

AROUND THE FARM

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Most farmers have probably noticed the excellent crop of Douglas fir seed this year. This seed has mostly dropped from the cones by now. You have probably seen many of these seeds if you have spent any time work-

ing near a stand of timber. In many places several seeds per square yard can be found in strawberry fields, pastures, or cut over land.

Folks owning land they want to get back into timber are very happy with this seed crop. Steep ground, land too heavy with brush to give pasture, and poorly stocked second growth stands may be greatly benefited by some special care to guard this seed crop so it can make a stand of timber.

J. C. Skeans, Rainier, is trying to take special advantage of this seed crop. He has about 300 acres of second growth timber he is managing on a selective cutting program. Scattered through his woods he has several large clearings that have mainly fern with a heavy crop of young alder coming on.

Skeans doesn't value the alder and doesn't plan to clean these areas for pasture or cultivation. He wants to get these areas back into trees to increase his woodland acreage.

Starting this summer when it was evident that there would be a good crop of Douglas fir seed, Skeans started slashing the young alder in these clearings to give the seedling Douglas fir the best possible chance to make a good stand.

Farmers who have similar situations might consider special assistance to these seedlings and getting a stand. Of particular importance is keeping fir out of

fern and brush if it is desired to get a stand of Douglas fir.

L. C. Blair, Vernonia, was interested in getting a test on the cows in his herd to determine how they were producing. This would give him a guide on calling low producers and in feeding individual animals according to production. He figures the owner-sampler testing arrangement available through the DHIA is just what he wants.

Once a month Blair weighs the milk from each cow and takes a sample of their milk. Percy Ramage, DHIA supervisor, picks up the sample, runs a test and supplies Blair with a record showing the per cent of fat in the milk and the monthly milk and fat production for that cow.

A record book gives Blair a month by month account of how his cows are doing. While the record is not official the program fills a real need or the small commercial dairyman interested in improving his herd.

Very often on a wet piece of ground blasting a drainage ditch with dynamite is one of the easiest ways to get the job done.

Lloyd Lynch, Scappoose, tells of a ditch recently blasted for Chester Shepard. Scappoose, at a cost of \$300. Estimate on getting the job done with machinery was \$1500.

This striking advantage does not always exist but where it is too wet to get machinery in, and on small jobs, blasting is often far the cheapest.

It is quite easily done and with a little training anyone can do it. The soil must be saturated with water and a special grade of ditching powder is necessary however.

Getting around the danger involved in handling a bull is one important point in considering artificial insemination of dairy cattle. This risk was forcefully brought out recently at a dairy meeting of 14 farmers when 9 of them reported being thrown around by a bull and 2 indicated that the dog was all that saved them from getting killed.

October 9-15 Designated Fire Prevention Week; Safety Urged

Odds against your home suffering fire damage during the next 12 months are about 1 in 50, according to Charles R. Ross, O.S.C. forestry specialist, who heads up the National Fire Prevention week campaign in the state for the extension service.

October 9 to 15 has been designated National Fire Prevention week by presidential proclamation, and Ross is urging that all city and rural residents take an inventory of fire hazards in their homes, and before the week is finished, see that steps are taken to eliminate them.

Burns, for example, are the largest single source of fatal accidents for children up to four years of age, Ross points out.

Despite our comparatively high standard of living, one authority has stated that a higher percentage of United States citizens live in fire traps than do the inhabitants of any other country. This is due, the authority reasons, to our architecture, building materials, use of appliances and oils, and our smoking habits.

Since approximately one-half of Oregon's families live in rural areas where fire fighting equipment is either non-existent or must be transported over long distances, fire prevention is doubly important. Damage to Oregon insured city and farm homes during the year 1947 amounted to about \$3,000,000.

needed to fish, hence the license for hunting was left at home. Up on the fishing scene appeared a fine big buck. Well, all Bud could do was tell some one else who had the necessary document with him. Bud went home with some meat.

Mrs. Francis Burnham and Mrs. Geo. Jones were callers at the Austin Dowlings Saturday.

The hunters return included the Mathews party and Claud Johnson's party. The Mathews got one deer and one coyote.

L. P. Wikstrom, Jr., has a used car purchased last week.

Roy Hughes was in Forest Grove last week on business.

The Rodger Quirns were gone the greater part of last week on a motor trip.

Mrs. Austin Dowling and son, Bernard, were in Clatskanie Saturday.

The Francis Burnhams came Sunday from Portland to visit relatives.

A few from here attended the football game at Clatskanie between Clatskanie and Vernonia. The score was 12-6 in favor of Vernonia.

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Lack of License Nearly Loses Deer for Angler

MIST — Sequel to last week's deer story, the one that got away and yet didn't. Bud Jubenille, and wife came over from Clatskanie to fish in the Nehalem. Of course a hunting license wasn't



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