

AROUND THE FARM

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Moles have been taking their toll in new seedlings, pastures, and other places this year, and folks have been using different means of controlling them. The success of some of these methods varies greatly, and as a consequence we usually recommend only those methods that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the experiment stations have proven to give quite consistent control. However, if an individual has a method that has been successful for him, that is the important thing.

Recently Fred Mollenhour of Dutch Canyon, told us of a method that he had tried that was

successful in his instance, and we pass it along for what it is worth. Fred says that he has placed a wide-mouthed gallon jar under the runways and then closed over the openings made for the jar with a board so that the mole does not become suspicious. The unsuspecting moles come along the runway and fall into the jar, and this is the end of Mr. Mole. Fred says that the first time he tried this all he got was a jar full of soil, but after learning how to place the jar properly he would sometimes catch two or three moles in the same jar with each setting.

Controlling excess moisture in green material going into the silo is sometimes a difficult job, especially when using a direct-cutting field chopper. While discussing this matter a few days ago with Everett Skeans, Fern Hill, he indicated that they have made a practice of chopping a few bales of hay into their silo whenever the material going in contained an unusually high amount of moisture. We feel that this is a good idea, but would like to stress the need for adding a high quality forage. The feed that comes out of a silo is only going to be as good as the feed that goes into it.

Putting the crop into the silo when it is mature will assure a greater dry matter, but in this case would defeat the purpose of the silo—that of obtaining a high quality, palatable roughage. Less mature forage is more palatable and more is eaten per animal regardless of whether it is used for pasture, hay, or silage. When it is hay or silage making time, there is no job more important on the livestock or dairy farm. Cut early and save the leaves for more net return.

Oscar Hagg, Oregon State college dairy specialist, indicates that farm bulk milk tanks are still on the increase on Oregon dairy farms. As of May 1, there were 996 bulk milk tanks installed on dairy farms in the state. Grade A dairies that do not have tanks are being encouraged in various ways to make installations. The fact that the number of dairymen who are shipping milk in cans is becoming less, the

cost of this type of hauling is generally increasing.

Inasmuch as this is June dairy month, we took time to look at some figures on the consumption of milk that we drink. While most figures are given in pounds or quarts converting these figures to glasses, shows us that they have a way to go before we reach an average of three glasses

per day that nutritionists indicate we need for well being. For the nation the average number of glasses of milk consumed daily is 1.79. We do not have a comparative figure on Oregon but we noted that the volume of milk used for bottle and can purpose was up 5 per cent over that of 1955, while nationally the use of milk in manufactured ways exceeded last year's by a substan-

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Damage caused Columbia county farmers by the flooding Columbia river is going to be substantial. It is too early to say just how serious the damage is, but at this writing, the breaking of the dike of the Columbia drainage district number one indicates

that the production of the Columbia county portion of Sauvies Island will be pretty well cancelled out this season. Most of the folks of that area are dairymen, and they will be hard pressed for feed again this year to say nothing of the cost they will have to bear in repairing the damage to fields and property.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. U. H. 1 Jt., of Columbia and Washington County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of the said district will be held at Vernonia High School on the 25th day of June, 1956, at 2:00 to 8:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year, beginning July 1, 1956, and ending June 30, 1957, hereinafter set forth.

