

Farm Calendar

June 22 — 4-H Poultry Inspection Day.
 June 23 — Oregon Holly Growers Tour, 10 a.m. (DST) at Chet Mulkey farm 5 miles beyond McMinnville on Highway 18.
 June 23 — 4-H Geology Tour, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 June 30 — 4-H Official Horse Judging contest, P.I. Bldg., Portland.

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4H CLUB NEWS AND NOTES

Across the state today, 4-H members are working on beef projects which they hope will bring them national recognition in November.

They are among more than 143,000 young people participating in the National 4-H Beef program who are striving to produce top quality beef while learning useful skills.

Six of these eager young people will be named national winners of \$400 scholarships during the 41st National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 25-29.

In addition each state winner will receive an expense-paid trip to the congress given by E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., sponsor of the 4-H Beef awards program through the National 4-H Service Committee. Another 8,000 youths will receive recognition medals for outstanding achievement as county winners in the beef program.

Boys and girls, enrolled in 4-H Beef projects have sole responsibility for selecting, raising, fitting and showing their animals. Many times this responsibility is extended to include marketing of the beef. Supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H Club members have easy access to the latest scientific developments in beef raising techniques, breeding, feeding and production methods, and disease control.

Selection of county and state winners in the beef program will be made preceding the naming of national winners.

Twelve outstanding 4-H Club members, six boys and six girls, this year will share \$4,800 in college scholarships as national winners in the 4-H Achievement awards program.

Announcement of scholarship winners will be made during the National 4-H Club Congress, Nov. 25-29, in Chicago. The top 12 are selected from 100 state achievement award

winners, half of whom win trips to the congress. The Ford Motor Company Fund provides the state trip awards, scholarships and county achievement recognition medals.

Besides receiving a scholarship, the national champions will be considered for awards presented in the name of President John F. Kennedy, and for a special assignment during National 4-H Club Week next March.

At that time six 4-H Club members will personally report on 4-H to government officials in Washington, D.C., and to business leaders who support 4-H programs.

Achievement awards are synonymous with success in increased size and scope of 4-H projects and activities, and in demonstrated leadership abilities. Selection as an achievement award winner typifies all-around personal development and service to others, as well.

This year's crop of national 4-H Achievement winners is expected to compare favorably with those named in 1961. Last year the club members ranged from 18-21 years of age, and had an average of 10 years of 4-H experience.

All were in college at the time they were selected. More than half of them previously had received national recognition.

State and national winners must be over 14 years of age and have completed at least three years of 4-H Club work.

However, all 2.3 million boys and girls currently enrolled in 4-H are eligible to participate in the achievement program supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service and arranged by the National 4-H Service Committee.

NEBRASKANS PICNIC
 The Nebraska State Society of Oregon and Washington, will hold its social meeting Saturday evening June 23, in the IOOF hall, 8130 SE 13th, Portland. Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by dancing. The annual club picnic will be in Jantzen Beach Park (area 3) Aug. 12. All former Nebraskans and friends are welcome.

Book Lists Forest Camps

The 1962-63 Campground Directory for the National Forests of Oregon and Washington has been published by the Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service.

The 88-page booklet lists activities, location, size, and facilities of each of the hundreds of National Forest campgrounds in the Region. It also contains valuable tips for campers. Many photographs and maps make the publication especially attractive and useful.

Individual copies are available free upon request to the Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, P. O. Box 4137, Portland, 8, Oregon or National Forest Supervisor offices throughout the Region.

Column Comments

County Extension Agent
 New Staff Member
 Diane Sause McKnight is the newest member of the Clackamas county extension staff. She works with John Kiesow in the 4-H program, replacing Donna McCoy.

Being a former 4-H Club member and Washington county 4-H agent, Mrs. McKnight brings wide experience to her new position. She is a native Oregonian and a home economics graduate from OSU.

Oregon 4-H club work is the youth education program of the OSU extension service. It is designed to help boys and girls become responsible and useful citizens, and learn new and better ways of doing things.

As 4-H agent, Mrs. McKnight will be in charge of the home economics program including projects such as clothing, child development, food preparation and preservation, home improvement and knitting, according to Afton Zundel, Clackamas county staff chairman.

UP and DOWN the MOUNTAIN

By JOE KIEFER

This is the big wilderness—a land of fire and ice gelled by a cloak of green and washed by Pacific swells. Its trees are big; its mountains big; its spirit as big as all outdoors.

Cataclysmic eruptions shook this region in the yesterday of geologic time.

Molten lava seared its signature on earth's face; volcanic surges heaved up Rainer, Lassen, and long-gone Mazama, in whose flooded basement now lies Crater Lake.

Today the fires are banked and ice grips the Cascade peaks. And in the shadow of Olympic glaciers where summer is a fleeting thing like ocean beaches and the green growing miracle of the rain forest.

Indians came, born, so legend has it, of a union between a fallen star and wild animal which roamed the peninsula.

Thus created, they multiplied and spread along the seashore. Where the lower, softer, bushier lands were full of flowers and berries, they lived carrying on their fishing, hunting, canoeing and warring.

And along the seashore they stayed, not venturing inland where the rugged mountains lay high and white.

