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POTATO ELECTION DATED IN OREGON

Proposals Include Ban on Shipments of Culls To Outside Markets.

Oregon potato growers will join growers of 11 other states in voting on a proposed marketing agreement for Idaho potatoes, announced the state AAA office at Corvallis. The voting period is August 19 to 24 inclusive, though it is probable that each county in Oregon where potatoes are an important crop will designate one day of the period as potato referendum day.

Meanwhile, the OSC extension service has arranged a series of 16 county meetings for the two-week period prior to the voting where the final provisions of the agreement will be explained. Assisting the state specialists will be one of the federal marketing men of Washington, I. C.

Methods of voting, exact places for casting ballots and other local details are being handled and announced by the various county AAA committees. The program cannot become effective unless two-thirds of those participating in the vote favor the plan.

The proposed program is only slightly changed from the form in which it was discussed last spring prior to formal hearings. AAA officials announced. Some changes urged by Oregon growers at those hearings have been included in the final draft.

Program Outlined

The program as now drawn would do the following things:

1. Bar cull potatoes from shipment to out-of-state markets.
2. Require federal-state inspection of out-of-state shipments.
3. Permit further restrictions when necessary on other low grade or small size potatoes, but only when recommended by the area committee.
4. Permit modification of, or exemption from, shipment restrictions to prevent injustice to individuals or areas.
5. Provide for administration of the program by area committees composed of growers and handlers.

The program would not make use of shipping quotas or quantity limitations of marketable potatoes, nor would certified seed stock be included in the agreement at all.

July crop reports indicate another large crop of about 17 million bushels in excess of the 10-year average production.

FARMERS SAVE ON MASS PURCHASING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—An increasing number of Oregon farmers are saving money, the farm credit administration says, by buying gasoline, kerosene and oil through their own cooperative associations.

The FCA said its latest report showed a total of 24 cooperatives sell gasoline and other petroleum products to Oregon farmers at wholesale and retail with a gross annual business of \$1,148,000.

Of the total cooperatives, 21 handle gasoline and petroleum products as their main business and 23 sell them as a sideline, the FCA said.

A survey by the banks for cooperatives of the FCA has shown that one out of every three farmer cooperatives in the United States sells gasoline and oil, with 1,957 dealing in the products primarily.

The FCA said farmers usually profit by participation in the cooperatives, most of which it described as privately financed, not only by being able to buy gasoline and oil cheaper but also by sharing in dividends resulting from the operation of the organizations.

It said the number of such cooperatives over the United States had risen from only 56 in 1922 to the 1,957 total.

HAY DRIER DRAWS MANY INQUIRIES

BATON ROUGE, La.—(AP)—Louisiana State University experts who developed a mechanical hay drier are getting requests for blue prints of it from all over the world.

The main part of the drier is a drum six feet in diameter by 10 feet long which rotates at the rate of 12 revolutions a minute. Low cost fuel oil produces heat which is sucked through the cylinder carrying the hay with it.

The apparatus will dry approximately a ton and a quarter of hay an hour.

