

County Irrigation Field Day Slated Wednesday

The Douglas County annual irrigation field day will be held Wednesday. Featured speaker Marvin Shearer of Oregon State College will discuss the amount of water and timing needed for good irrigation practices.

He is an irrigation specialist. He will discuss the matter of soil moisture. Two sessions will be held, according to Wayne D. Mosher, assistant county extension agent. The first is slated at the Clifford Hess bean patch on the Cleveland Rapids Road in Garden Valley, starting at 10:30 a.m. The second at the

R. L. Harmon farm on Quail Lane by the Riverside Grange, beginning about 1:30 p.m. Mosher said both farmers had been cooperating in soil moisture testing work this summer. He said the sessions were for all interested persons.

Record Pig Crop Foreseen

An expected near record national pig crop will be putting livestock markets under pressure most of the time during the rest of the year, say agricultural economists at Oregon State College.

Even so, in Oregon returns from meat animals should compare favorably with other farm enterprises.

Prices To Lower
Prices of slaughter cattle, sheep, and hogs will probably be lower than in the same months of 1954, point out the economists. And, the rise in consumer incomes is likely to compensate fully for the effects of larger meat supplies.

However, current strong bidding by farmers for feeder animals point toward prices of feeder stock holding up better than fat animal prices.

This surge for feeder animals is due to two things, explain the economists: (1) Returns from cattle and lamb feedings during the past year were fairly satisfactory; and (2) supplies of feed grains are large and prices are expected to be lower.

Beef and lamb marketings during the remainder of 1955 are expected to total about the same as last summer and fall.

Grain Supplies Help
Despite prospects for more pork and much beef, large grain supplies in the Northwest put Oregon farmers in a better position to compete with other livestock areas than in the past, say the economists.

Farmers should remember that there will be daily, weekly, and monthly price fluctuations depending on short term changes in supply-demand conditions and prospects, conclude the economists. With markets under pressure most of the time, this means close attention to market information and careful timing of buying, selling, and breeding will be more important than usual if best returns are to be realized for livestock.

Smith River Fair Slated Aug. 22

Another fair has been added to Douglas County's late summer and fall events.

The Reedsport Port Umpqua Courier reports the Smith River Fair for residents of the area and members of the Smith River 4-H club is scheduled at the grange



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AMERICAN FARMERS IN RUSSIA—Members of the American agricultural delegation to the USSR examine the wheat harvest at the Kharkov State Selection Station during their visit to Russia.



By Ed Gilden
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Did you read what Al DeVoe had to say in Tuesday's News-Review about the privately-owned timber supply in Douglas County?

DeVoe, former head of the County Forest Appraisal Department, estimates that there is only three to five years timber supply left on small holdings. That's right—less than five years logging from farm woodlands.

It looks tough for the small operator—but what about the small timber landowner?

Good Or Bad?
It depends on what side of the fence you're on. If you have sold your timber in the last few years, you'll probably think it is bad—because you'll wish you had it now.

Looking at it on the brighter side, your logged-off land or land growing small trees is getting more valuable every year.

Of course, if your timber land is growing young merchantable trees, the picture looks bright.

Why? Because logging operators will be more interested in doing the type of management that you want. It'll be a must if they want timber. Best results have been obtained when the landowner has used a written timber sales contract. This gives a clear understanding between the logger and the landowner.

If you do your own work, you'll be able to utilize more of the trees and get a better price for it at the mill.

With these encouragements, it means that we should be able to make the most of our tree growing areas. Thinning young stands will increase the total production on your farm and give an annual yearly income. All in all, farmers should get better management practices on their woodlands.

Annual growth on mature stands is almost nothing. Some lands are actually losing volume through rot and disease.

But—the demand is high—and ever increasing—it may pay good dividends to hold it a little longer. It's happened before.

You don't have to look very far to see areas that have been cut out in the past.

Take my home town of Anacortes, Wash. All during the years 1

half Sunday, Aug. 21. Blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded in each class. Classes scheduled are: Family booth, canned foods, flowers, farm crops, baking, handwork, machine sewing, miscellaneous arts, livestock, chickens, rabbits and 4-H.

