

FARM Woodlot Facts

By DICK OLSON
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Owners of forest property in Southern Oregon should begin now to make plans for this year's tree planting.

They should first select the area they wish to reforest and then pick the species of trees that are best suited for this area. When planting trees for the first time they should seek assistance from reliable sources.

Trees available will basically be the same as last year. They will include Douglas Fir, Ponderosa Pine, several true Firs, several species of Pine, Cedars and several hardwood species. The trees will cost from \$12.00 to \$16.00 per thousand, depending on species.

FROM THE GROUND UP

By BART BARTLETT

The area generally is enjoying very nice weather. There has been no loss of late crops due to storms or freezes.

This makes for an abundance of good food at very reasonable prices. In many instances some agricultural items can be bought now for storage or processing and result in considerable savings as far as the family food is concerned.

There is some evidence of injury on the leaves of plants that were growing in areas where certain weed control chemicals were used to eliminate weeds.

There is generally little to no lasting foliage injury in instances where the hormone type weed killers were applied with care.

These materials, once the proper formulation is selected, will do a good job of pest control without being too dangerous to economic plants. These weed killers must be properly applied however if the desired results are to be obtained from their use. The weed control chemicals that have shown control injury to crop plants are those that act at or near the soil surface. The leaf pattern that results from these chemicals is very specific and therefore easily identified.

Woody Plants
In the case of woody plants such as fruit trees and ornamentals, it is to be expected that the injury will not be either damaging or long lasting as a foliar pattern. In some instances the plants that show such injury this year will outgrow during the coming season, like plants that were hand cultivated.

It is too early yet to dig and dry for storage such items as Dahlia tubers. Let this type of plant go, if possible, until frost damages the tops.

Bees should have some extra protection during winter months. They should be well protected from both excessive moisture and low temperatures. As compared to modern beehives, the insulation value of hollow trees is superior to that of the thin fir or pine board bee hive.

Pasture lands should soon begin to provide improved grazing for farm animals. There has been some moisture in rain showers and in addition the fog and dew of each night are supplying considerable moisture for grazing plants. The days are not sufficiently warm or dry to dissipate much soil moisture.

Fertilizer Applications
The question is always asked each fall concerning fertilizer applications. We will cover some of the reasons why and why not in a future column. Briefly, no nitrogen fertilizers should be applied at this time of year in this area to such crops as fruit trees, strawberries, alfalfa or any other type of crop that is dormant or semi-dormant during winter. Nitrogen may be beneficial to some grazing or cover crops when applied at this time of year. In no case should heavy applications of nitrogen be made now. The plants can not use as much nitrogen during short days as during long days. Therefore the winter rains will only leach nitrogen out of the soil.

Asparagus Care
Resist the urge to make your asparagus bed look neat for the winter. The tops or brush is better left on. This will protect the soil from erosion and allow the plant to overwinter in a natural, undamaged condition.

Decorative Cones
Fresh cones collected in the fall rapidly lose their pleasing appearance if they are covered with pitch. This pitch can be easily removed from the cone by heating. First, clean the cones of any foreign materials by the use of a blower. The blower and crevice attachment on your vacuum cleaner is very effective for this cleaning. Put the cones on a foil covered tray and place the tray in a warm oven. A temperature of 250 degrees for 15 minutes should melt the pitch. A longer time may be required in some cases.

The cones may also be placed in boiling water for a minute to remove the pitch. This frequently gives the cones a shellac-like finish.

After the pitch is removed you may want to apply a clear finish to enhance the cones. Lacquer, shellac, varnish or liquid floor wax may be used for this.

Official's to SF To Discuss Grant
JACKSONVILLE — Jack Sutton, coordinator for Jacksonville's urban restoration program, and Mayor E. O. Graham will leave Wednesday to meet with federal officials in San Francisco concerning the program.

Sutton and Graham will meet Thursday and Friday with representatives of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, which is a part of the Urban Renewal Administration of the federal government.

Jacksonville has submitted an application for a \$41,086 federal grant to finance a year-long study of the feasibility and cost of restoring the city's central area.

