

AROUND THE FARM BY DON COIN WALROD
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Quite good control of quackgrass has been obtained in numerous trials and by farmers using some of the newer herbicides. Dalapon has been one of the more promising of these materials, although there are other materials that still have a definite place in such programs. The cost of the treatments has been quite reasonable although the degree of control is probably no better than that obtained in a good summer following job, and the cost is probably somewhat greater.

In trials made at Fred Zimmerman's last fall, dalapon did a relatively good job when applied at the rate of 20 pounds per acre and plowed one week later and two weeks later. Where dalapon was applied after plowing no regrowth showing, very little if any was obtained. Plantings that were made four weeks after treating showed no damage from the dalapon, nor did plantings that were made 2 1/2 weeks after treatment.

Dalapon at 10, 15 and 20 pounds per acre gave quite good control of tuber oat grass, or bulbous oatgrass as it is sometimes called. Actually, dalapon seemed to give somewhat better control of tuber oatgrass than on quackgrass, although retreatments may be necessary to achieve 100% control.

Duplicated trials on quackgrass are being put on this spring using a number of different chemicals and treatments to make comparison. Similar plots are being established on Canada thistle. It may be that some of these trials might interest our farmers so that they would want to make a tour of the trials. Such an event could be arranged later this summer when the plots show more.

Comparisons of Oregon with other states over the nation show that Oregon has 35 DHIA. Herds being tested in these associations number 584 to include a total of 23,301 cows. Thus the number of cows tested was slightly over 10% of the total 219,000 of Oregon cows. The average Oregon Dairy herd amounted to about 40 cows, which is more than operators have tried in the past.

Fred Luttrell has a good field of Tetra Petkus rye that he planted for a cover crop in place of Abruzzi rye. Abruzzi rye has been very difficult to obtain for the last 2 or 3 years, and Tetra

Pekus is a newly developed variety that has considerable promise.

Abruzzi rye will probably be a favorite with farmers due to the fact that it usually makes more growth than the Tetra Petkus and is ready to turn under earlier. This is an important consideration from the farmers standpoint, but the Tetra Petkus has some good characteristics when abruzzis and Balboa seed is not available. Incidentally we think that Fred is planning to harvest his field for seed.

Symphylids are becoming more and more of a problem to gardeners and strawberry growers. We have run into several rather serious infestations of this pest this spring. This underground inhabitant can be quite devastating due to the fact that they feed on the small roots of plants causing a great loss in production or plant growth. Often it is not possible to grow a profitable crop where they exist.

Farmers and gardeners usually recognize that something is wrong when they have an investigation of symphylids, but unless they have had experience with them before the blame for the difficulty is often attributed to some disease or to low fertility or some other soil condition. Because they are so small the symphylids often go unnoticed.

Oregon State college and Washington State college have been doing research cooperatively on methods of controlling this crop destroyer. Most of this work has been done in the Gresham area and has been partly financed by special grants from vegetable growers associations. Partial success has been obtained, but no definite indication on recommendations are being made at this time. Progress reports indicate that some success has been had with treatment with parathion.

High School Golfers Win

A Vernonia high school foursome composed of Eugene Dove, Bill Johnson, Harold McEntire and Bill Ferguson, walked off with the Columbia county Schoolmasters golf trophy in the first team match held last Friday evening on the Vernonia course. Other teams entered were from the Vernonia elementary schools, Rainier elementary schools and St. Helens.

The brilliant game of Bill Johnson was largely responsible for the win by the V.H.S. team. He amassed a margin of 12 points over his opponent to cover some of the deficiencies of other members of his team.

The match is to be an annual affair and Vernonia will hold the trophy until some other team wins it. Bill Johnson was in charge of arrangements for last Friday's match.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Pvt. Nick Trutanich, former basketball star at University of Portland, and teacher and sports coach at Jewell high school before his enlistment in the U.S. army, is now serving in France as a member of NATO forces. The 22 year old serviceman is a recreational specialist with the 796th Army unit there.

Clarence (Speed) Lusby and Benjamin (Skeeter) Gill arrived here May 12 from Fort Ord, California and left today to return there for further assignment.

Six Month Report Shows Work Of County Juvenile Counselor

The report released last week by Mrs. Eva L. Tice who is in charge of welfare work in Columbia county, gives a summary of the work that has been done during the past six months by the juvenile counselor who was added to the staff to work especially with children who get into difficulty of some sort. Her work has revealed many factors, one being that there is definite need in the county for such a service, because her load has been such as to require overtime work to care for it.

