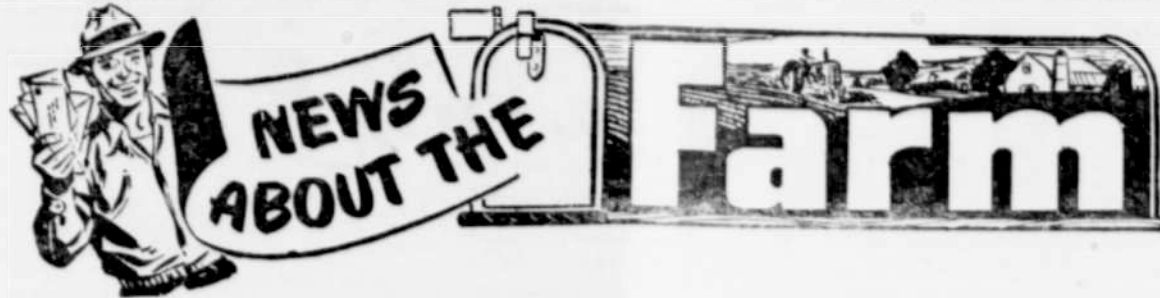


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Farm and Barn News and Views

By LeRoy Pulliam

Don't underestimate the value of manure. An ample supply of manure is a valuable asset on any farm. Proper collection, storage and spreading can go a long way toward maintaining good soil fertility and structure.

One ton of manure from the average dairy herd contains about 500 pounds of organic matter and plant food equal to about 100 pounds of a 10-5-10 commercial fertilizer. These amounts will, of course, vary from farm to farm according to the kind of bedding used, feed fed and care given the storage of manure.

The average dairy cow produces between 13 and 15 tons of manure a year (140 pounds of nitrogen, 42 pounds of phosphate, 133 pounds of potash). The nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in that much manure would be worth about \$30. The badly needed organic matter more difficult to evaluate in dollars cannot be bought in a sack.

Other animals produce manure as follows: A 1000-pound steer will produce approximately 9 tons, containing 135 pounds of nitrogen, 54 pounds of phosphate, 72 pounds of potash. A thousand pounds of pigs will produce 16 tons, containing 122 pounds of nitrogen, 109 pounds of phosphate, 134 pounds of potash. A thousand pounds of sheep produce 6 tons of manure, containing 124 pounds of nitrogen, 42 pounds of phosphate, 119 pounds of potash. A thousand pounds of chickens produces 4½ tons, containing 90 pounds of nitrogen, 72 pounds of phosphate and 36 pounds of potash.

Although many farmers know the value of manure, some are still careless in their manure-handling methods. They let much of the manure slip away before crops have a chance to use it. The loss of the liquid portion causes the main reduction in the value of the manure. This liquid contains 50% of the nitrogen and 85% of the potash originally taken in by the animal.

An effort should be made to use sufficient bedding to absorb the liquid in manure before it can seep away. Liquid losses can be reduced when cattle are kept on a cement floor or when manure is stored under a roof away from rain and direct sunlight.

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The answers to everyday insurance problems*

By RALPH LAWRENCE



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Robert Pierce Gives Report on Work Of New State Board of Agriculture

The following is a report prepared by Robert V. Pierce, route 2, Ontario, on the July 31 meeting of the newly instigated State Board of Agriculture of which he is a member. Pierce has announced that State Development department representatives, including Gov. Robert Holmes, will meet with chamber representatives and other interested persons in Ontario on Sept. 5.

Pierce's Report

The organization of the new State Board of Agriculture was completed last week at Salem. A heavy agenda, including reports from the divisions of the State Department of Agriculture served to give the new board a bird's eye view of the functions of the department and some appreciation of its service to agriculture and the consuming public.

Director of Agriculture Bob Steward, cattleman from Baker, very ably indoctrinated the board, discussing objectives he had in mind. His report on the slightly over \$5 million budget required by the department was of particular interest to me. Their budget has had around a 2% increase as compared to some other state budgets with an average 20% increase. Of course a considerable portion of this budget is self-sustaining, coming from fees for services, licenses, etc. Steward stated that he felt the budget would be adequate for the normal operation of the department.