Livestock classes will include dairy calves and yearlings and beef calves and yearlings.

Farm crop classes have been set up for field corn, eggs, beans, string beans, cabbage, table carrots, cucumbers, potatoes, tomatoes, turnips, field corn, squash, apples, pears, plums, prunes, berries, alfalfa, orchard grass, perennial ryegrass, common rye grass, red clover, Lotus major, Ladino clover and oats.

was growing up, timber was being shipped in from 80 to 100 miles away by railroad. Other mills were getting logs towed in from all over the Puget Sound area.

In the early days it must have been a "cut and get out" type of area—but because it was the only good seaport area around, they were able to operate on logs that were shipped in.

The picture has started to change. Now some of the local mills are beginning to buy young second growth timber that has reached a merchantable size. A local pulp mill has just started buying \$100,000 worth of pulp wood a month. This cord wood will come from small woodlands surrounding Anacortes.

A steady market—the real key to good forest management—has been offered these Washington people. Let's hope the second generation is smarter.

Let's Be Different
You can start managing your young stands of timber wisely now. And by that I mean selective cutting young stands. You can save trees that will die and rot. In clumps, thin trees that will give added light to remaining trees.

If the timber is mature, cut it in small three to five acre blocks. This gives a good seed source. And the area has a much better chance of growing back in young trees.

So Your Timber Is Gone
Non-productive logged-off land should be put back in trees. These are some of the ways that it may be done.

1. Plant young trees.
2. Prepare a mineral soil seed bed if you have a good seed source nearby. Bulldozing or discing will make a favorable seed bed for Douglas-fir.

3. And by all means—keep fire out once small trees have started to grow.

Some Farm Prices Decline In June, Others Increase

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department has reported that farm prices declined 2 per cent during the month ending in mid-July.

This decline largely reflected lower prices for hogs, potatoes, apples, wheat and watermelons.

Prices for a few commodities went up some. They included milk, tomatoes, grapefruit, cotton, lettuce and eggs.

The mid-July farm price level was 3.2 per cent below that of a year ago and about 23 per cent below the record high set in February, 1951.

Prices paid by farmers for goods and services in production and family living declined about one-third of one per cent between mid-June and mid-July.

These prices were about one-third of one per cent higher than a year ago but about 3 per cent below the record high of May, 1952.

The department said the general level of prices received by farmers averaged 84 per cent of parity compared with 86 per cent in mid-June, 88 per cent a year ago and a record high of 133 per cent in October, 1946.

The price figures were at the lowest level reached under the Eisenhower administration.

FARM WOODLANDS PAY
SALEM — Farm woodland owners in Oregon received one million dollars in the past 12 months from sale of forest products from their woodlots, the State Forestry Department said Friday.

MRS. PIERCE BETTER
SALEM — A Salem hospital reported improvement Friday in the condition of Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, who suffered a heart attack recently.

She is the widow of the ex-Oregon governor.

Vegetable Field Day Planned Tuesday By OSC; 10 a.m., 2 p.m. Tours Planned

Latest research findings in vegetable crops production will be reported Tuesday at Oregon State College's fifth annual vegetable field day near Corvallis.

Fertilizer programs, plant spacing, irrigation, and weed and insect control will be discussed by OSC scientists during guided tours starting at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the college experimental farm one-half mile east of Corvallis just off the old Albany highway.

W. A. Frazier, horticulturist, says experimental plots can be visited anytime during the day by growers, fieldmen, seedsmen, and others interested in vegetable production. Over-all reports of findings, however, will be made only during the guided tours.

Experimental plots and research workers who will staff them include:

Soil compaction tests with Blue Lake beans; D. D. Evans, soils department; and Harry J. Mack, horticulture department.

Vegetable insect control: H. E. Morrison and H. H. Crowell, entomology.

Fertilizer, spacing, and irrigation for sweet corn: John Wolfe and J. P. Riley, agricultural engineering; Eugene Perrier, soils; Evans and Mack.

Pole bean fertilizer and defoliation plots: Mack.

Weed control in Blue Lake beans, sweet corn, onions, beets, squash: Roland Laning, horticulture.

