

Spud Growers Get Reminder

The state department of agriculture reminds potato growers that their operations must conform to the new Oregon potato law. Main items for growers to keep in mind, says Frank McKennon, plant division chief, are:

1. Growers may sell potatoes from the field where grown to anyone without label or inspection.
2. No label, inspection or permit is required when potatoes are moved from the field where grown up to 50 miles away if they are going to a livestock feeder or for storage and grading. This may include in transit stops for storage purposes.
3. Growers may move potatoes to a processing plant without inspection or labeling if they obtain a permit from the department.
4. Potatoes moved more than 50 miles from the field for livestock feeding, storage or grading may go under permit without inspection or labeling.
5. If moved for purposes other than above outlined, growers must label with name and address, grade and net weight. If moved for sale in lots of one ton or more, the potatoes must be inspected by the state.
6. If potatoes fail to meet any grade established by the department they must be labeled with in bold-face letters at least 2 inches high.

Permits are available through federal-state shipping point offices and inspectors over the state. Master permits cost \$1 (the law permits a fee up to \$2) and single load permits cost 20 cents each. Permit monies, beyond costs, will be applied toward enforcement of transportation features of the potato law.

The potato law also places definite responsibilities upon dealers, handlers and retailers. Copies of the law may be obtained from the department.

POST OFFICE SMOKES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Smoke was pouring out of the post office yesterday, but it wasn't from scorching love letters.

A trash fire in the basement sent billows of smoke to the first floor, but no damage was done.



THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE ALERT HANGAR at the Klamath Falls jet intercept base is being built on the north end of the airport. This special heated hangar is the standard type built at all jet intercept bases. It houses two jet interceptor type aircraft in each side, with the quarters for flight and maintenance crews in the middle section. The pilots and ground alert crews will be on duty in the hangar 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The front of the building faces on the alert taxiway, which leads to the main runway. When an alert is sounded the plans designated for flight must be in the air in a maximum of five minutes or the crews must report their reason for delay to the commander, Continental Air Defense Command. The hangar, of steel framework construction, is being built by the Donald Drake Co., Portland. —Photo by Kettler

Winter Poultry Meetings Set

Poultry marketing meetings will be available for Oregon counties during the winter months by extension specialists from Oregon State College. Cookery methods, freezing and marketing of all kinds of poultry will be discussed.

The meetings are an outgrowth of meat marketing conferences held in 30 Oregon counties during the past year at the request of consumers, producers and marketing groups.

Zelma Reigle, consumer education specialist, and Charles Fischer, poultry marketing specialist from the college, will conduct the first meeting at Salem November 15.

Suburban Fire Leaders Elected

The Suburban Volunteer Fire Department elected new officers for the coming year at an installation banquet October 22.

The new officers are Alton Short, president; William Masters, vice president; Prince Koberg, reelected secretary and Sam Warren, treasurer.

FREEDOM SHRINE November 9

Digestible Sawdust Makes Atomic Energy Appearance

Digestible sawdust as an "energy" food is one of the newest peacetime possibilities of atomic energy. But don't look for it on your grocer's shelves.

If and when commercial irradiation of sawdust is possible, it will be for the double-duty digestive system of the cow.

Oregon agricultural and forestry scientists, sparked by the possibility of moving the state's piles of Douglas fir sawdust into livestock feed racks, conducted trials with funds from the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory. Tests were under the direction of L. F. Remmert, Oregon State College agricultural chemist.

Sawdust is roughly 60 per cent carbohydrate—most of it in the indigestible form of cellulose or crude fiber. Normally, even a cow's digestive juices can't break down much wood cellulose into usable energy sugars.

Bombardment of the cellulose with atomic rays, the scientists reasoned, might split the carbohydrate into smaller units which could be more readily attacked and made soluble by stomach or rumen fluids.

Sawdust sealed in tin cans was exposed to high-level gamma ray irradiation at the AEC materials testing reactor at Arco, Idaho. And polyethylene bags of sawdust went into General Electric Company's electron-beam generator at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for irradiation by less penetrating but faster working beta rays.

The results: rumen fluids were able to change into soluble form one-fourth to one-third of the gamma-treated carbohydrates and about two-thirds of beta treated carbohydrates.

Actually, all digestive tests were conducted with an artificial "stomach" or test tube containing rumen juices extracted from animals, since not enough sawdust could be irradiated in initial trials for livestock feeding trials.

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Although the sawdust does not become radioactive, Dr. Remmert says further tests are needed to learn if materials are formed during irradiation that might be toxic to animals or to rumen microorganisms.

But the big question is "cost." Even with cheap sawdust and prospects for growing supplies of waste radiolabels in the near future, the physical problems of bringing the two together might price sawdust off bossy's menu.



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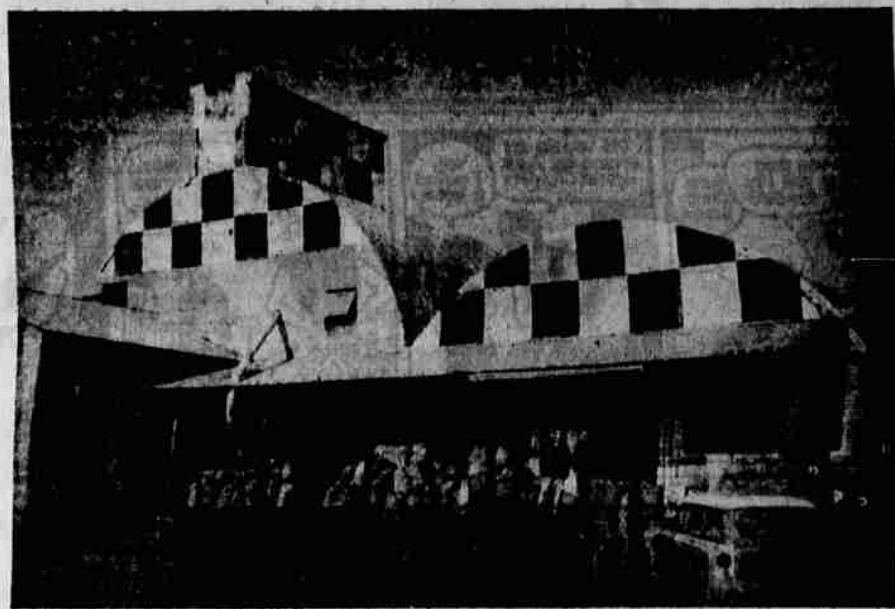
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