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Curry County Scene Of Field Trip To Study Agricultural Picture

Western Oregon Agricultural extension and Oregon State college officials studied the Curry county educational program during a two-day tour of the county last week. Sixteen county agents, three college officials and Fred C. Jans, western field representative of the United States Department of Agriculture were included in the visiting delegation. The schedule for this tour was arranged by Robert Knox, Curry county extension agent.

World records of the Jersey at the experiment station, according to Howell. breeds have been broken by four young dairymen who received their early training under the 4-H program. Sidney Cadman, Ralph Cope, Norman Nash and Bill Sweet were first enrolled at nine years of age by Bob Knox during the early 30's when extension work was first introduced into the county. The cows in these herds now produce more than three times as much butterfat as the average cow.

Harold Ewalt, dairy specialist, instructed the agents in classification and judging technique using Jersey cows on the Cope and Sweet farms.

Harry Lindgren, animal husbandry specialist, O.S.C., brought the group up-to-date on sheep and wool production. The registered flock of Romneys owned by R. M. Knox and Son was used to demonstrate improved wool. Here again 4-H club work played an important roll. Charles Knox, now enrolled in agriculture at Oregon State college, has ten years of 4-H credit as joint owner. Robert has served as president of the American Romney Breeders association for the past two years. Seaview Ranch was also a point of interest in lamb production methods.

The county weed control program reviewed by Inspector Don White, who is also in charge of the Gorse Control station, was of particular interest to the agents. Canada Thistle control was studied on the Robert McKenzie ranch on Elk river. Chemical control has been proved successful and economical.

All of the Western Oregon agents admitted having some gorse (Irish furze) in their county, but it was their opinion that it can be controlled economically by the use of chemicals and management practices recommended by the college based on results at the station.

Tussock control with chemicals and by smothering with Lotus Major was judged very successful on the Norman Chenoweth farm near Ariæns Inn. H. B. Howell, superintendent of the Astoria Experiment station, advised cutting the demonstration area for seed as he estimated a \$250 crop of lotus seed could be sold from it.

Bulb and flower production was described by Knox as the leading agricultural income, but using less than 600 acres. Easter lilies, daffodils, and dutch iris projects were visited.

Minor element fertilizer trials on bulbs and on pasture in an animal nutrition project was studied by the agents. Most other coast counties have similar problems which are also being studied

at the experiment station, according to Howell.

At the close of the two-day tour a fried chicken picnic dinner was served by Mrs. Knox and her two daughters at their home on Indian Creek ranch. The visitors presented an electric waffle-iron and grill to the Knox's as the occasion happened to be on their 22nd wedding anniversary.

The visitors included: George Jenkins, Jack Wood, Walter Schroeder, Coos county agents, Coquille; Roland Parker, Wayne Mosier, Ed Anderson, Douglas county agents, Roseburg; O. S. Fletcher, Bill Parker, Lane county agents, Eugene; John G. Thompson, Lincoln county agent, Toledo; H. G. Smith, Tillamook county agent, Tillamook; Harold M. Black, W. G. Nibler, Columbia county agents, St. Helens; Gordon Hood, Clatsop county extension agent, Astoria; H. B. Howell, superintendent, Astor experiment station, Astoria; Clifford Smith, county agent work, Harold Ewalt, dairying specialist, Harry Lindgren, animal husbandry specialist, Extension Service, Oregon State college, Corvallis, and Fred C. Jans, field agent, Western States, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C.

Fifty-two Miles Of Electricity Due For Curry

The construction of approximately 52 miles of new electric distribution lines in Curry county promises to be completed this fall. The Coos-Curry Electric cooperative announced that its board of directors on August 1, accepted the low bid of \$157,863.46 received from S. E. Lawrence of Oregon City, subject to approval by the Rural Electrification administration.

Seventy-five working days are specified in the proposal for completing construction which must begin within 30 days after REA approval is announced. The members who are scheduled to receive service are located between Humbug mountain and Brookings along the Coast highway. At a community meeting held July 31 at the Friendship hall in Pistol River, the majority of these people gave their board president, Ivan C. Laird, assurance that the right-of-way clearing for these lines would be completed immediately for this construction.

20-YEAR MAN
Charles Bickford, veteran of the stage and screen, marked his 20th anniversary in motion pictures with his role with Bing Crosby in Frank Capra's "Riding High."

Traffic Fatalities Leap In July

Traffic fatalities in Oregon leaped to new highs during July with more than a 100 percent increase over deaths recorded in July of last year and a 67 percent increase over June fatalities. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry reported today.

Preliminary count of last month's deaths reached 50, the worst July on record. Newbry said the toll may go higher if delayed reports of fatalities are received or if persons now listed as injured later die as a result of their injuries.

May, June and July, Newbry continued, have been tragic months in the state's accident picture—with 31 deaths in May, 30 in June, and 50 in July.

Earlier in the year, it seemed probable that Oregon would continue the downward trend in traffic deaths first noted in 1947. Now we are faced with the possibility that this year's accident fatalities will skyrocket to new records unless motorists exercise increased caution on the streets and highways, Newbry concluded.

Weyerhaeuser Starts Logging In Coos County

Truckloads of logs harvested from Weyerhaeuser's 200,000 acre Millicoma Forest began arriving at the company's woods headquarters near Allegany last week, according to Arthur O. Karlen, manager of the company's Coos Bay branch operation.

Four new logging trucks, to be joined soon by four additional units, are hauling the "round stuff" over the company's twelve mile private forest road. Up in the big timber, fallers and buckers are dropping and sectioning old growth Douglas fir for the yarding crews. Yarding is being done with tractors and high lead. A shovel "boom" loader places logs on the trucks. One logging side is in operation at the present time.

