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Junior Livestock Club Tour Dated

The Umpqua Junior Livestock club, which consists of several smaller clubs, is completing plans for a two-day trip to the coast Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13.

This group includes clubs from Garden valley, Cleveland, Melrose and Sylton valley. About thirty plan to make the trip. The boys will camp out and, of course, do their own cooking.

According to E. A. Britton, county club agent, considerable interest is manifested on the part of the older 4-H livestock members in the Willamette valley livestock judging tour. This tour is dated for July 26 and 27 and August 1. In all probability the boys will leave on Monday, July 29.

Mr. E. J. Allen, assistant state club leader, has arranged with leading livestockmen, and, of course, successful farmers who have several classes of livestock to be judged on each farm. The boys will judge beef animals, dairy stock, sheep and hogs. Each farmer will explain his farm practices to the club members.

The Josephine and Jackson livestock judging tour has been called off, but those club members who have expressed an interest in that trip will take the trip through the territory anyway. They have been invited to see some beef animals in Jackson county and to camp over night in the Boy Scout camp there. They will go from there over the Siskiyou and then to Klamath Falls. From there, they will go to Crater lake where they will camp over night, and then on down to Diamond lake and return to Roseburg over the new Diamond lake highway. These livestock judging tours are all sponsored by Mr. Fred Lockwood of Lockwood Motors, and are known as the Lockwood Judging tours.

"Take-All" Disease of Wheat Bad This Season

The fungus disease of wheat known as "take-all" is much more prevalent than usual in western Oregon this year and is causing serious damage in some localities, according to reports received by D. B. Hill of the farm crops department at Oregon State college. This disease is one of the foot rots which kills the stalk of wheat near the ground. On one field of 125 acres in Yamhill

THE SPIRIT OF



by JOHN CLINTON

Always Independence Day has meant fire-crackers, picnics, red ants and sky-rockets to me. Always, that is, till this year. And suddenly, none of these things matters. I'm thinking of the thing we celebrate on July 4th.

Independence—the right to say what we think, to do what we want, to own what we earn, and to pursue happiness as we desire—providing, of course, that pursuit of same doesn't interfere with our neighbors.

So I invite any of you who feel as I do, to spend an hour reading the Declaration of Independence. Really read it. See for yourself what you have in this day, when all about you millions upon millions of people have lost everything. Then get that chin up, and be proud of your heritage.

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The Shadow Before...



By Elderman in The Washington Post.

Baby Born to Woman in Colorado 'Pen'



(NEA Telephone) Mrs. Opal McKinley and her 14-year-old daughter, in a Calum City, Colo., hospital. Mrs. McKinley, under sentence from Wyoming for forgery charges, was sent to Canon City Penitentiary because Wyoming has no women's prison. Mrs. McKinley will be pardoned.

county all but approximately 10 acres has been completely destroyed.

Two mild winters in succession are believed to have contributed considerably to the seriousness of this disease this year, says Dr. Hill. While no actual experiments have been carried out, observations indicate that the disease is much more serious where wheat follows a legume or other "soil crop" while less has been found where wheat follows corn.

Crop Yield to be About 1939 Level

Favorable growing conditions during April, May and into June have boosted prospective gross crop production in the United States close to the 1939 level, despite slightly smaller acreage, according to the monthly review of the agricultural situation and outlook just released by the Oregon agricultural extension service. Feed crop and pasture conditions appear very favorable, indicating an abundance of feed for livestock, except in local areas.

Wheat prospects have improved materially with production now expected to be near the ten-year average in the United States, although world wheat prospects are less favorable than in 1939, especially in Europe. Prospects for feed grains and hay crops are above average, and pastures are generally good throughout the country.

On the whole, conditions early in the season indicate that the supply of fruit, other than citrus, will be near average in 1940-41, but smaller than the relatively large supply of 1939. The new citrus fruit crop promises to be large and above last year.

Fewer Cherries and Pears
The sweet cherry crop is expected to fall considerably below 1939 and Bartlett pears somewhat less than last year. Both crops are not as good in California as a year ago. The apricot crop is very small in California, but a slight increase in dried pears is expected in that state. Early season prospects for late pears and apples are fairly favorable generally and the sour cherry crop is larger than last year owing principally to increases in Michigan and in Wisconsin. Nut crop prospects are not as favorable as last year, according to information in the report.

With respect to the general level of farm prices the data show an increase of nearly 10 per cent compared with the general level of prices a year ago. The purchasing power of farm products is also higher than a year ago, as the disparity between prices received and paid by farmers is not as great. Most of the improvement in the farm price situation is in grains, dairy products and cotton.

SWEET HOME, June 28.—(AP)—This little town east of the modestly associated with its name today and prepared to hate the alien fastest growing city in the west. The 1930 census tallied 1661 compared with 189 in 1850, an increase of about 277 per cent. The chamber of commerce gave three reasons for the population boost: tapping of timber reserves in the Calapoosia-Santiam valleys, completion of the Santiam highway and the construction of new industries.

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Turkey Stampedes Checked by Lights

One of the problems of the commercial turkey producer is to stop the nightly stampedes. And not always is it an easy problem to solve. Flocks vary in their tendency to stampede. Some birds will scarcely ever leave the roosts or the bed grounds; others make stampedes a nightly occurrence.

