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Grange Singers to Compete at Fair

The Oregon state grange will sponsor its second annual state fair song contest at the 79th Oregon state fair, which opens in Salem Saturday for a full week. The song contest will be a feature of Grange day, Friday, September 6, with Mrs. G. W. Thiesens of Milwaukie, state lecturer, in charge.

Only members of the subordinate and juvenile granges will be eligible, with winners to be chosen from nine classes: Men soloists, women soloists, duets, trios, quartets, choruses, juvenile soloists, duets and quartets.

Elimination will be conducted through regional contests, closing August 15, and only songs written prior to 1939 may be used. All entrants must appear at the fair contest in costumes appropriate to the period for which the song was written.

The state fair will award first and second cash prizes to the winners totaling \$150 for all the classes. Highest monies, \$22 and \$12, will go to the chorus groups.

The grange song contests were inaugurated last year and were a highly successful feature.

Weed Control Pointers Given

By LAWRENCE JENKINS, Assistant Farm Crops Extension Specialist, O.S.C.

The most outstanding development in weed control in the past few years has been to prove definitely that perennial weeds can be killed by cultivation. Alternate summer fallow and wheat will kill morning glories. Nothing is lost by a year of grain or similar crops between years of summer fallow.

The best time to start cultivating Canada thistle in the spring is when the thistles are 12 to 15 inches high, or from three to four weeks after they emerge in the spring. The repeat cultivations are given 10 days after they come through the ground. Ninety-five per cent kill or better has been obtained after one season of summer fallow with this method.

Preliminary tests in other states, now being tried in Oregon, indicate that successive wintings of perennial weeds, such as white top and Canada thistle, will give better results than using chlorate. Refine-

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by JOHN CLINTON

You know, in writing these columns I feel a certain obligation to my readers—if any—to report on Union rather than just advertise it.

That explains why when the boss said, "Write something about our Step-Wear Lubrication being different from ordinary lubrication," I said: "Different how? Aren't all lubrication jobs the same?"

Well, they took my Hispano-Plymouth and gave it a regular Step-Wear job. When they brought it back, they said: "Now look, Clinton. We want you to observe 3 things:

"You can see the difference, feel the difference, and hear the difference. Get in and drive around the block, then quit being a skeptic!"

Which I did. When I could feel the difference in the way it steered and shifted I did hear the difference in the way it sounded—quiet as a whisper, and as for seeing the difference, that was obvious—car dusted off, tires and running boards dressed, glass gleaming, even the interior cleaned out!

Don't just take my word for it. Drive down to your Union Station and have 'em do a Step-Wear job on your car. Then, drive it. If you don't agree it's got anything better you ever tried before, then may I never write another column in my life.

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ments in the method will have to be made before it will be cheaper than elaborate on morning glory and Russian knapweed.

Cultivation of weed infestations can start any time during the growing season. Eradication will probably be accomplished with one or two less cultivations, however, if the operations are started at the weak stage of the plant. For morning glories this appears to be about 30 days after emergence, but cultivation two to three weeks after emergence is probably safer.

A few of the Oregon county agents are conducting some wintings trials this season. Heretofore, most of the burning attempts have been aimed at completely consuming the plants, rather than to seal them. Best results in other states, however, have been obtained by leaving them so that they will not entirely wilt down for one or two days.

The Scotts Valley Forestry club, led by James E. Wilson, has planned a trip to the coast for August 5 and 6. This group of 15 plans to camp at the forestry camp on the beach opposite Siltcoos lake.

According to Mr. Wilson, the group is going less for forestry study than for recreation. Members will camp in tents and cook on the government-built stoves provided for them.

Those who have answered invitations to exhibit at the state fair include: Josephine Wright, who will exhibit canning and clothing; Bob Haines, who will take part in the dress revue; Fannie Davis, will exhibit in the bread baking contest and compete in the senior home economics contest; Patricia Holmquist will send an exhibit in division one clothing; and Maxine Wright will exhibit both cooking and clothing. LaLoe Ritchie and Wallace Cox are both planning to take livestock exhibits.

