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Timber Sales Ideas Due To Bureau By Aug. 15

The deadline for submitting suggestions for inclusion in the 1953 timber sales program is Aug. 15, James W. Watts, district forester of the Roseburg District, Bureau of Land Management, announced today.

It is estimated that the Roseburg forest district can process approximately 100 million board

feet of timber for sale during 1953. Fire-killed, windthrown and beetle-infested or beetle-killed material will be given priority in forming the 1953 sales plan.

Operators interested in submitting suggestions may obtain forms and information from the local Bureau office in the Post Office Building.

Hotel's Family Plan Has Costly Reaction

OLYMPIA — "We want the family plan," Ray Hyatt of Bellingham told the clerk of the Olympian Hotel as he registered his family. Under the plan, as advertised by Western Hotels, the hotel makes charge for children under 14. The clerk, Bruce Pierce, started with unbelieving eyes as Hyatt registered himself, his wife, and Ford, 13, Mike 11, Cecilia 9, Tim 6, Mark and Merle, both 5, and Peter 2. Hyatt, new executive manager of the State Safety Council, is now looking for a house for his brood. "I want five bedrooms," he says, "but we could get by with four in a pinch."

According to the Ptolemaic system, the earth was fixed at the center of the universe with the Sun, Moon, planets and stars all revolving around it in varying periods.

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Farm Loans Set Record In N.W.

SPOKANE — A record \$132,943,270 was loaned to Pacific Northwest farmers during the fiscal year end June 30 by the Cooperative Production Credit Associations in Montana, Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

The Production Credit Corporation of Spokane announcing this Friday, said Montana farmers and ranchers were the heaviest users of credit with 3,758 loans totaling \$3,942,393.

There were 3,910 loans for \$3,380,594 in Idaho; 3,028 for \$35,109,847 in Oregon, and 2,067 for \$14,410,516 in Washington.

The Southern Idaho Production Credit Association at Twin Falls topped all 30 associations in the PCC district for loan volume during the year with 1,412 loans amounting to \$14,303,231.

Loan funds used by the associations are obtained from the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane, a unit of the Farm Credit Administration of Spokane.

Boy, 4, Gets Tractor Just Like His Dad's

DES MOINES, Ia. — Four-year-old Ronnie Frey has a tractor just like the one belonging to his dad.

It has three speeds forward and one in reverse. The miniature tractor is powered by a half-horsepower washing machine motor.

The pint-sized tractor was made out of old automobile parts and bits of metal. The rear wheels are from an ordinary car.

Retail Food Prices Show Slight Drop

WASHINGTON — Lower prices for fresh fruits and vegetables more than offset a slight rise in the cost of other foods, causing the government's index of retail food prices to drop six-tenths of one percent during the two weeks ended July 28.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced Friday its index now stands at 233.7 per cent of the 1935-39 average, a slight decline from the all-time peak two weeks earlier.

Oregon Farmers See Produce Price Drop From June To July

Prices received by Oregon farmers for their products were lower in July than in June.

That's what the July 1952 price report of the Department of Agriculture's crop reporting service reveals. Figures are based on prices received on July 15 over the same date in June.

Sharpest price drops were noted in potatoes and beef cattle. Other meat animals and grains also experienced downturns.

Prices generally followed usual seasonal patterns as 1952 crops of grain and potatoes moved to market. The usual shift occurred in market grades of livestock. Hogs held steady with a month ago.

Compared with a year earlier, grains are higher, while livestock prices are lower. The new crop of wheat is bringing slightly higher prices than a year ago.

On July 15, 1952, wheat averaged \$2.14 per bushel compared with \$2.09 a year earlier. Oats averaged \$65.60 per ton compared with \$61.20. Barley averaged \$63.30 compared with \$55.80. Baled hay brought \$26.60 per ton, in comparison with \$24.10 in 1951.

Hay prices have been consistently higher during the current season, largely because of the longer feeding period.

Eggs, milk and butterfat prices are above July last year and above June, 1952. Wood is currently selling much below the record high levels of last year, but slightly above last month.

Poultry prices have averaged below the 1951 level so far. Chickens on a live weight basis sold for an average of 25.6 cents per pound on July 15, compared with 29.8 cents in 1951. Turkey brought 29 cents this July, 33 cents a year ago. However, chicken and turkey prices are both above a month ago.

