

Your County Agent Says

One of the early spring jobs facing orchardists and home gardeners is the pruning of deciduous trees and shrubs. This is best accomplished before the spring flow of sap starts. Early performance of the operation will permit wound cuts to heal with a minimum of bleeding.

Tree pruning is primarily a shaping operation. This applies to both shade and fruit trees. As an example, by cutting out the right side branches you can encourage a tree to grow tall and slim. On the other hand pruning the central leader out of a tree shunts the growth into side branches and you get a widening of the tree profile with less height. This is done to many fruit trees.

In the case of fruit trees, consideration should be given to what year's growth produces the current year's crop of flowers and fruit. This varies with the fruit varieties. Pruning the wrong limbs can seriously reduce the current year's fruit crop.

Several bulletins on pruning are available at the County Extension office. Pick up your free copies if you are interested in the subject.

HEREFORD BREEDERS BULL SALE

If you were going to see the bulls that will be assembled under one roof February 22 and 23 at the Eastern Oregon Hereford Breeders Bull Sale at the fairgrounds in Ontario you'd have to take quite a trip.

You would need to go to Council, Idaho, make four stops near Weiser on Oregon Slope, two near Ontario, one at La Grande, one at Caldwell, New Plymouth and Meridian, two at Eagle, then one at Montour.

From these areas 88 bulls will assemble for the show and sale. By getting them all together here at Ontario, these breeders allow stockmen to see, compare and buy, at auction, the bulls they need for turn out this spring. You have a choice from 16 polled Herefords and 72 horned Herefords from long time breeders in this area.

All bulls must be 18 - 30 months of age, sound, and grade B or better to sell.

LABOR MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Farmers - ranchers who want to learn more about OSHA - State Industrial rules, regulations, standards and codes - should attend a "special" workshop February 20 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon - 1:30 - 4:00 p.m., Room W 10, Weese Building, TVCC.

Agricultural producers generally indicate "confusion" as to 'what' is

'what' in the farm and ranch labor situation. Come and find out - it may help you later.

HOME GARDENERS:

The number of home gardeners is sure to have an increase again this year in the face of higher priced vegetables. Also the people who like to exercise their "green thumb" on a garden hobby basis are getting more numerous.

This reminds us that now is a good time of year for the home gardener to make plans for the coming year. It is still a little early to do the planting as seeds planted to cold soil just lie there and wait for the weather to warm up.

Most home gardeners have a relative small plot on which to carry out their activities. Because of this, planning is important in getting the most in satisfaction and produce from a piece of ground.

A number of decisions are necessary before the seeds are put into the ground. Such items as adapted varieties, amount of each type of vegetable to plant, succession of planting on the same ground, fertilizer rates and other considerations should be made prior to seeding. You can pick up some useful tips on the garden planning process in bulletin from the County Extension office.

DECISION TIME!

Many farmers of the area are still trying to decide which way to go, as far as crops are concerned, this year. Each day that you delay without finalizing your plans is reducing your choice of crops. The date for planting winter wheat is past. Spring wheat yields are less than fall and seed of the right varieties (Springfield, Peak, Twin) is getting harder to find. Seed sources of potatoes are all but gone and fertilizers and chemicals for pest controls in many crops are becoming very limited. So, if you don't have your plans for all production inputs for this year's crops made very soon, you may wind up with a few vacant fields around your farm. Decision time is here!



Here's looking at you...Arabs believe that Turkestan snakes can kill with a glance.

Herb's Views

By Herb Fitz

Of course I am very interested in things I do, no matter how boring to others. I worked my bill to permit a person, while laid off, to miss a few days without being docked the entire week for his unemployment compensation. The bill carried in the House 47-10. It is now resting in the Senate.

"E.R.A." We survived the deluge of D.S.T. mail, but now we're swamped with Equal Rights. Both sides of the question are pouring in. Not too many have come to my desk, but

some of us get them by the hundreds. I find that few people really know what the amendment says. It says, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." Twenty-four words, no more, no less. From these 24 words reams have been written and inferred, pro and con. I would like to have an opportunity for people to vote at the ballot, but so far no bill has been presented. A bill to be balloted on will offer nothing to the people.