For the reason that not enough livestock members were signed up to take part in the Willamette valley livestock judging tour, which was to begin today, the tour was cancelled and those who had signed up were invited to attend the Coos county tour. According to County Club Agent E. A. Bell, there is room for only two more on the Coos county tour, and registrations must be in by Wednesday evening of this week.

There is still room for five on the southern Oregon tour, which will take the boys to Jackson and Josephine counties, into California over the Siskiyou and return by way of Klamath county, Oregon lake, Hammond lake, and the new North Umpqua highway. Registrations for this trip also close on Wednesday evening of this week.

Verna Pundt, secretary of the U.H. Workers club of Roseburg, has been spending most of the summer visiting relatives in Yoncalla and a grandmother in Roseburg.

Enjoy Day at Lake—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Peterson, Miss Evelyn Willis, Maynard Bell and Floyd Lewis, of this city, drove yesterday to Lake Tahkenth, where they were joined for the day by Miss Eleanor Hoesmer, a local teacher who is spending the summer visiting in McMinnville.

Annual Picnic Gay Event for Eagles

One of the most successful picnics ever held by the local Eagles lodge was enjoyed yesterday at Winchester by more than 300 members and their families and friends. The festivities started at 11 a. m. and continued until late at night.

Numerous stunts were enjoyed throughout the day, with prizes awarded to the winners in various contests.

Mrs. Merle Duseau won the band calling contest. The sack race was won by Richard Primrose. The knee race, which resulted in many sore knees, was won by Bill Gould, with Bertha Patterson winning second place. Bertha Duseau won first in the potato race with Jimmie Peterson a close second.

The three-legged race was won by Lawrence Hill and E. Hubday Jr. second place going to Nathan Steig and barrel carting, Ray Tammund won the diaper pinning contest with Bill Gould second.

The 25-yard dash was won by Eddie Whitlatch, with Cleo Ellis second, and Bobbie Primrose, third. The race was for youngsters under seven years of age. The girls' race was won by Bertha Duseau.

The mail driving contest for ladies was won by Kate Tammund, with Bertha Patterson second. In a second contest, Mrs. Jessie Nelson was first and Mrs. D. D. Matthews second. Bertha Duseau won the mail driving contest for youngsters, second and third places going to Donald Hubbard and Bud Matthews.

Bertha Patterson and Betty Boyer won first and second places in the race for fat ladies.

The horseshoe elimination contest for doubles was won by Vern Hixon and Bill Gould. Speed prize in roller skating was won by Charles Himes.

Motion pictures of the picnic were made by Harry Fletcher and will be shown at a lodge meeting at an early date.

"The Blue Beetle" Joins New Thriller on KRNR

"The Blue Beetle" is the latest of the adventure strips current in newspapers and comic magazines to seek new heroes on the kido cycles. The last moving story is heard over KRNR and the Don Lee net twice a week at 5:15, to 6:30 p. m. PST, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The plot concerns the adventures of a rookier policeman, son of a popular old cop killed in line of duty. His son, Dan Garrett, swears vengeance on the underworld. Finding routine police methods too slow, he launches a one-man crusade against criminals and racketeers under the pseudonym of "The Blue Beetle." Fearless and ingenious he takes unorthodox but effective lines to achieve his ends.

The character was created by Charles Nicholas, who authors it for magazine, newspaper and radio. The popularity of this particular character is responsible for building the magazines into a circulation of millions within a year.

Lower Export Of Prunes Predicted

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—(AP)—Prune growers meeting here today to decide whether to form a prune export reserve pool heard a low estimate placed on prospects in foreign markets.

