Potato Enemy No. 1

THE 1954 KLAMATH BASIN POTATO crop will pay $2,000,000 for arrest and confinement of this character known to the farmers as "Leaf Roll".

Clue To Bloat Discovered By AG Scientists

The first real lead in the all-out drive to find the cause of bloat in sheep and cattle has been announced by the USDA. Scientists have succeeded in isolating substances from alfalfa that in test feedings have produced bloat.

In cooperation with many experiment stations, the USDA specialists are extending investigation of these substances to different varieties of alfalfa and to Ladino and other clovers.

Bloat has increased steadily in recent years and more and more farmers have found themselves threatened with loss of valuable stock, reduced milk production, and slower fattening of beef cattle. The increase in bloat has been generally associated with the increased use of legumes in pasture mixtures. Saponins in legume plants have long been suspected as causing the trouble, but such substances had never before been isolated in identifiable form in large enough amounts for test feeding.

Chemists at the USDA's western regional laboratory, Albany, California, finally were able to isolate the material. The tests were conducted at the Beltsville, Maryland research center by feeding alfalfa saponin to 5 yearling ewes, 2 goats and 1 heifer. In 8 out of 10 tests, saponin caused bloat symptoms. The scientists think this clue will eventually lead to discovery of ways to prevent costly bloat.

Two Year Old Guernsey Cow Breaks Record

PETERBOROUGH, N. H. — A registered Guernsey has just become the first cow of any breed ever to produce 1,000 pounds of fat in a single lactation as a junior two-year-old on either two or three-time-daily milking, according to The American Guernsey Cattle Club.

This new world's champion is Hominy Hill Prince's Harp, owned by Weston Howland of Howland Farm, Brattleboro, Vermont, and bred by Henry D. Mercer of Hominy Hill Farms, Colts Neck, New Jersey. "Harp" completed a record of 16,738 pounds of milk and 1,017 pounds of fat on January 27 to establish herself as a champion of champions.

Portland Hay Prices Steady

Hay markets generally have been a little irregular the past week although Portland and Seattle alfalfa hay quotations strengthened. At Portland, alfalfa hay was being quoted at around $30 to $32 a ton. This was down from $8 to $9.50 compared to a year ago.

Farm prices for all baled hay in Oregon at the middle of January were down sharply compared to a year ago. Prices received by producers averaged about 33 per cent less.

The demand for hay in the Pacific Northwest continues good from the drought states. The Missouri program for drought hay was reported to be unsettled pending further action by a special session of the legislature for that state. Freight rates to the drought states have been further extended by some of the northern railroads.

4-H NEWS

SUGAR AND SPICE CLUB

The meeting of the Sugar and Spice Club was called to order by president, Ellen Rajnus. We had the flag salute and roll call, which was answered by naming starchy foods. Judy and Roxie were absent. The minutes were read and approved. We had a scrap book and Marcia Kenyon and Carol were appointed to take care of it. We made macaroni and cheese. The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be February 17 after school.

Marcia Kenyon

THE ROLLING PINS

February 5 was the date of the meeting of the Rolling Pins. The meeting was called to order by President, Judy Esgate. We said the two pledges. The roll call was taken and the minutes read. We sang, "Home on the Range," and had a yell. We then had a talk on judging and played "Spin the Bottle." The meeting was then adjourned.

Judith Langer

AGENCY LAKE LIVESTOCK CLUB

The Agency Lake 4-H Livestock Club held its second meeting January 30 at the home of our leader, Erling Ericksen.

The subject brought up was about what to do to raise more money for the club's fun. It was not decided on just what we are going to do, instead it was decided that we still have enough money to get us through this year and that everybody should be thinking about how we could earn more money so that we will have enough so that we can give some donations and still not have to pay dues next year.

The three Say children, Jimmy, Joanne, and David, were all absent.

We had three visitors: Alfred and Leslie Yeager and Benny Kessinger. Refreshments were served by Marcine Ericksen.

Della Ericksen

KNITTEN KITTEN

The club meeting was held at the Sandburg home. We knitted. Rules were passed for conduct. Mrs. H. A. McClurg said we were to have a bedsock or mitten done by our next meeting. Refreshments were served.

K. Lyn Fenning

4-H KNITTING FIVES

The meeting of the 4-H Knitting Fives was called to order by President, Dorothy Dillard. The minutes were read and the roll called by Secretary, Shirley Patterson. Then we just knitted. The next meeting will be Feb. 16.

Coleen Finchum

THE JOLLY CHEFS

The Club met at Margaret Ann Dotson's home, Friday February 5. The club was invited to Margaret's home to celebrate her birthday.

We had a short business meeting conducted by our president, Kay Merritt. Then we presented Margaret a gift from the club. Refreshments were served by our hosters Mrs. Dotson.

We have eleven Jolly Chefs, ten in cooking I and one in Cooking III. The following are the officers: President, Kay Merritt; Vice-president, Nancy Johnston; Secretary, Joanne Merritt; News reporter, Judy Book; Song Leader, Barbara Alter; Treasurer, Carol Caviness. Our leader is Mrs. Wilbur Book.

To add interest in our club we meet at different homes each time. The next meeting will be at Carol Caviness' home, Friday, February 12. This meeting will be our Valentine Party.

Judy Book

MERRILL SHEEP CLUB

Our first meeting of the year was held at the home of our leader, Jack Ratliff. Members attending were: Marguret Qualls, Sara West, Donna Conner, Cholaine Moore, Patty Burleigh, Katherine Ahern, Kathleen Degnan, Dolores Conner, Brenda Hobbs, John Hunnicutt, Sammy and Richmond Carlton, Dennis Kniskern, Shirley and Beverly Moore and Louise Ratliff.

