

## AROUND THE FARM

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Gardening time will soon be here although the weather we have had recently sure wouldn't lead one to think so. For some of the crops that are normally planted early, it will mean late planting or not planting them at all.

Most folks plant peas about the time of Washington's birthday, but there is still time provided the weather gives us any break at all. Now is a pretty good time to give a little thought to this matter of gardening. Each year Dr. Frazier and others of the vegetable marketing department at Oregon State college, put out a list of recommended varieties of vegetables for the state. Sometimes certain varieties are not readily available and then they will need to be ordered from seed catalogs. For the most part, however, local seedsmen can supply varieties suited to the area. The lists of vegetables suggested for 1956 are now available, and folks interested can stop at our office in the courthouse for them or write in. Sometimes there are varieties that you may like to use other than those suggested. Usually the suggested list has a number of varieties. The lists are based upon the use that is to be made of the crop and its adaptation to the climate and soils of our area.

Elmer Loyd, Deer Island, was recently visiting with us about his garden, and he stated that the garden he had last year was the best that he has ever had. Just what contributed to this good garden might be hard to determine now, but Elmer's work in it and

the use of a complete fertilizer soil treatment with aldrin probably made much of the difference.

An application of 10-20-20 containing 1/2 pound aldrin per 100 pounds provided the needed plant food and controlled such things as flea beetle, cabbage root maggot, wire worm, carrot rust fly and numerous other insects. We don't recall just how much Elmer said he applied, but about 400 pound per acre would be normal application of 10-20-20. Two pounds of aldrin is the usual application of this material in gardens, etc., but our strawberry growers and others use about 5 pounds.

Not everyone can have water for their garden, but Elmer did. In addition, planting was made so that the crop kept coming in all summer long. For instance, Elmer favors planting 3 or 4 different kinds of corn so that he has corn over a long period of time. Other folks use the same variety, and make successive plantings. Both methods work.

Most everyone knows that fertilizers are hard on equipment, and even with the best of care it is difficult to keep spreaders free of rust. But how would you like to have a spreader whose hopper was corrosion and rust proof. Apparently this sort of thing is no longer in the future, but an actual reality. One equipment manufacturer is advertising hoppers that are made of plastic and fiberglass and are not supposed to rust or rapidly deteriorate such as normally occurs with such equipment.

Strawberry growers will soon be working fields, cultivating, hoeing and getting ready to plant. To provide information that has a bearing on the outlook for their crop, we quote from the February 27 issue of "Oregon Farm and Market Outlook" as follows:

"The nation's 1956 strawberry crop still may be as large as the near record 1955 tonnage, despite the freeze damage in the Northwest. Larger acreages in other states easily could make up the difference. Last fall, California's strawberry growers reported plans to increase their acreage 21 per cent. Big increases were also being planned in several of the southern states.

"On top of this, the carryover of frozen berries seems likely to increase again this year. Stocks the 1st of February were 28 per cent larger than a year ago and 30 per cent above average. This indicates that production has been expanding faster than consumption at recent prices. It means that prices are likely to be lower in another year or two. This prospect needs to be considered when deciding about new plantings this spring."

### Property Here Traded For Home In Portland

RIVERVIEW — Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wright and three children have moved on to the Blair farm on Tenth St. The Wrights and Blairs traded property, the Blairs having moved to Portland.

Visitors at the Tom Magoff home Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Barnell of Portland. Mrs. Ann McGee is remaining another week as a guest in the Magoff home.

Mrs. George Schlessner and daughter of John Day are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huntley.

### Tree Nursery Stocks Now Running Low

Only a few Douglas fir trees for woodland planting are still available from the state nursery, reports Don Coin Walrod, county extension agent.

While visiting Columbia county last week, Vern McDaniels, nursery superintendent, and Lyle Baker, assistant, indicated to the members of the Columbia county Farm Forestry committee that they had sold over two million seedlings to private woodland owners so far this year. They now have less than forty thousand trees left for use this spring.

Growers who are interested in planting forest trees for woodlots, Christmas trees, fence posts, or other uses that are not ornamental, stand a better chance of getting trees they want if they order soon, advises Walrod. Order blanks are available from county agents or from state service foresters.

### Fire Department Saves Dwelling

RIVERVIEW — A storage building burned Sunday afternoon at the Harrison home on First street. Another building also used for storage was damaged on the adjoining property and the Harrison dwelling suffered damage. The Vernonia fire department arrived on the scene in time to save the dwelling.

Miss Lois Stern of Spokane, Washington who is attending Multnomah school of the Bible spent the week end at the Virgil Snook home, the guest of Alice Snook.

Mrs. Lloyd Callister and son Ronnie visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hopkins at Albany Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Anderson returned home Wednesday after spending some time in Portland. Mr. Anderson went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eben John after his release from the Good Samaritan hospital. Mrs. Anderson visited the Johns for the entire stay in Portland.