Meat Inspectors Total Inspection Figures Released

SALEM — Meat inspectors with the Oregon Department of Agriculture checked a total of 297,646 animals for slaughter during the first nine months of this year.

These meat inspection figures released today by the department, also showed inspectors condemned a total of 565 animals, 14 before slaughter and 551 as whole carcasses immediately after slaughter.

Behind these condemnation figures is the story of the department's continual vigil to protect the health of the people of Oregon through its meat inspection program. All of the rejected carcasses were condemned because of disease that could be transmitted to humans or an unhealthy condition that had spread throughout the animal.

Pneumonia, some forms of which are transmissible to humans, led the list in causes for condemnations, with 172 carcasses rejected for this reason.

Infections
Systemic infections resulting from the spread of bacteria or viruses throughout the body with potential transmission to humans was second, with 75.

Various forms of cancer were the reason for rejection of 49 of the carcasses.

More cattle were condemned post-mortem (immediately after slaughter) than all of the other animals combined. Total number of cattle rejected for the nine-month period was 344. Swine was second, with 147 condemnations. Other post-mortem condemnations were: Calves 10; sheep 48; horses 1.

In addition to the rejection of whole animals, inspectors who are on the job throughout the slaughter operation, condemned 96,689 parts of animals during the first nine months of this year. Livers accounted for most of these condemnations, with 80,264 rejected. Leading causes for condemnation of livers were abscesses, flukes and parasites.

Other parts condemned were: Heads 11,355; hearts, 4,605; kidneys 263; tongues 186.

Insecticides Talk To Garden Club Given by Adviser

MONTAGUE — Precautionary measures in the use of insecticides and the need for their use was the basis of a talk given by Bill Ruddiman of the farm advisor's office in Yreka, when he spoke for the October 4 meeting of the Shasta Valley Garden Club, at the home of Mrs. Sidney Terwilliger in Little Shasta.

Mrs. Edward Clement, president conducted the session, which was well attended. It was decided that the club would provide Thanksgiving treats and favors for the Senior citizens at the Siskiyou County hospital, instead of at Christmas, as has been done the past several years. A work shop to prepare items for favors is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Nov. 3, at the home of Mrs. Aldee Davis. The regular November meeting will follow the same afternoon.

To Hold Tournament
The club will hold a card tournament in a series of six, with pinocle and dutch whist to be played. The parties will be held every other Thursday, the first one to be at the Montague Club room on Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. Prizes and refreshments will be offered. At the end of the series, the person holding the highest cumulative score will be given a special prize.

The home and garden Christmas decorating contest will again be sponsored by the club, with Mrs. Morris Prather as chairman. Further details of the contest will be announced later.

As a helpful hint in horticulture, Mrs. Prather, who is gardening chairman, suggested planting of amaryllis around the outside of the main garden to control gophers, as the bulb is poisonous to the rodent.

Ruddiman warned his audience in using insecticides, that precaution should be exercised. Users should not inhale the spray, should wash hand immediately after use, and wear protective clothing, which can be removed after the job is completed. Best results are obtained only when sprays are used at the proper time.

The speaker emphasized that, when properly handled and used, insecticides can be beneficial. When not used production can be cut as much as one third.

A potluck luncheon preceded the meeting, with Mrs. Jesse Sylva assisting Mrs. Terwilliger with hostess duties.

NO NEWS CONFERENCE
WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy will not hold a news conference this week. The Chief Executive's last meeting with newsmen was Oct. 8.



WOLF PUTS ON SHULL — That animal at the end of the rope is no dog, but a full blooded timber wolf. Orin Hanson, Eagle, Wis., dog trainer, is shown putting his pet wolf, Keepra, through its paces at a show at Oconomowoc, Wis. Keepra is three years old, weighs about 100 pounds, and gets along with dogs in the show. Kepra was caught in the wilds of northern Wisconsin. (UPI)

The Medical Roundup

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Controversial Cancer Cures
I am distressed when I see a layman trying to determine the value of a supposed cancer cure, especially after the experts in the great Washington laboratories have analyzed the stuff and have found it to be plain tap water, or perhaps a common substance like table salt, which no one would think of prescribing for a patient with cancer.

