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NORTHWEST CROP CONDITIONS SHOWN

Rain, Cool Temperatures Improve Outlook for Grains, Fruit.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—Favorable June weather resulted in widespread northwest crop improvements, the July federal agricultural statistics show.

Stimulating rains and cool temperatures revived east-of-the-Cascades grain and hay crops after the severe spring drought. Prospects were good in most areas along the western slope.

Individual reports included: Wheat—In Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana the wheat crop was estimated at 25 per cent less than the 1938 production because of a cut in acreage and a slight reduction in yield. Although winter wheat yield will be above average, it will be less than a year ago. Spring wheat acreage is 21 per cent less than last year.

Oats—Production in Oregon, Washington and Idaho will run about 37 per cent more than 1938. Compared with the 1928-37 average, the yield will be up 17 per cent. Acreage increase in Oregon and Washington was responsible for the advance.

Barley—Marked improvement in the last 30 days brought the northwest estimate to 12,747,000 bushels or 26 per cent greater than the 1938 harvest. The grain, rapidly taking its place as a major crop, climbed 47 per cent higher than the national average.

Rye—With Oregon and Washington acreage 2 per cent down from 1938, the predicted 515,000 bushel yield for Oregon was 17 per cent smaller. Washington's 143,000 bushel forecast was less than average but 47 per cent more than last season.

Corn, Potatoes Upped

Corn—The northwest's 6 per cent jump in the crop outlook brought the total to 4,005,000 bushels, 7 per cent less than the 19-year average.

Potatoes—The regional output was expected to run 12 per cent above average but 12 per cent less than 1938. Idaho faced a decrease of 1,115,000 bushels but Oregon and Washington an unaltered increase.

Hay—Spring drought cut the northwest outlook to 5,256,000 tons, 6 per cent less than 1938 and 3 per cent less than average. Alfalfa acreage was up in both irrigated and non-irrigated districts.

Hops—The three Pacific coast states indicated 29,543,000 pounds or 20,563,000 for Oregon, 9,510,000 for Washington and 9,669,000 for California. Favorable weather aided the Oregon producers.

Pastures—June rains brought about the third sharpest recovery in 25 years and new grass appeared on many previously dry range lands.

Fruit Little Changed

Commercial apples—Growing conditions were favorable last month in all northwest regions. Delicious and Winesap set was light but the fruit sized well. It is an off-year in Oregon for Newtowns. The Oregon yield was set at 72 per cent compared with 71 per cent last year and 72 per cent for the 10-year average.

Pears—Oregon, Washington and California were expected to produce 66 per cent the national output. The coast's harvests were set at 11,069,000 bushels, 10 per cent less than 1938. Fall and winter varieties will run about 6,254,000 bushels, a drop of 9 per cent. Bartlett prospects improved in Oregon and Washington last month.

Prunes—Idaho, eastern Washington and eastern Oregon (fresh tonnage was set at 14,100, about the same as last year. Good crops for canning were predicted for western Washington and Oregon. The areas probable production is 197,000 tons fresh compared with 89,700 in 1938 and the ten-year average of 124,000. The California forecast showed a drop from 221,000 to 187,000.

Cherries—The Oregon sweet cherry crop west of the mountains was virtually all harvested July 1. The total crop for the 12 commercial states was 184,130, a 21 per cent increase.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

with Major Hoopie



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have already begun work on this project.

At the Kiwanis luncheon tomorrow noon, the demonstration team of Benton county, which won the state demonstration contest on poultry consumption, will repeat the demonstration which won the high honor for the two girls.

The demonstration will be given before members of the Kiwanis club and their wives who have been invited to enjoy this special program.

The county club agent states that several 4-H club summer school pictures are still on hand in his office which have been ordered and in most cases paid for and awaiting claimants.

By Maxine Wright, Days Creek E. A. Britton, county club agent, and Homer Gray of Roseburg visited the china peasant members in the Days Creek community Wednesday.

The Rose and Flower Gardening club of the Days Creek community held a meeting at the Ray Wright home this week. Marjorie Wright reported on an annual. Josephine Wright on hionials, and Maxine Wright on perennials. These types of flowers were discussed.

Also there was much discussion on pruning and starting rose cuttings.

Our local leader, Mrs. Fritz Snyder, demonstrated to us how to cut a shoot for starting.

Plans were made for another meeting on August 2nd at the local leader's home. Refreshments were served after the business meeting.

The Jolly Preservers (canning club) met at the Ray Wright home Wednesday. For roll call everyone told how they had canned their fruit or vegetables or made their jam or jelly.

