

# Weed Control Efforts In Klamath Area Successful In Stopping Most Spread

**By WALT JENDRZEJEWSKI**

Eighteen years of weed control efforts since Klamath county was set up as a weed control district in 1929 have prevented most spread from old established patches of white top, Canadian thistle, morning glory, Russian knapweed and leafy spurge and in many instances have completely eliminated patches then in existence.

Klamath now has a relatively simple weed problem as contrasted to the headache of widespread infestation in some areas.

Klamath's success has been due to the cooperation of all landowners, individuals, railroads, bureau of reclamation and Klamath county to work on weeds each season.

Prevention of seed formation is recognized as the first objective, with complete eradication as soon as possible. Use of 2,4-D sprays is bringing an increased percentage of kill.

Weed control chemicals were employed from the beginning. Sodium

chlorate was the top material at first. It still is a good weed killer but sterilizes soil for several years and has the disadvantages of fire hazard and stock poison hazard.

Because of the hazards involved with sodium chlorate the county and railroads switched to knock down spraying with diesel oil. Tops were killed. Seed formation was prevented but weed patches weren't reduced much.

Development of 2,4-D gave a spray material that not only acts as a seed preventing knock down but also gives varying degrees of kill. The 2,4-D spray is considerably cheaper than diesel oil.

Weed control district law makes control of the weeds named earlier in this article compulsory. Such weeds must be controlled on all lands within the district. Control responsibility rests with ownership. Control through preventing seed formation is sufficient to fulfill requirements of the law, but everyone strives for eradication.

The biggest problem at the start was educational. Many landowners could not identify the serious perennial weeds. The educational job was approached by providing a supply of weed mounts at the county agent's office. These weed mounts and sometimes potted plants were carried around to grange meetings and other gatherings. The weed mounts are still used for this purpose.

According to Harold Schieferstein, county weed inspector, his big job is still educational rather than regulatory. Those who know the weeds are most anxious to eliminate them. Klamath farmers generally are very weed conscious. Development of clover seed production makes it imperative that not only the listed noxious perennials be controlled but that infestations of dock, sorrel and plantain be prevented also. Practically every state has laws prohibiting sale of seed containing any or over very small percentages of certain named noxious weed seeds. New York prohibits sale of agricultural seed which contains even a trace of dock, sorrel and plantain. And New York buys quite a bit of alsike clover seed. In addition to exercising great care in selecting seed for planting to assure themselves that no noxious weed seeds will be planted with the crop, clover growers here rogue out scattered weed plants. Weedy fields or patches are harvested separately.

It is estimated weeds cost U. S. farmers over 3 billion dollars annually. Grain growers know this well. Many control even such simple annuals as mustard and lambs quarter with selective sprays or dusts. And make money by going to that effort and expense.

# Freedom Train Plans Talked

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Attorney General Tom Clark said Thursday "a positive and demanding need has arisen in our country for emphasizing the blessings of the American heritage."

To meet it, he outlined a White House gathering of prominent citizens from all parts of the nation plans for sending a "freedom train" across the United States.

It will bear the declaration of independence, the bill of rights, the emancipation proclamation and other treasured historical documents to be viewed by citizens in every section.

The justice department, Clark said, has in the "shocking" evidence of disloyalty to our government, of violations of civil liberties, of juvenile delinquency, and of "the activities of professional bigots and other disrupters of American unity."

Future events will take the measure of our way of life," he declared in a prepared address.

# Missing Boat Reaches Port

ASTORIA, Ore., May 23 (AP)—The 104-foot vessel Danco, reported overdue from Eureka, Calif., crossed over the bar and was moving toward the harbor here at 8 a. m. today.

The coast guard cutter Onondaga had gone out yesterday on a report from representatives of Danco's producers, a Hollywood film company, that the vessel was overdue. It is to pick up cameramen and others here and head for the Bering sea to set scenes for a forthcoming picture.

