

WITH THE MALHEUR COUNTY FARMERS

In the Realm of the HONEY BEE

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There could be quite considerable written on spring work among the bees, but as time and space do not permit, I will just speak about some of the necessary work.

Even before the spring work begins a winter check on dead bees could be made about once a month. This is necessary as the other bees will rob anything they can get into. And if there happens to be any disease in the dead hive the robbers will take it home with them and if diseased and dead hives are left in the apiary for an extended time all the bees will become infected. (In the inspection work I have found dead diseased colonies being robbed and have found disease over a radius of a couple of miles.)

When the weather will permit (about 50 fahrenheit) it is warm enough to look into the brood nest without chilling the brood. The first thing a person will look for is brood, if it is all right. The queen is the next object of interest. If she looks good and has been clipped. (Some bee keepers do not clip) they are checked for feed supply and closed up. If there is no brood or the queen has become useless the hive should be doubled up with another colony, including a good queen. Care should be taken so that the "foreign bees" will not kill the good queen. A good way to unite two colonies is to put a piece of paper between the hives and they will not be excited when they chew their way through. If they are just dumped together there is a war on right now if each hive is the same size there will be a few bees left and probably no queen. If the queen is old a record of the hive should be kept and a new one put in her place a little later on in the season when the weather permits the bee man to raise a queen, or to get one shipped in. If a hive is very weak and the queen looks to be a good one it is good to shake some young bees in it, taken from a hive that is strong enough to give up some without checking its progress.

A little later when the bees are building up good go through them thoroughly for disease and clean the hives up, scrape the wax off the frames so it will be easier to manipulate the colony in the summer. As far as checking for poor queens and disease, this phase of bee keeping goes on all the time.

To prevent swarming, it is good to give adequate room when needed. Also take all drone comb out of brood nest. Some people think that all a bee keeper has to do is to put a box on some bees in the spring and in the fall go get some honey. But it is a continuous job. And if this spring work is not done it is the same as not doing any spring work on a farm; there would not be much of a crop for a year's time.

Next week—Queen rearing.

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MALHEUR COUNTY GRANGE CALENDAR

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BIG BEND GRANGE H. E. Hatch, Master 1st. and 3rd. Tuesdays 8:00 p. m. Wade Schoolhouse	BIG BEND GRANGE H. E. Hatch, Master 1st. and 3rd. Tuesdays 8:00 p. m. Wade Schoolhouse
OREGON TRAIL GRANGE William DeGroff, Master 2nd. and 4th. Tuesdays 8:30 p. m. Oregon Trail Schoolhouse	OREGON TRAIL GRANGE William DeGroff, Master 2nd. and 4th. Tuesdays 8:30 p. m. Oregon Trail Schoolhouse
VALE GRANGE Herb Furvis, Master 1st. and 3rd. Fridays 8:30 p. m. I. O. O. F. Hall	VALE GRANGE Herb Furvis, Master 1st. and 3rd. Fridays 8:30 p. m. I. O. O. F. Hall
OREGON SLOPE GRANGE Lee Sonner, Master 1st. and 3rd. Thursdays 8:00 p. m. Park Schoolhouse	OREGON SLOPE GRANGE Lee Sonner, Master 1st. and 3rd. Thursdays 8:00 p. m. Park Schoolhouse
HARPER-WESTFALL GRANGE Earl Flock, Master 2nd. and 4th. Fridays 8:15 p. m. Harper Schoolhouse	HARPER-WESTFALL GRANGE Earl Flock, Master 2nd. and 4th. Fridays 8:15 p. m. Harper Schoolhouse
AROCK GRANGE Ted Hon, Master 2nd. and 4th. Saturdays 8:00 p. m. Arock	AROCK GRANGE Ted Hon, Master 2nd. and 4th. Saturdays 8:00 p. m. Arock
WILD ROSE GRANGE Edward Fountain, Master 2nd. and 4th. Saturdays 8:00 p. m. Mt. View Schoolhouse	WILD ROSE GRANGE Edward Fountain, Master 2nd. and 4th. Saturdays 8:00 p. m. Mt. View Schoolhouse
EL DORADO GRANGE Floyd Howard, Master 2nd. and 4th. Fridays 9:00 p. m. Ironside	EL DORADO GRANGE Floyd Howard, Master 2nd. and 4th. Fridays 9:00 p. m. Ironside
SNAKE RIVER GRANGE Lee Webb, Master 2nd. and 4th. Tuesdays 8:00 p. m. Annex Schoolhouse	SNAKE RIVER GRANGE Lee Webb, Master 2nd. and 4th. Tuesdays 8:00 p. m. Annex Schoolhouse
I. O. N. GRANGE Charles Folen, Master 1st. and 3rd. Fridays 8:00 p. m. Cow Creek Hall	I. O. N. GRANGE Charles Folen, Master 1st. and 3rd. Fridays 8:00 p. m. Cow Creek Hall
KINGMAN GRANGE Dale Ashcraft, Master 2nd. and 4th. Mondays 8:30 p. m. Kingman Schoolhouse	KINGMAN GRANGE Dale Ashcraft, Master 2nd. and 4th. Mondays 8:30 p. m. Kingman Schoolhouse
WILLOW CREEK GRANGE P. M. Stoutenburg, Master 2nd. and 4th. Fridays 8:00 p. m. Willow Creek Schoolhouse	WILLOW CREEK GRANGE P. M. Stoutenburg, Master 2nd. and 4th. Fridays 8:00 p. m. Willow Creek Schoolhouse
JAMIESON GRANGE Ray Garrison, Master 1st. and 3rd. Wednesdays 8:00 p. m. Jamieson Community	JAMIESON GRANGE Ray Garrison, Master 1st. and 3rd. Wednesdays 8:00 p. m. Jamieson Community
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BOULEVARD GRANGE

