

Langell Valley Pilot Enters SCD Award Program

Langell Valley Pilot Soil Conservation District has entered the national soil conservation awards program sponsored by the Goodyear-Tire & Rubber Co., of Akron, O. It was announced today by District Chairman Lloyd Giff, of Bonanza, Ore.

Members of Langell Valley district will compete against other soil conservation districts in the state. Non-partisan judging committees, selected from Oregon's outstanding exponents of the soil conservation movement, will determine the state's outstanding district for the period July 1, 1953 and April 30, 1954 on a basis of total points scored in performance of regular district duties.

Grand awards for one member of each winning district governing body and the top cooperating farmer or rancher named by the district will be a one-week, expense-free, vacation trip to Goodyear's fabulous winter resort, the Wigwam guest ranch on Goodyear Farms, Litchfield Park, Ariz., in December, 1954.

Members of the Langell Valley district governing body who will compete for the Goodyear award are: Lloyd Giff, Walter Smith, Bill Burnett, Pete Hricak, Louis Randall, all of Langell Valley; Ed Cassebeer and Dave Gambell of Bly area.

National winners of the Goodyear Soil Conservation Awards will be announced at the seven regular area meetings of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts. Plaques will be awarded at these conventions to the hundred first and second place winning districts.

Turk Trend Change Seen

Some Broad Breasted Bronze Turkeys were marketed this year as fryers and small roasters in what may be a trend toward marketing at any time between three to seven months of age, according to Noel Benson, extension poultry specialist at Oregon State college. The amount of feed needed to produce a pound of turkey increases with age.

Although the most profitable age and weight to market turkeys may vary from year to year depending on market conditions, Benson believes 5½ to 6½ months is probably the most profitable time to sell market turkeys. Hens are usually ready for market two or three weeks ahead of toms.

From the standpoint of feed economy, the poultry specialist points out that it requires from 4½ to 5 pounds of feed to produce a pound of gain up to 6½ months. A seven-month-old turkey needs 10 to 12 pounds of feed to tip the scales another pound. This emphasizes the importance of marketing turkeys as soon as they reach prime condition.

Milk Surplus Drop Seen

Surpluses of milk products are not as serious in the long run as they now appear, according to an Oregon State college extension economist, M. D. Thomas says American consumers are in the midst of a revolution in the use of milk and milk products that shows promise of balancing out for the dairyman.

Americans are consuming less butter, Thomas explains, but more milk and other dairy products. In 1942, Americans used on the average about 16 pounds of butter a year. The figure has now dropped to about half that amount. Less milk is being used for animal feed, too.

However, human consumption of whole milk, cheese and ice cream has increased, and the use of non-fat dry milk, various skimmed milk drinks and other products containing non-fat dry milk solids is steadily expanding. Thus far, increased use of these products has not made up for the decline in butter sales and feed uses. This has resulted in surplus which Thomas believes will gradually diminish.

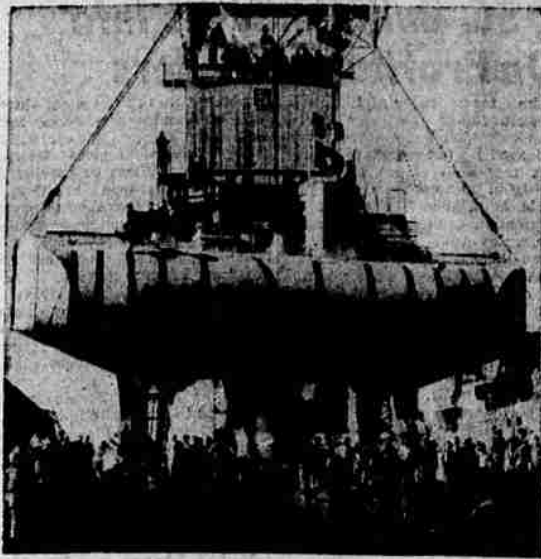
Frozen Milk Handy Item

The question of whether or not fluid milk can be frozen successfully is often asked U. S. Department of Agriculture by the nation's homemakers. And the answer is "yes", providing bottles are not used.

Also, it's best to freeze homogenized milk as it does not break down into fatty particles and fat globules as does natural milk. Homemakers find it handy to have on hand an extra supply of drinking milk, saving another trip to the store. One way to beat the demand is by freezing homogenized milk in the convenient paraffin containers in which it comes.

These cartons may bulge slightly in freezing, but there is enough headspace so that it won't break the seal, the USDA states. In a good freezer the milk should freeze solid within a few hours and then, if held at zero degrees F. it should keep its flavor about 30 days.

