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OPPORTUNITIES IN GRASS SEED CITED

Production of perennial grass seed offers an opportunity to many farmers in Douglas county, states J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent, as there is a large quantity of grass seed purchased every year for the seeding of pastures and practically all of this seed has to be purchased from other areas. Cheatings fescue, tall fescue and some of the other improved grasses offer an opportunity on many soil types.

Cheatings fescue would do well on practically all soil types other than wet land. Tall fescue is one of the best pasture grasses for heavy or damp soils and will do better than many of the grasses could be sown to advantage in Douglas county but there is a possibility of seed production of this grass being overdone.

Superior canary grass, meadow foxtail, and creeping fescue are some of the other grasses which have shown promise of replacing some of the common grasses now used for pastures when the seed supply becomes more abundant. At the present time, the price of seed of these grasses is too high except for small plots or experimental plantings.

Farmers who are interested in producing grass seed should get in touch with the county agent and learn the possibilities of producing grass seed for the local demand and outside markets.

HOP GROWERS BOOST PAY TO SAVE CROP

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Sept. 2.—(AP)—In what was described as a desperate endeavor to secure sufficient pickers to harvest the Rogue river valley hop crop centering at Grants Pass, a majority of growers announced today an increase in picking wages. The price remains one cent a pound, but the bonus for pickers who complete the season advances from one-quarter to three-quarters cents a pound.

Ted Cranmer, chamber of commerce president, said a request would be presented that school for 1,800 local students be postponed one week from scheduled opening date September 11. He said Rogue river and Jacksonville school officials had agreed also to excuse hop-picking students.

J. E. Cooper, of the Salem office of the U. S. employment service, advised against attempting to secure work from persons who have been on relief.

LAW EASING TO AID NUT INDUSTRY ASKED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—A partial exemption from the wage hour law for the English walnut industry in California, Oregon and Washington, was proposed by Elmer F. Andrews, wage-hour administrator.

Andrews said a formal order for the partial exemptions would be issued within 15 days, based on a preliminary study of a request for the exemption which showed that handling of walnuts was a seasonal operation which could be carried on only in the September-December period.

Under the partial exemption, employees in the walnut industry would be permitted to work as much as 56 hours a week for a period of 14 weeks without being paid time and a half for overtime. The wage-hour act provides for overtime compensation for work exceeding 44 hours a week.

The partial exemption, Andrews said, would become final unless objections were filed within 15 days. He said the exemption was asked by the California Walnut Growers' association and the North Pacific Nut Growers' cooperative.

ADVICE GIVEN ON WALNUT HANDLING

The sooner walnuts are dried after being harvested the better quality the nuts will be and the less likelihood of molding. It is also important to clean off all adhering particles as they will stain the shell permanently if left on and thus spoil the appearance.

These and many other pointers on washing, drying and handling Oregon walnuts are contained in a circular of information No. 261 issued by the U. S. C. experiment station and written by R. H. Wagon and L. O. Van Blarcom of the food industries department.

Best drying temperatures are given as from 50 to 100 degrees F. with drying time ranging from 18 to 24 hours for forced draft driers, to 50 hours for natural draft kilns. Where blanching is desired sodium hypochlorite is usually used.

FLAPPER FANNY

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By Sylvia



"You hooked his fraternity pin for \$5! Why, that's terrible. I always get at least \$10 on mine."

ALLOTMENTS OF WHEAT BEING MADE

Wheat growers of Douglas county this week are receiving (or, will receive) notices of individual wheat acreage allotments under the 1940 AAA program, according to Leo Sparks, chairman of the Douglas county agricultural conservation committee.

Announcements of the allotments, mailed directly from the county office in Roseburg, marks the "official opening" of the 1940 conservation program in this county, he said.

Mr. Sparks pointed out that farmers who received notification of wheat allotments now have a 15-day period in which to make written appeals to the county committee, asking adjustment, if they are dissatisfied. The appeals must state reasons for wishing the adjustment.

Dates for the appeal in Douglas county are September 1 to September 15, inclusive.

During this same 15-day period, farmers who grew no wheat for harvest during 1937, 1938 or 1939, but intended to grow some for harvest in 1940, may make written application for wheat allotments. A limited reserve from the county's total wheat allotment has been set aside for establishing allotments on "new" wheat farms.

BUILDING SPUR ON FARMS LAUNCHED

SEATTLE, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The West Coast Lumbermen's association has announced a trade promotion drive to stimulate increased building on farms.

"Agricultural engineers agree on the estimate of \$500,000 as the annual expenditure for new farm buildings in the United States," the association report stated. "Many more millions are spent on farm building repairs. The share of lumber in this business is larger than in any other construction field. Farm buildings provide an outlet for west coast lumber that is needed badly to balance its market, which has been mainly confined to home-building demand for the higher grades and finished items."

The association called upon lumber industry employees to join the drive through personal contacts and mailed literature.

PRUNE OUTPUT OF STATE ESTIMATED

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 4.—The U. S. department of agriculture estimated that 1939 fresh prune production west of the Cascades in Oregon will amount to 120,200 tons, the largest yield since the bumper crop of 1929.