We discussed our demonstration to be held in April and decided to hold a food sale. Proceeds are to be used for equipment to be used this fall at the fair.

Refreshments were served. Our next meeting will be in March at the home of John Degnan.

Louise Ratliff

"Mitered Corners" was the demonstration given by Linda Heyden and Carol Baker at the February 6 meeting of the Jolly Stitchers. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Heyden, the leader.

Hope Holbrook visited the meeting and helped the girls with their projects. She also brought samples of different colors which we tried on one another to show how different colors look on different people.

We discussed demonstration day and our community project. Two new girls have joined our club, Bonnie Crawford and Kay O'Donahue.

Present were Dian Glass, Charlotte Heyden, Helen Faulkner, Carol Baker, Linda Heyden, Sharon Davis, Margaret Heyden, Hope Holbrook, Mrs. Herb Faulkner and Mrs. John Heyden.

Margaret Heyden

Tax Deadline Change In '54

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee agreed Tuesday to make April 15 the annual deadline for filing individual tax returns, effective next year.

The committee said in a statement that this change "will greatly relieve the difficulties taxpayers presently have in preparing their returns by the present filing date" of March 15.

As a practical matter, the later date will be helpful to tax accountants and lawyers who now find their major business crowded into the period from Jan. 1 to March 15.

The new date would affect some 55 million individual taxpayers. It was proposed in President Eisenhower's budget message to Congress as part of a general revision of tax laws.

The proposal would not affect filing of returns this year on income earned in 1953. This year's returns will still be due by March 15.

The new schedule makes no change in the March 15 filing date for corporation income taxes. But it extends to Sept. 15 the deadline for filing of returns by tax-exempt cooperatives. The latter date for cooperatives coincides with their last date for declaring patronage dividends on the prior year's business.

California In Third Place In Meat Processing

Nine states, boosting their total production an average of 9 per cent each processed more than a billion pounds of meat on a dressed weight basis during 1953, the American Meat Institute reported today in an analysis of figures supplied by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The nine states provided about 60 per cent of all the meat produced in the nation.

Iowa, with production amounting to 2,682,797,000 pounds, continued its reign as the No. 1 meat processing state, while Illinois also retained its hold on the runner-up spot with a total production of 2,210,715,000 pounds.

California, showing an individual production advance of 13 per cent, processed 1,639,686 000 pounds of meat to achieve a change in ranking by taking over the No. 3 position from Minnesota which in turn dropped to fourth place with 1,573,592,000 pounds.

Joint Usage Of Machinery Gets SCD OK

Joint usage of farm and land leveling machinery was agreed on at a meeting held in Bonanza last week by the Poe Valley and Langell Valley Soil Conservation District board of supervisors.

The new machinery is being granted to the Poe Valley SCD by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the two district agreement is desirable to keep this equipment in constant use on Indians lands in the two districts.

The heavy equipment, to be used on a cost sharing, profit sharing basis consists of a D7 Caterpillar tractor, one seven and a half ton equipment carrying vehicle, a grain drill, one landplane, a fertilizer applying implement (for pasture) and an earth compaction unit.

Supervisors from Poe Valley present were: Joe Colahan, Frank Riley, Glenn Kester and Harry Pearson; from Langell Valley: Bill Burnett, Walter Smith, Ed Casebeer, Pete Hriczisosg and Louis Randall.

Indian agent representatives included: Bill Rogers and Warren Latham.

SCS representatives were: Joe Rogers, Walt Risse, John Berg and Don Baldwin.

County Extension Agent Walt Jendrzejewski and farmer guests Bill Fisher and Jim Romtvedt also were present.

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Business Leaders Hopeful Of Economic Outlook; But Labor Head Disagrees

By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Chamer of Commerce, voicing a cheerful outlook for the nation's economy, said today, "It is difficult to see any reason why this country should ever again experience an old-fashioned depression."

But CIO President Walter Reuther called it "dangerous and unrealistic" to think that "spring and the robins will bring prosperity."

He oviously referred in a statement for the Senate-House Economic Committee to recent predictions by administration spokesmen that the U. S. economy, which they contend is adjusting after the Korean War, will start turning upward about spring.

The Chamber said in its statement for the committee that so far the "inevitable readjustment" which it said was "bound to follow the end of fighting in Korea" has been "surprisingly easy."

The committee is making its annual study of the President's economic report, which Reuther described as a "weak-visioned document."

The Chamber said business in 1954 "will be good by any standards established before 1950," but that it probably will not be as "buoyant" as in 1953.

The Chamber pointed to these good signs: "Strong sources of investment and consumer demand remain. Consumer income is still very high. Business intentions to invest in new plant and equipment indicate high level of capital investment this year."

Discussing unemployment, the Chamber said the Census Bureau reported that unemployment in January totaled 3.8 per cent of the civilian labor force. This, it said is "in no sense an alarming amount."

However, the Commerce Department announced last night—after the Chamber statement had been prepared—that a new method of collecting statistics indicates that the number of unemployed early last month was 3,087,000—about 728,000 more than reported previously. This works out to 4.9 per cent of the civilian labor force.

Reuther said there may be differences of opinion on the seriousness of the unemployment situation, but "the problem is real, it is here now, and it is inexcusable in a country like ours . . ."

The CIO president, who also heads the CIO United Auto Workers, said signs of an economic pickup have not been seen yet in the automobile industry. The Chevrolet division of General Motors, he said, has just cut back to a four-day week "at a time when they should be moving toward higher production."

He referred to recent criticism leveled at him by Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall. Said Reuther: "If worrying about unemployment makes me a prophet of gloom . . . then I must plead guilty."

MISSION

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — A South Korean goodwill mission Tuesday extended an invitation to anti-Communist leaders of Asia to visit Korea for conferences with President Syngman Rhee.

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