

Group Attends Wedding Rites

MIST—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mathews Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Mathews, Stanley Mathews, Mrs. Alvin Wright and David of Manzanita, Mrs. Art Farnsworth of Portland, Mrs. Maude Rogers, Mrs. Howard Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mathews were among those who attended the Robert Mathews - Sheryll Tarbell wedding Saturday afternoon at the First Methodist church in St. Helens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kulju of Portland were here Thursday to visit her folks, the Charles Hansens, while trying out their new car. Miss Anna Hanberg was a Sunday evening caller at the Hansens home.

Miss Theresa Parker of Los Angeles arrived over the week end to spend a week visiting at the Sulo Sanders home.


Mrs. Lee Barlow, Mrs. Charles Ramsey and Mrs. Wayne Kyser accompanied Mrs. Fred Busch to Beaver Valley Grange Friday to attend a Home Extension officers training workshop. The Mist - Birkenfeld unit will meet this Friday, September 18 to plan the year's program. The meeting will start at 1:30 at Birkenfeld with Mrs. Fred Busch as hostess. Everyone is welcome.

Cheryl, Ricky and Carla Devine of Turner spent the week end here with their grandparents, the Sam Devines and their dad, Clair. Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Stunkard and Marvin of Knapapa were dinner guests Sunday at the Devine home. Mrs. Devine was in Hillsboro Friday evening.

Guests Sunday evening at the Hugh Cox home were Mrs. Freda Foster, Mrs. Katie Colvin and Mrs. Martha Annundi. Mr. and Mrs. William Reed of Marshland stopped to visit a short time, also.

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The Public Welfare Question

(Questions about public welfare which are of general interest are answered in this column as a public service. Help with individual problems is available at your county welfare office.)

How much does Oregon's Public Welfare program cost the taxpayers?

Oregon's total public welfare budget is about fifty million dollars a year, including state, county and federal funds. However, the past year's good economy and high employment rate, combined with a strong emphasis on rehabilitation, job training, special casework for recipients with particular problems, support from relatives, and careful eligibility determinations enabled public welfare to save a million dollars in state money alone during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964. This emphasis will be continued in the hope that an increased number of Oregonians can return to self-support.

Is it true that a lot of welfare recipients keep having children just to get more money?

No. One-half of all Aid to Dependent Children cases are closed within one year from the time of application and the majority of these cases are closed because the ADC recipient has obtained employment to support his or her own family. These figures would indicate that most assistance recipients look to employment rather than public welfare as a means of increasing family income.

I am recovering from a disability. What if I can't get a job when I am no longer disabled?

Persons receiving Aid to the Disabled can often continue to receive these benefits for a limited time even after they are able to work to allow them time to obtain employment after an absence from the labor market. Families with children, who are unable to find work, can receive Aid to Dependent Children based on unemployment when they are not eligible for assistance based on incapacity. In either case, you would, of course, be expected to accept any work available to you within your physical capacity.

How far in advance must I apply for medical aid to the aged to be sure my hospital care will be covered?

Persons who are over 65 and who meet the eligibility requirements for Medical Aid to the Aged are encouraged to apply in advance of need when they can more readily present the necessary papers to prove age and that their income and assets are under the limits established by law. However, if you are eligible for benefits, the MAA program can provide up to 14 days of hospital care beginning with the date you apply, and an application can be taken, if necessary, even after you enter the hospital.

Couple Interrupts Tour To Visit The Sundlands

MIST—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sundland were at the Portland airport Tuesday to meet her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bennett of Maricopa, California, who visited here until Friday when the Sundlands took them back to the airport to fly to Seattle. They are on a trip around the United States and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hawkins were Sunday visitors at the Claude Kyser home.

Fred Busch, Mike and Mark, accompanied by the Scappoose airport by Johnny Hopkins, flew to Burns Saturday and were overnight guests of the Lee Ennebergs. Sunday morning the group attended a special fly-in breakfast then returned home in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Downey and Oscar Sanders of Los Angeles arrived Thursday to visit at the Sulo Sanders home. Mrs. Downey and Mr. Sanders are sister and father of Sulo. Due to the senior Mr. Sanders becoming ill, they left early Sunday morning for their home in Los Angeles, though he was feeling much better by departure time.

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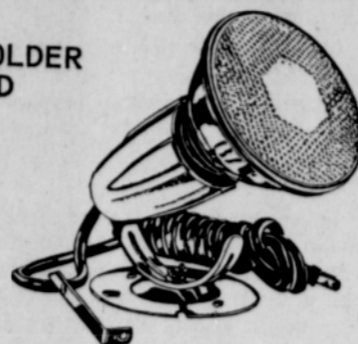
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AROUND THE FARM
By Don Coin Walrod



Twenty-seven separate mailing lists of county residents are used by the county extension office to provide direct information to various commodity and activity groups in the county. These lists include participants in home economics and 4-H activities as well as agricultural commodity lists of horticultural producers, livestock and dairy men, crops, forestry, and miscellaneous.