Boulevard grange met in regular session Thursday, April 13 at the hall at 8:30 p. m. with John Lienhard as master.

J. D. Fairman gave a talk on agriculture.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Harry Endicott, Mildred and Vern Anderson who acted as officers during the absence of officers when Boulevard presented the traveling gavel at Jamieson April 5.

A baseball team was organized with John Lienhard as manager and Vern Anderson as captain.

The first game was played Sunday April 16 at the fairgrounds in Ontario with the F. F. A. boys, with the grange winning 24 to 6.

Sunday, April 23, they will play at the Japanese diamond near Cairo.

A drill team under the supervision of Vern Anderson and Mrs. Harry Endicott will be organized. All members will practice at the hall Tuesday evening, Thursday evening Mrs. E. R. Burgess of the Harper grange was a visitor and she made a short talk. Asking all to the Harper grange.

Refreshments were served after the lecturers hour of games.

The grange held their benefit card party at the hall Tuesday the 11th. There were 23 tables of pinocle and bridge.

Payette Visitor—Bernard Eastman, Jr., Nyssa real estate dealer, was in Payette on business Monday afternoon.

4-H HEALTH CLUB

By Mary Atagi

The Oregon Trail 4-H Health club met at Oregon Trail school house Tuesday, April 11. The meeting was called to order by the president, Dewey Thomason, followed by the club pledge and motto. The members sang "Smile! Smile! Smile!" and "Lil Liza Jane," lead by Jack Marshall.

Roll call was answered by a contagious disease that should be prevented. Dewey Thomason discussed "How Long You Sleep." The members discussed "Better Sleeping Habits."

Members of the club decided to test drinking water at home. Peggy Chard secretary was requested to order sample tubes from Oregon State college, so that water may be tested. E. M. Hauser, county club leader is assisting the club in getting sample tubes.

The program committee consisting of Jack Marshall, Mary Lou Thomason and Helen Shoop gave the program of the day. Jack Marshall was announcer. "Yankee Doodle" was sung by Junior Holmes and Jim Reed. "Old Folks at Home" was sung by Mary Atagi, Jane Adams, Houston Keck and Jack Sopher. "America The Beautiful," was sung by Harold Wilson, Clyde Adams and Jack Sweeney.

The meeting was held under the supervision of Albert Hopkins, local club leader.

LOWER BEND

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Flesman and family of Wallowa have rented the house owned by Harry Russell and Chas Johnson and will move May 5. Mrs. Flesman will teach the upper grades of Big Bend school.

Mrs. M. A. Bradney will move to her home in Adrian the first of May.

Miss Eileen Slippy of Newell Heights spent the week end with Miss Edna Wilson.

The Junior and Young Peoples class of the Union Sunday school met at the Francis home Saturday evening for the first of a series of parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Basket have moved from Adrian to their ranch which was recently vacated by the Chris Malt family.

Mesdames Chris Malt, Ed Abbl, Harry Russell and Rober Olp were those from this district that attended Jolly Janes at the Howard Hatch home in Adrian Thursday.

Chas. Witty and Reuben Basket traded cars last week.

Harold Quick left last week for Baker where he has enrolled at the C.C.C. camp.

