

Duck Hunting Laws Now Ready

Oregon migratory waterfowl regulations are now available at game commission license agencies throughout the state.

The regulations, not included in the 1953 hunting synopsis, are included on a single sheet with the rules regarding limits, shooting times, feeding, and other points of interest to duck hunters listed on both sides.

Waterfowl season opens at noon on October 17 and some changes have been made in last year's regulations. For this reason, hunters are urged to obtain a copy of the regulations before going afield.

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Curry Farmers to Report on Crops

Many Curry County farmers will receive a special crop reporting form within the next few days which County Extension Agent Ken Priest believes should receive special attention. He says the crop report form will give local farmers a chance to show how Curry and Oregon production this year fit into the nation's needs for farm products.

The special report form was mailed this week by Niels Nielson of the crop reporting service in Portland. The county agent says it is important that the forms be filled in and returned to Nielson's office immediately.

One of the major services of the survey, Priest points out, is that results will help farmers discover marketing opportunities, determine what to plant and decide when to buy and sell. State and national totals will help county agents in suggesting local production adjustments where needed. The totals will be available to all farmers. Individual reports are confidential and are used only in arriving at county, state, and national totals.

The survey has wide support of agricultural economists throughout the country as an index to the total production picture. M. D. Thomas, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college, credits the survey as a valuable service to both farmers and consumers.

"With the average farmer now producing enough food and fiber for 15 persons, wrong guesses in crop planning can be costly in farm sales and consumer needs," Thomas states.

The economist says preliminary estimates of Oregon's 1953 acreage and production are already available. They are based on information obtained earlier from

Short Runs Cut Auto Motor Life

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—If you drive your car a few miles to work and back each day, chances are you're wearing out the motor four times as fast as your traveling salesman neighbor.

This word comes from Milosh Popovich, mechanical engineering department chairman at Oregon State college. He and R. W. Peterson, graduate assistant, Portland, just completed a study on an engine fitted with radioactive piston rings.

Corrosion is an important wear process in the operation of internal combustion engines, such as are used in automobiles, when the motor-cooling system is below 150 to 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

Under start-stop, short-run driving conditions, water-jacket temperatures may seldom reach 160 degrees. Since commercial gasolines contain between 0.1 and 0.2 per cent sulfur, there is considerable corrosion wear of rings and cylinders in most engines, Popovich said.

When sulfur-free fuels were used in the test runs, little corrosive wear was shown, even at low water-jacket temperatures. Wear rates of piston rings at a jacket temperature of 110 degrees were found to be approximately four times the wear rates at 160 degrees when fuels with normal sulfur content were used.

Wear was reflected in the test runs by the radioactivity of the lubricating oil and was measured by Geiger counter. Radioactive piston rings were exposed in a nuclear reactor at Oakridge, Tenn., for 28 days before installation in the engine.

Aviation gasoline is relatively sulfur-free. If an inexpensive method were found to make automobile fuel sulfur-free, it would lengthen life and would save motorists millions of dollars annually, Popovich said.

Stop Signs To Be Painted Red

Red signs with white letters on them will be staring at you at the cross roads as rapidly as the highway department can get them and the money to pay for them and find time from highway building to yank out the old yellow and black warnings and put in the new. The change was decided at the recent meeting of the commission in Portland and it comes about because the "National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control" has decided that red is more of a sign of danger than yellow and it seems all the other states are going along with the change. State Highway Engineer Baldock estimates that it will require about two years to make the switch.

trade people, county agents, and from farmers who act as monthly crop reporters.

Current harvest yields, along with some shifts in earlier crop plans, make it advisable now for a more thorough check on what actually happened in 1953, according to the OSC economist.

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Chauffeurs May Get Licenses Now

Applications for renewal of chauffeurs' licenses are now being accepted by the secretary of state's office.

Employees in branch offices and the Salem license center have been instructed to accept renewal applications for 1954, providing applicants possess a currently valid driver's license and hold a 1953 chauffeur's license.

J. C. Kerriek, drivers license division manager, said mailing of

the 1954 commercial licenses will begin on or about December 1, 1953.

Anyone applying for a new chauffeur's license between now and December 15 when 1954 licenses become valid, should be made aware that the license issued at present expires at the end of the year.

ARRELLS HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Henderson of Coquille are visiting this week at the home of their son, Frenchy Arrell. With them is Frenchy's niece, Sherry Tison of Springfield.

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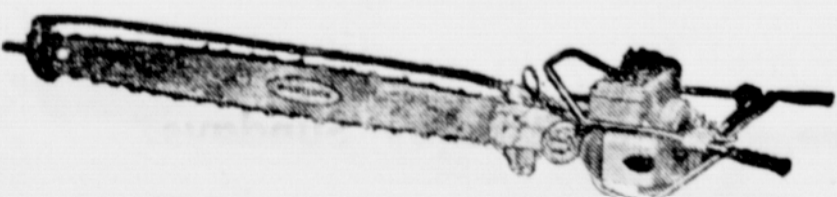
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