Homemakers are warned, however, not to freeze milk in bottles because expansion will push up the cap spilling milk, and there is danger of the bottle breaking.



BUILT FOR HIGHEST LOW—Prof. August Picard's bathysphere is suspended in mid-air during its launching at Castellamare di Stabia, Italy. The famed Swiss-born scientist will use the strange-looking vessel to explore the depths of the Tyrrhenian Sea. The "ship" consists of two parts. The upper, cigar-shaped part is a watertight compartment where special gasoline can be stored. The lower part is where the professor and his son will conduct their experiments and in which they hope to reach the lowest depth ever visited by man.

Spraying With Rotenone Frees Cattle Of Flies

A twice yearly spraying of rotenone can effectively reduce grubs and heel flies in cattle, according to the USDA's Bureau of Animal Industry.

Seven years of investigation in spraying methods conducted in New Mexico indicate that if rotenone is applied at least twice a year in a uniform, close-up spraying to the back of cattle the destructive grubs can be eradicated.

Best results were obtained with a nearly solid stream of spray widening to about one inch where it hit the backs of cattle. Sprays used in the investigations contained 7½ pounds of cube powder, with a 5 per cent rotenone content, to each 100 gallons of water. A sprayer with a discharge capacity of 35 gallons per minute, with pressure set at 500 pounds per square inch, was used to apply the spray.

The usual practice on Southwestern ranches of spraying once during the grub season gives irregular and unsatisfactory results. The BAI states that this method will not reduce the overall grub population enough to justify the labor and expense involved in the method killed an estimated 98 per cent of the grubs as compared to

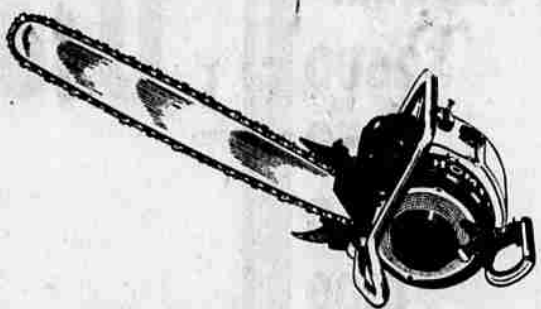
an average 75 per cent kill produced by the usual spray methods. The bureau investigators pointed out that any interruption of the regular spraying schedule results in a rapid buildup of the grub population. In order to reduce these costly infestations of cattle, continued semi-annual spraying, properly timed and applied, is required.

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Livestock Loan Plans Set To Go

Emergency livestock loans, authorized by recent legislation, are now available to eligible farmers and ranchers in Oregon. P. E. Price, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college, has announced following a meeting of the state special livestock loan committee.

The loans will be made to established producers and feeders of cattle, sheep and goats, says Price. They must have good records of operations, have a reasonable chance

to succeed and they must have been unable to obtain needed credit from other sources to continue their normal operations.

The loans will not be made to carry on commercial feed lot operations, to refinance existing debts or to enable a borrower to start livestock operations.

Price explained the special livestock loans will bear 5 percent interest and may be made for periods up to 3 years. Borrowers will be expected to repay the loans as rapidly as they can. Each loan must be secured in the full amount by the personal obligation and available security of the borrower.

The government will not require present creditors to subordinate their liens, but borrowers will be expected to obtain standby agreements from their present creditors so they will have a chance to work out of their difficulties. Also, present creditors must be willing for a portion of the borrower's livestock income to be paid on the government loan.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson has designated the Farmers Home Administration as the agency to handle this emergency credit program, and has made Administrator R. G. McLeish responsible for it at the national level. However, all loans must be approved by the special livestock loan committees appointed by the secretary.

To serve as a temporary state special livestock loan committee for Oregon, Secretary Benson has named the following: Walter A. Duffy, state director, Farmers Home Administration; Dean Price; and Arnold M. Bodtker, chairman, state PMA committee.

Plentiful Supply Of Beef Foreseen

Beef will be on the plentiful list for the next three or four years if marketings of cattle repeat past trends, says Ed Coles, Oregon State college extension livestock marketing specialist.

A study of trends shows large supplies of beef follow periods of increasing cattle numbers. Coles explains. Cattle have been increasing in record numbers since 1949 and reached an all time high January 1 of this year.

The specialist further explains that cattle are only a potential supply of beef — it's the rate at which cattle are slaughtered that determines beef supply. So far this year, the rate of slaughter has been 30 percent above a year ago. If the present rate continues, the turning point in cattle numbers could be marked this year.



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