

Rancher's Report

By BILL DECKER

The Klamath Dairymen's Association will host the 64th annual Oregon Dairymen's Association meeting to be held in the Willard Hotel, December 2, 3 and 4.

Committee meetings will start the program on the afternoon of December 2. The next day will consist of a full program of discussions regarding brucellosis eradication, the operation of the new Milk Audit Law and milk marketing problems. The highlight of the program will be a panel discussion on bulk and pipeline milk handling.

A new era in Christmas tree buying and selling may be just around the corner—easing that tedious chore of touring a Christmas tree lot, shaking out one tree after another, looking for just the right one.

For the first time, Christmas trees can be harvested and sold this year on the basis of federally standardized grades. This offers possibilities for better returns to growers for good quality trees, says Gary Sander, Oregon State College forest products marketing specialist.

Grading will be voluntary and

inspection service will be provided for a moderate fee by the department of agriculture at all major shipping points and terminal markets. A big advantage of the grading system is that producers can now sell trees "sight unseen" but graded to distant markets. Such a system offers protection to both the producer and dealer, Sander explains.

Growers can now select trees that will bring better prices and leave the others for later harvest for the Christmas trade or other purposes.

Standards were developed by the USDA agricultural marketing service at the request of the National Christmas Tree Growers Association and several state associations.

The three grades—U.S. Premium, U.S. No. 1, and U.S. No. 2—will be based on five factors: density, taper, balance, foliage, and freedom from deformities. Trees that can't qualify for any of these grades will be listed as culls.

U.S. Premium is the tree most shoppers consider "perfect"—straight, symmetrical, well-filled branches, evenly tapered, fresh, clean, and healthy. U.S. No. 1 allows more variation in shape. A U.S. No. 2 may have more sparse foliage and may be full on only two sides.

All trees carrying U.S. grades will be fresh. But a family that wants a tree to stand in a corner or against a wall where a flat or "thin" side won't show will be able to buy a No. 2 grade at lower cost.

More detailed information on grades may be obtained by writing to W. L. Close, Federal-State Inspector, State Department of Agriculture Building, Salem.

New market possibilities for Oregon forage and turf seeds will highlight the Oregon Seed Growers League's 17th annual meeting December 5 to 7, at the Multnomah Hotel, Portland.

Market expansion for Oregon forage grass and legume seed in Japan, Korea, and South America is "highly promising" through proper promotion, says Rex Warren, Oregon State College farm crops specialist and league secretary.

The league is investigating possible government assistance in market promotion under Public Law 430 designed to move surplus commodities into overseas markets. Discussion leader will be R. Wallace Rice, Grants Pass, manager of a Josephine County Growers Cooperative.

Major changes in U.S. seed crop uses based on a survey of agricultural agencies will be reviewed by William Youngman, foreign agricultural service, Washington, D.C. Trends in the key southern states' markets will be reported by Ray Teal, OSC seed marketing specialist.

Gager Vaughn, Chicago, head of one of the nation's largest sales organizations for turf seeds, will discuss trends in turf varieties for home lawns. Growers will have opportunities to tackle specific problems during committee meetings for turf seeds, legumes, cover crops, seed potatoes, and seed certification.

Possibilities of marketing assistance through state and federal programs will be reported by a committee appointed to investigate such programs during the past year.

"Challenge of Change," a report by Oregon State College extension service staff members, will trace recent changes in U.S. agriculture and the general economy in an attempt to help the seed industry chart long-range goals.

Secretary of State Mark Hatfield will speak at the December 6 evening banquet. Master of ceremonies will be Walter Leth, Polk County senator. Special events are planned for women attending.

Special meetings are scheduled during the convention for the Northwest Chewings and Creeping Red Fescue Association and the two-year-old commission for fescue market promotion.

HANDY FOR THE GALS, TOO!



LIGHTWEIGHT, easy to use electric tools are taking the muscle work out of do-it-yourself projects and attracting more women into the workshops of America.