Last year only 78,700 tons were produced in this area and the ten year average is 102,722 tons. All forecasts are made on the green basis though most of the fruit is dried for marketing.

East of the Cascades, where prunes are principally for fresh markets, the crop is forecast at 12,200 tons compared with 10,600 tons a year ago and an average of 12,200 tons. The department said that spring frost damage in the important Milton-Freewater district caused most of the decline.

Production of fillets in Oregon is expected to be 58 per cent greater than last year, the U. S. department of agriculture's figures show. The estimated 1939 crop is 2,910 tons.

ZOO KILLS SNAKES, INSECTS FOR SAFETY

LONDON, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Keepers of the London zoo today destroyed with gas scores of poisonous snakes, spiders and scorpions as a war precaution to eliminate the danger of their escape during air raids.

A keeper said it was the first time in history the zoo had no poisonous animals. Some of the favorites—a baby elephant and chimpanzees—and rarer animals were removed to an outlying zoo.

GLIDE

GLIDE, Sept. 2.—Miss Betty Cooper returned Saturday to Gaston where she spent the summer. She plans to attend high school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hole and family are visiting at the C. F. Moore home at Glide.

Mrs. Clementine Reinert returned last week to Glide. She has spent the summer in eastern states.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thorp returned to Glide Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Horner and daughter, Helen, are spending several days in Glide on business.

Irene Morgan from Roseburg is spending several days visiting at the Joseph Sutter home near Glide.

Jay J. Garfield has gone to Arizona on business.

The Glide community fair which was held Tuesday, August 29, was a success. A large number of visitors attended.

BOTULISM DANGER IN CANNING CITED

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 5.—(AP)—The Oregon state department of health in its weekly bulletin warned home canners and consumers of home canned foods of the danger of botulism from imperfectly canned fruits and vegetables.

The occurrence of the disease, in view of the enormous quantity of canned foods consumed, is slight, but the fatality rate is in excess of 66 per cent the bulletin stated.

Most of the recorded cases have been traced to home canning where sanitary precautions have not been taken. The outbreaks in this country, records indicate, have been due to canned peaches, apricots, ripe olives, string beans, corn, beets, spinach and a few to home canned meats.

Rules Offered

Two rules advanced by the bulletin to lessen the danger of the disease are:

"Suspect and destroy all cans of home preserved foods whose ends are bulged or which when opened are noted to contain gas bubbles, a rancid odor or a musty and slushy appearance among the solid particles."

"Thoroughly heat to a boiling temperature before using all home canned vegetables. Only boiling for a sufficient length of time after removal from the glass jars or cans before being served, or preservation in at least a 10 per cent brine solution will make home canned foods reasonably safe."

News of 4-H CLUBS

4-H club members have shown 291 exhibits at the four Community fairs already held. This, added to the 561 shown at the Spring fairs, brings the total of 4-H club exhibits so far to 752.

It is thought that the total will reach over 800 this year as there will be quite a number of exhibits at the North Douglas fair, which will be held at Dradin on September 15 and 16.

County Club Agent E. A. Britton has received a letter from Mr. E. F. Strong, president of the Northwestern Turkey Breeders association, advising that \$100 will be awarded as premiums to 4-H club turkey growers. As there are one or two future Farmers raising turkeys as projects, they will also be included in the Junior Division of the Northwestern Turkey show.

Rules and regulations, as well as requirements, will be published for the exhibitors very soon, as will the rules governing the judging contests, which will be held again this year.

Two merchants of Myrtle Creek provided special awards for 4-H club exhibitors at the Canyonville fair last week, but word did not reach County Club Agent E. A. Britton in time to make the awards during the fair.

Mr. Britton states that as soon as he returns from the State fair

he will check through the records and determine the winners of the awards, which are provided by Kusler's Cash Store and Reynolds & Adams of Myrtle Creek.

The 4-H poultry judging team, composed of Ray Doerner, Dick Young and Cecil Pierce of Cleveland, left early Monday morning for Salem where they judged poultry at 3:30 in the afternoon. There will be several classes of poultry as well as of eggs for the boys to judge and score.

Two members of this team, Ray Doerner and Dick Young, will give a poultry demonstration on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The subject of the demonstration is "Caponizing."

A 4-H club livestock judging team left for Salem Sunday morning and are judging classes of dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, and hogs today. They are in competition with other judging teams from every county of the state.

The team is made up of Claire Meredith, Ovid Rogers, and Kenneth Andrus of Lookingglass. George Marsh is alternate, and is along with the team.

County Club Agent E. A. Britton left Saturday for the State fair which began Monday and took 4-H club exhibits with him as follows:

Margaret Blakely, Glide, Cookery II.

Betty Lou Weseman, Glendale, Cookery IV, Clothing III-A, Canning IV.

Georgene Johnson, Green, Specialty Bread Baking contest.

Allice Welch, Days Creek, Clothing I.

Violet Goin, Days Creek, Clothing III-A.

Veda Betts, Glenary, Clothing I-II.

Patricia Turner, Sutherlin, Clothing IV-A.