The coast guard at Eureka, Calif., reported that the 126-foot diesel tug Navigator, which had been in distress off the southern Oregon coast, reached Humboldt bay last night with one of its four scows still in tow. Two coast guard cutters were standing by three other drifting scows, awaiting calmer weather to put tow lines aboard.

Still missing is the fishing boat Governor, with three men aboard. The coast guard has ordered a check of all coast ports where it might have put in shortly after leaving Humboldt bay May 16 for a three-day trip north.

# Treatment Hospital Gets Federal OK

PORTLAND, May 23 (AP)—The proposed \$1,508,485 treatment hospital at the state mental hospital in Salem has received government approval, the district construction review committee said here today.

Word of the authorization was telephoned from Washington, D. C., headquarters, the district committee said.

The building, part of a plan that would enlarge the capacity of the state institution by 600, will be a two-story reinforced concrete and brick structure.

The U. S. under the lend-lease act of 1941 loaned allied nations 4,802 naval ships and small craft, of which 2,216 have been returned, a Navy department summary reveals.

# Four-H News

An organization of 4-H clubs was held at Mrs. Esther Brown's, Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 p. m.

A contest was held for naming each of the different clubs. The names chosen were: canning club, "Bonanza Can-Can," by Sharon Evans; sewing club, "4-Leaf Lucky Stitching Club" by Melva Rogers; and cooking club, "Tasty Cookers," by Margy Brown.

Officers elected were: canning club, president, Janey Dixon; vice president, Hazel Bradshaw; secretary, Beatrice Hassett; and news reporter, Ruth Ralph. Leader, Mrs. Esther Brown.

Sewing club: president, Melva Rogers; vice president, Margy Brown; secretary, Sharon Evans; and news reporter, Dorothy Rogers. Leader, Mrs. Iva Gourley.

Cooking club: president, Betty Ralph; vice president, Mary Sorenson; secretary, Bessie Cunningham; and news reporter, Marilyn Markham. Leader, Mrs. Velda Haley.

Adele Brown was appointed junior leader to the three clubs. The next meeting will be June 29 at Janey Dixon's. Refreshments were served to the girls and mothers present.

The seventh meeting of the Henley sheep club was held at the home of the leader, I. W. White, May 18. An opening song and yell club pledge and roll call were given.

The members are planning on making racks to hold the hay at the show so the sheep will not waste the hay.

At the next meeting it was decided that several of the boys that attended the sheep shearing school will demonstrate and shear some of the 4-H sheep at the home of Earl Mack Jr., on June 1.

Betty Brandejesky, News Reporter.

# Noxious Weeds Get "Mugged" For Farmer's Rogues Gallery



Walt Jendrzejewski, assistant county agent, looks over weed mounts. Actual weeds are mounted and covered with cellophane for display at farm and grange meetings so that farmers may recognize them as enemies that destroy crops.

# War On Weeds In Progress



Klamath county is doing its part in the war on weeds that destroy millions of dollars of farm crops each year. Here Leonard Kinney and Merle Elsberry are shown spraying roadside weeds along the Merrill highway with 2,4-D, a selective weed-killer.

# Building Cost Drop Not Near

SEATTLE, May 23 (AP)—Little hope for a rapid decline in construction costs—short of a depression—was held out Thursday by the board meeting of the Associated General Contractors of America.

However, a statement by the governing and advisory boards, declared:

"As a general trend construction costs are reaching their peak and becoming stabilized.

"The public should not be led to believe that there will be quick or drastic reductions in construction costs," the statement added. "There may be reductions in costs of materials, but they may not be great. Decreases in wage rates are not foreseeable without a depression. Reductions in costs will come through elimination of uncertainties in business conditions, increased productivity of workmen, increased efficiency by management and development of more economical methods of construction."

The statement also noted that "buyers' resistance has developed throughout the country in construction," and said this was due in part to resistance to process of other services and commodities, discouraging investment for expanded business facilities."

