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## GRANGE PICNIC AT KELLOGG ARRANGED

Sports, Music and Drills on Program; R. W. Gill Will Speak.

The annual Douglas county picnic will be held at Kellogg grange hall, Fisher's grove, Sunday, July 16. The sports program will be held in the morning beginning at 10 o'clock, with the drill contest starting promptly at 10:30. Several of the subordinate granges have entered teams, pointing to a very interesting and close contest. The sports program of games, races, horseback pitching and other contests will occupy the rest of the morning session. Basket dinner at noon. Everyone is requested to bring lunches and dishes and cream. Coffee will be furnished by Pomona grange on the grounds. The lecture program will be held in the afternoon, starting with community singing led by Jerry Saylor, manager of the Farmers Automobile Inter-Insurance exchange of Portland. Orchestra music will be furnished by the Douglas County Pomona Grange orchestra. Other musical and entertainment numbers will come from subordinate granges of the county. The main address of the afternoon will be given by Ray W. Gill, master of the Oregon State grange. All grangers and all other interested in the welfare of Douglas county are invited to attend this picnic. Further particulars are available from T. R. Busenbark, Pomona grange master.

## Potato Experiment Profitable



News-Review Engraving.

Three hundred pounds of potatoes from a patch of ground 22 feet square was the reward of an experiment with the Early Bliss variety for Mr. and Mrs. W. Mithoff of Edgewater. They are pictured above with one of the vines from the prolific patch, which held 111 embryonic tubers. The potatoes were planted last St. Patrick's day and matured about two weeks ago. They found ready sale in the local market.

was played.

(By Maxine Wright, Days Creek.) Marjorie Wright, president, called the Days Creek Canning club to order Wednesday. Cards and reports for June were filed out. The meeting closed with several 4-H club songs and yells. Games were played and refreshments of root beer and cake were served. The Rose and Flower Gardening club, with Mrs. Fritz Snyder as local leader, and the Canine club with Miss Josephine Wright as local leader, will meet at the Ray Wright home Wednesday afternoon of this week.

## BERRY PLANT CARE TOLD IN CIRCULAR

The period following strawberry harvest is just about as important to the plants as before harvest, according to information contained in a new O. S. C. extension circular 328, entitled "After Harvest Care of Strawberry Plants." This mimeographed circular written by G. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist, and William F. Cyrus, county agricultural agent of Washington county, gives detailed information on the care of a strawberry patch to protect it against insects and diseases and to insure the kind of development needed to bring most profitable future crops. Fruit bud formation in the single crop strawberry is believed to take place largely following harvest and until late fall. Information contained in the circular includes suggestions regarding cultivation, results to be expected from fertilizers, irrigation of strawberry fields, elimination of ericoid disease and strawberry crown moth. Copies may be had from county agents in strawberry producing counties.

## HOP MARKETING HEARINGS SLATED

PORTLAND, July 10.—(AP)—Hop acreage in Oregon was estimated at 18,362 for 1939, in Washington 14,475 and in California 6,941 by the allocation committee of the hop control board yesterday. The total acreage was 39,783. The board completed arrangements today for hearings on changes in the marketing agreement program relating to individual allotments and exemptions. One will be held July 11 at Sulon.

Deaths from work accidents on farms numbered 4,300 in 1938, the greatest total for any single in history.

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## News of 4-H CLUBS

The Millwood Clothing club, under the leadership of Miss Gunnison of Umpqua, will hold an achievement program along with the meeting of the Umpqua Community club in the Coles Valley hall on Friday evening of this week. Girls of this club plan to exhibit the articles of clothing made and to take some part in the community program.

John LaGrandeur of Drain reports that he has the best Jersey heifer in that section. John has the calf on pasture now but will bring it in soon to prepare it for showing at the North Douglas community fair at Drain.

Glen and Jake Larson of Sutherlin have a fine "set-up" now for raising china pheasants, according to E. A. Britton, county club agent. The boys have a brand new set of three pens of standard size in one corner of a prime orchard, with a battery of six smaller pens for handling the birds while small. They are raising lots of green feed for their birds and should do very well.