Power Tools Please Ladies

One of man's last retreats in the home—his workshop—is being invaded by the ladies. The reason: Some of today's portable electric tools are so lightweight and easy to operate that it's fun for the gals to use them.

In fact, home tool specialists report that women shopping for tools as gifts for their husbands often make their selection with the idea of picking a tool they can use themselves.

So with the woman as well as the man of the house in mind, manufacturers developed an un-

usual new speed drill that weighs only four pounds, is less than nine inches long overall, and can be used not only as a drill but as a jigsaw, sander, and polisher!

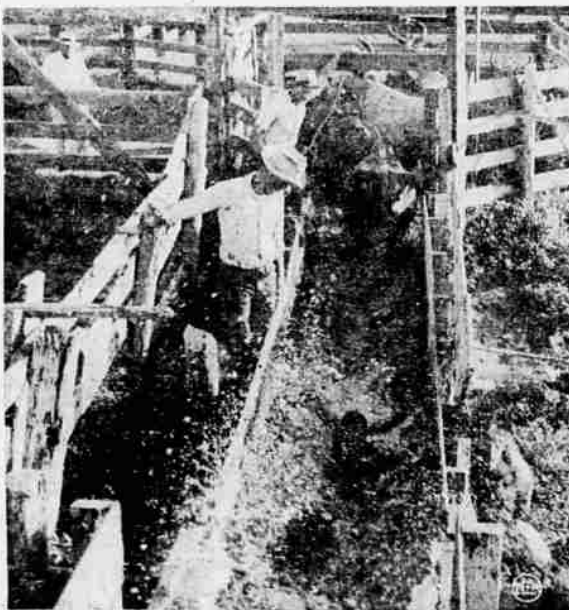
Refinishing old furniture or smoothing and completing unfinished furniture long have appealed to many women. Now they're easily done, with no muscle-work, with an electric tool. Even do-it-yourself projects, such as making decorative wooden animals for display in the yard, present no problem to the gals—although they usually want some of hubby's advice before starting the job to be sure they use the electric jigsaw attachment to the utmost advantage.

A versatile tool such as the four-in-one speed drill can be used for sanding down rough spots in wall refinishing, too, or for polishing the family automobile if desired. The sander and lambswool bonnet polisher are easily attached to the drill for such tasks.

Whatever the job, there's no doubt that the home workshop no longer is "no-woman's-land." But far from being angry about it, most men are happy to have another interest to share with their wives.

"FAIR GAME"

NEW YORK (AP)—The new Broadway play "Fair Game," its author admits, was based on the true life adventures of a Chicago divorcee. Sam Locke says he became intrigued with dramatic possibilities when he met the woman when she came here to study for a college degree. Locke told her that her skill at handling romantic males should make a good short story. "When I said that," Locke adds, "she fired back 'I'll make a play or nothing.' That's how 'Fair Game' came into being."



FIGHTING THE FEVER TICK. The cattle fever tick, found in Florida this year for the first time since the federal quarantine was lifted in 1950, is a potential carrier of piroplosis, a destructive blood disease of cattle. Heavily infested cattle are dipped (above) in approved concentrations of chemicals to kill ticks. Fifty to 100 cattle can be treated per hour in a 2,000 gallon vat. Ticks remaining in the pasture and reinfesting animals are killed by subsequent dippings.

THE COVER

The cover picture for this week's Herald and News Magazine Section was taken by staff photographer Don Kettler. He claims that it is a time exposure of a flashlight being swung in a dark room, but he can't fool us; we know that it is really a study of the orbit patterns of Sputnik I and II.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Actress Evans Evans has discovered that double names aren't so rare after all. Miss Evans, until she was signed for "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs," had never run into another twin-named person. Now she has heard from a Thomas Thomas, Allen Allen, Richard Richard, Louise Louise and Raze Raze.