

WITH THE MALHEUR COUNTY FARMERS

FARM TOPICS

WELL OR CISTERN NEED NOT BE OPEN

Should Seal Water Supply to Keep Out Dirt.

By R. R. Parks, Extension Specialist in Agricultural Engineering, University of Illinois.—WNU Service.

Ninety per cent of the wells and cisterns supplying drinking water on farms are unsafe largely because they are not sealed against outside contamination.

It is a false idea that wells and cisterns should be left open to aerate the water and keep it pure. Open wells permit surface dirt and contamination to enter the water supply.

With the possible exception of underground gasses coming through water wells, there is no logical reason why a well or cistern should not be sealed tight after it has been properly cleaned out and chlorinated.

Some people falsely believe that the old style chain pump aerates the water and makes it better for drinking purposes. If a well or cistern gives off an odor it is usually a sign of contamination which air will help very little if at all.

In such cases, rather than throwing the well open to more contamination, immediate steps should be taken to treat the water supply.

Broken well tops, tops containing loose or broken boards and sides loosely constructed of stone or brick are avenues through which contamination enters water supplies. Correction of these faults lies in providing good concrete covers, improving drainage around the well and providing a filter and treating the water.

Furthermore for a small sum every rural home could have water in the kitchen with a simple pump, sink and drain.

Tight Poultry House

Leads to Colds, Roup

Tight or poorly ventilated poultry houses at night are responsible for many of the ills of the farm poultry flocks.

A common practice is to close up the poultry house when the weather is cold. The lack of ventilation invariably results in damp litter and conditions that are conducive to colds and roup, says O. C. Ufford, extension poultryman at Colorado State college.

To illustrate the importance of fresh air for poultry, experiments show that the hen in breathing uses about three times as much air per pound of live weight as a cow. And a great deal of moisture from the body of a hen is given off through breathing.

Thus, unless some provisions are made for changing the moisture-laden air in the poultry house during the time the birds are roosting, a damp house is the result.

Wasteful Burning

Twigs and branches too small for fuel have their own value in the well managed farm woodland. Soil Conservation service workers point out. They should be left to decay and help feed the coming crop of trees. To pile and burn them is as wasteful as burning the straw from a grain crop. Farmers who are double-cropping the wooded areas— for timber and fuel and also for wild game—may want to pile some of the small branches. Brush piles are the favorite refuges for many birds and many varieties of small game. Other waste material, well scattered, will decay and return to the soil as a spongy humus that puts the soil into the best condition to absorb rainfall, thus helping to prevent erosion and providing needed raw material for thrifty forest growth.

Packaging Eggs

Table eggs should be placed in cartons or cases, with the large ends down. They will carry much more safely that way, and with far less breakage. Do not try to pack extra large eggs, or irregularly shaped eggs, in a poultryman in the Rural New-Yorker. Use such egg cases at home. Try to make each package of table eggs sold as neat and attractive, as even and uniform, and as clean and tempting in appearance as may be possible. Farmers may well take pride in their package of table eggs. The biggest thing of all is reliability of pack, that is the same high standard should prevail always, so that market people may come to rely upon package and use without re-examination.

First American-Built Organ
The first American-built organ was erected at Trinity church, New York, in 1737. The largest organ in the world was installed at Festival hall, St. Louis, in 1924. It has more than 10,000 pipes.

STATE SUPREME COURT UP- HOLDS AGRICULTURAL ACT

SALEM, Ore.—Oregon's own agricultural adjustment act is back on the statute books but it is hardly probable that it will ever be put into effect. The state supreme court reversed the decree of the circuit court holding the act to be unconstitutional but in doing so the higher tribunal refused to accept responsibility for passing upon the statute of the law. In sidestepping this question the court took refuge behind the argument that inasmuch as there was no bona fide controversy between the parties to the suit on relief could be had under the declaratory judgment act. Deciding hypothetical questions, the court held, is not a judicial function. Two members of the court, however, took issue with the majority members on this point.

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In which the original state AAA was held to be unconstitutional. Solon T. White, director of agriculture, refused to comment upon the court's opinion but indicated that he has no present intention of attempting to enforce the act which constitutes him a virtual dictator over the agricultural industry with power to regulate price, production and distribution of agricultural products.

STATE BORDER QUARANTINES DISCUSSED AT MEDFORD

A freer flow of farm products between western states, with consequent benefits to farmers, was predicted today by S. T. White, state director of agriculture, as the outcome of the formation of the Association of Western Agriculture officials at a recent conference held in Medford.

The conference was called by Director White who felt that misunderstanding, suspicion and retaliation regarding quarantine grades and standards and weights and measures laws was hurting the agriculture of Oregon and other states. Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and the United States Department of Agriculture were represented at the conference last Thursday when these problems were discussed.

