## Blueberry Growing Increases In Valley Area, Tour Indicates

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WOODBURN, July 3-The blueberry is a comparatively new commercial crop in western Oregon. Although there are a few so-called "old" plantings in the Willamette valley and along the coast, most new plantings have been made since World War II.

There are now some half a dozen plantings in Marion county,
Don L. Rasmussen, Marion county agricultural agent, said today as

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two of these plantings were inspected by around 25 people, on the county's first blueberry tour. The tour was planned by Rasmus-

First of the two stops was at the R. T. Jackson, route 1, Woodburn ranch. Jacksons came to the valley from Redmond in 1948 and bought the farm which already had some blueberries set out. Some of these bushes are now seven years old. More bushes were ted in the past two years to me three acres in all.

They showed the visitors how and finals in championship logger the berries were picked—from sit-contests at the Albany Timber ting on a box, as well as how the Carnival here will take place berries are packaged. The Jack- Wednesday-the final day of this sons have been disposing of their annual carnival. fruit both at the ranch and at a Ernie Alexander, Vancouver Isrondside fruit stand on highway land, B.C., took first place in a field of eight, in preliminaries in From the Jackson place, the the speed climb today. He scaled

group went to the James Bright a 100 foot pole in 55 seconds. He farm a mile south of Woodburn on nosed out Harold C. Johnson, highway 99E where two acres of Castle Rock, last year's champ, berries were viewed. This is their by one-tenth of a second. first year of commercial bearing and the crop was light. Bright, a retired army man who came here in 1946, said he has more customers than berries so far. The field Next in time were Alan Woodrow, was beautifully tended and the Courtney, B.C., 43.4 seconds, and fruit large. Bushes were set out Jim Miller, Tillamook, last year's seven feet apart each way. Pick-ing in both places will continue In the log bucking contest Paul

until early August, the growers stated.

A special guest on today's tour was Arthur Boller, in charge of blue berry research work at Oregon State college. (For additional blueberry information see Statesman Farm Page, Thursday).

Ben Lentz, Newberg, were second and third place buckers.

In the northwest log-rolling championship trials these men

## **Catholic Day** Picnic Sunday The annual Oregon "Catholic day" picnic, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus, will be Sunday at Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus Annual Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus Annual Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus Annual Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus Annual Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus Annual Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus Annual Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus Annual Champoeg state park, District Deputy Vincent Merty and Pounced of Columbus Annual Champoeg state park, District Deputy Annual Champoeg state park, District Deputy Annual Champoeg state park, District Deputy Annual Champoeg state park, D

noon:

uty Vincent Mertz announced Other events Wednesday will

The program will begin with basket lunch at noon, followed by races, games and other activities. A short platform program is planned in mid-afternoon.

A the Albany airport, 8 a.m.; water ski show, Waverly lake, 11 a.m.; Baseball game between Albany and Coos Bay American Legion Junior baseball teams, Memorial ned in mid-afternoon. The plans are in charge of Mar-ski show, 7:30 p.m.

ion county councils of the Knights of Columbus, led by Mertz. Music end with a big fireworks display will be provided by the Mt. Angel at the lake at 10 p.m. band and Larry and His Cascade Range Riders orchestra from Sub- HEAVY TRAFFIC EXPECTED

## Seats Invite Britons To Champoeg Outing

The Scots of Oregon are bury-ing the hatchet and forgetting about the Stone of Scone, at least for Sunday, July 15, when they have invited all persons of British descent to a picnic at Champoeg

The picnic will be sponsored by returned to his de Clan Macleay 122 of Portland and a part time basis. the Canadian Legion pipe band of Pertland. Sports and "plenty" of bagpipe music are assured. The sponsors urged especially

that British brides attend.



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