

Needlework Contest To Be Started

Now is the time to start work on entries for the state grange needlework contest, with judging by Pomona grange slated May 15. Here are the contest rules:

1. One pair of pillow slips shall constitute an entry.
2. All pillow slips to be size 42 or 44 inches.
3. Trimming — any trim or decoration, crocheted, embroidered, etc.
4. All entries from subordinate granges shall be judged in their Pomona grange contest by May 15, 1948, and winning entry taken to the H. E. display room at the grange headquarters in Astoria, by their Pomona grange delegates. The Pomona delegates shall be responsible for the return of the entries to the contestant.
5. State entries must be ready for judging by 9 a. m. Wednesday morning of the state session week.
6. The work must be done by the contestant who is a member in good standing.
7. Name and address of contestant and name of grange shall be sewed onto the pillowslip.

Workmanship	Points	40
Appearance (general attractiveness)		25
Design of trimming (beauty, color or appropriateness)		25
Material (service value in relation to cost)		10
Prizes To Be Awarded State Winners		
(Money to go to individual)		
First prize		\$10.00
Second prize		5.00
Third prize		3.00

I would like to suggest that each subordinate chairman have each member of the H.E.C. clip this article about the pillow slip contest and file for future reference. This applies to the following article, also.

Conservation Farming Increases Value Of Land

By SAM SLOAN
State Conservationist

Oregon soil conservation districts today can request assistance from several county, state and federal departments. The state extension service, production and marketing administration, forest service and soil conservation service are assisting soil conservation districts. Each of these agencies, in specific ways, is assisting farmers to work out land problems and general improvement of farming methods.

The guidance district members are getting from cooperating services is indicated in the way the district farmers and ranchers are using the technical help of one assisting agency, the soil conservation service.

Field help given districts by the service's soil conservationists, usually with some assistance from engineering and soils specialists, is rendered at the scene of the farmer's operations. Technical assistance farmers receive covers a wide range of soil conservation practices. Some examples:

Changing from old farming methods to the practice of "conservation" farming has put a new valuation on acreages owned by members of the Poe and Langell valley soil conservation districts. Specialized aid which they received helped them rehabilitate their irrigation canals, providing better and more efficient distribution of water to farms.

Engineering assistance with these two Langell valley and Poe valley districts cooperators received helped them level their rough, uneven land to obtain better use of irrigation water. In these districts technicians aided farmers in working out their drainage and alkali problems.

which has to do with the explanation of the three different displays for the H. E. room at the state grange meeting in June.

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Flax Growing To Be Talked

Flax production in the Tulelake basin will be discussed at a meeting Monday, March 15, at 5 p. m. in the new high school building.

The Siakiyou farm advisors and Tulelake experimental farm are sponsoring this meeting with the purpose of discussing all phases of the production of flax in the basin by a question and answer round-table discussion.

Authority on flax, Dr. P. F. Knoles, agronomist at the University of California at Davis, will be the principal speaker, according to Burton J. Doyle, director of the Tulelake experiment station.

Anyone interested in the growing of flax is welcome to attend.

ment of agriculture, probably E. L. Peterson, director.

The third speaker scheduled is Dr. Fred F. McKenzie, chairman of the department of animal husbandry, Oregon State college. Dr. McKenzie is an authority on animal reproduction.

The meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, March 17, starting at 1:30, in the banquet room of the Winema hotel. All cattlemen are invited to attend.

Livestock Poisoning Hazards Pointed Out Today

Seven livestock poisoning hazards, some of them especially critical during the spring seeding and pasture season, were listed today in a special warning bulletin from the American Foundation for Animal Health.

Valuable livestock may be lost, the organization declared, unless farmers are careful to protect their stock against these dangers:

"(1) Seed oats treated with mercury preparations to check rust and other fungus diseases. Mercury poisoning may result if an animal eats too much of this treated grain.

"(2) Rat poisons. ANTU, '1080,' thallium and even the relatively safe 'squill' are toxic to farm animals and pets if sufficient amounts are consumed.

"(3) Lead poisoning from fresh paint or flecks of old paint. Cattle, especially, are subject to this danger.

"(4) Chemical weed killers. Now widely used, these should be checked to determine whether they contain

substances poisonous to stock. If they do, they should be handled accordingly.

"(5) Grasshopper poisons. Arsenic-treated bran is commonly used to control grasshoppers. It should not be sprinkled on pastures. Bags of poison bran should never be left where livestock may get at them.

"(6) Hedges sprayed with lead arsenate to combat plant parasites. "(7) Highway surfacing oil. Heavy rains may wash dangerous amounts of oil off the roadway and into pastures and fields. Several cases of cattle poisoning from this cause have been reported."

If a suspected case of poisoning

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Hoof-Mouth Threat To Be Talked

The hoof and mouth disease situation and how it may affect the Oregon livestock industry will be the topic discussed by Dr. E. L. Haynes, state veterinarian, at the annual meeting of the Klamath Cattlemen's association, March 17. Also, the proposed quarantine for cattle coming into the state will be discussed by a representative of the state department of agriculture, probably E. L. Peterson, director.

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