"I believe that the formation of the association will prove to be one of the most significant steps taken recently to benefit western agriculture," Director White said today. "All the officials present were eager to cooperate in promoting interstate trade in agricultural commodities. Several points in regard to border inspection were cleared up."

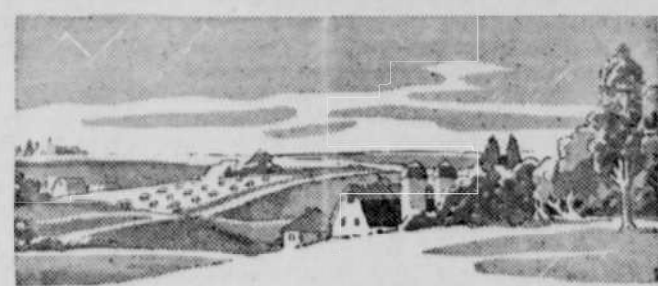
A principal purpose of the association is to examine laws and regulations affecting the flow of agricultural products from one state into another.

ARCADIA SHEEP CLUB PICNIC

The Arcadia 4-H Sheep club met at the home of their club leader, Mrs. J. I. Brady, April 21. They first held a short business session during which they elected Nora Turner vice president, Arthur Cody who had been holding that office had moved to Nyssa. Harold Turner was welcomed into the club as a new member. The membership now includes: Eugene Brady, Leona, Lynn and Morde Farmer, Nora and Harold Turner and Donald Snader.

The members and invited guests spent the rest of the time enjoying a weiner roast and their usual recreation period. The club has planned a definite program for the club year and so far they have carried it out as planned. Their guests for the meeting were Martin Farmer, Glenn Simmons, Dorothy Snader, Eunice Ann and Diane Brady.

Hi Ho Saying
"He who always speaks the truth," said Hi Ho the sage of Chinatown, "shows wisdom if he speaks but seldom."



MALHEUR COUNTY GRANGE CALENDAR

Boulevard Grange meets second and fourth Thursdays at 8:00 p. m. Frank Sherwood, Master.
Big Bend meets first and third Tuesdays at 8:00 p. m. H. R. Hatch, Master.
Vale Grange meets first and third Friday at 8:00 p. m. Ed Charles, Master.
Oregon Slope Grange meets first and third Thursdays at 8:30 p. m. James Danielson, Master.
Harper-Westfall Grange meets second and fourth Fridays at 8:00 p. m. Charles Belgrade, Master.
Arook Grange meets second and fourth Saturday at 8:00 p. m. Ted Ion, Master.
Wild Rose Grange meets second and fourth Saturdays at 8:00 p. m. Arthur Antrim, Master.
Eldorado Grange meets second and fourth Fridays at 8:00 p. m. at Ironside. Floyd Howard, Master.
Snake River Grange meets first and third Tuesdays at 8:00 p. m. Mr. Parkins, Master.
Kingman Colony Grange meets second and fourth Mondays at 8:00 p. m. Mr. Anderson, Master.
Oregon Trail Grange meets second and fourth Wednesdays at 8:30 p. m. John Stamm, Master.
Willowcreek Grange meets second and fourth Fridays at 8:00 p. m. I. O. N. Grange meets first and third Fridays at 8:00 p. m. Noeman Mackenzie, Master.

ELDORADO GRANGE

Mrs. E. J. Beam reports the Eldorado Grange is again holding regular meetings after missing several in January, February and March due to stormy weather and very bad roads. At the last meeting Mrs. Ralph Boor, lecturer, was in charge of a very interesting program. Mrs. Ernest Loecey and Mrs. Walter Worsham served delicious refreshments. Pomona Master J. Edwin Johnson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson and Mrs. Marion Charles all of Vale Grange were present as visitors.

The H. E. C. club has again started meetings and hope to be able to continue during the summer. The H. E. C. chairman Mrs. Lucy Loftin has resigned and the master appointed Mrs. Pearl Dixon to take her place.

Another well attended dance was held this month and the proceeds will be applied on the new hall and the furnishings.

I-O-N GRANGE

On April 8 the regular meeting of the I-O-N Grange was held with a good attendance. Two new members received the third and fourth degrees. The new chairs and spoons recently purchased by the H. E. C. club were used for the first time.

A dance was arranged to be held in the Cow Creek hall on April 30, for Grange benefit. It was decided to build a good foot-bridge across Cow Creek at the hall; also it was

planned to gravel the yard in front of the hall. Alternates elected for state Grange were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fallon.