At Allegany, ten miles southeast of Coos Bay, logs are unloaded into the Millicoma river at a new dump recently completed by Weyerhaeuser, together with general shops and other facilities. The logs are made up into rafts and brought downstream on the north fork of the Coos River. Pending completion of the company's saw-milling facilities, the logs for the present are being made available to a local sawmill.

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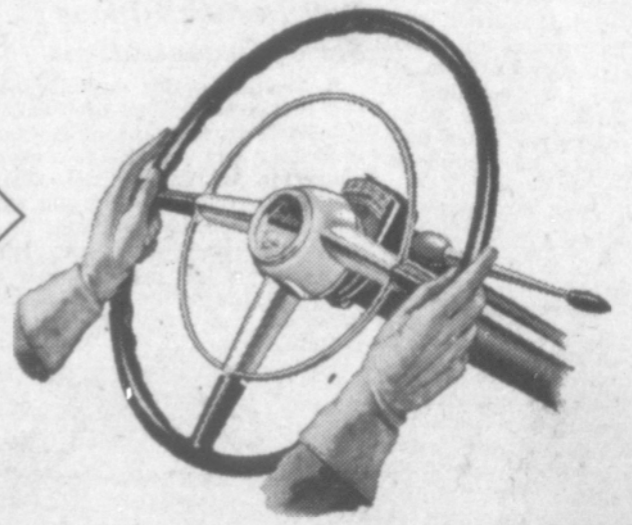
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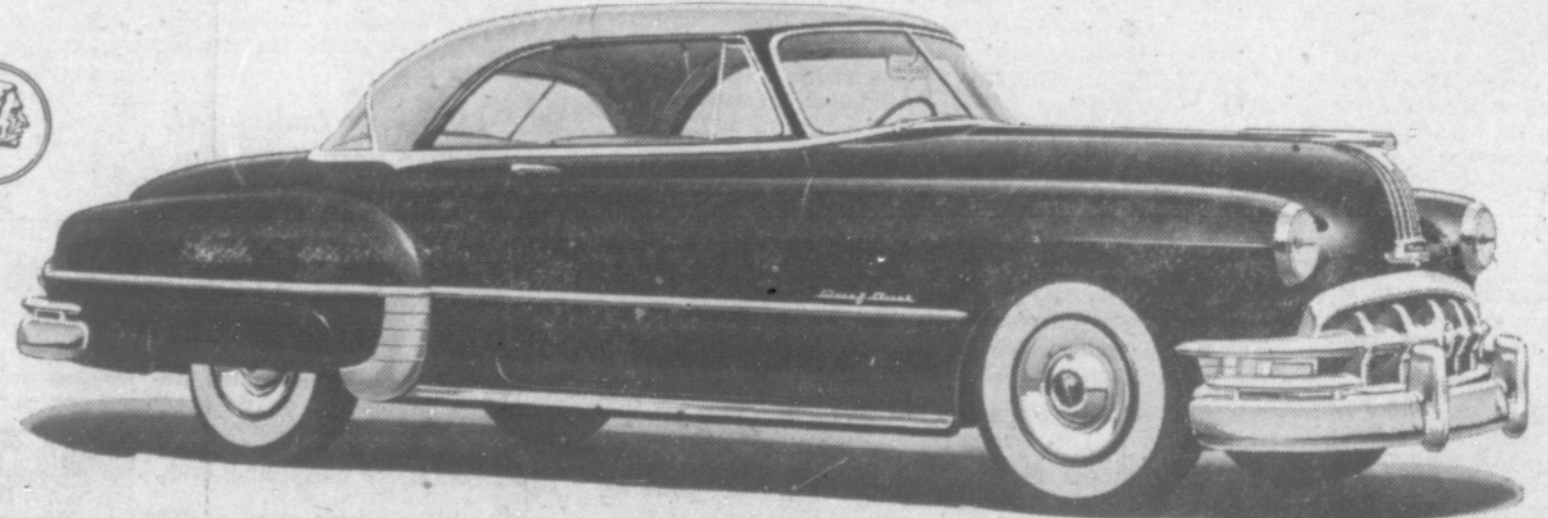
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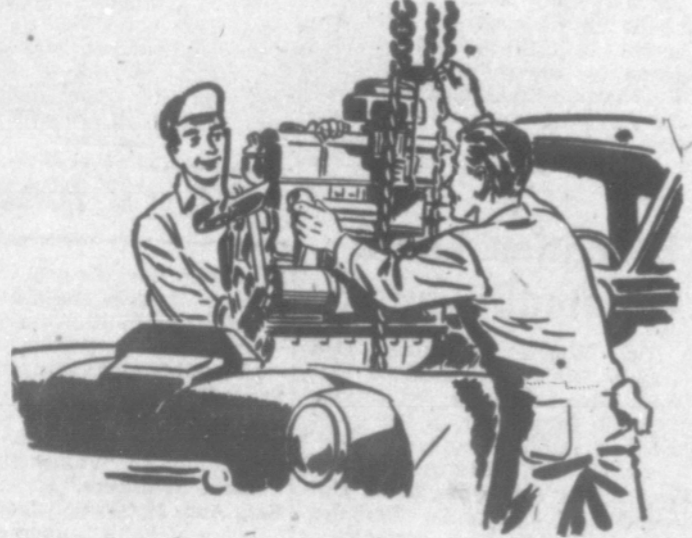
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