The wide range of material to be considered at this short meeting naturally limited the activities of the board and many subjects had to be touched on lightly. Another meeting is scheduled for October which will undoubtedly reveal the pattern for the board's long range agenda.

I do feel that an indication of the direction in which this advisory board is headed is apparent in their recognition of the very definite need for improvement and expansion of our farm markets and the related economy. Gov. Robert Holmes stressed this point emphatically in his address to the board, suggesting the board give top consideration to the expansion and development of the agricultural economy of the state as an important phase of the work of the new planning and development department. Toward this end the board made two immediate steps.

It is important to spread manure properly. Studies at Iowa State college indicate that greater returns per ton are obtained from light, even applications than from a heavy spreading. Manure should be hauled directly from the barn to the field whenever possible. Then, too, it should be plowed down or disked in as soon as possible after spreading, especially on sloping land.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wuetz of Tacoma, cousin of Mrs. Ava Broughton and Myrtle Ilett, were guests at their home Sunday for an afternoon luncheon. The Wuetzs were enroute to Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Church were hosts Monday evening at a dinner given for Mrs. Church's brother and family, the Jeff McGees of Fairfield, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warr of Oakley, Ida., Bruce and Pat Warr of Boise were guests Tuesday evening at the Briggs Olsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Duus and Dolores returned home recently after visiting with their son in Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Duus. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greaves spent the last weekend visiting with Gordon's brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Greaves in Boise. The Greaves spent the two days fishing on the Boise river.

Mrs. John Savage, Mrs. Orlie Sipe and Mrs. Reuben Haroldsen spent Tuesday in Boise.

Mrs. Bob Kurtz and Bobbie Jean and Mrs. John Soenewald and Darlene of Ashland visited Wednesday at the Elmer Cruson home.

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Two Steps Taken

The first, and I believe most important step, was the recognition by the board that the ideas, advice and counsel of all the segments of agriculture of our state are invaluable and must be united to meet the task ahead. From the October meeting should come the blue print to make this possible.

The second step was a recommendation to the governor that the director of agriculture serve on the board of the development department, welding a direct line of communication from the farm to the development department.

I feel that both opportunity and a challenge are on our door steps, and I urge every interested individual, farmer and farm group to get their ideas together, evaluate and select those that can benefit our local farm economy and combine with the Chambers of Commerce in presenting the case to the governor and members of the State Development department on their visit here on Sept. 5.

Other communities over the state have some very progressive projects, but our own community in my estimation has unlimited potential to expand within itself. Our activity in this direction will be a yardstick to indicate the potential of our area and its importance to the economy of the state.

Rosemary Roth, Elaine Smith, Anita Anderson and Karen Kent of Scout troop No. 7, returned home Saturday after spending a week at Pilgrim Cove camp.

Mrs. C. W. Myers of Springfield, Mo., arrived Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Renstrom to spend several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Quast spent the weekend above Council, where they spent Sunday huckleberrying.

Mr. and Mrs. William Whrite of Ogden, Utah and their mother of Kimberly, Ida., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Varney visited with N. C. Buck who is confined in the Malheur Memorial hospital. Mr. Buck is improving steadily and expects to return home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parrish of Ontario were Sunday dinner guests at the J. A. Cindell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stuck of Superior, Nebr. and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stuck and sons from Hiawatha, Kans., visited at the A. P. Chesney home Wednesday. They were driving to Portland to attend a reunion.

Mrs. Cecil Evans visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tish of Greenleaf, Ida. Monday through Wednesday of last week. Wednesday, the Cecil Evans family attended a birthday dinner at the Tish home in honor of Mrs. Tish. Marilyn Evans stayed with her grandparents until Friday evening.

Guests at the Oscar Samuels home are Mrs. Samuels' father, Dan Coddington, and her two sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moore and Elizabeth and Esther, a niece and family. Mr. and Mrs. George Wiseman and two daughters, all of Palco, Kans. Also visiting at the Samuels home are Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Duran of Yakima, Wash. A car accident which has hospitalized one of the guests, has delayed their departure.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Unwin visited Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bray of Fruitland Sunday afternoon.

Weekend guests of the J. T. Martin family were Mrs. Martin's sister and brother, Miss Lois Groat and Dr. Hilborn Groat of Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dnwin attended the rodeo at Caldwell last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans were Saturday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cairns in Boise.