For in that mysterious region dwelt the great god Thunderbird perched on top the highest peak.

Lightening over the mountains was the flash of the Thunderbird's eyes—the Indians believed.

Thunder was the flapping of his mammoth wings. The Thunderbird was also god of rain and was powerful in affairs of war and hunting.

In the lives of the Indians ages passed slowly. Along the shore they continued to spear their seals, harpoon their whales, catch salmon in their weirs, build up their riches of seal oil, dried fish, baskets, shell money and then potlatch themselves poor again.

And the Thunderbird continued to rule the mountains until the white man came.

In 1774 Juan Perez saw a snowcapped mountain range stretching from Cape Martinez and named it Sierra de Santa Rosalie.

Capt. James Cook changed the name of Martinez to Cape Flattery. Sierra de Santa Rosalie became the Olympic mountains on all modern maps.

The Olympic mountains extend in broken, dog toothed masses from Hood Canal to the Pacific Ocean and north.

SANDY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday June 21
 Club meeting — Kiwanis; happy birthday to Mark Oldenkamp, Jaydene McLean and Spike Emerson; congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Colson and Mr. and Mrs. John Mills.
Friday June 22
 Happy birthday to Duane Barker, Nicky Eklund and Brenda Dickenson.
Saturday June 23
 Happy birthday to Nola Lamke, Frank Schmitz and George Burg.
Sunday June 24
 Happy birthday to Henry Reckman.
Monday June 25
 Recreation starts at the grade school; happy birthday to Loretta Townsend.
Tuesday June 26
 Club meetings — Chamber of Commerce and Jaycettes; happy birthday to Adela Reckman, Blanche Lundbom and Dean Schneider; congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spahr.
Wednesday June 27
 Club meeting — Presbyterian Ladies Aid; happy birthday to Clara Salisbury.

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ward to the Straits of Juan de Fuca. They are drained by the Skokomish, Dosewallips, Elwha, Quillayute, Quinault, Satop and Wynoochee and by many other small streams.

No well defined mountain range exists; it seems as though the Indian god "Seateco" filled with anger at his people threw up a large mass of the earth's surface; a great blubber of molten masses and that this disturbed portion, settling back, broke into hundreds of irregular peaks and ridges.

Mt. Olympus, with its dozens of glaciers is one of the highest peaks while near Hood Canal, Mt. Constance proudly rears her mantle of perpetual snow. The Olympic peninsula is as unusual in climate as it is geographically.

The resulting rainfall 140 inches a year and around Mt. Olympus precipitation is an amazing 250 inches; yet by the time the winds cross the peninsula they are nearly dry.

Thus while the west side is the wettest region in the continental U.S., an area 50 miles to the east, in the Olympic rain shadow approaches aridity.

The downfall on the western slopes has produced one of the most luxuriant temperate-zone forests in the world.

In the Hah valley, the largest Sitka Spruce boast a circumference of 51 ft.-6 in. Near the valley mouth, the largest western red cedar has a girth of 66 ft.-1 in.

In the Queets river valley is the largest Douglas fir—53 ft.-4 in. around, and on the east fork of the Quinault river the record western hemlock is 27 ft.-2 in.

There are many big trees towering to 200 ft. or more, understories of big leaf maples, vine maples, ferns, lichens, fungi and the smaller life of the prodigious tangle.

Club mosses hang from nearly every branch, covering nearly every surface in trailing strands and great sweeping tufts.

As the year 1907 rolled toward summer, the mountaineers of Seattle were looking for peaks to conquer. This group has been organized the year before with the high object of exploring the Pacific Northwest.

The imagination of the members was captured by the Olympic mountains were they could gain an important first by climbing Mt. Olympus.

The first problem of getting to these mountains was the matter of a trail. Mt. Olympus lay some 60 miles from Port Angeles.

Two members went to Port Angeles where they conferred with commercial clubs and received financial help.

During July and August trail building crews were hard at work in the Olympic mountains.

In August the first party of mountaineers reached the main camp in the Elwha Basin.

Without delay the ascending of peaks began in a serious manner — with the scaling of Mt. Noyes, Mt. Queets, Cougar Peak on Mt. Seattle, Mt. Barnes, Mt. Christie, and Mt. Meany.

All this was preliminary to the big event — the attempt to conquer Mt. Olympus.

Late in August a party led by L. A. Nelsen made its way up Humes glacier to the pass and then dropping down to the Hah glacier they again began to climb, and at last they stood on the summit of middle peak.

The party descended from the rocks of middle peak, struck off along the ridge towards west peak.

After a slow climb they were

on top. The west peak, being the highest of all, the mountaineers had triumphed by climbing and attaining their long dreamed of "first" to the summit of the highest mountain in the Olympic range.

The ancient Thunderbird was routed from Mt. Olympus never to return.

The bewildered Thunderbird taking in other unconquered peaks of the Olympics had but brief respite.

In 1922 difficult Mt. Constance fell to two young mountaineers. On the summit the climbers discovered what they thought was the ptarmigan feather.

They did not recognize it for what it was; a feather left by the Thunderbird as he fled the Olympic peninsula forever.

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