

Sheepmen Expect To Reach Goal Set By Congress

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The president of the National Wool Growers Assn. predicted Tuesday that America's sheepmen will achieve the goal set by Congress in giving them preferential treatment—production of 300 million pounds of wool per year.

Ray M. Willoughby of San Angelo, Texas, gave his report to the opening session of the association's annual convention.

Noting that sheep population in this country has declined from about 50 million in 1942, the peak year, to 27 million, Willoughby said the wool growing industry is a "casualty" of World War I. He said that because wartime price laws limited their income and "we

were unable to compete with rapidly rising wage rates."

"Many herders," he said in his prepared address, "and other essential help went into other more lucrative types of work."

"But am just as firmly convinced," he said of the present, "that we are on the way toward rehabilitation and that with this new program... we will move on and achieve the goal set by the National Wool Act—the production of 300 million pounds of wool."

Willoughby said the new law, enacted by Congress last summer, assures the wool grower of an average of 62 cents per pound. That will be achieved through incentive payments which will be added to the grower's income from the sale of wool in regular market channels.

That type of aid was provided in the series of new farm laws only for the wool growers.

Pat Fletcher is the first Canadian in 40 years to win the Canadian Open Golf championship.

Douglas Co. Contains One-Sixth Of Douglas Fir

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and Finland, combined. Therefore, the farmers earn money from their farm forests by growing and harvesting their trees much the same way they do other crops.

Forests keep working for the people living in Roseburg, Douglas County, the state of Oregon, and the nation, all the time. That's why forests are called the most lasting natural resource. Other national resources such as coal, iron, crude petroleum, etc., are important to the nation, as a whole, but when these resources are taken from the ground they are gone forever. New trees are always replacing the old trees that have been harvested.

Sustained Yield Is Practiced

In the Pacific Northwest many forests consist of trees of the same age and kind. In this region the tree-farmer may harvest entire blocks or patches, but he leaves other blocks or islands of trees, which will reseed the logged-off parts so that they will grow more crops. Many of the commercial forests in the Pacific Northwest are now being handled in this manner on the sustained yield basis, to perpetuate the industry for all time to come.

Too often, uncontrolled fires prevent nature from helping the tree farmer. They destroy seed trees and seedlings. These fires can even burn the ground so that seeds cannot root. Nature can do this job for the tree-farmer if fires are kept out of these forests.

Oregon and Douglas County timbered lands provide the finest recreational areas in the Pacific Northwest, and a large part of the nation. Thousands of travelers visit Oregon during the summer months, to take advantage of these vacation regions. They come from all sections of the United States, and in many cases, they are visitors from sections where trees are not recognized for their importance, but only function for shade or landscaping beauty. Many of these visitors are not aware of the danger of fires that so easily can get started from a smoldering camp fire, or even a lighted cigarette, carelessly tossed away while still burning. It would be so easy for every resident of Roseburg and Douglas County to courteously advise the occupants of out-of-state cars, during the tourist season or at all times about the dangers of fire in Oregon forests.

If all people were more careful about where they throw burning matches, lighted cigarettes, and how they burn trash, most of the forest fires would never start. Even wildlife such as deer, bears, etc., fleeing for their lives, have been caught in forest fires. In the 24-hours of Aug. 24-25, 1933, the great Tillamook fire burned 236,000 forest acres of Douglas fir. Yet, when it started a boy with a bucket of water could have extinguished it.

Fighting fire is a war that never ends. Most of the private and public forest lands have some fire

Hawaiian Island Vacation Begins

A seven-day vacation in the Hawaiian Islands started this week for a group of Roseburg persons who met at the Mahlon Sweet Air-

port in Eugene to board a Trans-ocean airliner for the Islands. The trip was expected to take about 10 days.

The tour, sponsored by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, will last until Sunday when the group will once more board the plane for the homeward journey. Sandwiched between today and Sunday will be days and nights of Hawaiian feasts, tours, sunshine, swimming and acquiring a quick suntan.

Those leaving from Roseburg included Mr. and Mrs. Al Henninger, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Masters, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Critser, Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vedder, Mrs. A. E. Kent, Mrs. A. B. Cacy, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. Russell

Carey Jr., and John Aymond. Flight, Harold Hickerson, Chamber of Commerce secretary, and five additional passengers from Eugene aboard the plane.

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3. We will continue drilling.
4. The situation is very promising as the boards of directors now view it.
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For the Boards of Directors

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