

While visiting with Columbia county weed inspector Robert Robinson recently at the regular Wednesday morning office day at Clatskanie, we were reminded of the importance of doing spray work early. This stock poisoning plant is readily killed with 24-D while it is in the rosette stage. As the plants approach the bloom stage they become more resistant to 24-D and more expensive controls are necessary. The ester form of 24-D has given good control of tansy ragwort when applied at the rate of three pounds of acid per acre. Sometimes a simpler method of calculating spray is to use three pounds of the 24-D acid per 100 gallons of water. Spraying on a calm day helps to avoid spray drift.

A note in the Eggzaminer states that "Few failures in poultry farming are due to conditions beyond the control of management." Disease control, a good per cent of lay and a full production during high priced egg seasons are questions of good management.

The poultry industry is well known for two unfavorable conditions. One, it is easy to get into so folks looking for "something" often go into poultry.

Second, the percentage of those going into poultry and failing at it is somewhat higher than in most other agricultural enterprises.

Oregon is still importing about 30 per cent of the eggs consumed and at one time used to actually export eggs. We probably never again will be in a position to export eggs but there is room for proficient poultry producers.

The answer of whether or not the new producer can succeed seems to be in this question of management. Another note in the Eggzaminer suggests that the poultry producer "spend more time in the laying house studying the needs of the birds."

Here is just one problem that might be a question of management and observation. A 5 pound hen will need 10 pounds less feed

to maintain her body weight for one year than a 6 pound bird. If the 5 pound bird lays as many eggs and of equal quality as the 6 pound bird you will have the 10 pounds less feed as an extra profit.

Weight or size varies within the breed and also varies by breed. Indications today are that commercial egg producers favor the medium size laying strain of chickens.

With our good egg market in Oregon the medium sized white leghorn is gaining in favor.

Lawn diseases have been at work around the county recently, resulting in an undesirable appearance of an otherwise good lawn. There are a number of these fungus diseases of turf grasses, and the different ones appear at varying times of the year. Some of these diseases go by the names of "brownpatch," "dollarspot," "snowmould," and "fairy ring." Control of these diseases is difficult at best. A mixture of one-third corrosive sublimate and two-thirds colomel has given good control of some of the fungus diseases at seasonable cost. In severe cases the two materials are mixed in equal proportions. Two ounces of the mixture to 10 gallons of water is suggested for 500 square feet of lawn area.

Some of the new organic mercury compounds have given good control of certain turf diseases. A word of caution about all these materials—they are all poisonous and should be handled carefully to prevent accidents.

Of the various diseases, "fairy ring," is probably most serious because it is almost impossible to control. It is identified by distinct rings of mushrooms or toadstools in the turf. The grass just outside the ring is apt to be stimulated and be dark green, while just inside the ring there may be a zone of dead grass.

The recent legislature passed a bill making the control of common ragweed mandatory. Rag-



IDENTIFICATION given for the photo of mothers and daughters who attended the honor tea at Mist May 3 is: back row, left to right—Mrs. Jack Crawford, Mrs. Bill Wilson, Mrs. Charles Hansen, Mrs. Lloyd Garlock; next to top row—Esther Kyser, Mrs. Clarence Kyser, Grandma Carr, Mrs. Ernest Kyser, Mrs. Claude Kyser, Mrs. Jane Pidcock, Mrs. Kallesee; third row from top—Bertie Lu Ashley, Bonnie Kyser, Evelyn Kyser, Margie Kyser, Ella May Kyser; front row—Carolyn Garlock, Judy Kyser, Deloris Wilson, Raymond Kyser, Mrs. Kallesee's granddaughter, Mrs. Aldon Ashley, leader of the cooking club, not in picture.

Six mothers, one grandmother and several friends attended a tea honoring their mothers and given by the members of the Busy Bee 4-H cooking club May 3 at the home of Mrs. Aldon Ashley in Mist.

Carolyn Garlock played a piano solo, Margie Kyser, Bertie Lu Ashley and Delores Wilson recited a poem and Bonnie Kyser and Carolyn Garlock and Evelyn Kyser sang two songs.

Christmas Tree Bulletin Issued

Farm acres that don't pay off for most crops may be ideal for a money-making venture into the Christmas tree business, according to a new bulletin released by Oregon State college.

The best Christmas tree soils in Oregon are the sandy, gravelly, well-drained loams where trees grow slowly and become bushy, the bulletin points out. Northwest farmers who are cashing in these conditions now reap 10 million dollars annually from the six million trees shipped from the area.

The illustrated bulletin discusses all phases of raising Christmas trees—soil, climate, marketing requirements, management and harvesting the crop. The publication, "Raising Christmas Trees for Profit," is a joint work of the extension services of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Copies of the bulletin are available on request from county extension offices or from Oregon State college.

weed is not common in Oregon, but it has been found in Clackamas, Marion and Douglas counties. Summer before last it was reported as possibly being in Columbia county.

Ragweed is important from a health standpoint in that the pollen causes hay fever for those folks who are allergic. It is an annual that is easily controlled, with 24-D spray before blossoming.

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Auction Sale Dated At Natal Farm May 28

An auction sale of his dairy cattle and a few other farm items has been scheduled for May 28 by James Stout at the Lew Choate farm at Natal, according to an announcement made earlier this week. He will offer his 23 head of dairy cattle under the auctioneering of Walt Altman, Forest Grove.

A. H. Abts will be clerk of the sale which will begin at 1 p.m.

Twin beds were first made by Sheraton, the furniture designer.

Family Reunites At West Home

TREHARNE — The Kenneth B. West family of Timber route had a family reunion Sunday, May 17 in honor of their son, Private Kenneth H. West, who was home on furlough from Camp Roberts where he has just completed his basic training. Private West left Sunday for Camp Stoneman for reassignment.

Mrs. Byron Kirkbride visited Mrs. L. L. Wells in Riverview and Mrs. Frank Morris in Vernonia Tuesday evening.



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

PTA Gets Stung by a "Bee"

The local PTA is feeling sheepish today. Seems they complained the youngsters weren't learning enough. Said they couldn't even spell. So the kids challenged them to a spelling bee.

"I was captain of the PTA's," "Doc" Brown told me. "Both teams made the first round just fine. But on the second round Speedy Taylor went down on 'efficiency.' Then his boy Chip, who happened to be next on the school team, rattled it right off. From then on it was murder!"

So now "Doc" says that the

whole PTA is thinking of signing up for night school!

From where I sit, it always pays to look and think before you leap to conclusions. Take those folks who would deny me a temperate glass of beer without a moment's thought. They wouldn't want me to interfere with their personal preferences for, say, buttermilk. It's a good idea to think twice before you "spell out" rules for your neighbor.

Joe Marsh

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