Both the egg-feed and chicken-feed ratios are currently somewhat more favorable than a month ago, but slightly less favorable than at mid-July 1951.

Prices for most feeds are above 1951 levels. Baled alfalfa hay averaged \$39.50 per ton on July 14, compared with \$36 a year ago and \$38 last month. Mixed dairy feed averaged 30 cents per cwt. higher than a year ago, and laying mash sold about 40 cents per cwt. higher on the average than in mid-July, 1951.

Nat'l Agriculture Group To Convene In Portland

Delegates from 31 chapters of the national agricultural fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, will gather in Portland Aug. 15 to 17.

This is the first time the social-professional fraternity for men in agriculture has planned its national convention in the Northwest. Dr. J. C. Knott, director of the institute of agricultural sciences at Washington State College and nationally-known dairy judge, will be the principal speaker.

Young American Jailed As Spy Escapes Czechs

WASHINGTON — A young American jailed as a spy in Communist Czechoslovakia was officially reported Friday to have escaped.

The state department said the man is 25-year-old John Hvasta, of Hillsdale, N.J.

Officials said the Czechoslovak government told the department that Hvasta fled from prison last Jan. 2 and Czech authorities do not now know where he is.

Hvasta was under a ten-year sentence on a charge of espionage. The United States government had been pressing the Czechs for his release and for the release of Associated Press Correspondent William N. Oatis, who was sent to prison on a spy conviction 13 months ago.

The State Department said it had made several demands respecting Hvasta since the date of his reported escape, but had received no response from the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry until about three days ago.

The Czech Foreign Office finally advised the American embassy it no longer knew where Hvasta was.

This development came after an anti-Communist publication in London, "The Free Czechoslovak Information Service," had carried on June 27 an article stating that Hvasta had escaped from Leopoldov prison near Bratislava on Jan. 2.

It's really 50 feet or more higher than the 20,270-foot altitude shown in a 1924 government survey, he says.

Washburn, director of the Boston Museum of Science, reported Friday night that preliminary computations of a five-year survey of the peak by the museum give a "tentative altitude" for McKinley's south peak of 20,230 feet.

The north peak, two miles almost due north of the other, is lower by 845 feet, he said.

Social Security For Farm Hands After 3 Months

Am I required to pay the social security tax on the wages earned by my hired man while he works on my farm? This is the question many farm owners are now asking, since this is their season of harvesting and extra hands will be required to aid in completing the work.

The Social Security Administration advises all farmers that the program of old-age and survivors insurance now includes under its coverage some farm employees. However, it is pointed out that bean workers, berry pickers, and other persons whose work is of a seasonal nature do not come under coverage, and should not be reported on a social security tax return.

To qualify as a regular farm worker under the Social Security Act, the agricultural employee must first work for one employer for a full three-month calendar quarter. However, the social security tax should not be paid on wages earned during this qualifying quarter.

The hired hand will, if he continues working for the same employer, be covered under the social security law during the second and third months of his employment if he works during 60 days

or more of the period and is paid at least \$50 in cash wages.

Further information on farm coverage may be obtained from local social security offices.

A representative of the Eugene office will be in Roseburg at the City Hall, Council Chambers on Aug. 12, 1952, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Two Valsetz Boys Die In Reservoir Mishap

VALSETZ — The bodies of two young boys were recovered from a mountain creek reservoir early Friday near this small mill town. Larry Weaver, 12, and Gary Haley, 13, both of Valsetz, drowned Thursday night. A search was started after they failed to return home for supper. Marks on a sloping plank indicated that the boys had slipped near the deep reservoir. Their bicycles were found nearby, either had could swim.

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YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE IT

Even though we have been telling you that we hoped we could drop some prices when new crops become available, we have a sneaking suspicion you thought we were spoofing you.

But it's true! A lot of close figuring last week, and a lot of mopping the perspiring brow, what with the heat and the worry and all, and we came up with some figures that surprised even ourselves.

Anyway, by the time you are reading this, we will have prices on several of our extremely popular UMPQUA FEEDS substantially lower than they have been for months. As to how long we can keep them that way, that is still another tale.