Since the extension office is cooperatively financed by federal, state, and county funds, extension agents have recently given attention to federal requirements that cooperative names be on mailing lists only by request. County residents who have been receiving material from the extension office should return the request form recently sent them, indicating the subjects about which they would like to receive material. Otherwise it will be necessary to discontinue sending educational materials.

Columbia county residents and home owners who have not been receiving materials from extension agents but would like to, need only notify the extension office, indicating the commodities about which they would like to receive information.

Cattlemen are in the best position ever to eliminate internal parasites this fall, thereby putting cattle in good condition to meet the problems of wintering.

A few weeks ago government clearance was extended on a material called thibenzole for oral treatment of gastrointestinal roundworms in cattle. One of the good features of this product is that it is non-toxic. It can be given to very sick animals and pregnant cows as well. It is also effective against immature forms of parasites, and it has clearance for use as a drench or use in bolus form.

Thibenzole is reported as being active against the small stomach worm, brown stomach worm, and the small intestinal worm. By holding down the numbers of such parasites, producers can maintain cattle in better general health. There should be a rather direct relationship to gains made under such conditions.

The only point of caution currently noted with the use of thibenzole is that it should not be used for dairy cows in production.

Fortunately for livestock owners, many poisonous plants are not very palatable to livestock. However, under some circumstances the make-up of plants is altered or conditions are such that the livestock cannot avoid eating the toxic plants.

Last week an alert dairyman noticed that one of his new alfalfa fields had a fairly heavy infestation of nightshade. Because he planned to green-chop the field for his dairy cows, he was concerned about what this foreign plant species might do since the cows could not avoid it and he recognized that some of the species were reported to be poisonous.

Checking proved the particular plant to be hairy nightshade. This particular one is an annual species that is widely scattered over the west. It contains an alkaloid that is poisonous to animals. The green berries, which resemble miniature tomatoes, are the most harmful portion of the plant. While the plant might not be fatal to cattle, it certainly should be suspect since tests have demonstrated that it is fatal to poultry and guinea pigs.

By changing plans and cutting this

crop for hay, the nightshade will be more mature and the plant less toxic. In addition, cattle have a better opportunity to refuse some of the forage as hay.

Some Western Oregon landowners are being offered contracts for the growing of nursery stock. Many of the original contacts for such arrangements came through boxholder reply cards.

Individuals interested in such possibilities, and the potential here in Columbia county is good in some cases, should do some checking with other nurserymen, extension agents, and other qualified persons before starting such an activity. Not all nursery stock is in current demand.

Under Oregon's nursery law, growers of ornamentals must be licensed. If dealing with or through another firm, prospective growers need to be sure that such a firm is also a licensed agent in Oregon.

The provisions of any contract entered into should be well understood before being signed. Many people have been disappointed to find that a contract provided for something different than they originally thought, when they entered into the bargain.

Scotch broom has caused somewhat more than the normal number of questions about control programs so far this year.

Property owners will be interested to know that an Agriculture Research entomologist in cooperation with the California Agriculture Experiment Station has successfully established an insect that feeds only on Scotch broom. The insect was imported from Europe from the areas from which Scotch broom is thought to have come. The insects lay eggs on the plant stems and twigs. When the eggs hatch, the larvae bore under the bark and tunnel into the plant tissue. This causes the stems and twigs to either weaken or die.

As a result of this mining activity, the insect creates a continuous stress on even the largest Scotch broom plants. It appears to cause heavy damage to the lower branches which eventually die and fall off. This allows more forage to be produced and also makes grazing by livestock eas-

ier. In addition, in areas where Scotch broom is growing in woodland areas, reduced stand of the plant allows regeneration of forest seedlings.

Scotch broom is a shrub which is of primary importance in western Washington, Oregon and California. It is reported to occupy over 100,000 acres in California alone. Estimates of the number of acres in Washington and Oregon have not been made, but would extend into the hundreds of thousands. Besides being a severe competitor in areas where forage and tree production are desired, the plant is sometimes a serious fire hazard.

Research indicates that the stem miner attacks only Scotch broom. Natural populations of the insect have been found in the Tacoma, Washington area and in the San Francisco Bay area. It is thought by researchers that these natural populations were imported with the host plant.

Research is continuing on other biological controls for Scotch broom. The researchers plan soon to introduce a seed weevil. This seed weevil works only on the seeds of Scotch broom and does not bother other plants.

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