Reapportionment has gone absolutely no place. Ada County, where the fuss starts, has succeeded in preventing any division of Ada County. They are fighting for another district in the urban

area for the not too distant future. I still believe that it will be left to the courts. They may or may not act. Flood Plains are being talked of. They must be mapped to be covered by federally subsidized flood insurance.

Land planning is still active. Many of us are trying to hold it on the local level. As the contraceptive laws now read, a doctor or nurse is committing a felony if they give out any information on birth control. House bill #407 tries to correct this, but is running into opposition. Many things are read into the bill that aren't there. This is true on the majority of action in the legislature. It frequently is difficult to sort fact from fiction.

You will hear about HMO's -- Health Maintenance Organizations. Again we have good and bad. Some will take care of all of your health problems from surgery to prescriptions. Others will be more selective in health care. You will be able to pay any amount, but like everything else, the less you pay the less you buy. Our problem is to make certain that you are protected from fraudulent organizations.

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OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Five Nyssa High School journalism students and their adviser, Clyde Swisher, left this morning by train for Seattle where they will attend the two-day University of Washington press conference slated Friday and Saturday.

Students making the trip are Joan Hewett, Linda Morrison, Peggy Seuell, Lynn Jackson and Greg Sumner.

Dedication of Nyssa's new vocational agriculture building and remodeled biology laboratory and classroom will be held Saturday, February 29.

Completion of the building, together with the remodeling, will care for the space needs of the school for years to come with normal growth.

20 YEARS AGO

The grocery department of the Eder Hardware Co. will cease to exist Saturday when that part of the store will be closed out and the hardware department expanded. Edward Boydell, who with his father, A.H. Boydell, manage the store, said that work already has been started to expand the hardware and appliance line.

The grocery store has been operated continuously for 38 years, having been established in 1916 by A.H. Boydell and Jess Thompson. The grocery became part of the Eder Hardware several years later and had been operated in conjunction with the hardware store by Boydell since that time.

30 YEARS AGO

Technical Sergeant Howard J. Larson, Jr. of Twin Falls, former Nyssa resident, has been decorated with the legion of merit.

T-Sgt. Gerrit Timmerman has written from England, where he has been stationed ever since December.

Aviation Cadet Dwight O. Wyckoff of the Navy finished pre-flight training a few days ago and received nine days leave.

Pfc. Don R. Strickland, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Strickland, has returned from Australia and New Guinea, for air cadet training.

George W. Coffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Coffman of Nyssa, has entered Centenary college at Shreveport, Louisiana, where he will study aviation.

Conley Ward wrote his grandmother,

Mrs. Lillian Newby, that he was to have a 10-day furlough. Conley said:

"I am sure thrilled to be working for Uncle Sam and I sure enjoy my work in the service for my country, America."

40 YEARS AGO

Two families of Nyssa have bettered the record of the oldest Bible in Arkansas which was printed in 1831.

Mrs. J.H. Boor, whose father Erastus Birge Horton presented her with a Bible which was printed by Silas Andrus, Johnson and Van Horden in New York in 1801.

Dick Holmes owns an old Bible which was printed in 1829 by F. Fanshaw, Printer, New York, for the American Bible Society.

Boy Scouts of Nyssa and Malheur County heard President Roosevelt make a direct appeal in the name of relief Saturday morning when they were mobilized before radio receivers on the 24th anniversary of the organization. He asked that the scouts of whom he is honorary president perform a national good turn during the balance of Feb. by collecting household goods, bedding and clothing for the needy.

50 YEARS AGO

Frances Foster fell down the cellar stairs at the parental home, landing on a fruit jar and sustaining an injury that split the thumb toward the wrist. It required several stitches to close the gaping wound.

Aby assisted by a large number of friends, Skinny Tensen spent Sunday erecting the antennae for a new radio outfit. Though considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the poles up, the work was successfully accomplished and the machine put to working the same evening.

60 YEARS AGO

Miss Ellen Terry, at a farewell luncheon in New York, paid her respects to the harem skirt. She said, "If it's pretty and becoming, let's welcome, it, for if it's pretty and becoming it will stay whether we welcome it or not." I hate ignorance and bigotry, even in the matter of the harem skirt. The other day a pretty girl in riding dress was stoned and hissed, the people took her skirt for the harem sort. That was sheer ignorance.