Capt. and Mrs. David Johnson who are stationed in Alabama, visited Mr. and Mrs. Quinten Speas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Holton, Linda and Jimmie visited with the Bruce Bartlett family of Greenleaf Sunday.

Mrs. Lorris Sutherland and children and Joe Conner of Newport, Ore. arrived Monday night at the Jay Conner home for a visit.

COMPLAINTS FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT

Lenora Williams vs. Boyce Williams—Divorce, 8/5/57.

State Highway Commission vs. Joseph P. Spencer, et ux—Condemnation, 8/5/57.

C. W. Wheatley, dba Wheatley Motor Clinic vs. Irvin L. Miller, et al. Recovery on account, \$16.99, 8/6/57.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED
Richard Harvey Bennett and Carolyn Josephine Boren, of Parma, Idaho and Adrian, Ore. 8/5/57.

it with their parents. Joe returned home Thursday while his sister stayed for a longer visit. Phillip went back with Joe and will return home with Lorris Sutherland when he comes for his family. Morning" shown at the First Baptist church in New Plymouth Friday night.

Linda Holton went to Payette Lakes to stay overnight Saturday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer and Norman and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Morris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Sessions of Kaysville, Utah visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Quinten Speas from Monday until Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Lowell Dalley's mother, Mrs. Zobel of Rexburg, has been visiting the Dalleys on Grandview avenue and the Henry Zobel family of Nyssa.

Mrs. Bill Kohl and children visited Wednesday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Chesney.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daudt visited Mrs. Paul Daudt in Payette Thursday evening.

Mrs. Rinhold Stohler attended a bridal shower given to honor Kathleen Kaurin of New Plymouth at the Conservative Baptist church Saturday evening.

Mrs. Floyd Holton is keeping her niece, 4½-year-old Johnna Holton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holton of Boise, for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Ferguson and children of Denver and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Chesney visited last Thursday at the home of Bill Kohl in Nyssa.



4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

By County Extension Agents

4-H club members, leaders, counsellors and extension agents will be taking part in the annual 4-H club camp at Payette Lakes this week. The camp is held in the University of Idaho forestry camp area. The campers represent 4-H club workers from most of Malheur county; one hundred and one club members are attending along with 13 counsellors, nine adult leaders and three extension agents. A group of leaders and club members planned the program some time ago and feel that it is one which club members will enjoy and gain some good experience in group living.

The organized activities include crafts which will be instructed by Mrs. Neil Hoffman, Cairo, with the assistance of Grady Romans, Vale. Swimming instructions for both beginners and more advanced groups will be directed by Margie Elfering and Bill Beal, Vale. First aid discussion and practice will be led by Mrs. Elsie Thompson, Vale. Bill Hedric, representing the Oregon State Game commission, will be present to lead discussion and hikes on wildlife. Mrs. Phillis Dentell of Jordan Valley will give help to those who want to play folk games and

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Quast attended a dinner held in honor of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Al Quast of Yuba Linda, Calif., Thursday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Jones in Ontario.

Mrs. P. M. Leuck of Baker, who is still confined to the Malheur Memorial hospital, is joined by her children who are staying with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Johnson. Mrs. Leuck's husband is also staying here.

Mrs. Eleanor Bergren and Sigrid of Los Gatos, Calif., arrived Friday at the Maurice Judd home to spend several days.

William Allison of Walla Walla, Wash., brother of Mrs. Irl Nolen, arrived at the Nolen home Saturday for an indefinite visit.

games for small groups. E. M. Hauser will work with a group, showing techniques for casting and fishing. Leeds Bailey, county extension agent, will lead the group in organized games. Other activities will include the campfire program each evening and table programs. The group will return Sunday evening, Aug. 18. **Leaders Council Meets**

The Malheur county 4-H leaders council met this past week. Mrs. Dyre Roberts, president of the council, presided over the meeting and final plans were made for county and state fair. We will have more details concerning this in this column next week.

4-H Annual

Lynn Hoffman, Cairo, editor of the 4-H club annual, reported this last week that the annual will be printed and ready for sale the second day of county fair. This will be good news for many of you, for I believe that you are just as anxious to see these as we are.

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