Dr. S. W. Shear, decisions fruit fruit economist of the University of California College of Agriculture, said he did not believe the state could export as much this year as last. He placed the 1939 crop exports at 95,000 tons, out of a production of 185,000 tons.

Dr. Shear estimated the 1940 crop of more than 200,000 tons would leave from 90,000 to 100,000 tons available for export, provided the domestic market took around 115,000 tons, or about the same as last year. The carryover from the old crop he said was around 50,000 to 55,000 tons.

California's crop had been estimated at 202,000 tons. Dr. Shear said indications in preliminary surveys were the Pacific northwest production would add only about 10,000 tons of dried prunes to the total supply, compared with 28,000 tons produced last year.

SUTHERLIN

SUTHERLIN, July 27.—Mrs. Harry Rapp of Tennant, Calif., is visiting her brother, Harry Sutherland, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Rapp are planning to move back to Oregon in the near future.

Carver Hamilton of Oakland was a business visitor in Sutherland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Marrs of Toledo, Ore., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hoffman over the weekend. They were returning home from a trip through the middle west.

Mrs. Jack Culver, Sr., received a letter recently from her brother who lives in England that he will send his two children, 12 and 16, to the United States if at all possible. They would make their home with Mrs. Culver and a brother who is in Seattle.

Some Sutherland property to change hands recently were lots 123 and 4 of the J. P. Luse company amended plot of blocks 17 and 18 of the Sutherland land and water company, amended plot of the townsite of Sutherland with the south track on the Southern Pacific company of California. The deal was handled through the deWard real estate office to a California buyer to erect a loading platform on his property.

Elder Lashier, Mrs. Lashier and daughter of Ukiah, Calif., stopped in Sutherland Thursday afternoon for a short visit with former friends. During the years of 1922 and 1923 Mr. Lashier was secretary of the Adventist conference in Sutherland. Miss Lashier was born here.

Mrs. Evelyn Beck and Walter Esdinger were drain visitors Friday.

Wednesday evening the people staying at the hotel were Miss Elizabeth DeCov, Miss Marjorie Montgomery, Miss Geraldine Davis and Miss Norma Rose Evans, of Eugene, and Miss Alice Schwab, of Beverly Hills, Calif. Miss Schwab is a student of U.C.L.A. Miss Evans and Miss Montgomery are of U. of O. Miss Davis and Miss DeCov are high school students. Mrs. Catherine Fenley, who is in charge of the hotel here has reported twenty-eight people have stayed here and some the second time.

Mrs. Marietta Haines and Miss Iris Haines spent Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anna Johnson of Scottsburg. Mrs. H. B. Cox and Mrs. Mat Rieen and children, of Lakeside, were also visiting there. Mrs. Joyce Jacobson was another visitor.

Mrs. Grace Jones, who passed away at the Sacred Heart hospital, was buried at Elkton Friday. Mrs. Jones had been a resident of Elkton all her life. The services were held in the Methodist church with the internment in the Elkton cemetery. Arrangements were in care of the Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

Mrs. Nell Phillips, Miss Bell Treuman and Mrs. Katie Emerich were drain visitors Friday.

Deloris Higgs, of Eugene, is spending a few weeks at the home of Mrs. Robert Smith of Kellogg.

Mrs. Marietta Haines and Miss Iris Haines have come to Sutherland to visit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Westenskow.

He's Jump Ahead Of Pet Fashions



fashions in pets vary, but King Bishop, 6 of Miami, Fla., manages to keep a jump ahead with his trained racing grasshoppers. Like the one he's watching, above, the "hoppers" pull tiny sulkeys made of toothpicks. King is planning a grasshopper derby.

zuela, has been on furlough with his family to get relief from malarial conditions. He is visiting his sister, Mrs. Fauny Fenton, and other relatives.

Mrs. Leola Belle Silsbee and young son left last week for Northport, Wash., where she will join her husband. Mrs. Silsbee has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook.

A new drinking fountain has been installed at the Union service station.