BUDGET

Schedule I—ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES				
ITEM	Total All Funds	General Fund		
Estimated Receipts From—				
Delinquent Taxes	\$15,000.00			
Basic School Support Fund	20,000.00			
Sale of Supplies, Property or Equipment	250.00			
Yield Tax	2,000.00			
Estimated Total Receipts	\$37,250.00			
Estimated Available Cash Balance or Deficit (Add Cash Balance—Deduct Deficit)	9,000.00			
Estimated total receipts and available cash balance or deficit	\$46,250.00			
Schedule II—GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
ITEM	Total Estimated Expenditures for the Ensnuing School Year in Detail	Budget Allowance in Detail for the Current School Year	Detailed Expenditures for the Last Year of the Two-year Period	First Year Give Yearly Totals
I. GENERAL CONTROL				
Personal Service:				
Superintendent	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00	
Clerk	1,600.00	1,400.00	1,203.00	
Other Services	75.00	100.00	164.52	
Supplies	300.00	300.00	41.75	
Elections and publicity	300.00	300.00	223.24	
Legal service (clerk's bond, audit, etc.)	950.00	750.00	87.50	
Other expenses of general control			566.86	
Total Expense of General Control	\$ 6,725.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 5,536.87	\$ 4,843.04
II. INSTRUCTION				
Personal Service:				
Principals	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,246.29	
Teachers	57,500.00	55,000.00	51,963.21	
Other Personal Service	500.00	500.00	200.40	
Clerical	2,600.00	2,400.00	2,100.00	
Library supplies, repairs	150.00	150.00	171.91	
Teaching Supplies	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,880.54	
Other expense of instruction	500.00	500.00	703.97	
Total Expense of Instruction	\$68,000.00	\$65,050.00	\$61,466.32	\$58,906.60
III. OPERATION OF PLANT				
Personal Service:				
Janitors and other employees	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 5,380.68	
Boiler inspection and other	250.00	250.00		
Supplies	750.00	1,000.00	1,470.42	
Fuel	2,200.00	1,900.00	1,310.08	
Water	200.00	200.00	154.92	
Light and Power	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,537.45	
Telephone	350.00	350.00	384.15	
Other expenses of operation—Laundry	150.00	150.00	132.19	
Total Expense of Operation	\$11,700.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,369.89	\$10,394.47
IV. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS				
Personal Service	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		
Furniture and equipment	1,000.00	500.00	526.40	
Building Structure	400.00	500.00	200.98	
Upkeep of Grounds	300.00	200.00	189.39	
Total Expense of Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 916.77	\$ 644.66
V. AUXILIARY AGENCIES				
Health Service:				
Personal service (nurse, etc.)	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 45.00	
Supplies and other expenses	50.00	50.00	34.29	
Transportation of Pupils:				
Personal service	10,500.00	11,000.00	10,076.52	
Insurance—Student	800.00	800.00	755.85	
Other Auxiliary Agencies:				
School Lunch	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Personal Service—Towel	140.00	140.00	70.52	
Supplies and other expenses	100.00	100.00		
Garbage	50.00	35.00	39.95	
Total Expense of Auxiliary Agencies	\$11,890.00	\$12,425.00	\$11,122.13	\$10,903.68
VI. FIXED CHARGES				
Insurance	\$ 1,506.57	\$ 1,352.50	\$ 2,218.21	
Retirement	4,071.00	3,700.00	3,373.82	
Total Fixed Charges	\$ 5,577.57	\$ 5,052.50	\$ 5,592.03	\$ 5,267.50
VII. CAPITAL OUTLAYS				
Sites and improvement of sites	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 369.04	
New buildings	5,000.00			
Additions and alterations to buildings	6,155.00	700.00	95.17	
Library books	1,000.00	1,000.00	610.40	
Furniture, fixtures and other equipment	5,587.00	7,966.00	13,073.72	
Total Capital Outlays	\$17,842.00	\$10,166.00	\$14,148.33	\$32,505.73
IX. EMERGENCY				
Total Schedule II—GENERAL FUND—Total Estimated Expenses, Items I-6, II-7, III-8, IV-5, V-4, VI-5, VII-9, IX	128,734.57	116,793.50	110,152.34	123,465.68
Schedule III—BOND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND				
DEBT SERVICE—BOND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND				
Principal on bonds (include negotiable interest-bearing warrants issued under section 111-1018, O.C.L.A.)	\$16,000.00	\$18,400.00	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00
Interest on bonds	6,160.00	7,661.25	7,148.75	7,636.25
Total Schedule III—Debt Service—Bonds and Interest	\$22,160.00	\$26,061.25	\$22,148.75	\$21,636.25
Schedule VII—SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES, RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES AND TAX LEVIES				
ESTIMATION OF LEVY	Total All Funds	General Fund Total Schedule II	Bond Interest and Sinking Fund Total Schedule III	
Total estimated expenditures	150,894.57	128,734.57	22,160.00	
DEDUCT:				
Total estimated receipts and available cash balances (Sched. I)	46,250.00			
Amount necessary to balance the budget	104,644.57			
ADD:				
Estimated amount of taxes that will not be collected during the fiscal year for which this budget is made, including estimated rebate on taxes	15,696.69			
Total estimated tax levies for ensuing year	120,340.26			
Analysis of Estimated Tax Levies:				
Amount inside 6% limitation	\$25,861.87			
Amount outside 6% limitation	\$94,478.39			
INDEBTEDNESS				
Bonds and Interest	\$211,677.50			
Amount of bonded indebtedness	\$211,677.50			
Total Indebtedness	\$211,677.50			
Dated this May 24, 1956				
Signed: Mona M. Gordon, District Clerk				
O. G. Weed, Chairman, Board of Directors				
Approved by Budget Committee May 24, 1956				
Signed: R. B. Fletcher, Secretary Budget Committee				
Bill J. Horn, Chairman, Budget Committee				

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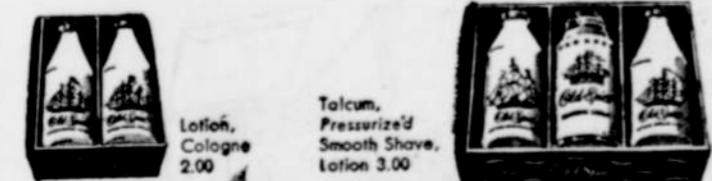
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