Anyway, we are glad we can justify our predictions, and pass on to our good friends this opportunity to increase their profits by a reduction in their production costs. We will promise to do all in our power to keep these prices in effect for you, and to lower them again should there be further drops in our ingredient costs.

Two things we have always strived to give our customers. First, a feed as good as we could possibly make. And second, and just about as important, at a price lower than anybody else could sell, in order that our customers could make more profits than producers using other feeds.

Let us say, with a great deal of modesty, that we have been able to accomplish these two objectives, and we know from the great number of our customers and friends, that our efforts have been appreciated. Well, we'll keep right on doing as we have, so that our slogan will always ring true: YOU CAN PAY MORE, BUT YOU CAN'T BUY BETTER FEED.

LIKE A TAXPAYER

Kid: What happens to Santa Claus after he hands out the presents?

Pop: He's left holding the bag.

HEALTHY, TOO

The safest exercise in the world today is to walk round the block. You don't have to cross any streets.

Cop: "Can you describe your assailant?"

Victim: "Sure! That's what I was doing when he hit me."



LITTLE KNOWN FARM FACTS

Chemicals are assuming great importance these days. We now spray to retard spring bloom to avoid frost damage to fruit. That's the newest, though we have been spraying to keep fruit from dropping, and to cause leaf fall to let fruit ripen quicker.

But what we want you to remember at this season, there isn't any better time to spray such things as wild morning glory, Canada thistles and a number of other obnoxious stuff. Come in and get the chemicals you need for these jobs. We have them at the Flour Mill.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This announcement won't cause any earthquakes, though we hope it may prove of some interest to a smattering of people hereabouts.

"The Feed Bag" is going to give you a vacation. And we know of a few folks who will hail the news with joy and relief. Who may even hope that it won't start up again. (No such luck tho').

Anyway, again you read this, Doc Wellman, who tells weekly to keep "the Guesnet" functioning properly, will be snaking out the finny inhabitants of some Montana trout stream. (He devoutly hopes). He hasn't had a vacation for a long time, and figgers it will make most of you readers as happy as it does him to get a respite of about three weeks.

However, we do want to say one thing about vacations. We love our work with all the good friends of the Douglas Flour Mill so much that it is like having a vacation 12 months of the year, besides getting paid for it. It's a wonderful thing to know so many good people, and to hope that we may be doing them a bit of good.

OH, BY THE WAY

We have an awful lot of good

fertilizer at the Mill now. IMMEDIATE DELIVERY on "16-20", 21 per cent and 33 per cent nitrogen.

It is indeed encouraging to note the wonderful improvement in farm crops around Douglas County since our farmers began using fertilizers. And we want to emphasize that one word BEGAN. For it is really only a beginning. There is such a small part of the crop and pasture land that has over lasted fertilizer. But how anybody can see what has happened on his neighbor's farm without wanting to get the same results is amazing.

Again, when we say BEGAN, we mean the comparison in fertilizer use in Douglas County compared to that through the Valley, and in Josephine County. In traveling the outcrops and other communities, we realize so definitely that Douglas County, in traveling through these opportunities opened up by fertilizers.

Yep, Douglas is a wonderful place to live. But we can keep it that way only by keeping up with the times. Come to the Mill and get your fertilizer, or at least reserve it for later in the fall.

COUNTY FAIR

You probably knew it before we did. But, this week is County Fair week. The kids will all be there with their 4-H and FFA projects. Come out and see what they are doing. And meet old friends. You'll likely learn something too.

And be sure to look Larry up in the Douglas Flour Mill booth. We think he will have something surprising to tell you about results with fertilizers in the county. You know, Wayne Mosher has been running some trials, and has promised to make some of the results available at this time. So, Larry and the Flour Mill will be looking forward to seeing you at the Fair.

WHILE WE'RE AWAY

Remember to keep a close watch for mites and lice in the chicken house. Watch the pullets for signs of worms. Turkeys, too. Still time for "Bluecomb" and "Mud fever." Not to mention slumps in egg and milk production.

Molasses, penicillin, worm pills and louse sprays at the Mill will take care of a lot of your troubles, if used properly. Peebles Why also time for appetites. Don't lose pullets from "blow-outs" or pick-outs. Get a debeaker and use it.