

**Club Organized, Holds Second Meeting Sunday**

The Maple Meadows Dairy club met Sunday evening at the home of Ronnie Andereg for their second regular monthly 4-H meeting. The record books and other material were ordered. The year's program was also planned for visits to the Tillamook cheese factory and various fairs. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Andereg.

At the first meeting which was held at the home of Jerol Moran officers were elected as follows: president, Janice Hoyt; vice-president, Jerol Moran; secretary, Margaret Buckley; treasurer, Alen Smith and news reporter, Ronnie Andereg. Margaret Buckley is leader and Mrs. J. C. Moran, assistant leader.

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**WEEKLY FOREST MARKET REPORT**

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**SAWLOGS:** No. 2 second-growth Douglas fir sawlogs at Willamette Valley mills were firm at \$30 to \$38 a thousand, mostly \$34 to \$38. No. 3's were \$25 to \$29. Long camp-run logs were generally \$30 to \$35 a thousand. Eight-foot logs were stronger at \$15 to \$16.50 a cord, or \$30 to \$38 a thousand.

**POLES AND PILING:** Forty and 45-foot barkie poles were in good demand at most Willamette Valley yards. Forty-five foot barkies ranged from 15 to 23 cents a lineal foot, depending on diameter. A few yards bought long piling.

**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Douglas fir Christmas tree stumpage sold over a wide range. Most sales were in the neighborhood of 20 to 25 cents a tree. A low of 12 cents a tree has been reported, while one sale of 2,000 plantation trees brought 40 cents. Cut trees at the roadside ranged from 40 to 75 cents a tree. Wholesale prices in Portland averaged about 30 cents a lineal foot.

This report, based on information supplied by the State Board of Forestry and other sources, was prepared by F. H. Dahl, Extension Agricultural Economist.

**Son Confined by Chest Illness**

**RIVERVIEW** — George DeFord, the 1 1/2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. DeFord, has been in the Doernbecker hospital with a chronic chest disease since October 14.

Mrs. Ethel Sabine and Mrs. Robert Franklin and two sons of Raymond, Washington spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Anderson returned Tuesday after spending five days visiting their daughters and families: Mr. and Mrs. Chet Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson at Tillamook.

Mrs. Alice Millis, who is visiting her children in Portland, spent several days last week here looking after her house and visiting at the home of Mrs. Dewey Hunt.

**AROUND THE FARM** BY DON COIN WALROD County Extension Agent

Between now and the 31st of December farmers of Columbia county will be signing up with the PMA office for conservation practices they wish to carry out during the 1954 year. To assist the PMA committee (which we understand is to have the new name of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee) we have agreed to do a series of articles providing information about the 1954 agricultural conservation program. In this series we will try to point out how each of the practices can be used in Columbia county.

One of the first practices listed in the handbook provides for the initial establishment of a permanent grass or legume cover on severely eroded land or on land that is subject to erosion and as a consequence has low productive capacity and would be best in a permanent vegetative cover.

If a farmer has land of this sort, the payment can be rather extensive and can go a long way toward helping him retire from cultivation land that probably should not be cultivated, at least under present conditions. The payments include (1) \$350 per acre for seeding, (2) one-half cent per pound of available calcium carbonate not to exceed 50 per cent of the cost of the liming, (3) 5 cents per pound for available phosphate where needed, (4) 10 cents per pound of available nitrogen used in getting the seed started, (5) \$10 per acre for land clearing where clearing is necessary to do the seeding.

The point is, though, that here is probably the best chance that some farmers in the county have ever had to get some assistance in putting eroding land into permanent cover. The payment covers the initial establishment only. In other words, if a man retires land to sod under this particular payment and should later decide to plow it up and then decide again to seed it to sod, he cannot be paid more than once for the same practice on the same land.

Some of the places in the county where this practice can be used would be:

1. Eroding land along streams.
2. Cut-over or burned-over land where all of the timber has been removed.
3. Cropland so steep that it should not be in cultivation.
4. Shallow soils where even a little loss of soil would make them too rocky or poor to farm any longer.
5. Bottom lands that are often too wet to farm at the proper time.

This practice combines half a dozen practices, puts them all into one neat package, and allows a man to prepare the land, grade

it if necessary, clear it, fertilize it, fence it, and seed it all under the same practice.

Initial establishment of perennial grasses or legumes as part of a crop rotation is another practice listed as A-3 in the handbook.

This practice is not in general use throughout the state of Oregon, because in most counties it cannot be said that legumes and grasses are not generally in use. It is devised only for certain parts of the state where grasses and legumes are not part of any well established crop rotation.

An interesting feature is that: cost sharing will be limited to cropland, the acreage of which, including that already planted to grass and legumes, does not exceed 25 per cent of the cropland on the farm. The vegetative cover must be maintained for at least five years.

Where this practice does apply, the cost sharing of the government is more attractive than under former programs because the following things are covered:

1. \$3.50 per acre for seeding.
2. One-half cent per pound of available calcium carbonate equivalent in lime applied.
3. Five cents per pound of available phosphorus as P2O5 applied where need is indicated by soil test.
4. Ten cents per pound for available nitrogen applied as required.

There is no limit in this practice as to the use of the crop. It can be used for pasture, hay, silage, seed production, or it can just not be used at all.

Note that in the title the first word is "initial" establishment. This means that although in 1954 the government will share substantially in the cost, when the seeding is broken out and then is finally planted back to grass again in the rotation, no payment is contemplated. The payment, in other words, is for establishing the rotation and is not for merely planting grass.

**People Return To Home Here**

**NATAL** — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor and family have returned here from Woodland, Washington where he has been employed.

Ronda Edgerton called at the Wayne Push home in Clatskanie Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Vere Hershey were in Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Oblack and family were Sunday oringay summer guests of the Reed Holdings. It was Allen Holding's sixth birthday.

Tuesday evening callers at the Ray Taylors were Mr. and Mrs. Hank Wilson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Max Oblack and family.

At the home of Sam Devines Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hirtzel and family of Portland and Carl Danielson of Hillsboro.

**Improvement Noted; Operation Awaited**

**RIVERVIEW** — Mrs. Glen Hawkins, son Billy, and Mrs. Frank Serafin and daughter, Vicky, spent Wednesday in Portland. They visited Bert Hawkins at the Veteran's hospital and found him much improved and waiting to undergo a second operation.

**Trip Completed From Nebraska**

**TREHARNE** — Ruth Pierce, Pauline Tisdale and Flora Whitmire made a trip to Portland Friday.

Mrs. Floy Odam entertained the Treharne birthday club at her home Thursday in honor of her birthday. The Christmas party will be December 17 at the home of Mrs. Dode Reynolds in Vernonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nealeigh, Eunice and Ronnie, arrived in Portland Tuesday morning from Trenton, Nebraska to visit Mrs. Nealeigh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kirkbride, for a week. Mr. and Mrs. Orval Nealeigh and children of Portland brought them out to Vernonia from the train. They enjoyed dinner with Mrs. Kirkbride before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stevens and Sylvia, Mrs. Byron Kirkbride, Stephen, Jo Ann and Walter, Mrs. Rosa Weaver, Bill, Harry and Betty, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reynolds and Kenneth visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Paul, Charlotte and Vernon Friday evening.

Albert Reynolds received a telephone call Friday evening that his father had been taken to the hospital again. The elder Mr. Reynolds is suffering from leukemia so it is just a matter of time.

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