Mrs. M. A. Bradney is spending a few weeks at Roswell with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Johnson.

Miss Virginia Ocamica is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kollen and family of Owyhee visited at the Harry Russell home Sunday afternoon.

The Lower Bend P. T. A. met Wednesday evening. The main item of business was the election of the nominating committee which was Mrs. Case, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Witty.

SUGAR BEET SEED GROWING FOUND TO PAY IN OREGON

CORVALLIS — The new sugar beet seed growing industry in western Oregon can be a profitable one if properly handled, according to the latest experimental results reported from Oregon State college covering the years 1937-1938. Where irrigation is available, even more profitable yields can be obtained than is otherwise the case and the land needs to be occupied only one crop year.

Experiments at the southern Oregon branch experiment station at Talent have also developed profitable procedures for growing seed there.

The United States imports approximately 17 million pounds of sugar-beet seed annually from European countries. This imported seed, however, is not suitable for use in localities where certain diseases are prevalent.

Plots harvested last year on the Corvallis station averaged 2545 pounds of seed per acre on irrigated, fertilized plots, and 2414 pounds per acre where no fertilizer was used. The beet industry has been turning to Oregon as a place where the desirable varieties of beet seed may be grown more cheaply inasmuch as the beets remain in the ground over winter. The latest report was made by Harold E. Finell, assistant agronomist in the farm crops department.

LADAK ALFALFA INCREASES PROFITS

CORVALLIS—Longer life shown by Ladak alfalfa compared with other sorts is estimated to have been worth at least \$25,000 to Oregon growers in 1938, according to the annual report of E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm crops at OSC. Jackman reports that Ladak acreage has increased from 852 to 1932 to 11,427 last year. It is not adapted to western Oregon use but in eastern Oregon it has the advantage of being higher yielding, more wilt resistant, harder and more drought resistant, leafier, and has a higher feeding value. It maintains a stand three or four years longer than most other kinds which lowers cost of production.

BEEKEEPER, PRODUCE LICENSES NOW DUE

SALEM — Produce operator licenses and bee registrations are now due in Oregon, according to the state department of agriculture. In both cases the due date was April 1, but the department is making some adjustments because of delays caused by the long session of the legislature, though insisting on immediate licensing.

Produce operators are being licensed under the act passed by the last legislature. Licenses are required of wholesale produce dealers and retail produce peddlers.

Approximately 1,800 application blanks have been mailed to Oregon beekeepers, says Frank McKinnon, plant industry chief of the department. The new license period provided in the act of the last legislature is thought to conform to the desires of beekeepers for a later licensing date so that they may determine how many colonies have successfully carried through the winter.

ESTIMATE SHEETS REQUIRED ON ALL FARMS UNDER AAA

CORVALLIS — Approximately 18,000 Oregon farmers already have signed "farm estimate sheets," showing how they expect to arrange their farming to comply with the 1939 agricultural conservation program, said an announcement this week by N. C. Donaldson, executive officer at the state AAA office in Corvallis. This represents approximately 40 per cent of the 45,000 Oregon farmers who are taking part in the farm program.

Donaldson pointed out that there are still many farmers who have not filled out and signed the estimate sheets, and he urged that they do so immediately since June 1 is the deadline for their completion. Farmers who have not indicated farm plans by June 1, through estimate sheets, will not be eligible to receive benefits under the AAA program, he declared.

County and community committees in each county of the state have received special training in helping fill out the estimate sheets, the executive officer said. In some counties, neighborhood meetings are being held at which the sheets are filled out. In others, farmers are asked to come to the county office, or are visited personally by their community committeemen.

STATE DEPT. SCHEDULES BUTTER GRADE HEARING

SALEM — Revised state grades and standards for cream and butter, affecting all creamery operators and producers, will be discussed in a public hearing which has been scheduled by the state department of agriculture. The hearing will be held at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, April 24, in the hearing room in the basement of the new state capitol building in Salem.

A free discussion of proposed new regulations is expected. Following the hearing, the department will promulgate the official grades which then become effective as administrative law.

"There has been considerable need for changes in our cream grades as the state has progressed in the quality improvement campaign," says A. W. Metzger, assistant chief of the department's foods and dairies division. "Oregon must bring its cream grades more in line with the new federal grading of butter. The matter of adopting state grades and definitions for butter also demands attention."

BANK'S INDEMNITIES TO CHANGE ON MAY 1

SALEM—With full federal bank's disease indemnity payments to Oregon cattle owners scheduled to be discontinued on May 1, the state department of agriculture advises immediate action if the benefits are to be received.

