

Home Economics Report

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There is a need for more information on varieties suitable for both ornamental and vegetable gardening for this climate. Having the experiment station do more experimenting on varieties was suggested. Periodical study meetings would extend the information on soils, suitable plant varieties, insect control, propagation, etc., to more people.

A bulletin is being prepared for up-to-date information on recommended varieties or ornamentals, fruits and flowers.

Credit buying seems to be a problem among families, especially in the younger families. There is little knowledge of credit and money management so that budgeting for the home is a real problem. There are several methods of approaching this and families do not always select the best.

The committee recommended that credit buying and budgeting for the home be included as a project in the extension program so that knowledge and understanding of credit and money management would promote better family living.

The fluoridation program in Klamath County is of concern to the people. There are comments pro and con to the situation. The American Medical Association is in favor of the program and report they have known of no bad effects from the fluoride. A local doctor feels this is something the people should work toward. However, through lack of sufficient knowledge, fluoridation was voted down in the election.

This is a real problem and one that cannot be solved immediately.

Dr. Kerron of the local health department, reported the polio vaccine is being given to all people under 20 and to expectant mothers, if they desire it, free of cost. Others can have the vaccine at cost. At the present time there is a plentiful supply which should be used or it will be outdated. It is uncertain what quantity will be available when the present supply is depleted. Druggists have a supply, also, the doctors can secure the vaccine through the health office and in doing this, the charge is only for the cost of administering it.

At the present time there are between 60 to 65 per cent of grade school children and 15 to 20 per cent of the high school children that have been immunized. The goal is 100 per cent and it seems advisable for all people to obtain polio vaccinations. Steps are being made through the PTA clinics to alert the public to the need.

One group in Klamath Falls is working on plans to have trash receptacles placed near the high school to help reduce the litter on the streets. This group is also making plans for cleaning up vacant lots.

Dr. Kerron stated that the Legislature had given the county court the right to assign certain areas for use for county dumping but that some of these were very unsightly. It was suggested that the county court should handle this in a way that it would not be an eyesore to anyone. It was felt that a committee should be informed which would include members from the outlying areas to work on this situation.

Klamath County is now considered the second area in Oregon that would most likely be subject to disaster should an attack be made. This is because of the jet interceptor base, radar base, and a major railroad center being located here. Because of this, people need to be alert and know what

to do in case of an emergency. It was recommended that organized groups study civil defense.

The committee feels that with the help of an assistant home agent, a program could be set up to reach a greater number of homemakers than are being reached at the present time. After studying the population of the county it was determined there is an average of 11,000 homemakers and that with the aid of an assistant, at least 3,000 homemakers could be reached through organized extension units, grange, farm bureau, church and homemakers in the outlying communities.

The committee is interested in the county court knowing that the request will be made for a second home economics agent in the 1959 budget.

Reasons for request:

1. Increase number of women benefiting from the program as more units are organized.
2. Agent will have more time to spread extension information to other groups.
3. Evening meetings will be possible for working women.
4. More time can be devoted to workshops or special meetings, such as husband and wife meetings.
5. May assist in obtaining leaders for youth groups, Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.
6. More time for home calls.

The school lunch program was discussed and a recommendation made that milk dispensers be located in the schools for the children.

The nutritionist plans the lunches for the county schools so the menus are the same throughout the county. The milk would supplement the diet of the children when they feel the need of extra energy.

More people to be informed about extension and its services. This can be taken care of partially through news articles, television and radio programs, and newsletters.

Milk Producers Are Underpaid

The first audit of 86 milk plants completed under the new Grade A milk usage law should result in adjustments to Grade A producers aggregating into six figures, Robert J. Steward, director of the State Department of Agriculture, has just revealed. In two cases, producers were overpaid by a total of more than \$2,500.

The milk auditors, whom Steward says are highly qualified in their field, are headed by D. P. Shoup as field supervisor.

"Producers should not jump to the conclusion that processing plants have deliberately overpaid them for milk," Steward said. "Adjustments have already been made in some cases and will be made shortly in others; one group of producers voluntarily forgave an underpayment," Steward added.

He cited several reasons for the improper payments, most of which involved pooling procedures. Causes include improper deductions from a milk pool, including transportation charges deducted from a total pool instead of the portion to which they belong; improper conversion factors; inadequate records; mathematical errors; and methods payment policies and plant operations of which management was unaware.

He said none of these situations present problems which plants can not correct before the next semi-annual audit. He added that on the whole plants have cooperated very well with the auditors.

Most Prevalent Weeds Identified At OSC

Public enemies No. 1, 2, and 3 among Oregon weeds have been identified in a recent survey of Oregon county extension agents.

Agents put the finger on Canada thistle, wild morning glory, and tansy ragwort as the most persistent weed parasites operating against Oregon farm crops. The first two pests got major attention at an Oregon State College weed field day, June 6, near Corvallis.

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POTATO PRODUCTION COST COMPARISON

Costs Reported 1936 Conference

Total Yield Cwt.	Per Acre	Per Cwt.	Per F.O.B. Cwt. Saleable
135	\$103	76¢	84¢
180	122	67¢	75¢
300	185	61¢	69¢

Costs Reported 1946 Conference

150	\$231	\$1.54	\$1.70
200	265	1.35	1.50
250	299	1.20	1.35
300	318	1.16	1.30

Costs Estimated 1957 - field run in paid storage - Basis of 20 acres & 10 year depreciation - no allowance for shrink - operators labor or management.

200	\$287	\$1.49	Add 50¢
250	314	1.26	40¢
300	331	1.11	33¢

Costs Estimated 1957 - No. 1's FOB - Basis 20 acres & 10-year depreciation includes grading, storage, sacks, interest & depreciation - but no allowance for operator's labor or management. Based on: 60% 1's; 15% 2's salvaged at \$1.50 FOB, and 25% cull-out salvaged at 20¢ per cwt. (after 8% storage shrink from harvested weights).

150	\$294	\$3.55	Add \$1.21
200	305	2.78	90¢
250	348	2.52	73¢
300	354	2.17	61¢
350	380	1.97	52¢

*For \$100 per acre return to operators labor & management add per sack amounts listed in column on right.

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