Mrs. Dora Shilcott of Gary, Ind., is visiting for a week or ten days at the C. C. King home east of town. Mrs. Shilcott and Mrs. King are sisters.

Elkton

ELKTON, July 26.—Miss Sylvia Rowe has returned to North Bend after spending a few days at her home near Elkton.

Miss Oaretha Hudson took Miss Ann Kos to Roseburg Saturday. Miss Kos, who has been visiting the Hudson home, was on her way home to Klamath Falls.

H. L. Hansen is ill at his home.

Carl Binder, Dorothy Binder and Faye Bessen were Eugene visitors Monday.

Charley Hargan killed a large rattlesnake Tuesday while helping to thresh on the Oliver Haines place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Adams, Mrs. Marietta Haines, Mrs. Barbara Tarnowski and Iris Haines were Cottage Grove visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Helseth and daughters, Carolyn and Emily, of Camas, Wash., visited this week at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hargan and Mrs. Verona Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Helseth are ministers of the Church of Christ.

Conservation Of Soil Re-Stressed

Next year's AAA farm program will continue to emphasize soil conservation and soil improvement, will strengthen the "ever-normal granary" plan of balanced production, and will give Oregon farmers increased opportunity to fit the program in with their individual farm requirements.

This summary of 1941 AAA plans was brought back to Oregon by William Steep of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee, following his attendance recently at the national AAA conference in Washington, D. C. Plans for the following year must always be made in advance of fall seeding time.

An important recommendation concerns expansion of the grant of aid plan under which farmers receive advances of time, superphosphate and similar conservation materials, with costs deducted from payments which they have earned. Another recommendation is that farmers be permitted to earn portions of their payments only by carrying out specified soil-building practices most needed in their communities.

In general, next year's farm program will follow very closely that now in effect, Steep said, and pointed out that there have been few major changes in the agricultural adjustment act since 1938.

New Development Cuts Horse Vaccine Expense

A boost in the price of one-pneumonia (sheep) vaccine in horses vaccine made by biological houses is not as serious for rancher or farmer as it may seem, reports Dr. W. H. Layle, chief of the animal division of the state department of agriculture. For a fortunate development finds that the skin may be used for injection purposes instead of the muscular or subcutaneous tissue and in making the skin type of vaccination but one-tenth as large a dose is needed, given in two 7-day intervals. The same vaccine may be used.

This means that one 10 cc vial will treat 10 horses and bring the vaccine cost below the best quotation offered before the price boost went into effect. It is said that in using the skin form of vaccination treatment, no swelling or serious sickness is experienced. Up to July 1, only one case of one-pneumonia had been reported from any of the Oregon districts that experienced the disease last year. Late July and August, however, are the peak of infection months.

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Gains also were reported in South Dakota, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Nevada. There were decreases in California and Oregon.

Oregon's Potato Crop Heads for New Record

PORTLAND, July 29.—(AP)—The Oregon potato crop, barring the misfortune of too early frosts, probably will be larger than any previous year, a market survey shows.

Growers in the Redmond district predicted a 1200-car output compared with 641 a year ago. The average is smaller but the crop better. Although the total planting in Deschutes county is less than in recent years, considerable gains in acre production are expected.

Favorable conditions and more extensive planting may bring the Klamath basin country a record harvest. More fields have been put into potatoes in the Portland area and the outlook is satisfactory both in volume and quality. Klamath county now grows more potatoes than the entire state a few seasons ago.

New Law on Examination Of Drivers Is Explained

SALEM, Ore., July 29.—(UP)—In response to many inquiries regarding the new law requiring the examination of drivers passed by the 1939 session of the legislature, Secretary of State Earl Snell issued the following statement:

"Under this act any driver who has not taken the test since July 1, 1939, will be required to pass the examination before renewing his driver's license unless that person has, at the time of application, or within the four-year period immediately thereto, passed the examination required by the state."

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