Years ago the government chemists kept saying that the then most widely sold "cancer cure" was nothing but tap water, but no one paid any attention to them; and the water continued to sell like hot-cakes for large prices. Today, with Koch a fugitive from justice, I imagine his "cure," like Hoxey's, Coffey's, Hubner's, and a dozen others, is as dead as the Dodo.

Recently I saw a picture of people picketing the White House demanding the right to buy the latest "cancer cure," which in 14 years does not seem to have been able to impress itself favorably on the physicians of the world. As always happens, laymen are convinced of the value of a supposed cancer cure the minute someone who had a cancer, or was supposed to have one, took the medicine, and felt better, or for a while did not die. Usually the fact that the person had had his cancer cut out, and had then received much x-ray treatment does not suggest to the people that such treatment could be what is helping him.

Means Nothing
To a physician of experience, improvement of a patient, cancer, after his taking a drug, means nothing, because the doctor has seen so many people with hopeless cancer who took no medicine and for a while felt fine, or did not die.

To show what I mean: About 1915, a friend of mine had such a terribly malignant cancer on his foot that immediately a surgeon took off his whole limb and the hip. Quickly the tumor re-appeared in the man's groin, and, according to the rules, he should have been dead in three months, but without any medicine he remained alive and healthy. When I last saw him, a few years ago, he was fat and hard as iron. He had not only taken one dose of some quack "cancer cure," what a tremendous boost the quack's stock would have received. Actually, some 5 per cent of people with cancer refuse to die of it.

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Burros Considered Nice Pets For Local Family of Six

By MARY ALICE BRUSHA
The burro who wants the better things in life, and has been searching for them, can stop if he will visit the Wilson ranch at 3329 Military Road, Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wilson are the owners of the farm. They are the parents of four children, Jim 14, Marty 11, Bernadette 9, and Priscilla Jo 4. They moved to the Rogue valley a little over a year ago, bringing a Siamese cat, and the pet poodle.

It was Mrs. Wilson who decided on the purchase of the burros. Neither she, or Mr. Wilson had ever been around this type of animal before, and the whole project was a challenge. Tulip, the mother of Snoopy were brought to the farm. The Wilsons soon discovered that the burros were a friendly lot. They craved affection and attention. The children soon learned to harness and ride Tulip. They have learned the responsibility associated with personal ownership of farm animals. The children in the neighborhood are also allowed to ride Tulip.

Educational Year
Mrs. Wilson and the children all seem to feel this past year has been a very educational one. The many different manerisms of the burros are lessons within themselves. The animals are not expensive to keep, according to the owners. They can be seen feeding on the patches of poison oak grow-

ing on the ranch, and from all indications find the shrub so being a very tasty morsel.

June 1, another little burro was foaled at the farm, Juniper Jsek, and the affair created quite a bit of excitement. It seems that the baby burro had been found near the world near the fence, and in some odd way had maneuvered its way under the wire. Tulip, the mother sensing the danger involved to her offspring tried to call for help, her faint brays, as she has always had difficulty braying, were finally heard by the family. The entire household came to the rescue. In a short time Mr. Wilson had the new born burro safely tucked in a bed of soft straw in the barn. Other than the weakness found in Tulip's vocal chords, the burros are perfect specimens of little horses.

Burro's Origin
Since the first discovery of the burro, donkey, or little horse, this species of horse has come a long way. Their actual origin is uncertain. The probability however appears to be that the animals are natives of

Central Asia, where they are still found in a perfectly wild state, vast troops still roam over the great Asiatic deserts, migrating according to the season, in summer as far north as the Ural; in the winter, southward to the borders of India.

According to the Old Testament these animals were used for domestic drudgery, such as pack animals, and beasts of burden, they are the emblem of patience and stolidity. Today in some parts of the East, they are some served by members of the Royal Family to ride in parades. The poorer classes in some lands still use them as their only draft animals.