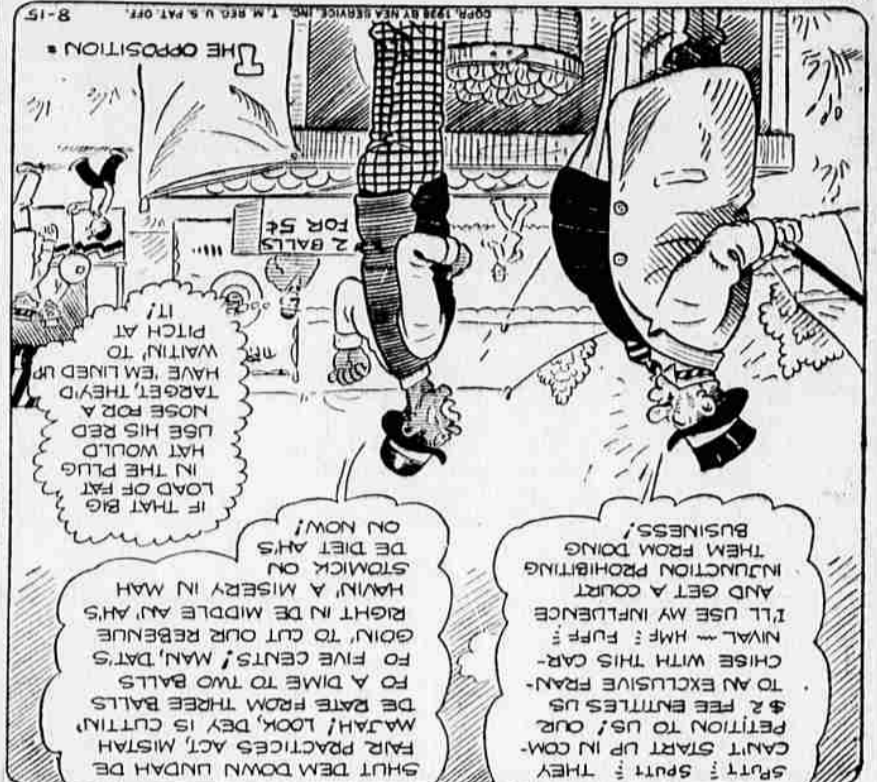
SHIPPING BAN ON POOR PEARS ASKED

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Oregon-Washington-California pear bureau Saturday recommended to the industry of Oregon and Washington that grading rules be changed to eliminate shipping of lower grade winter pears.

The bureau also approved a budget appropriating \$55,000 for advertising and trade promotion for winter pears.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

with Major Hoopie



CONTROLLED HOP MARKETING BEGUN

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Pacific coast hop industry has embarked on the experiment of controlled marketing. Upon orders from Washington, growers began plans to limit sales of the 1938 crop to 28,500,000 pounds, or about three-fourths of the crop.

Computing returns at current contract prices, they figured to get about \$5,700,000.

Contracts were signed this week at 29 cents a pound. This was up about two cents in the last week. Many growers were holding out for higher prices, ranging from 22 1/2 cents to 25 cents.

Washington's orders to sell only 28,500,000 pounds of the crop running between 39,000,000 and 40,000,000 pounds followed approval by growers of the marketing order scheme.

While marketing orders are nothing new to American agriculture, the plan is not only new to the hop industry, but it brings a new phase of the market control program to a test—restriction of sales of domestic growers, without curbing imports.

BUMPER PEAR CROP IN U. S. FORECAST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—A bumper pear crop for 1938 is predicted by the agriculture department.

The federal crop reporting board announced an indicated yield of 31,662,000 bushels, 7 per cent more than the 1937 record crop of 29,518,000 bushels, and 30 per cent greater than the 1936 crop of 24,273,361 bushels.

Expected production by states, as announced by the board: California 11,182,000 bushels; Washington 6,278,000; Oregon 4,120,000; Michigan 1,401,000; New York, 1,820,000.

LARGE ONION CROP IN OREGON LOOMS

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The latest survey of the Journal indicated Oregon will have one of her greatest onion crops this season. The outlook is for an output of from 1500 to 1600 cars. The crop is not only large but of good quality.

NORTHWEST FRUIT CROP OUTLOOK GOOD

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Despite long dry spells fruit crop prospects in Oregon and Washington remained good as of August 1.

LAMB CROP HELPED BY RANGE RESEEDING

PORT ORFORD, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Dolmer Colarove believes he has the answer to better wool and lamb crops—frequent reseedling of sheep ranges.

Last fall he reseeded a range with eye, orchard, mesquite bent and white clover grasses, using 10 pounds an acre on 290 acres of burned over land. Here is what happened:

Three hundred ewes produced 298 lambs, compared to 400 ewes which produced only 320 lambs on 1500 acres of old range and the lambs averaged 80.8 pounds, four more than in 1937. The 1937 ewes yielded eight pounds of wool each and the 1938 crop yielded 12 pounds.

SUGAR BEET SEED CONTRACTS SEEN

CORVALLIS, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Successful tests of a state college experiment station in production of sugar beet seed will result in offers of contracts to western Oregon growers for 500 acres of sugar beet seed this coming season.

Studies made in connection with the west coast sugar beet seed committee show that yields under favorable conditions will approximate a ton of seed to the acre, yielding 7 1/2 cents a pound in western Oregon. The crops are sown in the late summer and early fall, developing seed the following spring.

