MARKET TIPS

Local Produce Starting To Appear In Markets

Douglas County produce is starting to appear in the markets in ever growing quantities this week.

Among the latest additions from local fields are transparent apples, snap beans and squash.

Transparents are coming on strong from the local area, as Winesaps and Delicious dwindle off from Yakima, Wash. A few local Gravensteins are also coming in from local orchards, as well as from California.

The snap bean season from the county is just starting.

Good quality yellow and zucchini squash are also coming on strong in the county.

Meanwhile, the markets on a host of other produce being brought in from outside areas continue strong.

The market is very strong for both Washington and California potatoes. Russet gems are coming out of Wapita, Wash., and White Rose varieties are starting to arrive from Bruce and Moses Lake. White Rose is also being trucked in from Chino, Calif. Markets are generally very strong.

Salinas, Calif., is providing most of the very good quality carrots. Quality is also the byword for turnips from both Portland and Fremont, Calif. California, too, provides the top yellow and white onions. Those from Walla Walla, Wash., are finished for all practical purposes.

The lettuce market is slightly weaker and demand is slow. It is expected to strengthen soon.

Good quality radishes and green onions are being received from both Portland and California. Cabbage, however, is generally poor quality from Portland.

Corn of best quality is coming from Wapita and California.

The weather is having a tendency to slow down the market on watermelons. The demand is only fair. Cantaloupes too are only in fair demand despite improving quality.

Douglas County is getting into the market somewhat in cucumbers. The strongest market is for "cukes" from Wapita.

The tomato market is easing off slightly, but quality is very good. An occasional showing of local tomatoes is being made.

The fruit market is coming along steadily.

A few local plums are being seen and the California plum quality is good. The market is strengthening for apricots, as only a few are available from Yakima, Wash. The peach market is steady, coming in from California.

A few California Bartlett pears are beginning to appear on the market, which is strong. Meanwhile, a dwindling supply of strawberries from California is coming in.

The market for large-size oranges is remaining strong, but mediums are rated as just about steady.

Nectarines are proving to be a good buy. Demand is good; quality is excellent; and price is steady.

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Ranch Ramblings

BY WAYNE MOSHER
Douglas County Extension Agent

It sure seems that the summer has been flying by.

Here it is the first of August and only two weeks until the start of the Douglas County Fair. Preparations for the fair are going ahead full-steam, and it looks like we're going to have a good fair. There will be a lot of activities, including classes for everyone to enter, and I hope that all of you are getting the things ready that you wish to enter in the fair.

Entry day is Tuesday, August 13, and the fair will continue from the 14th through the 16th. Anyone interested in entering something in the fair, who doesn't have the information, can contact the Douglas County Fair management and ask for information or a premium book. Let's support the fair and continue to have this one of the biggest and best fairs in the state of Oregon.

Boost Given

On behalf of the Livestock Association, meat promotion will get a boost at this year's fair. Some of the women of the association are planning on having a booth at the fair to promote the meat products we produce here in the county. It sounds like it's going to be real interesting.

Mrs. H. J. Robinson of Tenmile and Mrs. Marion Krebs of Winston are heading up the project, and plans seem to be going ahead at full-steam. We encourage all of you to look up the booth when you get to the fair and give them your assistance and help in promoting the products we produce. We will be promoting beef, pork and lamb in the booth, and a little bit of promotion will be done on wool. If more ranchers are interested in promotion, there is a great deal that can be done in promoting the meat in this county.

Mailing Due

It's about time for the wool incentive payments to come out from last year's wool. Chuck Colgrove tells me that they will be mailed on August 2, and you should receive them very shortly after this. The lamb payments will be just a little bit later coming out, but they should be out in the very near future.

As most of you folks here in the county know, J. Roland Parker, who has been county agent here for 35 years, retired on July 1. Roland worked many years here in the county and did a big job for a lot of growers in getting programs established and going. I'm sure he has a lot of friends here who would like to wish him well on his retirement. (Incidentally, Roland fell and broke his leg a short while ago, but seems to be coming along fine. I'm sure he would appreciate some cards from friends. Write him in care of C. W. Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 603, Selah, Wash.)

New Agent Here

The new agent for the county, taking Roland's place is J. D. Vertrees, formerly from Klamath Falls. Mr. Vertrees has been in extension work for several years, working in entomology and horticulture. We would like to invite any of you folks to stop in to meet him and visit with him.

If you have problems, perhaps he can be of help to you. Being new in this part of the country is going to take a little time to get acquainted, but I think that he will be able to help find the answers. He has worked in weed control in Klamath and is very familiar with the weed control chemicals, which should be a real help to us here in the county on some of our weed problems. As he becomes more accustomed to the county and the area, he plans to put out plots showing some of the weed control possibilities, and this should provide some very helpful information for all of us.

Some of you may be interested in a Corriedale ram. The Corriedale breeders are holding a sale at the Fairgrounds in the park on Saturday, Aug. 10. Several good rams will be offered.

