



THAT'S \$1500 being transferred from the Rodeo Association (represented by Bob Robbins, right) to the Fair Board (represented by Pres. Jess Johnson) as board members Bryant Williams (left) and Percy Murray look on. Each year the rodeo association presents a check to the fairgrounds for improvements in that area. This year's project was a meeting room built right into the exhibit building. The room was designed for acoustics, will hold 125 persons and is heated. City and county groups may rent it for a nominal cost fee by contacting Percy Murray or the Fairgrounds Caretaker.



FIRST CONSIGNMENT of stock from the Klamath County Livestock Marketing Association headed south by truck Saturday for South San Francisco and the Valley Livestock Marketing Association. Aubrey Fleming (center) consigned the stock. Twelve head of fat calves were also shipped south at the same time. The shipments went by truck; loading was carried on at the Southern Pacific's Texum siding south of town.

Dreary Chicken Year Seen By State College Experts

Oregon chickens and turkeys in 1952 will pick at more expensive feed, lay cheaper eggs, and yield lower priced meat than they did in 1951. That's what Oregon State College agricultural economists say in a new agricultural situation and outlook. Copies of the report are available through county extension agents or by writing directly to the college. Despite a slightly pessimistic outlook, the economists say 1951 has been a fairly good year for poultrymen and turkey producers, and prospects for the next six months are not discouraging enough to cause a reduction in chick and turkey poultry purchases. NEW RECORD Egg production nationally, then a par with 12 months ago.

report says, will set a new record in 1952. If the nation's farmers raise more pullets in 1952 than they did in 1951, larger egg supplies will make 1952 prices even less favorable than those for the coming year. This is especially true, they add, in view of prospects for more meat and uncertain business conditions. Oregon egg, poultry, and feed prices follow the national trend, the report says. By mid-November, the Oregon farm price barometer had risen to a new high level. Farm prices on the national level have also advanced to a point about 9 percent above a year ago. Meanwhile, an almost identical increase in the parity index of farm costs kept purchasing power of farm products at a par with 12 months ago.

The report says more animals are gathered around smaller annual feed supply, accounting for higher costs. Feed costs will stay above 1951 levels until a larger corn crop is produced in the mid-west. Fur farmers are among those feeling the pincers of higher costs. Pelt prices are down as compared with a year ago and feed costs are climbing. The California gray whale, now reappearing in growing numbers along the Pacific Coast, has been considered extinct three different times in history.

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Herald and News FARM NEWS



OTI On-Farm Training One of Tops In Country

By MALCOLM EPLEY JR., Farm Editor. Oregon's veterans training in agriculture is carried on at a much higher standard than is required by the Veterans Administration—and Oregon Techs adult extension farm training operates on levels far exceeding even Oregon's. Start talking about inefficiency in on-the-farm training programs to Merlin Pulliam or Cecil Lake, the two fulltime OTI instructors on that program up there. You'll hear about it. In certain other localities, GI farm training has come under fire as a tax-eating, inefficient operation. In California, for instance, instructors are paid \$20 per month per student they are training. There have been charges that that program sometimes becomes broken down and lenient in order that the instructors might be sure that they retain their full group of students, and consequently their full pay. "Oregon state's worst program is better than some states' best," says OTI's Director Winston Purvine. "But OTI's rises high above standards set even by the state board of higher education." Cecil Lake is from Utah State; Merlin Pulliam is a graduate of Oregon State. Together they handle the full time job of teaching 39 students. They must visit each one on his farm (or place of farm work) individually for at least eight hours a month. They provide more than the required (200 hours) hours of group instruction with an outline calling for 225 hours. Unlike instructors who are paid by-the-number-of-students, Lake and Pulliam are paid a flat salary of \$375 per month. Until this year, with the veterans educational benefit program slowly disappearing, their enrollments never fell below 20 persons per class . . . and often were much higher. Their groups meet once a week, one at Bonanza high and one at Henley high. Then both groups meet at OTI twice a week where they are taught in shop classes by regular OTI shop instructors. There they learn courses selected as the most desirable by a majority of the students—perhaps carpentry, housewiring, auto mechanics, internal combustion engines. Under the veterans administration, students can receive subsistence of up to \$97.50, but their combined income from the VA and their farming activities cannot exceed \$200. There are variations, too, as to how much a student may receive if he is married as to how much when single, and so on. But other family income may not be included. It's an involved process, but there's a special formula used to work out final computations. And if the student is earning even \$500 per month, he is still entitled to the training and tuition.

Spray Tests Set For Jan. 28-30 At OSC

A short course will be held at Oregon State College for the benefit of all aerial applicators of agricultural pesticides and for ground applicators of herbicides. This course will be held on Jan. 28-30 inclusive by the Division of Plant Industry of the State Department of Agriculture.

Complete information may be secured from either Frank McKenney, chief of the Division of Plant Industry, or W. R. Furtick, program chairman, Department of Farm Crops, Oregon State College.

It is required under the 1951 Agricultural Chemical Control Act. Examinations for both air and ground applicators will be held on the closing afternoon of the school. The examination will qualify applicators for a license as required by the 1951 act. The examination applies to all applicators of agricultural chemicals and ground applicators of herbicides and does not apply to farmers doing their own spraying for neighbors.

Commercial applicators are not required to attend this short course but they must be able to pass the qualifying examination. Purpose of this course, is to assist them in doing this. The State Department of Agriculture has published a manual that may be secured by writing that department. The short course is a 21-hour subject matter school covering plant diseases, entomology, weed control, health hazards and air craft. Night meetings will be devoted to open discussion and movies. Registration for the course will be held in the new Food Technology building, Monday, Jan. 28. The course is arranged without charge, but those attending will need to make their own arrangements for hotel rooms and meals.

Spray Amounts Figured Out

If a weed spray recommendation calls for 10 gallons of material per acre, how do you know if you are applying the correct amount? Chances are good you don't, says E. M. Nelson, Wasco county extension agent and that may be the reason for poor results. Here's Nelson's solution to the problem. Set the spray outfit's pressure regulator at the required pressure with all nozzles operating. Use clear water. Set the tractor throttle at the proper spraying speed and spray a measured 40 rods. Measure the amount of water used and multiply this number in gallons by 66 and divide the figure by the number of feet in the spray swath. The result will be the gallons per acre applied at the particular throttle and pressure setting. For example, if the amount sprayed while traveling the 40 rods is 5 gallons, multiply 5 by 66 which will give 330. Then, if the spray swath is 27 feet, divide 330 by 27. Thus the sprayer is applying 12.2 gallons per acre. Forty rods, incidentally, is 660 feet.

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