Under a government ruling, the cattle must be tested and slaughtered before the deadline if the full benefits are to be received. After May 1, the federal government will only pay such indemnities as are equal to the sum of the state and county indemnities. In many instances this will not be equal to the present indemnity payments.

From Fayette—Mrs. Vera Ray visited with the Sidney Burbridge family and Mrs. C. L. McCoy over Saturday and Sunday.

STOCK AND GRAIN MARKETS

(Editor's Note: The following market information is supplied from material obtained over the Government leased market wire in the office of the extension economist at Oregon state college. The material is in the form of a weekly summary of trends in the livestock market and is not intended to replace spot day by day market reports.)

Cattle Markets

A salable supply of around 1600 head of cattle were reported from North Portland on Monday where the market was steady to strong with best steers and cows 15c to 25c higher than last week's close. Top prices reported for medium to good fed steers was \$9.25. One load of good light steers last week brought \$9.50.

Top price reported from San Francisco was \$9.50 and at Chicago an extreme top of \$12.50 was obtained for best light, as well as weighty steers.

For the past month the market at North Portland has been running about a dollar higher than a year ago. The bureau of agriculture economics reports that the number of cattle on feed, as of April 1, in 11 corn belt states was about 13 per cent larger than a year ago. This increase is equivalent to about 160,000 head. Despite this increase the number on feed is still under the average obtained prior to 1934.

Sheep and Lamb Markets

Old crop lambs gained another 50c on the North Portland market on Monday while spring lambs held steady. Good to choice fed, shorn lambs sold as high as \$8.35, while good to choice spring lambs at \$9 to \$9.35 were about the same as last week.

Strength in the fat lamb markets was also reported from Chicago and Omaha where top prices for spring lambs were \$10.40 and \$8.75, respectively. A total of 1500 head were reported at north Portland although only 1000 of these were considered salable.

Early spring lambs in Oregon on the first of April were reported to be in good condition with grass started nicely but a deficiency of subsoil moisture. In Idaho early lambs were in unusually good condition with feed prospects excellent, although California reports ranges and pastures in next to the poorest condition for April 1 for the past 10 years. Because of poor feed prospects in California, contracting for early delivery has been heavy and March shipments were the largest on record.

The shipping is in full swing in the Sacramento valley where the bulk of the fat lambs contracted last week brought \$8 to \$8.50 with a few reaching \$8.75. Operators for the mid-west were reported buying straight bands and sorting them for slaughter and feeders at feeding points enroute.

Hog Markets

Hog supplies were fairly heavy at north Portland when 2500 head were received of which 1760 were considered salable. Although trading was active, top price reported at \$7.25 was no better than last week. The San Francisco and Chicago markets were reported strong to slightly higher than last week with top prices \$7.65 and \$7.25, respectively. Prices at north Portland have been running around \$1.75 less than on the corresponding date a year ago.

Wool Markets

Graded territory wools were quiet on the Boston wool market in common with other types of wool last week. Some houses were offering western grown wools for future delivery at prices slightly lower than in the previous week. Most buyers showed little interest in anticipating future requirements.

Original bag lines of good French combing length, fine territory wools were occasionally bought in limited quantities for immediate needs at 64c to 67c, scored basis. Offerings of similar wools of the new clip for delivery in Jun and July were quoted at 60c to 62c, scored basis.

RIVERVIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Franch have moved to the Scott farm on Columbia avenue.

The northern lights that were so artistically shown last Sunday night afforded many people of this district a pleasure they had not experienced before.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson called at the Roy Perry home at Adrian Sunday.

Rommell Moss worked for Edwin Gonnason on his farm last Monday.

Mrs. Seiborn of Gem avenue was taken to Boise last week for an operation on her eyes. Her sons, Cecil and John, reported her condition of last Sunday as fair.

Jackie and Norman Waud returned to school Monday their first day since their attacks of pneumonia.

The Riverview Sunday school met with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Osborn. There were 51 present and one of these gave an address to the group a Mr. Jacks. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe of Columbia avenue.

Mrs. Margaret Klingback of Owyhee was a Sunday and Monday guest of Kathleen Clowers.

Harold Blackburn was absent from school Monday and Tuesday due to a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmon Leavett left last Thursday for Salt Lake City where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Art Jackson will take over their position at the Jones ranch.

Kathleen Clowers was an overnight guest of Velma Fox of Columbia avenue last Friday night.

There is water in the ditches again.

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