

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Miss Nina MacDonald was a visitor here from Tuesday to Friday of last week to be with her mother, Mrs. Frank McCabe who was ill for several days.

Natal Dance, Saturday, Feb. 15, Red O'Brien's orchestra. Adm. 75c.

Visitors in Portland Monday were Mrs. D. C. Cason, Mrs. L. H. Roberson and Mrs. A. J. Hughes.

Washington's Birthday Dance, Legion Hall, Saturday, February 22. Sponsored by Aux of V.F.W. Adm. 75c inc. tax. 7c2c

Mrs. Cleo Caton was a visitor here from Saturday to Monday of this week. She and her daughter, Mary Pat, are living in Portland now where Mrs. Caton has employment with Roberts Bros. and Mary Pat with the Pacific Telephone company.

Dance I.O.O.F. hall Saturday February 15. Rhythm Vendors orchestra. Lunch served. Adm. 75c inc. tax. 1tc

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wagner and children were visitors of an uncle of Mr. Wagner's at Eugene Saturday and Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Solomonsen left this week for Moffitt Hot Springs where they plan to vacation for about 10 days. Adm. 75c inc. tax. 7c2c

Mrs. R. B. Gibson and son, Tommy, of Portland are here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Swanson. They plan to remain for five weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas and family have moved to their new home at 872 Weed avenue which was formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grass.

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Mrs. Maude Kobow has been away from her classes at the Washington grade school for a week while recovering from a minor operation. Mrs. Myrtle Ramsey has been acting as substitute teacher for Mrs. Kobow.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Larson of Birkenfeld are the parents of a boy, Larry Randall, born February 6 at St. Mary's hospital in Astoria. Mrs. Larson is the former Ruth Boeck.

Sunday guests at the Otto Michener home on Stoney Point were Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Woolridge and two little girls, Madeline and Shirley, from Portland. Just as dinner was served, a brother-in-law, Clay Green, and his wife and boy drove up. Mrs. Michener hadn't seen them for 27 years. The visitors came from Sheridan. On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Michener made a business trip to Forest Grove and while there called on Mrs. Michener's mother, Mrs. Nancy Wirth, and her aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Metcalf, who is making her home with Mrs. Wirth.

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Conservation Program Ready for Farmers

The 1947 agricultural conservation program has been set up and is now beginning to get under way, it was announced a few days ago by J. G. Watts, chairman of the Columbia county agricultural conservation association.

A handbook describing the program for this year and the practices offered, together with their rates of payment, has been prepared by the county office and will be sent to the farmers of the county during the month of February. Mr. Watts points out that each farmer should study this handbook very thoroughly and plan his own conservation program on his farm accordingly.

Payments are being offered for the completion of 33 different conservation practices this year. One of the important practices which practically every farmer should take advantage of is the application of fertilizers, mainly lime and phosphate. The farmer may place his own order for lime at the time he signs a farm plan. This lime will be delivered in sacks or delivered and spread in

bulk if the farmer so desires for a cost of between three to four dollars per ton depending on the distance from the lime plant. Deliveries will be made on orders of six tons or more. The balance of the cost is paid through the conservation program. This is an opportunity no farmer can afford to miss.

For phosphate, a payment of 4½ cents per pound of available P2O5 will be made; however, the farmer must purchase the phosphate himself directly from the dealer and save his receipts until the end of the year.

Other important practices in this year's program include payment for the construction of open or tile drainage ditches. The payments are 8c a cubic yard of earth moved or 50 per cent of cost, whichever is smaller, for open ditches, and 80 cents per rod for tile or 3½ per board foot for lumber.

Payment is also made for improving grazing land by several practices which are offered, including the development of springs, seeding approved pasture mixtures, constructing stock trails, and building fences.

Another important practice is weed control. Payment is being offered for the use of 2,4d, sodium chlorate, borax, and clean cultivation for the control of weeds.

Mr. Watts brings out that these are only a few of the practices being offered. Meetings will be held in February in the various communities for the purpose of taking sign-ups of farmers wishing to take part in 1947. These dates will be announced in the near future.

Any one wishing information about the 1947 program is asked to come to these meetings or contact the county office in St. Helens, where any questions will be answered and detailed specifications on how these practices should be carried out will be furnished.

One thing to remember is that a farm plan must be filed in the

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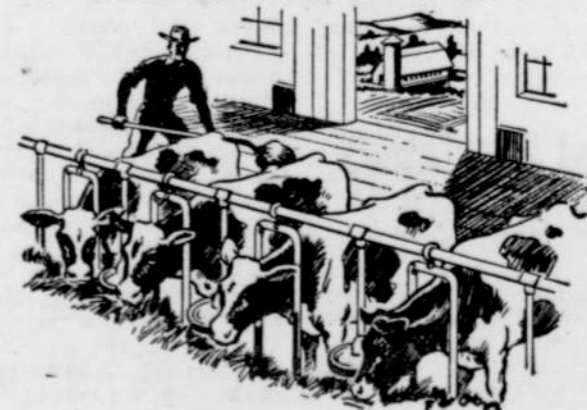
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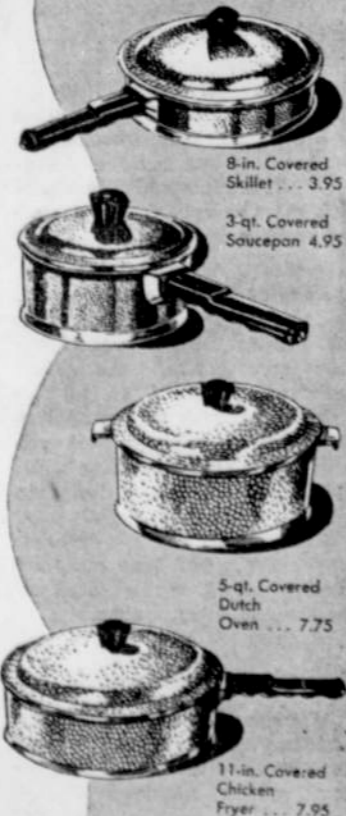
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