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DOUGLAS GRANGERS PLAN ANNUAL PICNIC

Committees Appointed to Arrange Program for Kellogg, July 16.

Preparations are now in progress for the Douglas county grange picnic, which has been set for July 16 at the Kellogg grange picnic grounds. Committees have been named to handle the various arrangements, and already an interesting program is in prospect. It is stated.

The picnic will open with competitive sports at 10:30 a. m., with a drill team contest as the feature of the morning entertainment. Mrs. Alice Gott, who has been appointed to take charge of the drill team contest, reports that drill captains may contact her for any specific information which may be desired.

General information may be obtained from T. B. Husemark, master of Douglas County Pomona grange.

The afternoon program will be of an entertainment and educational nature. All activities of the day will be open to the general public. The annual grange picnic has been growing in popularity, and last year's event attracted more than 400 persons.

News of 4-H CLUBS

According to E. A. Britton, county club agent, a total of 70 club members are expected to attend the 4-H club summer school, beginning June 5 and ending June 16. The school will be held on the campus of Oregon State college at Corvallis.

Most of the delegates have already been reported in to the county club agent's office. A. A. Britton states that the deadline for making application for this summer school is not for May 20 for those who have not yet enrolled. Because of the crowded conditions expected this year when the state grange convention will convene at Corvallis at the same time, it will probably be impossible for anyone to enroll after May 20.

Good news has been received for Douglas county 4-H club key growers. This pertains to the Northwestern Turkey show, held at Oakland each year. Though the premium lists are not out, these club members may rest assured that the premiums will be considerably increased in both the dressed and live division of the show.

Achievement pins for 4-H club members who have completed their projects are being mailed out to 4-H club leaders this week. It is hoped that all of them will be received by the leaders in time for distribution to the members before school is out.

The Kiwanis entertainers will go to Umpqua Tuesday evening to meet with the Umpqua community club in the old Celis Valley grange hall. L. W. Jones, chairman of the Kiwanis committee, reports that a splendid program and a good crowd are anticipated.

The Dilani school will hold a 4-H club achievement program in connection with the 8th grade graduation program on Wednesday evening of this week.

Four-H club members and leaders of Laon lake will hold their annual achievement day program next Sunday. Exhibits will be shown during the forenoon, a community dinner served at noon, and a program of entertainment given early in the afternoon.

A group of junior high school pupils who have been giving programs for local communities under the leadership of Scott Williams is planning on going to Laon lake to assist in the program there and also to enjoy the noon meal.

E. A. Britton, county club agent, reports that the three spring fairs were very successful. The one held at Izaak Crook on Thursday evening was attended by over 100 persons. There were 18 exhibits at that fair. The Friday fair was also attended by over 100 persons, and was viewed as the best of the three. The fair held at Roseburg in the armory for central Douglas county on Saturday was closed as a complete success. This fair was attended by approximately 600 persons. Saturday night, who enjoyed a state program.

There were 20 girls who took part in the dress review at the spring Saturday night. There were 18 girls participating in the dress review at each of the other two fairs. This brings the total number of girls who modeled to 58 for the three fairs.

No livestock, crops, or canned exhibits were displayed at the spring fairs. These will be shown at the community fair which this fall, as will exhibits of clubs organized for summer programs.

(Garden valley news)
The Sex We 22 club held its

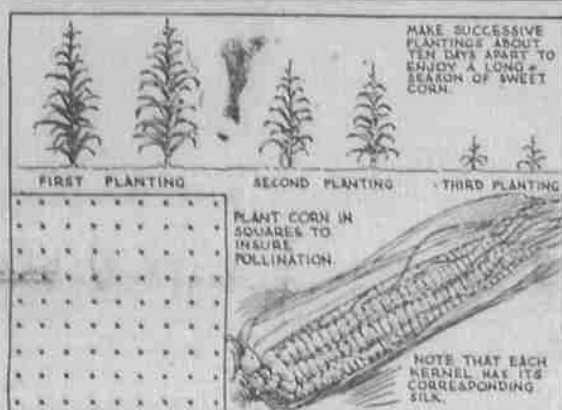
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Sweet corn is always best when eaten immediately after harvesting, because the quality and flavor deteriorate rapidly after the ears are pulled from the plants. The higher the temperature, the greater the deterioration, but this is a sufficient reason why there should be a corn patch in every vegetable garden.

A patch of six rows, each 15 feet long, need not occupy more than a 15-foot square. In normal seasons, planted in quality strains, it should yield 120 to 150 ears.

In both white and yellow kernels, there are early, late and mid-season varieties. The earliest will have ears ready for table in six days, while the larger, later varieties require nearly two hundred days. The ears are ready for pulling when the silk has turned black.

Warm Soil Needed.
Nothing is gained by planting corn of sorts before both soil and weather have become thoroughly warm—warm weather, rich soil, and

last meeting Wednesday at the home of its leader, Joan Ritchie. We decided that we would have a picnic after school on our last day. The meeting was completed our patches. Refreshments were served by Emma Leah Winters, Thelma Oskam, Nellie Niday and leader Joan Ritchie.