Doris Lander, Roseburg, Cookery III, Canning II, Clothing III-A, Specialty Bread Baking contest.

Shirley Shrum, Roseburg, Clothing III-A, Canning I.

Josephine Wright, Days Creek, Clothing III-A and IV.

Marjorie Wright, Days Creek, Clothing I-II, Canning III.

Maxine Wright, Days Creek, Clothing I-II, Cookery I-II, Canning II.

Jean Ritchie, Garden Valley, Clothing IV-B, Dress Review.

Ruth Seibert, Ridge, Clothing II.

Lola Brant, Yoncalla, Clothing III.

Labrie Ritchie, Garden Valley, I Pat Hogs and Dressed Hog Casing contest.

Mr. Britton will again have charge of the 4-H club dormitory, which is provided by the state board of agriculture for the convenience of 4-H club members who are exhibiting livestock and taking part in the various contests held annually during the State fair.

4-H club delegates receive tickets for the State fair, two nights lodging in the dormitory, and six meals as guests of the state board of agriculture.

Convalescing—Mrs. L. D. Kelly, who has been quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Perry Wiggins, 114 W. Lane street, is now reported to be convalescing at her home at 437 Pitzer street, where she is being taken care of by Mrs. Wiggins. Another daughter, Mrs. William Weeds, who has been spending the past two weeks here, has left for her home in Baker, Ore.

Around the County

SUTHERLIN

SUTHERLIN, Sept. 5.—Miss Elizabeth Aebischer, former high school teacher in Sutherlin, was here for a few hours Wednesday attending to personal matters. She will teach in a union high school near Astoria this year.

Mrs. Minnie Broyles, who has been spending the last month here with friends left for her home in Portland Thursday.

Mrs. Clara Lucas of Salem is spending some time visiting at the William Lucas home.

Dr. and Mrs. Melville L. Anderson, of Minneapolis, Minn., who are en route to the San Francisco fair, visited in Sutherlin a short time last Thursday and spent an hour visiting with Will J. Hayner at the Sun office. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Frantz, of St. Paul, Minn., former well known residents of Sutherlin. Mr. Frantz was a bookkeeper for the J. F. Lane Co., and served a year or more as city recorder.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker and son, Billy, are driving to Corvallis and Salem Saturday. They will visit with relatives in Salem and Mrs. Scille Parker, who has been visiting in Salem, will return home with them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cagney of Portland spent the past week visiting at the Edgar Keith home. Mrs. Cagney is a daughter of Mr. Keith.

Mrs. Edna Stacey spent the weekend at Roseburg visiting with Mrs. Agnes Carlisle.

Charles Hosman, brother of Mrs. Dave Cooper arrived Wednesday for a visit.

The Sutherlin school board and several local people attended a meeting of the Non-Union High School board in Roseburg Thursday.

Miss Elvira Wofford will leave Sunday for Oakland, California, to visit an aunt and attend the Golden Gate fair until the opening of Sacramento Junior college on September 13, where she will be enrolled. Marvin Fisher, formerly a principal of the Sutherlin school, is an instructor at the college.

Gene and Jackie Culver visited for several days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson, at Emporia the past week.

Harry Cramer of Pomona, California, formerly with Ringling Brothers circus, gave an exhibition of trick bicycle riding on the Sutherlin streets Wednesday.

T. E. Jones left Saturday morning for Elko, Nevada, where he will visit with his son, Roy Jones.

AZALEA

AZALEA, Sept. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thorne were in Roseburg Monday transacting business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cady from Portland were called to Roseburg Wednesday by the serious illness of Mrs. Cady's mother, Mrs. Pearl Harvey. They also came on down here to visit Mrs. Cady's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gibson and baby from San Gabriel, Calif., arrived here the first of the week and will spend several days visiting Mrs. Gibson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson.

Mrs. John Feldmiller, Mrs. William Jantzer and sons, Billie and Jackie, went to Myrtle Creek Thursday and Friday, where they were having dental work done.

The Azalea YGA met Wednesday night in regular session. The regular business meeting was held and plans were made for a pep meeting to be held Sept. 15th. Twenty members were present. At the close of the meeting the boys treated the girls to a watermelon feed.

Frank Rogan was in Myrtle Creek Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill made a trip to Lookingglass Thursday.

Arthur Gadsdeck and Burton Smith were in Grants Pass Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bryant from Yreka, Calif., are spending several days here this week visiting friends and attending to mining interests.

I. H. Smith of Glendale attended to business here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Worley from upper Cow creek attended to business here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Adams arrived here Tuesday evening from Redmond to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tripp. They will return to their home the last of the week and will be accompanied by their two children, Billie and Ila, who have spent the summer here, also Mrs. Adams' sister, Miss Doris Tripp, will return with them for a couple weeks' visit.

OLALLA

OLALLA, Sept. 2.—Billie Baines called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Orr Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Byron and small daughter, Sally Moffett, from Grand Coulee, Washington, Miss Norma Byron and John Byron called at Ireland Bros. home Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Friend and two children, Ima and Gale, from Medford, spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ollivant. They returned Mrs. Clifton Friend, who were also weekend guests of the Ollivants.

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