idle, however. Instead the department has concentrated on residues in dairy products.

In April the dairy testing resulted in the finding of one milk sample that contained methoxychlor. A repeat sample showed the milk free of any actionable material. Patterson said a check of the cause had revealed the presence of methoxychlor to be temporary and to have resulted from an extra heavy dusting of the cattle.

Local activities are being planned by the individual districts. Many hosted ministers of their communities at a special breakfast or dinner and gave them an "on the spot" look at the work aimed at conserving the state's soil and water resources.

Special tours for school children and other programs also are being planned. Many districts will have special window or library displays built around the conservation theme.

Noting the observance, Gov. Mark O. Hatfield urged all citizens to take part in the week-long observance, pointing out that "it is up to us as good stewards to develop the potential richness of our soil and water resources for we are placing greater demands upon these resources than at any previous time in history."

Best Vegetables In OSU Publication

Corvallis—Vegetable varieties best suited for Oregon home gardens are listed in a new Oregon State university circular.

The recommendations are made by OSU extension specialists in horticulture, botany, plant pathology, food science and home economics and are based upon research, practical experience and observation. Most varieties are recommended for all of Oregon, but some exceptions are made for high altitude and other specialized conditions.

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FROM THE GROUND UP

By BART BARTLETT

A recent news release from Washington, D.C., indicated that Interior Secretary Stuart L. Udall told Congress that pesticides are threatening both nature and man.

This one statement should be sufficient to have Mr. Udall removed from office.

In the first place it is rather difficult to see what Mr. Udall has to do with pesticides in any direct way that would have an immediate bearing on either man or nature.

In the second place it is rather difficult for the thinking taxpayer to justify Mr. Udall's department at all, let alone his opinions regarding matters that properly belong in other cabinet departments.

The Department of Agriculture should have the opinions and be the final authority in regard to the pesticide problem.

While we are on the subject of government it may be well to recognize that the number of government employees has increased at about four times the rate of the population of the country. In Oregon, for instance, the number of state employees has increased by 55 per cent during recent years while the population has only shown an increase of from five to 15 per cent.

School Districts

Locally the school districts are freely voting for bond issues that are bound to increase property taxes. The excuse for such bond issues take several forms. The one that is questionable is the one that indicates that all of the able teachers are going to leave the district. It is true that a few teachers will leave a given district. They do each year regardless of pay schedules. Most thinking people would not be against a pay raise if we could get employees or teachers who were worth the increase.

The facts are that the same old teachers and/or employees that you could not force to go someplace else are the ones who get the increases in pay. Incidentally this statement applies to the entire state. The legislature habitually cuts the governor's budget. They then submit to the irate state employees and restore the cuts.

The legislature is not a group of politicians or statesmen. They are largely a bunch of small town lawyers who see immediate fees from law disputes rather than any long range consideration as to the welfare of the entire state.

Finally, the wheat growers want the government out of their portion of agriculture. When more of the farm commodity groups are willing to make such a decision, we will all benefit.

Death Penalty Bills Near Final Approval

Salem—(AP)—A pair of measures asking voters to abolish the death penalty in Oregon neared final legislative approval today.

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GARDENING TIPS

By JOHN McLOUGHLIN
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Elm Leaf Beetle

Now is the time to apply a spray for the control of the elm leaf beetle. This beetle feeds on the elm leaves and skeletonizes them. This causes a premature leaf fall which weakens the tree and makes it more susceptible to attack by other insects and disease.

The adult beetle can now be seen flying around wherever elm trees are planted. This beetle is about 1/4 inch long, yellow to olive green in color, with a black stripe along the margin of each wing. The eyes are black and the antennae and legs are yellow.

Spraying with a high pressure sprayer will give the best control of this beetle. Two pounds of DDT 50 per cent wettable powder and one and one-half quarts of malathion 57 per cent emulsion concentrate to 100 gallons of water will give good control.

For the home garden type sprayer use two tablespoons of DDT 50 per cent wettable powder or four teaspoons of DDT 25 per cent emulsion concentrate and one tablespoon of malathion 57 per cent emulsion concentrate.

Ordinarily one spray containing the above materials will prevent serious damage to elm trees for the remainder of the season. Where severe infestation is noted a second spray should be applied when a buildup of the beetles is noted.

Apples and Pears

Spray now for the control of fruit worms and aphids on apple and pear trees. Use one heaping tablespoon DDT 50 per cent wettable powder plus one tablespoon of Malathion 57 per cent emulsion concentrate to a gallon of water. This spray should be applied again on June 5, June 25, July 25 and Aug. 15.

If you have not already done so, begin to thin your apples and pears. Thinning will increase the size of the fruit and improve its quality. Apples and pears may be thinned to a single fruit per spur.

spacing them six to eight inches apart.

The disease causing the death of Lawson Cypress is a soil borne disease called Phytophthora root rot. This disease spreads from one plant to another through the soil. Some camellias, spruces, rhododendrons and pines are also affected by this disease.

The fungus invades the roots of the plant and spreads into the lower part of the main trunk. It kills all the plant tissue as it advances.

The first foliar symptom in the blue cypress varieties is the gradual disappearance of the green color until only the blue color remains. Then the foliage begins to fade to a tan or light brown and it becomes crisp and dry. The only foliar symptom in the green varieties is a gradual fading of col-

or until the plants are tan or light brown and dead. When the weather is cool and damp, these color changes may develop over a period of several months, but if the weather is hot and dry the entire sequence may occur in two to three weeks.

There is no known cure for this disease. The only control is to use plants that are resistant to this root rot. A list of the resistant plants and more information on the disease is in a bulletin available from the County Extension office.

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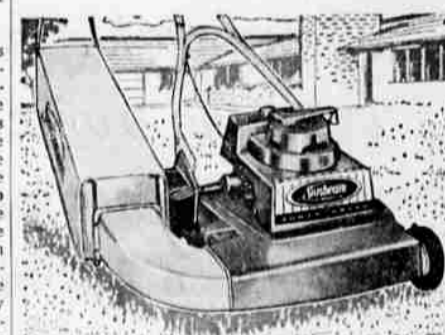
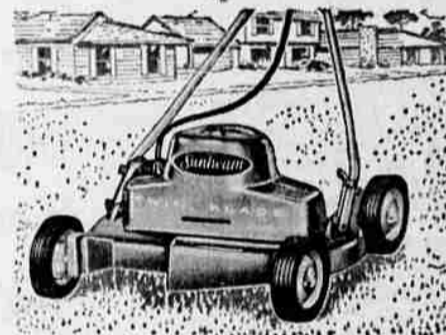
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