We had some jars of fruit, which told why we thought them the best.

Miss Josephine Wright, our local leader, discussed demonstrations with us. For the next meeting Marjorie Wright and Violet Gahn will give a demonstration. Alice Mae Welch and Lois Ellen Matthews will also give one, and Josephine and Maxine Wright will work together.

Refreshments were served and games played.

The next meeting will be held at the Ivan Welch home Wednesday. After the meeting a swimming party will be held if the weather permits.

By Bob Matthews, Roseburg The "Hopeful Rose and Flower"

MATANUSKA'S TOP FARMER REVEALED

PALMER, Alaska, July 17.—(AP)—In a field of outstanding agricultural competition, Bob Klem, formerly of Eureka, Calif., stood out today as the Matanuska valley's premier 1939 commercial grower.

Klem, who planted 11 acres in the northern federally-sponsored colony, is marketing cauliflower and will follow in 10 days with cabbage and lettuce. The hard-working truck farmer is president of the vegetable growers association. He is expanding his acreage after spending the first three years clearing raw land and constructing buildings.

OBLIGATION GIVEN BY MELROSE GRANGE

MELROSE, July 17.—At the last Melrose grange meeting the obligation was given to John Trozelle, Raymond Keiffer, Margaret Forslund and Floyd Felt, and the applications for membership of Albert Young, Charlotte Jones, Helen Johnson and Wayne Nelson were set for vote at the next meeting.

Roy Wickstrom was elected steward to succeed Mrs. Amy Matthews, resigned.

The grange master, Mrs. Crystal Conn, resigned. Her successor will be elected at the next meeting.

An automaton in a Northampton, Mass., barber shop delivers a can of worm-bait on insertion of a coin. Fishermen use the service so much that 10 children are paid to dig the worms.

From the top of Brocken, highest peak of the Harz mountains, in Germany, one can see his shadow against the eastern sky at sunset. The phenomenon is known as the Brocken specter, or "specter of the Brocken."

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING TOUR SCHEDULED

Douglas County 4-H'ers to View Herds and Flocks in Willamette Area.

Stanley Lapham, of Lapham Motors, sponsor of the 4-H livestock judging tours, announces the schedule for the Willamette valley tour as July 31, August 1 and 2. The farms to be visited are those with outstanding herds and flocks. Considerable emphasis will be placed on feeding and management practices, as well as the livestock judging.

Arrangements have been made so that the boys will have a chance to study the general farming operations and crop production, both in relation to livestock feeding and seed production.

The boys will leave Roseburg sometime Sunday, July 30, the time to be set by County Club Agent E. A. Britton, and will meet at the entrance of Linfield college in McMinnville at 9:30 Monday morning, July 31. Before noon they will be taken to the Crescent farm, owned by Dr. S. V. Drago, and return in time for luncheon on Linfield college campus. They will spend the afternoon on the Dave Waddell farm near Amity and camp over night on the L. S. Lorenzen farm at Dayton.

On the second day they will spend the forenoon at the Herbert Willard farm at Dayton and go to Forest Grove for luncheon. The afternoon will be spent on the A. J. Evers farm at Hillsboro. The boys will camp that night at Balm grove, Gates creek.

The program for Wednesday calls for a visit to the Haaz Brook farm and the R. Hornescker and Son farm, both at Hillsboro. They will eat luncheon at Shute park, Hillsboro, and after an inspection trip through the B. E. Maling plant at Hillsboro will be ready to return home.

In all probability an extra day will be taken by the Douglas county group just for the purpose of having a lot of fun at some good recreational site.

FACTS ON FEEDING LAYING HENS GIVEN

Feed represents the largest item of cost in the business of producing eggs, and, as a relatively small profit per dozen is made even by efficient operators, the proper selection of feed for laying hens is of utmost importance if egg production is to be kept a paying business.

These facts are pointed out by H. E. Crosby, head of the poultry husbandry department at Oregon State college in the introduction to a new extension bulletin just issued, entitled "Feeding Laying Hens."

The importance of feed in relation to egg quality is also pointed out in the bulletin, which shows that careless uses of certain feeds and other faulty management prac-

tices have objectionable effects on interior egg quality.

"Oregon for more than two decades has been producing a surplus of eggs that must compete on a specified quality basis at distant terminal markets with eggs from all sections of the country," Crosby points out. "The price per dozen is determined by the quality of eggs at the eastern markets to which Oregon eggs are shipped."

This bulletin, No. 525, discusses feed nutrients, and formulas for different purposes, analysis and vitamin content of various feeds, and different feeding methods for differing circumstances. There are also sections on housing range pullets, feeding breeding hens for reproduction, and handling hens in individual cages.