(By Ruth Matthews, Benson school area)
The "Foster Rose and Flower Garden Club" met Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hartley. Refreshments were served which were prepared by Joyce Parham as a part of her cooking project. After the meeting was called to order the group sang "The More We Get Together." Betty Ann Matthews then led two sets and the club played. Some interesting contests were given as usual. Minutes, personals, letters and poems were then read. The president gave suggestions for and an example of a strip book suitable for this project.

For the next meeting each member is asked to prepare a seedling similar to the one in placed at the last meeting and to report on the spring fair.

(By Mollie Wright, Izaak Crook)
Wednesday afternoon the Rose and Flower Garden club held a meeting at the Izaak Crook school. Bessie Cooper, the secretary, presided. The club sang "Vesper Hymn" and then sang "After the Sunset." The meeting was very pleasant and the club members enjoyed the afternoon.

The Forest Guards of the Izaak Crook grade school had a 1938

hours. Members are Josephine Wright, Betty Widge, Marie Sutton, Henrietta Olan, Wilhelma Hutchinson, Margie Wright, Violet Olan and Mollie Wright. Mrs. Fritz Snyder is the local leader.

The Rose and Flower Garden club had a very unique exhibit. It consisted of a growing garden, the vegetables being planted in a box of dirt. This exhibit attracted very much attention, especially from the adult gardeners of the community. On account of the dryness of the season, it has been rather difficult to grow a good garden this year, unless one is aided by an irrigation system. Members exhibiting were Noel Welch, Melvin Welch, Harry Wootter, Clifford Wootter, Igin Wootter and Don Miller. All of these boys received blue ribbons.

AIR PICTURES WILL SHOW CROP CONTROL

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—The agricultural adjustment administration reported it has awarded contracts for aerial photographs of 25,182 square miles of farm land in 16 north central and western states.

The photographs to be taken from altitudes of 10,000 to 15,000 feet, will cost \$475,000.

The A.A.A. uses the photographs to check farmer compliance with crop control programs. This system has supplanted field surveying, only farmers who comply with crop programs are eligible for full government benefit payments, which this year will average \$200,000,000.

The contracts included: Oregon—4,155 square miles; \$13,325.

LOOKINGGLASS SETS SCHOOL'S PROGRAM

Elementary school services will be held at the Methodist church in Lookingglass Sunday, May 28. Principal Warren W. Zim will announce the program. The program will be presented by the Rev. E. E. Heltman. Commencement exercises have been set for June 1 at 8 p. m., in the school auditorium. Rev. Linder, pastor of Lookingglass will deliver the address. The community school picnic will be held Friday, June 2. Members of the graduating class are: Bill Richards, Doris Manning, Marjorie Hildner, Margaret Kroll, Margaret Rogers, Virginia Manning, Ethel Allen.

The school class presented its annual play "What Mine Is," a three-act comedy. Friday, May 12. The class will, history and members were presented between acts of the play.

A dollar's worth of grass was given to a dairy cow, which is a member of the 4-H club. The dollar was given to the cow by the 4-H club. The dollar was given to the cow by the 4-H club. The dollar was given to the cow by the 4-H club.

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FIGHT ON CRICKETS PROVES EFFECTIVE

Crop Losses in Oregon Not General but Individual Farms Hard Hit.

CORVALLIS, May 15.—(AP)—General crop losses from Mormon crickets will not be large this year but the damage on some individual farms will be serious. Robert Every, state control superintendent, informed a special Oregon State college committee.

Advance organization in counties where grasshopper infestations were predicted reduced the toll in crops. The cricket outbreaks, coming unexpectedly in some sections, were not as readily combated, but emergency regulations have been established with varying degrees of effectiveness in about half a dozen counties.

D. Wilfred Shaffer, district control leader for Montana, advised the committee, composed of college and state department of agriculture authorities, if the cricket menace continued it would be advisable for Oregon, like other states, to provide an appropriation for eradication.

Pointed out research might result in cheaper control with the result existing federal cooperation with counties and private land owners might be sufficient to carry on the work.

Peas Partly Combated
The crickets have been efficient in combating in Baker, Walla Walla and Umatilla counties. In other areas such as Gilliam, Sherman and southern Wasco counties about all that can be hoped for this year is to keep losses at a minimum and prepare for more complete control next season. The forest service has undertaken extermination of one cricket infestation in Moro county which was well controlled a year ago.

Grasshoppers are beginning to hatch in the majority of counties east of the Cascade mountains but county agents and local organizations are equipped with poison bait and, in some instances, large power bait spreaders.

Many authorities predict this will be a serious hopper year but losses probably will be reduced by timely bait distribution when the insects are young.

ARGENTINE BEEF TO FEED U. S. NAVY

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has directed the navy to accept a bid on Argentine canned corned beef for feeding navy personnel in place of an American bid because he said the foreign product was found to be cheaper and superior in quality.

