

Weather-making Measurement Technique Improved At OSC

STATE COLLEGE — Advances in the technique of weather-making measurement reported by three Oregon State College meteorologists, using their improved method of "rain making," are being used by the OSC.

The three meteorologists, Sherman, Gilliam and counties, the meteorologists not found any spectacular changes in rainfall which credited to the seeding.

Considering the use of the

Men's Association Hold Meet

Oregon stockmen will have at roles at the 57th annual meeting of the American National Stockmen's Association in Colorado, Colo., Jan. 12-14.

It is the most important conference in many years, and the program will include sessions on the basic economics and potentials of the beef industry, marketing, and beef promotion.

Final Filing Date Set For ASC Program

Farmers are reminded that January 15, 1954 is the final date for filing performance reports for the ASC program.

The Oregon ASC program, which was established in 1951, is a voluntary program for farmers to improve their production and marketing of livestock.

The program is administered by the Oregon State College, and the final filing date is January 15, 1954.

Lifetime License Deadline Is Near

Any Oregon dairy operator's license valid in 1953 may be renewed under a lifetime certificate without further examination only if application is received by December 31, the state department of agriculture warns.

Milk and cream graders, pasteurizer operators, buttermakers and cheese makers are all entitled to a lifetime renewal of their licenses if they meet this deadline.

The last legislature did away with the annual renewal of these licenses on a \$2 basis and substituted a lifetime certificate for \$5.

Dairymen To Hold Meet At Ontario

Promoting dairy products within the state and better use of advertising will be the themes of the 60th annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's Assn., Jan. 7 and 8 at Ontario.

H. P. Ewell, extension dairy specialist at Oregon State college, reports two of the Oregon dairy industry's most urgent problems: the need to increase sales of dairy products and reduce production costs, will be stressed at the meeting.

Among the national dairy leaders scheduled on the program are Lester J. Will, general manager of the American Dairy Assn., Washington, D.C., and Merrill Warnick, president of the American Dairy Assn., Logan, Utah.



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FARM NEWS

By OTTO ELLIS, Farm Editor



EXCEPTIONAL WORK in the National 4-H Dress Revue, Farm and Home Electric, Girls' Record and Home Improvement programs won these four an all-expense trip to the 32nd National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. L. R. Diane Jones, Larry Maguire, Janet Lohrenz, and Diane Sause.

Fixed Costs Wool Problem

DAVIS, Calif., Dec. 29—Development of adequate range and efficiency of operation in times of high fixed costs are more important to the sheepman than tariffs, price supports or other subsidies.

This was the message of Raymond Anchordoguy of Red Bluff, two-time president of the California Wool Growers Association and one of northern California's largest operators, at a meeting of the

Support Loans Available Now

Price support loans and purchase agreements on 1953 grain crops must be completed not later than Jan. 31, 1954, according to L. A. Bruner, office manager of the Klamath county ASC (formerly PMA) committee.

This means that anyone wanting a price support loan on their 1953 grain crop should make application in the county office, which is located in the Tower Theater building, not later than Jan. 15, 1954, so the loan may be completed by Jan. 31.

Eugene Farmer Re-Elected As FCA Director

E. A. McCormack, Eugene, Ore., has been re-elected to a three-year term on the district board of directors of the Farm Credit Administration of Spokane, Wm. A. Schoenfeld, board chairman, announced today.

Mr. McCormack is just completing his third term as FCA director, having first been elected in the fall of 1944 by the farmers' cooperative associations of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington which are stockholders in the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives.

Owner and operator of a farm near Eugene, McCormack is a director of the Willamette Production Credit Association and a director of the Eugene Fruit Growers association. He was general manager of the latter organization from 1935 to 1946. McCormack also has served as a director of the Pacific Wool Growers.

Foreign Trips Open To 4 Oregon Youths

Opportunity for four young Oregon farm people to visit other countries next summer has been announced by Cal G. Monroe, state 4-H extension agent.

He said applications for the International Farm Youth Exchange will be taken at the state 4-H office at Oregon State college until Jan. 1. Application forms are available in county extension offices.