**WINNERS**

PORTLAND, May 23 (AP)—Marvin Adams and Junius Covington, both Corvallis, were named winners of the Portland Milk Distributors' memorial scholarships today for outstanding work in animal industries. Both are dairy manufacturing majors at Oregon State college.

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# News PTA Notes

**Fremont**

Newly elected officers of Fremont PTA installed in a ceremony conducted Friday, May 9, in the school auditorium. Mrs. R. W. Rockholt is the newly named president; Mrs. George W. Hillis, vice president; Mrs. W. D. Elliott, secretary, and Mrs. Lawrence Bertram, treasurer. Mrs. J. K. Sayre was the installing officer.

Mrs. Rockholt gave an interesting report on the recent state PTA convention in Portland and reports were also heard from standing committee chairmen. Mrs. James Pinger, retiring president, was presented with a past-president's pin and also a small gift in appreciation of her efforts as head of Fremont PTA.

**Roosevelt**

Officers for the coming year of Roosevelt PTA were installed in a fitting ceremony Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium when Mrs. Frank Peyton, regional vice president of the Oregon Congress of PTA gave the charge to the 1947-48 officers. Newly installed president is Mrs. Arthur Reinhart, first vice president, Mrs. George Clark, second vice president, Mrs. George Condy; secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor; treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd Porter, and membership chairman, Mrs. Beari Henton. Each was presented with a corsage and the past president's pin to Mrs. Condy, retiring from the past year's office of president of Roosevelt PTA.

Edmund Atterbury, principal, expressed his appreciation to both the teaching staff and the PTA for the cooperation of the past year and advised the membership of his resignation from the principalship of the school. It was with regret that the PTA learned of Atterbury's departure from the school.

Mrs. Reinhart gave an interesting and graphic report on the recent state PTA meeting in Portland where she was sent as a delegate and as president-elect. Reports of standing committees including the treasurer's report were given. Members discussed the making of capes and caps for the first grade rhythm band, this work to be under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lloyd Prock. New tea dishes will be purchased by the PTA with Mrs. Neal Stewart in charge.

Two numbers were presented by the school orchestra directed by Mrs. John McManus.

The room count was won by Mrs. Hubert Kidd's room on the upper floor and Mrs. Chester Newton's room on the lower floor. Seventh grade mothers served tea at a prettily appointed table at the close of the afternoon. This is the last meeting of the year for Roosevelt PTA.

**Joseph Conger**

The May meeting of Conger PTA marked the close of a very successful year of various activities in the district. A special program for the day consisted of piano selections by Dionie Erskine whose pieces were "Ave Maria" by Schubert, and "Theme from 'Liebestraum'" and the selection, "Soldiers on Parade" by Sibelius, by Mary Margaret Addison.

Mrs. R. H. Erskine, the new president-elect, gave an interesting account of her trip to Portland where she attended the state convention of PTA. Lovely corsages were presented to the teachers, to the new officers, and to the retiring president, Mrs. Roy Keller, who led the Conger PTA group through a most successful year.

A gift in appreciation was presented to Mrs. Keller, and to Mrs. Wesley Guderian for her outstanding work for the year and record albums were given the teachers in appreciation of their cooperation.

Mrs. John Selby officiated in the installation of new officers and Mrs. Sam Grubb served as installation chairman. The room count was won by Miss Pease' fourth grade room.

After the business meeting mothers and members were served refreshments at the mothers' tea given by the teachers of the school. Mrs. Keller presided at the pretty appointed table. A final study group meeting to conclude the series of the year will be held May 29 at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. R. Erskine, 250 Delta. Members are invited to attend.

# Former Klamath Woman Passes

Word of the death of Mrs. H. H. McCamish, formerly of Klamath Falls, was received here from Eugene this week. Mrs. McCamish died suddenly in Eugene and final rites were held this afternoon, Friday, at Eugene.

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