The causes for stampedes are many; perhaps a stray cat, a weasel, a dog, a curlew. Turkeys are about as flighty as a herd of cattle; like the cattle, the more they stampede, the less it takes to send them flying through the night.

Lights seem to be about the only thing that will hold stampedes in check. Where a roosting corral is available and lights are handy, it is a quite simple matter to hold down stampedes by keeping a couple of lights burning at night, right from the time the birds are first put on range. A grower following this practice claims he has not had a single stampede for 150 years.

Not everywhere are electric lights available and in their place, ordinary road lights, these small round pots that construction men burn at night to warn motorists of danger, make a satisfactory substitute. About four of these road lamps, put on opposite sides of the flock after they have bedded down, work satisfactory. Lanterns are also quite widely used and are satisfactory. These night lights serve the double purpose of warning off vermin and stopping these night stampedes. The cost is negligible in comparison to the savings in bruised and injured turkeys.

FSA Helps Debt Loaded Farmers

"The farm security administration through its farm debt adjustment service is assisting debt burdened farmers in Douglas county to continue with farming operations where otherwise they would have been unable to operate," advises Paul H. Helweg, farm security supervisor for Douglas county.

"Farmers are being assisted through a committee of farmers and civic leaders in the county in getting obligations refinanced, which in some cases meant prevention of foreclosure of property and in other cases reduction of annual payments. They are also instrumental in some cases in getting contracts rewritten and obligations extended. This service is not restricted to farm security administration borrowers, and creditors as well as farm debtors are eligible to apply," continued Mr. Helweg.

Anyone desiring information regarding this service should contact or write the Farm Security Administration, courthouse, Roseburg, Oregon.

Wheat Allotment For Douglas Given

Douglas county's 1941 wheat allotment, representing the county's share of the national wheat allotment under the AAA farm program, is 2582 acres, according to announcement by R. P. Nichols, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee.

This compares with a county wheat allotment for 1940 of 2985 acres.

Oregon's wheat allotment for 1941 is 845,116 acres, compared with 831,158 acres in 1940.

The national wheat allotment for 1941 is 62 million acres, the same as in 1940.

The county allotment, Nichols said, is now being broken down into individual farm allotments, which will be mailed to wheat farmers about August 1, 1940.

The county allotment is based on planted wheat acreage in the county during the 1939-29 period, with an allowance for acreage diverted from wheat under previous AAA programs, and adjustments for trends in plantings and abnormal weather conditions.

It is expected that the reserve carried over from the 1940 crop and yield of the 1941 allotment will assure the nation enough wheat for all domestic needs, as well as foreign demands during the 1941-42 marketing years.

Wheat growers who cooperate in the AAA program by planting

'They'd Imperil Dams Reputation,' Ickes



Okay for Del Monte or any other California resort but "to degrading" for Boulder Dam, was the verdict Secy. of the Interior Harold Ickes when asked for permission to photograph San Francisco's most beautiful models with a dam background. Here are two of the girls, Janie Rossitter, left, and Dorine McKay.

A SUNNY HOLIDAY on the German Coast



Attracted by the howling of the family jip in the garage, he and left some tackle, Jenkins found a baby opossum hooked through the jaw.

Horse Vaccine Should Be Kept in Refrigeration

Warning that encephalomyelitis vaccine deteriorates rather quickly and that horse owners should be careful to watch the date on this product is given by the state department of agricultural division of animal industry.

The department has checked on vaccine being offered for sale in this state, and feels that any of the product dates this year will be reliable.

Last year only three million of the five million doses that were manufactured by biological supply houses were sold, which left a two million dose carryover.

The vaccine should be kept in refrigeration and should be kept cool in the field.

ODDITIES

Hot Foot
GRAND ISLAND, Neb.—Friends of George Nienath are used to his shoeless appearance. He goes barefooted summer and winter.

But they still wince when he drops a cigaret and stomps on the hot ashes.

Hooked
DALLAS—Charley Jenkins, who likes fish and fish stories—hooked his strangest catch in his own gut.

News of 4-H CLUBS

By JOSEPHINE WRIGHT
The Woodcrafters Forestry club of Days Creek enjoyed a trip to their experimental plot this past week. Sunday evening they left the Ray Wright home and began searching for evidences of the old trail. After much scouting and investigation they found places which pointed out a trail to their camping spot. An ideal flat on which we were camped turned out to be approximately 20 acres in area with many educational and scenic values on it. The members who made the trip were Roy Boyd, Lester Ferguson, Maurice Slattfords, Harry Wright, Nettie Moore, Josephine Wright and the local leader, C. C. Hill.

Another trip for next Monday and Tuesday was planned. The time will be spent in surveying and cleaning trails.

Plenty of Walnuts, Less Filberts Are Indicated

PORTLAND, July 1.—(AP)—The Oregon Journal says in a crop survey that Oregon walnuts would be nearly as plentiful as the 1939 supply.

Any shortage, the Journal indicated, will be in soft-shelled varieties.

Western portions of Oregon and Washington probably will have light crops of filberts, however. Some groves show better conditions than a year ago although most trees have scant nuts.

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