Candidates are to be between 20 and 30 years of age, high school graduates, unmarried, with a background of farm life and an understanding personality. Monroe said they should also be willing to learn a foreign language.

The IFYE program is a two-way exchange. Selected American farm youths are sent to live and work with farm families in other countries for four to six months, while those from other countries spend a similar time in the United States.

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Livestock Industry To Study Problems At Meet

Oregon's livestock and meat marketing will be examined from all angles by the people in the industry Jan. 6 and at Oregon State College.

OSC's extension service is sponsoring the marketing conference to develop a better working relationship among all segments in the industry from producer to consumer. The conference was scheduled in response to a recommendation of the state agricultural and rural life planning conference in March, 1952.

Walter Holt of Portland is general chairman of the two-day conference, and Edward Coles, extension livestock marketing specialist, is heading over-all plans.

Group chairmen are Mrs. Jack Sugg, Portland, consumers; William Southworth, Bonanza, and Charles Swango, Eugene, producers; Prosser Clark, Portland, and Ellis White, Ontario, marketing agencies; Harold Kummer, Hillsboro, packers; Claude Hall, Waldport, and B. E. Dulin, Portland, retailers; and H. E. Barker, Salem, Labor.

Supreme Court Ruling Favors Local Rancher

Word was received here today that the Supreme Court of Nevada has ruled that the sale of the Smoke Creek Ranch in that state to Louis Soukup, Klamath Falls, be voided.

In its decision the high court held that A. C. Freeman, owner of the ranch, had misrepresented the property when he sold it to Soukup in 1950, and ordered that a down payment of \$25,000 be returned to Soukup.

Former owner of the Klamath Bus Co., Soukup now owns and operates the Soukup Hereford Ranch at Round Lake which he purchased three years ago.

Beef Growers Warned Against Forced Feeding

Too rapid change from roughage to grain fattening rations may be the major cause of rumenitis, the stomach ailment believed responsible for costly liver abscesses in beef cattle.

In tests at the Colorado A & M experiment station it was found that cattle brought from a roughage ration to full feed of concentrates in just 12 days had more cases of rumenitis than cattle that made the change over in 30 days.

"The trend in the last few years has been to put cattle on feed in the shortest possible time, but this experiment has also shown there is little difference in total gain between those put on full feed in 13 days and those in 30 days," stated Lyle O. McCartney, Nevada's extension animal husbandman.

The Colorado tests also indicated rumenitis — and liver abscesses thought to result from it — is caused by too rapid fermentation in the rumen.

Fruit Men Fared Well in Oregon Says Economist

A year-end look at Oregon crop values in 1953 shows many of the state's farmers fared quite well in spite of the declining price level. Marion Thomas, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college, says there were some striking gains over 1952.

Changing supply and demand conditions, coupled with a break from the weather, brought more money into the pockets of strawberry, cherry, and Bartlett pear growers, the economist reports.

The 6-million-dollar take from cherries was nearly double the rather disappointing return in 1952. This year's all-time record strawberry crop was worth almost 10 million dollars, or about 1½ million more than the year before. Bartlett pears found better-than-usual fresh market outlets, largely due to a short crop in California, and brought growers a gross of better than 5 million — up a full million from 1952.

Wheat, long the state's leading cash crop, set new highs, Thomas states. A record crop, benefiting from government support prices, rated a farm value of more than 73 million dollars.

No other crop came near the wheat total, reports the economist, although vegetables for processing showed consistent gains over 1952. Processors paid out more than 1 million dollars for snap beans, 5 million for green peas, and 2½ million for Oregon sweet corn. The total for these three crops was about a million dollars greater than the previous year.

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ist, who will discuss changes in Pacific Coast livestock marketing of recent years.

Max O. Cullen, former La Grande retailer who is director of the National Livestock and Meat board department of meat merchandising, is to demonstrate new ways with meat through modern cutting and cooking methods. His lecture will be Jan. at 9 a.m.

The public is invited to general sessions and to forum meetings of the participating groups.

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