

Vowell Family Of Steel Swamp Doing Well Despite Snow Storms, Isolation

The Herman Vowell family at Steel Swamp in Northern California, still makes news. The Vowells broke into local and national print and radio recently when Betty Vowell became critically ill and two doctors were flown to the isolated ranch home to perform kitchen table surgery on the young woman.

In a letter to The Herald and News Wednesday, Herman Vowell told several other interesting side-lights.

With roads still impassable except by jeep, medicine and mail was brought to the ranch from Malin last Saturday by horse. This 28-mile ride was made in a snowstorm by our good friends Bud and Emma Fairclough of Malin. Vowell wrote.

He also told that W. C. Dalton, Malin rancher who owns the Steel Swamp holdings, had asked them what they needed and he would

ACP Deadline Set May 1st

Farmers of Klamath county are reminded that the closing date for signing up, or enrolling, in the 1948 agricultural conservation program is May 1, 1948.

The 1948 ACP program carries about the same provisions for assistance in the way of financial aid, materials and services as last year except that the assistance to any one farmer is limited to \$500.

Burrell Short, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee, explains that the ACP program provides for a joint attack on erosion of the soil and waste of water. As he explains, "The nation through the government cooperates with the farmers who operate the land in a program to conserve and protect that land so that it will keep on producing food and fiber."

By cooperating in the 1948 agricultural conservation program, the chairman explains each farmer will add his bit to the nationwide effort to conserve the nation's most valuable natural resources—soil and water.

"The farmer benefits in that his farm is in better shape to produce the crops upon which he must continue to depend for a living. In effect each farmer cooperating in the program is joining with his neighbors and with the people who live in town in a national program which strengthens the nation's resources."

Lakeview Gardens Ready For Planting

Good gardens in Lake county for home use can be planted any time between now and the first of June, according to Elgin Cornett, county agent.

Every family looking for ways to balance the budget or ways to balance the diet will want a garden this year. A vegetable plot will require but little time and the rewards include a wealth of satisfaction in addition to the production.

Home food production directly reduces the demand for commercially produced food and transportation necessary. This directly deters the tendency for inflation. The "How" for gardeners may be obtained in bulletin form from the county agent's office in the basement of the Lakeview post office building.

bring them supplies as soon as the road was open. Mrs. Terrens, Betty's mother who came from Santa Cruz to be with her daughter, told Dalton they needed oranges.

Quick Service

"The next day, during a snow blizzard, we were surprised to hear an airplane circling the house.

"Running out to wave we saw the plane come in low, cut its motor and then someone leaned out and dropped a gunny sack of oranges.

"Only four were smashed. There was a note inside saying it was from Merwyn Wilde and Byron Johnson of Malin, owner and pilot of the plane, and that if we needed anything else just let them know," Vowell wrote.

Vowell and his wife asked The Herald and News to voice their sincere appreciation to the many persons who aided them during Betty's critical illness. They especially asked the following be mentioned: Dr. Jack Martin of Malin and Dr. Raymond Tice of Klamath Falls; Bud Arnold, the pilot; Jack Priesen and son Bob, owners of the plane used on the emergency flights; Rachel Geshers, Klamath Falls nurse; Billy Dalton of Malin who made many trips in his jeep; Merwyn Wilde, W. C. Dalton, Byron Johnson and Lucetta Bruhn, floor supervisor at the Woodland clinic in California, who stayed one week at the Vowell home when Nurse Geshers had to return to duty here.

Seed Crops Price Down

Retail prices of the seed of 11 important forage crops declined slightly during the period from February 15 to March 15, the prices of four increased.

The selling prices per hundred pounds, on March 15 of those that declined were: white clover \$81.00; common alfalfa \$41.40; Grimm alfalfa \$52.00; Timothy \$91.66; Kentucky bluegrass \$48.50; orchard grass \$23.10; smooth brome grass \$23.00; red clover \$68.50; alsike \$54.20; sweet clover \$20.80; Korean lespedeza \$15.60; and crested wheat grass \$32.80.

The seeds with higher prices on March 15 were common ryegrass 142 cents a pound; Ladino clover \$2.66 a pound; redtop 27.5 cents a pound; and Sudan grass \$12.30 a hundred.

Common alfalfa at \$41.40 was unchanged from a month ago.

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Bang's Disease Vaccine May Be Worked Out Soon

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.

SALEM, April 15 (AP)—Oregon dairymen soon may have a more effective vaccine against bang's disease.

Roger W. Morse, extension dairyman at Oregon State college, says it has been developed at Michigan State college. It is called Brucella M.

Morse said dairymen in Oregon already are asking about it. But since the new vaccine still is in the experimental stage it can't be shipped out of Michigan.

Morse said he thinks Brucella M will be an improvement over existing bang's control vaccines. A major advantage is that it does not produce long-lasting blood reactions like present vaccines do.

But Morse warns dairymen against expecting Brucella M to cure bang's disease. The Michigan department of agriculture does not recommend its use on infected animals.

Bang's disease is the cause of undulant fever in humans.

L. R. Breithaupt, OSC extension economist, says Oregon's wheat crop will be exceptionally large, while the total wheat crop for the nation might be down 20 per cent.

Breithaupt says things look especially bright for the Oregon wheat grower because he is sure of markets to hold prices up. California, which has a poor crop this

year because of the drought, will want lots of Oregon wheat.

The state agriculture department is ready for its annual war against the cherry fruit fly, which has threatened to ruin the cherry crop.

Every cherry tree in Linn, Polk and Marion counties has to be sprayed or dusted. This is the third straight year the program has been followed.

Work will begin just as soon as the first fruit fly emerges.

Oregon hens are working harder, possibly because of the predicted egg shortage for next fall.

The average Oregon hen laid 15 eggs in February. It was the largest average for February on record, and was an extra egg per hen compared with February, 1947.

But the number of laying hens has dropped 7 per cent from last year, so that the total number of eggs produced in the state hasn't changed in the past year.

The national average in February was 12 eggs per hen.

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DDT Good Clothes Spray

Spring is the time to protect woolen garments from the destruction of clothes moths. Spraying with DDT has greatly simplified the problem.

This improved method makes it relatively easy to treat the interior surfaces of closets and storage chests, making them deadly to moths.

The commodity credit corporation of the U. S. department of agriculture has an enormous job of protecting wool and uses a similar method of protection. The CCC has outstanding loans on wool in storage. A condition of these loans is that the stored wool must be protected from moth damage. The CCC regulation requires that DDT spraying must be done before May 15.

Farmers who still have wool in storage can do likewise.

Further information regarding the new plan may be obtained at the county agent's office.

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not be included this year. And, he says, potatoes and strawberries will continue to be handled separately.

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