ALFALFA LEADING WEST OF CASCADES

In spite of some difficulty normally experienced in western Oregon in securing a stand of alfalfa, the acreage is forging ahead. From figures compiled by the Oregon State college extension service, grimm alfalfa is becoming most popular with Willamette valley farmers as a forage crop.

Grimm alfalfa normally produces a ton more hay to the acre than the average of other hay crops in the Willamette valley, according to the figures. In 15 western Oregon counties, 57,085 acres of grimm alfalfa were grown in 1938 as compared to only 3,310 in 1926. Lane county leads with a production of 11,000 acres of alfalfa.

STATE FIRE CHIEF HITS AT RIVALRY

SALEM, July 17.—(AP)—A circus is coming to town and Leo Spitzbart, manager of the Oregon State fair, doesn't like it.

The trouble, Spitzbart protested today, is that the circus is scheduled to show in Salem just four days before his fair opens on Labor day.

Spitzbart and J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture, say they will ask the city council to pass an ordinance forbidding the showing of any carnival or other county attraction to the fair within 30 days of its opening date.

GRANGE VOTES ONE MEETING A MONTH

CANAS VALLEY, July 17.—Canas Valley subordinate grange voted Tuesday night to hold only one meeting each month during July and August. The monthly meeting will be held on the second Tuesday evening.

Other business matters and reports were attended to.

MELON EATING CHAMPION REVEALS WIN SYSTEM

BOSTON, July 17.—(AP)—In case you ever need the information, here is a tip on how to win a watermelon-eating contest, from 236-pound, 15-year-old Tommy Kehoe, who won one here.

"Aw, it's easy. You just swallow the seeds all."

POMONA'S PICNIC DRAWS BIG CROWD

Sports, Music, Drill, Talk by Grange Master at Kellogg Enjoyed.

The annual Douglas county Pomona grange picnic attracted a large crowd of members and friends at the Kellogg grange hall and grove Sunday. The entertainment included contests, games, music, potluck dinner and an address by Ray W. Gill, master of Oregon State grange.

The competitive drill contest was a feature of the morning program, with scores as follows: Melrose 22 2/3, Sunnyside 25 1/3, Kellogg 83, Elk Creek Juvenile 79.

Winners in the races and contests were: Boys—6 to 9 years—Roderick Bowman, Reedsport; Donald Bowman, Kellogg; 9 to 12 years—Robert Bowman, Reedsport; Don Bowman, Kellogg; 12 to 16 years—Wayne Phillips, Reedsport; Glen Hucksins, Sunnyside.

Girls—6 to 9 years—Sherry Colby, Elkton; Freda Jobe, Elk Creek; 9 to 12 years—Elsie May Mack, Elkton; Lorine Perry, Canas Valley; 12 to 16 years—Perlie Jobe, Elk Creek; Dorothy Sehlin, Elk Creek; Edith Jobe, Elk Creek.

Table setting contest—Dorothy Sehlin, Elk Creek; Merrill Sehlin, Elk Creek.

Dressing race for men—Cecil Hague, Oakland.

A combined orchestra, made up of musicians from Kellogg, Canas Valley, South Deer creek, Riversdale and Sunnyside granges, furnished music under the direction of W. E. Ott.

Group singing was led by Jerry

Saylor, of Portland. A skit was presented by Melrose grange; a tap dance was given by Lita Huebner of Sunnyside grange, vocal selections were presented by Mr. Sackett of Riddle grange and instrumental music was furnished by Canas Valley grange. The numbers were given at the afternoon program, where the address by State Master Gill was the principal feature.

DELAY AIDS EASTERN OREGON'S PRUNES

SALEM, July 17.—(AP)—Between 800 and 1,000 carloads of eastern Oregon prunes will not be subject to increased freight rates because of an interstate commerce commission decision to postpone until next year the higher railroad rates on prunes. Public Utilities Commissioner Bean said today.

The railroads posted on May 22 the new tariffs on prunes from the Milton-Freewater section. The tariffs, if they had been allowed, would have increased the cost of marketing prunes east of Chicago by 55 a ton.

Bean said the rates were suspended pending investigation because the prune growers complained that the proposed rates were illegal.



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News of 4-H CLUBS

The 4-H Forestry club of Scotts Valley, led by Jacob Wilson, held their last meeting in conjunction with the first division Saturday in Victory hall. At noon a potluck luncheon was served by Mrs. Fay Weber.

The club will continue in forestry but advance to division II. Members

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