Mrs. Olof Jacobson and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Parkins are staying in Portland to be near Mr. Jacobson during his illness at the Good Samaritan hospital. Mrs. Jacobson and the Parkins were home for a few hours Saturday and report Mr. Jacobson to be in a critical condition.

A birthday surprise party was held Monday evening for Mrs. Alice Mills at her home. Those attending were Mesdames J. E. Rose, Jewell Lloyd, Jack May, Ben Barker, Martin Davis, Rosemary Smith, W. J. Lindsley and Ethel Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. James Staight and three daughters of Eugene spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rose.

### Office, Burner Built at Mill

MIST — A new office building has been built at the property of what was J-H Lumber Co. Two new partners have been added. The office has all modern conveniences up to date in all ways and will soon be ready for occupancy. A burner is being built this week for the sawdust.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roper were in the valley Sunday.

The MHC is meeting this Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. Haskell on the Vernonia road.

The Claud Johnsons spent last week in Corvallis on business and visiting their daughter, Mrs. Gene Ithen.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cuda and boy and Mrs. Clara Libel all from Seaside called on the Chas. Hansens Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Devine motored to Knappa Sunday and were dinner guests of relatives there.

Jackie Nelson came and spent a few days during the week end with his grandparents, the Irving Knowles.

Several from here attended the funeral services Monday in Astoria for the late Anna Popham who died in Eugene Friday.

Guests at the Shalmon Libel home a few days last week were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Goertzen and Cheryl Lee from Tillamook.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kujju and Pat Rokey from Portland were Sunday dinner guests of the Charles Hansens.

George Jones is spending a few days in Seaside this week.

## YOU AND YOUR INCOME TAX

(Editor's Note: Of great concern to many of the readers are aspects of retirement income in relation to federal income tax. The Oregon Association of Public Accountants' tax information committee has prepared the following discussion, presented by The Vernonia Eagle as a reader service.)

The 1954 internal revenue act provides a tax credit for retirement income which is a new feature for taxpayers who at some time in their lives have had earned income of at least \$600 a year for 10 years.

Eligibility for this credit is different for taxpayers under 65 and those over 65.

For taxpayers under 65, pensions and annuities received from public retirement systems, such as civil service retirement, teacher retirement, and various state and municipal retirement systems, are the only items that qualify and are used in computing the credit. Retirement pay from private pension plans do not qualify.

For taxpayers over 65 the base on which the credit is computed is materially broadened to include all pensions and annuities that are taxable, whether from public or private retirement systems, retirement pay from the armed forces, interest, rents, and taxable dividends.

In both classes of retirement income the law establishes a maximum of \$1,300.00 on which the credit is to be computed and reduces this by any amounts received under the social security act, the railroad retirement act, or other retirement income which is not taxable; and, in cases of taxpayers under 5 years of age, all income received from personal services above \$900.00.

For the computation of retirement income the gross rentals received before deduction for expenses is used and 30 per cent of the income from a trading partnership is presumed to be from personal services in computing any reduction due to personal income in excess of \$900.00.

The amount of the retirement credit is further limited to the amount of the tax computed on the face of the return, less any dividends received credit.

Be sure you have all your information on retirement income ready before you start to file your return or to seek professional assistance.

### Grangers Attend Clatskanie Meet

BIRKENFELD — Among those who attended the Grange conference in Clatskanie Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Mills and Francis Nordstrom.

Mrs. Inger Ashley spent the week end home from Beaver where she teaches and called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanson while here.

Seaside visitors over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jepson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stuve and Karen were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Knowles recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cahill and little daughter of Empire, Oregon were visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Cahill and Pat Cahill last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanson, Anna Hanberg and Zella Bellingham, Johnny Cahill, Mr. and Mrs. James Cahill and Lawrence Jepson attended the funeral of Mrs. Phil Popham in Astoria on Monday.

Mrs. Fred Udey was in Portland on business Monday.

Mrs. Clara Reeves and Loraine Ridout visited Mrs. Barlow Friday.

Mrs. Ed Meier of Jewell was called to Corbett due to the death of her brother, Fred Graf, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Erickson and family of Clatskanie were visiting in Birkenfeld Sunday.

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### Timber Route Unit Has Basketry Lesson

The Timber Route home extension unit met at the Vernonia grange hall March 13 with nine regular members and ten visitors present.

The lesson on basket weaving was given by Mrs. Joe Baker and Mrs. Richard Jensen. Mrs. Oren Weed gave the treasurer's report and program planning report. Mrs. Ed Hartzell and Mrs. Virginia Hansen reported on the festival for local units with the date set for March 29. Mrs. Joe Baker asked for MJB coffee bands and special Morning milk labels to present for the 4-H building kitchen supplies.

Hostesses for the day were Mrs. Harold Ankeny and Mrs. Marvin Meyer. The next meeting will be April 10 at the Vernonia grange hall.



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