Elkton Vacationers Return Following Train Trip East

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By MRS. C. W. HENDERER

Mrs. Gladys Stewart of Elkton and grandson, Rick Bowman of Reedsport, returned last weekend from a three-week vacation trip to Romeo, Mich., where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Yengiln. They made the trip by train from Portland.

Camping Trip Made

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weatherly, Linda, Carey and Susan Hansen of Reedsport and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Henderer and Bob and Walter Duff of Roseburg all enjoyed a camping and fishing trip last week to Diamond Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer and family of Camel River, British Columbia, were weekend guests at the parental Charles Solomon home.

Oliver Kenneth Haines of Mesa, Wash., is visiting his grandparents for an extended visit at the Sig Anderson and Oliver Haines homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baxter and daughter of San Francisco are visiting at the T. J. Andrews home and friends in Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Posekany and Mrs. Milo of Des Moines, Iowa, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Posekany.

Miss Tess Weatherly of Eugene is visiting this week at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Henderer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorman spent several days last week at the coast and at Portland and Newberg. They visited their daughter and family in Newberg and their grandson, Mark, returned home with them.

Washington Folks Visit

Mrs. Gertrude McElwee and Mrs. Margaret Laraby of Sedro Woolley, Wash., are visiting at the Al Lambeth home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Taylor and family spent the weekend in Grants Pass at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crisman and boys spent the weekend in McMinnville at a family picnic and reunion. They also visited in Salem at the home of Mrs. Ethel Miller.

Mrs. Leia Childers of Myrtle Creek is visiting at the Vern Childers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Colley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sneed and family spent Sunday near Prineville rock hunting.

The Three Links Club of the Rebekah Lodge held a baked food sale Saturday and made $19.75. Those working on the sale were Bonnie Sneed, Pauline McNeil, Eva McInnis and Blanche Williamson.

Recent houseguests at the Bennie Knypstra home were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tikker of Cottage Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Visser of Ripon, Calif., and Mrs. A. A Ltjerrisser of Los Angeles.

Shirley Baimbridge and boys and Mrs. Loyd Smith and children spent several days last week camping at Honeyman State Park on the coast.

Those attending the Cub Scout family picnic Sunday at the Beckley picnic grounds were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hickerson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Baker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Knypstra and Shirley Baimbridge and boys.

Nancy Voeller of Roseburg was a weekend houseguest at the Howard Carnes home.

Camp Fire Board Meets At Tyee

The board of directors of the Umpqua Council of Camp Fire Girls held its July meeting at Camp Tyee, Camp Fire Girls resident camp on the Umpqua River west of Sutherlin. Elmer Giles, council president, reported that more than 150 girls had attended camp in the first three weeks of the summer session.

Gladys Amundson, executive director, stated that many events, such as boating, swimming, cookouts and overnight camping were especially enjoyed by the girls this summer.

The final week of camp will begin Sunday, Aug. 4. President Giles said that openings for additional campers are still available. Reservations may be made by calling the Camp Fire office in Roseburg, 673-8277. Camping fee for each girl is $17. Girls who are not members of Camp Fire may attend camp as well as Camp Fire members.

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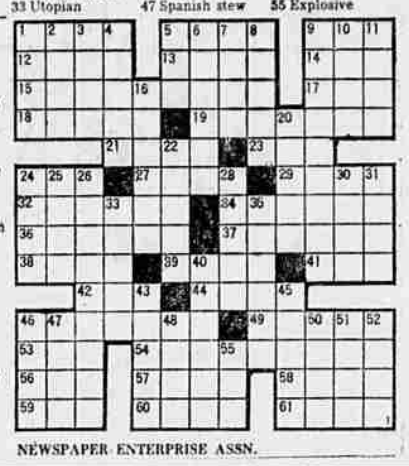

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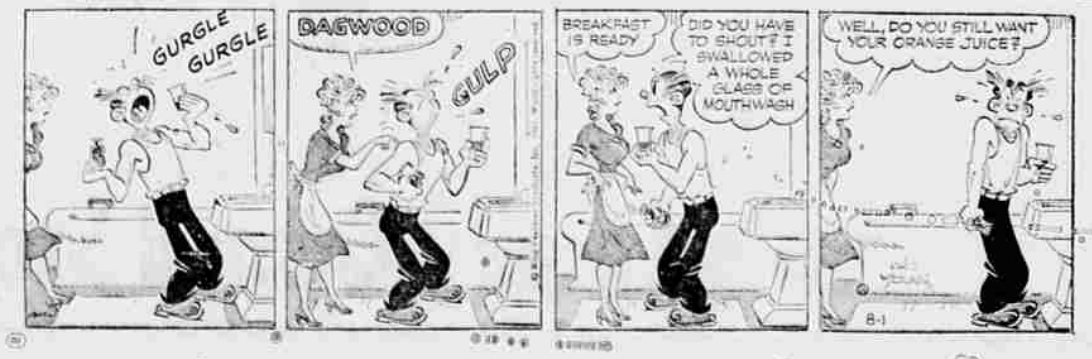
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