In Britain, they were chiefly employed by the poor. The price of one animal is scarcely one twentieth the price of a horse, and it can be kept for one fourth of the expense. It likes coarse herbage other animals reject, and is satisfied with comparatively scanty fare. The obstinately so often associated with these animals seems to be generally the result of ill treatment. They are quite equal in intelligence to the horse.

Difference Explained

There is a difference between the burro, donkey, and the jackass. The distinction is founded on the upper part of the tail, and the tuft at the end of it. The darker stripes with which the color is marked, and the absence of the hard bony warts, which are found on the hind legs of the horse, although the forelegs exhibit warts in the same position. The long ears are one of the characteristics of the species, and are longer in domestication than in the wild state. The cross on the shoulders also affords a distinguishing mark, the color is grey; but when the color is lighter or darker than usual, the facial line is arched.

Some of the experts refer to the call of the donkey as a neigh; and the call of the burro and jackass, as a bray. Be that as it may, there is a difference between the three.

In early times a leather called Shagreen was made from the skins of these animals. The finest of the leather was used in drums, the other for making shoes. Flutes were made in ancient times from the solid bones of animals.

However none of these fates are in store for the burros on the Wilson ranch. They will continue to live in their luxurious quarters provided by their owners. They will be ridden by the children, petted by the adults, and eat poison oak to their hearts content.

Etna 4-H Girl Wins Recognition

By CHARLOTTE DAVIS
Mail Tribune Correspondent

SISKIYOU COUNTY — Ruth Mathews, Etna 4-H Club, has been chosen as one of 32 California state winners in this year's 4-H club recognition and awards program and is a winner of a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, according to Bill Ruddiman, Siskiyou County Farm advisor.

Ruth, who is 17 and the daughter of the William Mathews of Etna, is a state winner in the National 4-H Awards program.

She is the 1963 county 4-H all-star girl. Her nine horses receive her constant attention and care and are used in the family's cattle business. She has been a 4-H junior leader for three years, and has helped teach younger members in her club to care for their horses and ride properly.

Ruth's expense - paid trip to the national convention, December 5 in Chicago is provided by the Santa Fe Railway. The California delegation will be accompanied by 4-H state specialists, Laura Cooley and Harry Miller, and by Herbert Shirley, Kings county farm advisor and Joan Howell, Ventura county home advisor.

Pre-trial publicity, confessions, and contempt of court will be topics debated during the second session by Robert C. Notson, managing editor of the Portland Oregonian; Richard Ross, news director of KGW-TV in Portland; and Portland attorney James Burns.

Alfred T. Goodwin, associate justice of the Oregon Supreme court, will speak on "Invasion of Privacy" following the Friday evening banquet.

The first session on Saturday morning will include discussion of press treatment of juveniles involved in criminal court cases, and the handling of news of sex crimes and similar cases. Leading the discussion will be William Fort, Lane county circuit court judge; Sam Frear, court reporter for the Eugene Register Guard; and Dolph Janes, news director of radio station KATR in Eugene.

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Horsemen Plan Parade Unit For Homecoming

The Jackson County Horseman's association will be represented in the Southern Oregon college homecoming parade Nov. 2.

Members of the JCHA will be making their first public appearance in a group. Another first for the club will be the JCHA flag, now being made. The new banner will be four by six feet, made in two shades of green satin, and according to Ralph Keen, will be ready for the Ashland parade.

All members of the club will wear like dress; uniform tie, white shirt and blue jeans. Until changed this will be the official riding habit for the group.

Some 60 members and guests held in the recreation room of the Tex Nash Ford Tractor Implement building, 3008 Crater Lake highway, John Belnap, president conducted the business session and appointed Jack Brown, Chester Bell and Ted Christensen lieutenants for the JCHA parade group. Members planning to participate in the parade are asked to contact one of the lieutenants for information, regarding entry.

Roy Johnson, manager of the Gizzi Arabian ranch showed movies, "Introduction to Arabian Horses". The films were made and edited by the International Arabian Horse association, Burbank, Calif. Buffet refreshments were served at intermission.

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