

Herald and News FARM NEWS

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Round Hay Bales Lead To Argument

Farmers are having quite a bit to say for and against binding hay into round bales. Main argument against round bales is the trouble in stacking, and some preparation is definitely required to facilitate this.

Arguments for the round bales include the fact that dairymen are paying more for round than square bales; agriculture colleges commend the round for retaining more of the alfalfa leaves which contain vitamins; one man on a tractor can handle the baling for the entire crop alone with the round baler.

Weeds and sagebrush in the field can be handled with the round baler right in with the hay. Stacking arrangements should be made first, then neat windows left for the baler to scoop the hay from. A field where the round baler has been used looks like a vacuum cleaner has been run over it, by the lack of debris left.

Round bales are tied with heavy twine in three places by the baler which scoops the loose hay off the ground as it is pulled by a tractor, driven by one man. It winds the hay tightly in a "bobbin" shape, ties it and ejects it. Twine is less expensive than baling wire.

Round bales can be made any size and weight by adjusting the machine. A popular size is 16-22 inches in diameter, three feet long and 125 pounds in weight. Geary brothers started using the roto-baler last year and liked it so well they got another this year. The Geary ranch is the largest small seed producer in the world and after the seed is cured and thrashed the roto-baler is set up in a stationary position next to the thrasher and operated with a power unit, especially attached for this purpose.

Ag Station Field Day Set For August 1

Everyone interested in the progress of farm crops experiments is invited to attend the field day at the Agriculture Experiment Station, 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 1.

The soils work program will be especially featured this year for the first time at the annual field day. Dr. Alfred Halverson is working on the soils experiments for the station and promises some interesting test results to show visitors.

Gene Gross, station superintendent, will be host with Halverson to the farmers and special visitors, Dr. R. E. Stephenson, soil scientist, Dr. D. W. Hill, farm crops department and Hank Hampton, USDA agronomist in 4-H investigations, all from Corvallis.

New alfalfa varieties including the Talent from Medford, Atlantic variety developed in the east, Buffalo developed in the mid-west and the Ranger, which is not new in trials but relatively new here will all be featured in the field day tour.

Cereal trials will also be pointed up, including winter, fall and spring wheat and some increased plantings of promising spring oat varieties.

Wild Plums Easy To Grow

Wild plums can be grown on the home ranch with little trouble farmers say, and if you are willing to wait a little for fruit you don't even need to graft on peach trunks!

Friends of the Willard Duncans, Henley ranchers, had dumped wild plum pits when they were canning last year and covered them with earth and mulch so as not to attract flies. This year a fine crop of seedlings sprang up. The Duncans took a share of them and planted a row about 50 yards long on their ranch near Stukel mountain. The little trees are flourishing and will be thinned later. There are some older wild plum trees which are already bearing in the next field so there should be no trouble with pollination from varied species. The new plants are in a fenced area so danger of wild animals is cut down although the wild foothills are just across the road a piece.

Four-H News

The 4-H Chickening Needle Knitting club of Merrill had a picnic for its last meeting at Moore park, Friday, July 8.

There are 14 girls in the club, 11 girls went to the picnic and 10 girls have finished their work.

ESTHER BEASLEY
News reporter

Want Ads phoned to 8111 before 11:30 a. m. appear the same day!

World's Oddest Shoe

A flat block of wood, with a large knob which slips between the first and second toes, is the oddest shoe in the world. It is commonly worn in India.

DDT Residue Problems on Vegetables

DDT at proper concentrations and under approved methods described in the circular may be used safely on practically all garden crops except spinach, lettuce and similar leafy vegetables. With broccoli and tomatoes no late applications are recommended. With beans no applications after pods are three inches long are recommended except where processing will remove residues.

DDT Residue Not Fatal

While DDT residues are not as acutely poisonous to humans as many other common spray materials, care is necessary with vegetables to see that residues left are kept low to avoid any danger from daily consumption. Dr. R. H. Robinson, chemist, and Leon Terriere, research assistant, explain this in an O.R.C. experiment station circular of information.

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SNUG ROUND BALES now dot many of the Klamath basin hay fields where square-cornered bales used to be. All the loose hay in the windrow is scooped up by the round baling machine, compressed into a neat, tight bundle and tossed aside.



ROTO-BALER WORKS PRACTICALLY ALONE—Only one man on a tractor can bale a field of hay in short order making the bales round instead of square with the use of a machine recently introduced in the Klamath basin. Melvin Fiegi, Poe valley rancher, is the man on the tractor.

Crowd Turns Out For Booth Park Farm Bureau Picnic

One hundred and 50 persons including children attended the joint picnic Saturday in Booth park for Klamath and Lake county farm bureaus and heard Phil Hitchcock and Henry Semon talk.

Hitchcock compared the recent rapid advances in technology and lack of corresponding development in a sense of responsibility. He pointed out problems including racketeering brought to Oregon with the swift increase in the state's population and said that it is up to the ordinary citizens to check these problems before they get too big.

"If people continue to be indifferent they will have corruption, bought legislators and so forth," he said and emphasized the need to choose public officials with care and then stand by and continue to support them while they are in office.

Semon said state legislatures pay for services with public money, these services insisted upon by the public and the public should know how much it is willing to spend for them.

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TOP QUALITY LETTUCE grown in suburban district of Klamath Falls is marketed locally. This healthy crop of lettuce was produced on three quarters of an acre of land at Ward and Shasta way. Three women did the work of planting, cultivating, irrigating and harvesting the crop and at the end of the season they will split the profits. Jo Pickering, one of the partners, is checking the firmness of heads for cutting. Her co-partners are Mrs. Rosie Gray and Mildred Scott.

Wheat Acreage Allotment Set

Oregon farmers are being asked to grow not more than 944,891 acres of wheat during the 1950 crop year.

That figure is Oregon's wheat acreage allotment for the 1950 crop year, and represents a 30.2 percent cut from the usual seeded acreage based on a four-year period, ending in 1948, as figured under PMA record procedure, according to E. Harvey Miller, chairman, state PMA committee.

The acreage roll-back for example, will affect Oregon's number one wheat producing county, Umatilla, like this: The Umatilla county 1950 allotment is 245,000 acres. The four-year usual acreage was 303,144 acres. Other counties will take corresponding acreage cuts.

No marketing quotas will go into effect for the 1950 wheat crop year, according to the announcement made recently by Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan. Next year will see the first wheat allotments in effect since 1942 when both allotments and quotas were in force. In 1943, quotas were suspended because of the war emergency.

While the Oregon allotment is smaller than any planted acreage since 1943, it is still higher than pre-war acreage which in 1939 was 827,900 acres and in 1942, under quotas, was 769,000 acres, according to B. A. E. records.

Everything OK For Americans

MOSCOW (AP)—A Russian writer, visiting Paris, says he can recognize an American at once.

"They sit at their cafe tables," wrote Polioratsky in *Izvestia*, "in careless attitudes, almost putting their feet on the table, in accordance with their habit. They look over the women passing by as a horse dealer looks over horses. Everything is permissible for them."

Hornless Cattle Work Rewarded

WEBSTER CITY, Iowa (AP)—E. C. Clover, vocational agriculture instructor in the Webster City schools, has gained nationwide attention for his work with hornless cattle.

Clover spent more than four years developing a herd of Guernsey cattle which are hornless. He was named a director of the recently-formed National Polled Cattle Promotion club. He now has a herd of 14 polled cattle, all descendants of his original stock.

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