

Forest Nursery Grows Trees For Oregon Farms; Valley Hay Outlook Poor

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SALEM, April 1 (P)—Oregon State college's extension forester, Charles Ross, is trying to get every Oregon farmer to have a little forest of his own.

The Oregon forest nursery, run by the state forestry department, grows 500,000 trees a year just for farmers. The farmers can buy them at low cost. Tree orders from farmers now are heavier than ever.

Shelter Belt
Ross says every Oregon farm could use a few trees, either in a woodlot, in a shelter belt, or to improve the scenery.
Most of the trees so far have gone to the irrigated sections of Central and Eastern Oregon. But ranchers in the dry land areas are hard to convince when it comes to putting in trees. Ross said trees in Eastern Oregon serve as windbreaks, shelter belts, or for shade.

Extensive tree plantings have been made on farms in the Columbia river and coast counties. There they are used to protect homes, crops and livestock from strong winds.

Ross said tree planting for fence posts, Casaca and Christmas trees will be a big money-maker for farmers in the near future.

Hay Shortage
Livestock owners, especially those in the Willamette valley, have cause to work up a mild case of hay fever

E. R. Jackman, crops specialist of the OSC extension service, says Western Oregon vetch hay—which normally produces the bulk of Western Oregon's hay—will be extremely short this year. Wet weather has cut the vetch acreage to the lowest point in many years.

Alfalfa and clover acreage is way down, too, Jackman urges stockmen to buy their hay early.

Acreage Gain
Oregon's acreage this year of spring planted field crops will be five per cent more than last year. Barley acreage is up 21 per cent, spring wheat and corn up 18 per cent, and oats up one per cent.
Farmers will grow more flaxseed, but less dry peas, beans and sugar beets.

Pacific coast farm wage rates are four times what they were 10 years ago. They are higher than the national average.

Yard Tip
Don't strain your back trying to get moss out of your lawn. Moss is caused by a shortage of nitrogen. So put some good nitrate fertilizer on your lawn and watch the moss go away.

Federal wheat crop insurance is in effect in Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla and Union counties.

The insecticide, benzene hexachloride, is great stuff for killing wire worms and other insects. But Robert Every, an OSC bug and insect specialist, urges farmers not to use it.

The reason: It gives a bad flavor to potatoes, carrots, and possibly some other crops. And not only that, the bad flavor might last for a year or more after the farmer quits using it.

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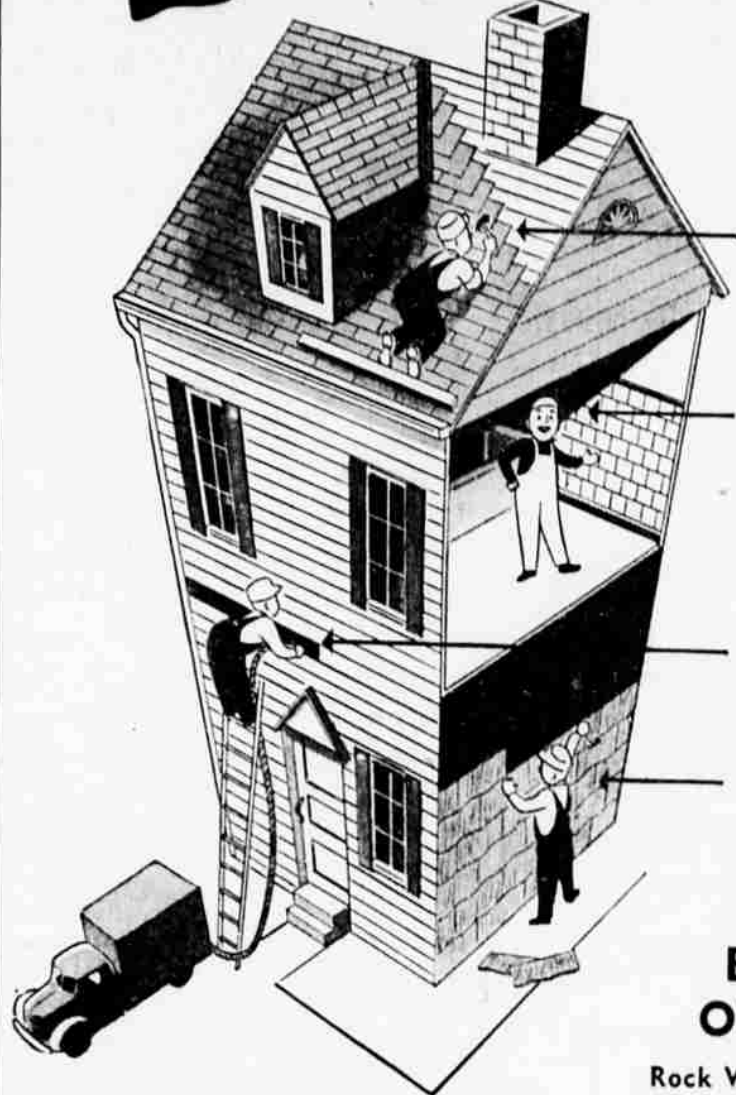


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Sometimes You Just Can't Win

BALTIMORE, April 1 (P)—A Baltimore man tucked three dollars in his shoe as a precaution against robbers, but it was the central police court that profited by his prudence. The robbers who took his pants—wallet and all—missed the three dollars in the shoe.
But Magistrate James R. Cadden relieved him of \$2.45 of it in the form of a disorderly conduct fine, after he was found on a city street corner minus the stolen pants.
Anyway, his foresight saved him 85 cents.

Livestock Prices Remain Unchanged

Livestock and meat prices were mostly unchanged, or higher at cost markets this week but weakness was showing as receipts increased, particularly at Chicago, according to the weekly meat animals and wool review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. Meat production between the 15th and the 20th was only slightly more than half as large as the previous week, due to strike conditions in many plants; but considerably larger receipts this week over-taxed the slaughtering capacity of plants still operating in Chicago.
All classes of cattle lost considerable price ground at Chicago. Steers on the 25th were \$1.00 to \$1.50 lower compared to last week's close; heifers were \$1.50 to \$2.50 lower, and cows were down \$2.00 to \$2.50. Vealers were off \$1.00.

Cosmic Ray Test Proves Successful

MINNEAPOLIS, April 1 (P)—University of Minnesota scientists said today they had been successful in photographing cosmic rays striking lead plates at an altitude of nearly 20 miles.
The plates and photographic equipment carried in a spherical "cloud chamber" were borne some 100,000 feet into the stratosphere yesterday by a helium-filled balloon.
The waterproof chamber was released at Camp Ripley, near Little Falls, and was parachuted earthward, landing in the St. Croix river near Hudson, Wis.

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YREKA, April 1—A marriage license was issued here March 29 to William Kenneth Thomas, 47, of Klamath Falls, Ore., and Eva Clark Baker, 38, of Yreka.

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