The next H. E. C. club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Nora Lamb on Cow Creek. Mrs. Lamb is teaching the lower school near the Haines home. The H. E. C. plans to present a good Mothers day program at the hall to which everyone is invited. The youngsters and single folks will furnish the entertainment. Miss Marie Anderson and Mrs. Jess Ytupes were appointed to decorate the hall. The meeting will begin at 2 o'clock.

AROOK GRANGE

At the regular meeting of the Arook Grange held April 9, all the officers were present as well as about 40 members. Brothers Wicklander, Patterson, and Weikle were present as visitors. They gave us some helpful suggestions and complimented us on our good Grange work. Brother Wicklander gave the obligation to four new members. State officers were balloted on at this meeting.

Due to the busy season being at hand it was decided to postpone work on the new hall until fall. The lecturer presented a very entertaining time and lunch and dancing completed a very enjoyable evening.

Nyssa Heights

MRS. DAN CORBETT

House guests from Wednesday until Sunday at the Robert Smith home were their son, Robert Jr., and Lloyd Courtney also Mr. Smith's sister-in-law Mrs. Harvey Smith and son of Lewiston. Mrs. Carl Roth and son and Mrs. Mary Roth of Nyssa spent Wednesday with Mrs. O. J. Kurtz. Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Scott and

Advice To The Road-Worn

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Very truly yours, Alice Pistonbottom.

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daughter Ruth were callers at the James Malloy home Sunday.

Miss Irene Weeks and Bettie Osterkamp were guests Sunday of Miss June Webster.

Mrs. Jess Ford was hostess at the Chatter Box club Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Glen Smith.

Mr. O. J. Kurtz was a caller at the Willis home Thursday.

Mrs. Roger Tucker called on Mrs. James Malloy Saturday afternoon.

Miss Martha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith is quite ill.

Mrs. Earl Anderson called at the Garrit Stam home on business Monday.

Mrs. E. S. Botner and daughter, Mrs. Roger Tucker made a trip to Nampa and vicinity Wednesday to collect flowers and shrubs.

Saturday evening the Carl Roth family motored to Emmett and enjoyed the beautiful sight of the cherry orchards in full bloom.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolfe and daughter of Meridian, Philip Woods and Grandpa Wolfe visited the Robert Smith family Sunday.

Mrs. James Malloy called on Mrs. Glen Sulter Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Lydia Parker left Friday for her home in Cohile, Wash., after a few days visit at the home of her son, Glen Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Weeks and daughter Bettie of Nyssa called at the Dan Corlett home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lake and daughter of Nampa and Alfred Evans of Mountain Home were overnight guests at the home of their sister, Mrs. Glen Sulter.

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dave Beers and daughter Doris of Nyssa were dinner guests at the Dane Corbett home.

With the water in the ditches and Tom Lyle as overseer all are ready to irrigate.

Mitchell Butte

BY LORETTA MITCHELL

Mr. and Mrs. Don Knottingham of Sunset Valley visited their son, J. L. Knottingham who has purchased a homestead west of Mr. Marrs.

Mr. Knottingham and family formally lived about 40 miles above the Owyhee dam, what is now known as the bottom of the Owyhee lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Smith entertained at a birthday dinner in honor of Peggy Chard who was 19 years old on April 20. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Chard and family, Earl and Luc Chard, Charlie Carter, Clyde Mitchell and Loretta.

Mrs. Jane McGinnis who has been very ill is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Highgus of Meridian were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Talbot.

Mr. Rust has returned from Cal-

ifornia. He is doing quite a bit of work on his own place. Where the Marvins are now living.

V. Parker bought a pig last week. Mr. Dunnaway on his trip to Boise took it to Nampa to have it cured.

Mrs. Tome Lowe entertained the "Book" club at Mrs. Frank Morgan's. It was a dedication to their new home.

Harold Fivecoat visited with his mother in Caldwell over the week end.

Tom Lowe had quite a few callers Sunday afternoon, who came to take a bath in the hot springs.

Mr. Dunnaway is making plans for their new home, which they will soon build.

Walter Benson stayed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Erva Fivecoat over the week end.

SUNSET VALLEY 4-H CLUB

The 4-H Handicraft club will entertain their mothers and friends at a lemon-ade party Saturday afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. Newgen. Everyone is welcome.

MITCHELL BUTTE 4-H CLUB

The 4-H club held its meeting with Ione Benson. The meeting was called to order by the president, Betty Rookstool. Minutes were read and approved by the secretary, Ione Benson. New and old business was brought up and discussed. Songs were led by the song leader, Elsie Keck. Song sung was "Oregon My Oregon". The club meeting will be held next time at the home of Betty and Peggy Chard. roll call will be answered with "courtesies." Girls work on their sewing. Meeting was adjourned. aGmes were played and later refreshments were served.

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