The report summary is as follows:

Originally assigned to the juvenile counselor were 22 children on probation; the family of only one had been known as a welfare client. All other families concerned were of average or better financial status. This economic pattern seems to persist; that is, poverty is not the outstanding cause of delinquency in Columbia county.

During the first month, October, thirty other children came under investigation, supervision or care, making it necessary for the caseworker to work overtime to do the initial investigations of these cases. This worker had to be relieved of all other welfare work and the worker has continued to give full time to juvenile services. For the six months period to date, the juvenile caseload has averaged fifty-one. The recommended caseload is thirty-five to forty.

In March, thirty-four, of a total of fifty-one under care, were on probation. These thirty-four are children who have been placed on probation by the juvenile judge and do not include children from city courts.

Interesting is the number of children who are in trouble through no easily identifiable cause, such as gross neglect. In the main, parents have been cooperative, although a few have refused to recognize the problems of their children. A few parents are so involved in poor living or "recreational" patterns

Marble Tourney Showing Good

Ben Fowler, representative of the local post of the V.F.W., took winners from the Vernonia V.F.W. marble tourney, to Jantzen Beach last Saturday where they competed in the state meet. Entering class A competition for boys 6 to 12, were Benny Fowler and Gary Cline, and those competing in class B, boys 13 through 15, were Neil Lloyd and Steven Bateman.

While none of the Vernonia boys were successful in winning top places, all made good showings in the competition. Fowler, Lloyd and Bateman all battled to the third round before being eliminated and Cline reached the fourth round.

Following the tournament the boys enjoyed rides on various park attractions and then were guests, with Mr. Fowler, at a banquet at 6:15 where excellent entertainment was provided for their enjoyment.

First place, which entitles him to go to the national meet at Tallahassee, Florida, was taken by 12 year old Gordon Jones of Prineville who polished off opponents in class A in five rounds and then defeated William McMillan of Willamina, class B winner, to take the state championship.

The Vernonia boys showed up well, according to Mr. Fowler, and were against boys who had had previous experience in state tournaments. The Vernonia boys are determined to train all year for next years competition.

that they are unable to give proper supervision to their children. Consequently, many of these children seem to have little feeling for family as a unit, have few or no spiritual values or goals. One-third of these mothers are employed.

An average of six children have been released each month, releases being based on adjustments made, ability of family to adjust and to give proper supervision and expiration of period of parole.

In addition to the juvenile counselor, Columbia county public welfare commission has a full time caseworker working with dependent children and foster home children, current caseload eighty-six. This work has been part of the welfare program for several years. Techniques for dependency and delinquency are quite similar, and both can be included in the term casework. Casework consists of examination and evaluation of environment, as it effects the child, and adjusting (if possible) the elements that are inimical to his welfare.

Casework practices and skills help some children. "Outlawed" in the casework process is a judgmental or critical attitude.

That most children in trouble are fully aware of their problems, is generally confirmed by experience with Columbia county's children. Many of them want help and are able to use it.

Examiner Here June 1

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Vernonia Friday, June 1, 1956, at the city hall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to an announcement received from the secretary of state's office. Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

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About the flowering squares, and thick

By ashen roots the violets blow. —Tennyson

When the hounds of spring are on winter's traces.

The mothers of months in meadow or plain

Fills the shadows and windy places

With lip of leaves and ripple of rain. —Swinburne

Every clod feels a stir of might, An instinct within it that reaches and towers,

And, groping blindly above it for light,

Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers. —J. R. Lowell

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

—Song of Solomon

With each returning year, higher joys, holier aims, and purer peace and diviner energy, should freshen the fragrance of being.

—Mary Baker Eddy

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Mist Club to Meet at Charles Sundland Home

MIST — The MHC is meeting with Mrs. Charles Sundland instead of Mrs. Austin Corll on Thursday.

Friday was a busy day in our village because of election. A great many got out to cast their vote. The five who served on the board were Richard Peterson, C. L. Waddell, Zella Bellingham, May Mills and Minnie Wilson.

Friday callers at the Sam Devine home were Mr. and Mrs. Tupper, and Saturday callers were Mrs. John Devine and daughter, Janelle.

Mrs. J. W. Howry was a business motorist to Clatskanie on Friday.

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