Plant breeding and variety plots of Blue Lake beans, bush beans, parthenocarpous, tomatoes, melons, beets: J. R. Baggett, Hassan Azzam, and Frazier, horticulture.

Ram Sale Set For Lakeview

The annual ram sale of the Southern Oregon Ram Sale Committee will be held in Lakeview Aug. 25.

Announcement of the sale was made this week by Walt Leehmann Jr., president of the Fremont Sheepmen's Assn., Col. Earl O. Walter, Filer, Idaho, will be auctioneer.

This is the 15th such sale in Lakeview. Some 300 head of Ramboulets, cross-breeds, Columbias, Panamas, Suffolks, Hampshires, and Corriedales are consigned. Leehmann said sale competition and breeder reputation "assures better quality rams than elsewhere."

The sale draws sheepmen from Oregon, California and Nevada.

start at 10 a.m.

All animals accepted for the sale have been approved by a sifting committee. Committee members are H. A. Lindgren, former livestock specialist at Oregon State College; O. M. Nelson, former head of the animal husbandry department at Oregon State College; Edward Gath of Turner, Floyd T. Fox of Silverton, Eddie Ahrens of Turner, Jack Stump of Monmouth, R. V. Hogg of Salem, purebred sheep breeders; and Dr. E. R. Derflinger, assistant state veterinarian.

Breeds of sheep in the sale include Romney, Lincoln, Corriedale, Columbia, Shropshire, Southdown, Cheviot, Hampshire, and Suffolk.

Many Douglas County sheepmen rely on this sale for their top rams, according to J. Roland Parker, County Extension Agent, and regularly attend the sale.

All animals in the sale will be at the sales ground by 7 a.m. on Aug. 6, so prospective buyers will have an opportunity to inspect the various lots prior to start of the sale. Lunch will be served on the grounds by members of the Riverside Women's Club.

Willamette Ram Sale Set Aug. 6 In Albany

Over 200 head of top rams and ewes are consigned and will be sold at the Fifteenth Annual Willamette Ram Sale at the Linn County Fair Grounds in Albany on Saturday, Aug. 6. The sale will

NFL East Meet Draws Fisher

Eugene H. Fisher, Oakland, president of the Roseburg National Farm Loan Assn. and chairman of the National Farm Loan Assn. Advisory Committee, Spokane, has returned from Washington, D.C., where he attended the annual meeting of 12 representatives from throughout the United States.

Matters concerning the Farm Credit Administration, made up of the 12 Federal Land Banks, Production Credit Assn., Bank for Cooperatives and Intermediate Credit Banks, were discussed. The matters included bills before Congress which would affect agriculture in the United States.

Fisher said all 12 districts were well satisfied with new business for the past fiscal year. The Northwest district and Federal Land Bank of Spokane increased the mortgage account over a million dollars. Roseburg closed the largest volume of loans since 1934, going over its goal by 22.71 per cent.

Fisher was accompanied by Mrs. Fisher and their two daughters, Nancy and Janet. After the Washington meeting they drove to Philadelphia, New York and Boston, returning the northern route via Niagara Falls and Glacier National Park.

New Disease Attacking Cattle Told At Meet
PORTLAND — A new disease that attacks the breathing tracts of cattle was described at a three-day convention of the Northwest Veterinary Medical Assn., here.

Dr. R. R. Williams, Caldwell, Idaho, said the ailment, known as bovine infectious tracheo bronchitis, has done considerable damage in the past few years to herds in intermountain areas of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. It sometimes is fatal to beef steers, he said, and veterinarians so far have been unable to determine its origin or find a cure.

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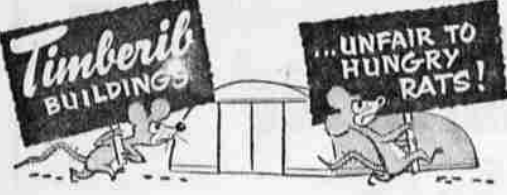
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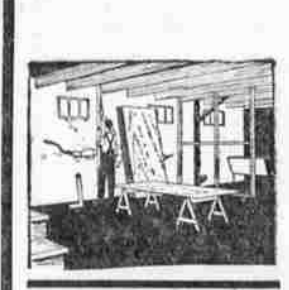
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