



**CMU RESULTS** — The CMU weed killer had this effect on weeds and grasses. The chemical was applied on Feb. 3 last year, and the picture was taken on May 9. (Photo courtesy of Glen County, Calif., Agricultural Extension Service).

## CMU Weed Killer Is Good Soil Sterilant

One of the startling weed killers West Coast farm operators are working with made its appearance this past year. The chemical is called CMU, and while it is not approved for crop use a number of farmers applied it to weed lands around fence rows and ditch banks last spring with rather amazing results.

CMU is a temporary soil sterilant when applied at from 20 to 40 pounds per acre. Where it was used it proved capable of killing most of the grasses and weeds that have been persistent pests in this part of the country.

## 6 Counties Set Conservation

Conservation institutes are scheduled in six Oregon counties during January and February, according to James C. Moore, extension conservation specialist at Oregon State college.

Soil and water conservation, flood control, watershed management use of livestock in conservation, forest conservation and the economics of conservation are major topics for the institutes. Speakers will be drawn from the Oregon State college staff and cooperating state and federal agencies.

Institute meetings are planned for Crook county at Prineville, Jan. 26-27; Harney at Burns, Jan. 28-29; Lane at Eugene, Feb. 3-4; Jackson at Medford, Feb. 12-13; Union at La Grande, Feb. 18-19; and Deschutes at Redmond, Feb. 27.

## OSC Economists Predicting Higher Egg Prices in 1953

Oregon poultrymen can look for higher egg prices in 1953 with little change in feed prices, according to agricultural economists at Oregon State college.

The spring decline in egg prices is not expected to be as great as last year, Marion Thomas, extension economist, reports in the latest issue of the Oregon Poultryman.

## Irrigation Clinic Set

Community irrigation development in the Willamette Valley will be discussed at an irrigation clinic Feb. 24 and 25 on the Oregon State college campus in cooperation with the Willamette Basin commission.

Marvin Shearer, OSC extension irrigation specialist, says first day sessions on planning community irrigation projects will be aimed at farmers and advisers. Discussions on irrigation from the soils and cropping standpoint scheduled for the second day are expected to be of special interest to irrigation equipment dealers and advisers.

Availability of water for such projects and the importance of sufficient farmer interest to undertake community irrigation will be included in the opening session along with legal considerations.

Costs which farmers can afford for water sources will be reviewed by a panel of farmers on the basis of individual records kept and representatives from the department of agriculture and OSC will offer technical advice on water distribution.

## Spud Machines Meet Topic

Merrill—The Merrill Farm Bureau Center is sponsoring a valley-wide showing and exhibition of slides and pictures on bulk potato harvesting equipment used in this and other areas Jan. 29.

The session is to be held in the Merrill Recreation Hall starting at 7:30 p.m. Equipment pictures to be shown include some pieces developed locally, including pictures taken by the County Agent's Office, Scott Warren, Randall Pope and Lawson Kandra.

## IT'S THE LOG CABIN TONITE!

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"Agricultural Situation and Outlook" that consumer demand for eggs should be strong through most of 1953 with the price trend largely determined by the number of eggs marketed.

Thomas advises poultrymen to keep flocks in the flock a little longer than usual to take advantage of spring egg prices that should run some 10 percent higher than during the same period last year.

A favorable outlook for pullets from early hatches is foreseen. The economist believes January, February and March chicks should come into lay while markets are still being bolstered by less spring production than in most recent years. However, late hatches may be disappointing, he warns.

The turkey outlook appears less certain with some cutback in the nation's crop expected for 1953. A cutback of more than 10 percent nationally is needed to bring much change in prices.

Turkey prices will feel more competition from beef next fall but less from pork, Thomas predicts. Also, the 1952 government support program may not be repeated in 1953. As the year progresses, intentions for growing turkeys, cold storage holdings, and number of breeder hens on farms will be reported by the U.S. department of agriculture and summarized in weekly reviews from OSC.

This information should help farmers in making final plans, Thomas says. The weekly reviews may be obtained from the college on request.

## Squeeze On U.S. Farmers

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The cost-price squeeze will hit farmers this year, a national farmer cooperative leader declared.

W. R. Allister of Washington, D. C., told farmers Monday that they must fight the strangling squeeze of higher prices for the things they buy and lower prices for the things they sell.

The proper use of fertilizer will help the farmer escape this cost-price squeeze, he said, by increasing the farmers' yield and lowering his unit cost of production.

Allister spoke at a conference session of the 24th annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

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## "Hands Off" Best Policy Suggested New USDA Boss

Klamath potato growers, in an association meeting in Merrill Monday, indicated they would like the government to follow a general "hands off" policy in regard to agriculture as much as possible, and then elected Leland Cheyne, Henley area farmer, as their president for the coming year.

The meeting was held jointly with a group of growers from the Tulelake area in the Merrill Recreation Hall, with a portion of the agenda dealing with suggesting policies for recommendation to the new federal administration.

The marketing agreement was suggested as the most likeable and acceptable means of maintaining industry controls by farmers themselves. The marketing agreement is generally used as a standby, and used only when needed.

Louie Lyon, local area representative to the National Potato Council, reported on the last meeting of the NPC held in Washington, D.C., which recommended the new secretary of agriculture set up a potato advisory committee to advise on matters pertaining to the commodity.

One Malin area farmer suggested as the main policy: "the farther we stay away from price supports, the farther we stay away from Russia."

Troy Qualls, Merrill grower, was named a director of the Klamath Potato Growers' Association from his area. Fred Mueller was named director from Bonanza and Scott Warren from Klamath Falls.

Warren was named vice president of the association.

**SEEB URGES**  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Security Resources Board has urged the country not to let up in its planning to keep essential production and government services going in case of atomic attack. It also urged, among other things, improving ways of bringing mobilization planning in line with the development of new weapons.

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