Discussing at a press conference an amendment by Senator O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) to the navy appropriation bill designed to prevent purchase of the foreign beef, the president said the Argentine product was offered at 15 cents a pound, including a 6-cent-a-pound duty, as against the American bid of 27 cents a pound.

He added the foreign beef was far superior and he felt because of this factor, and also the cost angle, that the law American policy was not being violated.

Mr. Roosevelt directed the navy to award the contract for 45,000 pounds to the Meat Producers Cooperative of Argentina.

U. S. FARM EXPORTS SHOW BIG INCREASE

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—American farm exports during 1938 were valued by the agriculture department at \$225,000,000, the largest since 1929.

Imports of competitive farm commodities were valued at \$477,000,000, or 21 per cent less than 1937, and 11 per cent less than 1934. The department said heavy yield of most farm products in 1938 and a slump in business activities

operated to decrease agricultural imports.

The rise in exports, it said, was less than might have been expected to result from the sharp increase in American farm supplies.

Three factors were cited as holding down foreign sales: A decline in foreign industrial activity, an increase in foreign production of farm commodities and abnormally high prices, compared with competitive growths of American cotton.

JOBLESS PAYMENT ACT AFFECTS CO-OPS

SALEM, Ore., May 15.—Definition of agricultural labor adopted by the Oregon legislature in case of the amendments to the anti-unemployment compensation act may cause the greater part of 199 farm cooperative associations specifically exempted by the definition to elect coverage under the state law, it developed here as full report of the change became known to farm leaders.

The legislature amended the law at the insistence of certain farm cooperatives to insure their freedom from contributions to the benefit fund and as a result all those with less than eight employees are exempt from coverage as agricultural labor, but the federal government collects on those with eight or more employees under authority contained in title IX of the social security act.

Commission officials pointed out that unless these organizations elect coverage under the state law they will be in the position of paying 2 per cent on their payroll to the federal government without any job insurance for their employees. This protection could be arranged through election, and acceptance by the commission, of these farm groups as subject to the state law. Inquiries received at central headquarters indicate that many of these organizations contemplate this step.

MOLASSES NEEDED IN MAKING SILAGE

Use of molasses in making silage out of grasses and legumes is almost essential to successful results, believes Dr. I. H. Jones, associate professor of dairy husbandry at Oregon State college.

Based on his recommendations on experiments in Oregon, as well as elsewhere, Jones says that about 60 to 75 pounds of molasses per ton of ensiled material is a satisfactory proportion, and adds that the dry material content of the grasses or legumes should approximate 20 per cent. Alfalfa seems to have about this proportion of dry matter to moisture when cut in the early bloom stage, while grasses reach it in the pre-bloom stage.

If legumes or grasses are too immature when cut for silage, they will reach the proper condition by being allowed to wilt from one to two hours. Grass or legume silage made without molasses must have a dry matter content of 25 to 40 per cent or else poor quality silage will result.

HIGHER TARIFF ON FILBERTS URGED

PORTLAND, May 15.—(AP)—The Portland Chamber of Commerce has protested to congress that filberts from the Mediterranean should be limited by tariff to protect Oregon's growing nut industry.

Oregon and Washington raise 35 per cent of the nation's filberts. Oregon produces 34 per cent alone. Filbert properties in the two states were valued at \$3,400,000 and production last year topped 2200 tons.

The chamber said only 24 per cent of planted filberts in the country were producing now, with the possibility of overproduction unless harvest competition was lessened. The present duty of 10c per pound was declared inadequate.

GRANGERS ADOPT SIGNAL FOR HELP

CAMAS VALLEY, May 15.—Three rifle or pistol shots in quick succession will be recognized in Camas Valley in the future as a signal of distress, according to arrangements made at a meeting of the grange Tuesday night. Residents agreed to use the signal only in case of fire or other emergency in which help is needed quickly.

The grange made plans to work in the cemeteries in the valley on Memorial day and will also assign another day and will also assign another day to cemetery improvements if necessary.

The grange expressed regret over the withdrawal of Mr. and Mrs. Kroll who plan to be absent during the ensuing year.

Following the business session, an interesting program of music, readings and a Mother's day skit was presented under the direction of Nellie Selzer, lecturer.

HEARINGS SET ON PEAR MARKETING

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—The agriculture department will hold a series of hearings on a federal marketing program for winter pears produced in Oregon, Wash-

ington and California. The schedule of hearings includes: Medford, Ore., May 29.

The program, requested by a committee of growers and shippers, would succeed a similar program in effect during the 1938 marketing season.

APRIL UNFAVORABLE FOR LAMB INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—Last month was catalogued as day as the most unfavorable April in many years for development of the early spring lamb crop.

The bureau of agricultural economics said drought conditions in California, Texas, Idaho, Washington and Oregon caused a shortage of pasture and range for feeding lambs.

As a consequence, slaughter supplies of early lambs during May and June will probably be considerably smaller than in the corresponding months last year.

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