Stanley Lapham of the Lapham Motors has announced livestock judging tours for 4-H club members as follows: July 31, August 1 and 2, Willamette valley tour; August 7 and 8, Coos county tour; Mr. Lapham sponsors these judging tours each year.

On a judging tour a boy visits the best stock ranches where he has a chance to judge classes of stock. Then, too, the owner of each ranch goes into detail in explaining the farm practices and shows the boy over the farm. Since the farm owners are successful, the practices as applied must be right and of intense interest to the boy. While on a tour each boy cooks for himself and sleeps out. If more convenient, a small group of boys pool their food and cook together.

Eleven 4-H club members of the Little River recreation camp yesterday for several days camping party. They are under the leadership of Mrs. Parker O. Akeley and Mrs. H. B. Carter. Virginia and Margaret Culp will assist the two ladies in the management of the camp.

Miss Jess Riecke of Garden Valley took several members of the Camp Cookery club on a swimming party Friday afternoon. Each reported a fine time. County Club Agent E. A. Britton urges clubs of all parts of the county to hold social meetings and outings.

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## FSA GIVES AID TO OREGON FAMILIES

Foreclosures Prevented by Adjustments of Debts, Incomes Hoisted.

More than 4,100 Oregon farm families have been enabled to increase their net worth, over and above all dates by 508 per family through the Farm Security Administration's program of supervised credit, announces Walter A. Duffy, regional director. "One of the primary aims of the FSA program is to enable borrowers to produce practically all their food supplies as well as livestock feed on the farm so that cash expenditures for such items will be reduced to the minimum," Duffy said. "Progress of these farm families is indicated by the fact that they increased supplies of fruits and vegetables canned by 198, milk produced for home consumption by 366 gallons, meat for home use by 214 pounds, and eggs produced for home use by 80 dozen, per family. This means a contribution to the annual cash income of the farm of from \$200 to \$300 per family."

Repayments Good. These families have already repaid \$1,154,000 of the \$4,089,850 loaned by the Farm Security Administration, although most of the loans are made for a five-year period. Full repayment of loans has been made by 514 families and 91.5 per cent of maturities due have been met.

While many of these farmers are owner-operators, almost 800 of them have been enabled to obtain written instead of oral leases and almost 300 have advanced from sharecropper to tenant status during the past crop year.

Another measure of progress of these families, Duffy said, is that nearly 400 children of school age in these borrowing families have been enabled to attend school as a direct result of the FSA program. Debt adjustments have been effected for 867 families faced with foreclosure action resulting in reduction of a total indebtedness of \$2,945,700 to \$2,052,700. As a result of debt adjustments these farmers have been able to pay \$10,700 in back taxes.

## RABBITS SHOW SKILL AT BEING EATEN

FONTANA, Calif.—(AP)—The rabbit is the most efficient thing yet discovered for converting hay and grain into meat, and as a result it is getting itself eaten to the

tune of millions of pounds a year. So says George S. Templeton, director of Uncle Sam's only rabbit experiment station. He pointed to a doe which in eight months had produced rabbits to a weight of 110 pounds. "No other animal can produce ten times her own weight of meat in a year," said Templeton.

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## PEA INDUSTRY IN OREGON AIDS DIXIE

Not alone for the Oregon farmers, but the southern cotton farmers, the growth of the Austrian winter pea acreage in Oregon has been most opportune, says E. R. Jackson, crops specialist at J. S. C. Austrian winter peas are used as a cotton rotation crop in the south, where growers get a large share of their seed from Oregon. The AAA program has increased the demand for seed to the profit of Oregon seed producers. In 1938, 24,622,905 pounds of seed were produced from 31,519 acres. More satisfactory dusting measures have been developed to control the pea weevil which threatened to destroy the industry in 1933. Since this date, the Austrian pea seed industry has grown rapidly.

## DIET LISTS BREAD, CRACKERS, CEREALS

HOUSTON, Texas.—(AP)—Francis V. Davis, 34, of Dallas has never eaten meat, vegetables or fruits. "I don't like their odor," he explained. The former Carrollton, Ill., man said his diet, since he cut his milk teeth, has consisted of bread, crackers and cereals. "I have never used a knife and fork," he added. Apparently in perfect health, Davis weighs 135 pounds and is 5 feet and 9 inches tall.



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