The station said that mild winters, comparatively mild summers and freedom from disease made the western Oregon region a favorable possibility for seed production.

U. S. DECLINES TO BUY OREGON CELERY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—An official of the surplus commodities corporation said a preliminary investigation had disclosed "no justification at this time" for government purchase of Oregon celery.

A group of Marion county farmers, led by Senator McNary, had asked the corporation to remove approximately 100 carloads of their product from the market.

The corporation official said the farmers were getting "a very satisfactory price" and the corporation would not step in unless there was a radical drop in the near future.

GANDER, 40, STILL FRISKY, ON FIGHT

ASHVILLE, N. C.—(AP)—J. E. Chesborough has a gander on his farm that is 40 years old, is still as frisky as a kitten and picks frequent fights with the chickens and other geese.

The venerable gander's sire lived to be 50 years old, Chesborough says, and his mother lived to be 42 or 43.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Twenty-seven Douglas county 4-H club members have signed up to go on the Coos and Curry counties 4-H livestock judging tour. This group will leave the Lapham Motors used car yard on Thursday morning of this week at 6 o'clock. This is the second of the Lapham Motors livestock judging tours.

The boys will spend Thursday on one of the ocean beaches, and on Friday morning will join up with boys from other counties and judge classes of various kinds of livestock all day Friday and Saturday. They expect to be back in Roseburg Saturday evening by 7 o'clock. Mr. H. W. Grow, Smith-Hughes instructor at the local high school, and county club agent, E. A. Britton, will accompany the group on the tour.

Those who have signed to go on the tour include: Howard Maupin, Dwight C. Morgan, Walter Mode, Charles Minter, Spencer Johnson, Clyde Maupin, Robt. Insley, Leslie Southwick, Tom Zoeter, Bud Manning, Douglas Manning, Glen Hunter, Paul Redford, Ward Todd, Harry Anderson, Howard Peterson, Meredith Wilson, Arthur Bartlett, Terrance Hodger, Eugene Fox, Cecil Thompson, Byerl Stephens, John Petrequin, Dean Eckes, Labri Ritchie, Bobbie Brown and David Jacoby.

CRICKET DAMAGE BEING HELD DOWN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The agriculture department reported today federal-state control campaigns were holding down damage to crops from grasshoppers and Mormon crickets in most of the badly infested areas in the west.

Although reported in much larger numbers than last year, the department said Mormon crickets did comparatively little damage to crops in south-central North Dakota.

Huge numbers of crickets were said to be moving from uncultivated toward cultivated lands in the Judith basin in Montana, Utah, eastern Washington and northeastern Oregon were reported as having some cricket trouble.

The department said one species of grasshopper bred in tremendous numbers in idle lands in southern and western North Dakota and in South Dakota west of the Mississippi river. Migration continued until August.

KEEP MILK CONTROL ACT, DEAN ADVISES

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Dean William A. Shoenfeld, of the state college school of agriculture, told the dairy cooperative association not to "let anyone talk you into scrapping the milk control act or you'll lose whatever progress you have made."

"The individual would be hopelessly lost in the welter of business if he did not belong to a cooperative," the dean also declared.

Will W. Henry, manager of the association, said that since 1934 butter production by the cooperatives has increased from 322,000 to an estimated 2,500,000 pounds for 1938.

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PREVIEW of a Season

By the calendar it's still Summer... but it's Autumn by the advertisements! They're starting now with exciting bulletins from the fashion front, news of special fur and furniture sales, and clever ideas for home decoration.

Turn the pages! So those are the hats we'll wear this Fall! Here's a chance to select your winter coat -- of fur, or fur-trimmed -- at a great saving. There are items of interest to September brides and grooms looking for unusual values in furnishings for the new home. Right alongside is a description of the latest in window hangings that would lure Mother from her pre-occupation with the children's school wardrobes.

Look ahead to Autumn for a season of thrilling activity... and look to your favorite newspaper's advertising columns for a foretaste of coming fashions in clothes, and housefurnishings and entertaining. Buy, when you're ready, from the merchants, who through their printed messages, have kept you posted, guided you to values, and saved you money. Read the advertisements... and be ready for Fall.

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