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OREGON HARVEST SUCCESS DESPITE LABOR SHORTAGE

Now that the harvest of Oregon's widely diversified agricultural products is largely completed, Oregon farmers can look back on another year of no abnormal crop losses due to lack of farm labor, J. R. Beck, state farm labor supervisor in the O. S. C. Extension service, says in reviewing the state's farm labor situation.

Unless unforeseen difficulties or adverse weather conditions arise for the harvest of walnuts, filberts, apples, potatoes and sugar beets—now under way, Beck estimates that about 98 per cent of Oregon's huge production of food crops will be saved despite the shortage of farm help.

Women and children from small towns and cities played a vital part in this year's harvest, Beck added. Up to October 1, the total number of placements of women by county farm labor offices was 23,608 and the total youth placements 50,376. At the peak of the harvest in late August and early September, approximately 50,000 Oregon women and children were working in the fields at one time, he said. Total placements of farm workers up to October 1 were 149,206. This figure does not include the additional thousands of persons who did farm work without registering at farm labor offices. A total of 1858 year-

round workers were placed, twice as many as in such farm jobs last year.

Beck praised the work of the women and children, who normally do not do this type of work. They were glad to earn the money of course, he explained, but most of them were motivated by the patriotic thought that here's a job to be done.

The 5200 Mexican Nationals brought to Oregon by the War Food administration accounted for nearly half a million man-days of farm labor. This was estimated at 12 per cent of the hired farm labor in the state this year. Hundreds of servicemen on three-day passes helped in the harvest, as are about 300 Marines and naval personnel from the Klamath Falls hospital and Marines from the Corvallis air base.

More than 800 Japanese evacuees from relocation centers are assisting with the big acreages of crops in Malheur county. Only a small number of prisoners of war were used.

Vets Taking Farm Jobs

Evidence that discharged World War II veterans are finding places in farm jobs is indicated by reports from a number of farm labor offices. The offices reporting on ex-servicemen in September placed 24 of these former fighters in seasonal jobs and five on year-around jobs.

Hospital Care Now Available

Much is being said about the rapid expansion of hospital and medical care insurance. To the question of why could not this have been done before, the magazine Hygeia says: "In addition to the necessary evolution of public knowledge and opinion and of actuarial data, medicine itself had to progress in effectiveness so that an insurance policy might be financially possible to the man of limited means and at the same time be actuarially sound. Hospitals themselves had to become available. In 1900, there were 1,000 hospitals in this country; today there are over 7,000. Methods of medical care had to be improved so that hospital days of illness could be reduced to a workable number. In 1912, the average hospital stay for appendicitis was 18 days; now it is 11 days. The average course of lobar pneumonia has been reduced from weeks to days. The case fatality of epidemic meningitis in 1910 was 80 per cent; in 1935, 30 per cent; today it is 5 per cent. These are only examples of the general improvement in the quality and effectiveness of medical care, which in turn makes possible readjustment of insurance rates to the point at which they are within the reach of the average worker on a sound actuarial basis."

In plain words, until modern medicine came along, the life and health of the human animal was too poor a risk to be covered by any form of insurance, even the compulsory health schemes of the government.

The above came to our desk from a syndicated column. But we want to call attention to the residents of the Illinois Valley that we have a hospitalization plan whereby individuals and families can have hospital insurance for a very small annual fee.

The Josephine County Rural Health association has a plan that will take care of entire families or individuals and all your hospital bills are paid in case of sickness or injury up to 21 days. This service includes all the services the Josephine General hospital can supply, including X-rays and the operating room when necessary.

Every family in the valley could well afford to take advantage of this service, and in case of sickness or injury, the small fee you will pay would save many, many dollars to the head of the family.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school attendance was 57. The feltogram story was given by Mrs. Clara Dick. Visitors at the morning service included Mrs. Guy Sanders and laughter, Karen, Mrs. L. W. Hill, Mary Lou Hill and Bill Hill and Eileen

Schneider and Anna Sherier recently home from San Leandro, Calif.

Rev. Gray's scripture lesson was James 1:17-27, verse 27 being used as the text.

The special number sung by the choir was "Never Give Up."

The gospel song service Sunday afternoon was well attended. Rev. D. B. Wantland, pastor of the Assembly of God church in Kerby in charge with Mrs. Wantland leading the devotionals. The next sing will be November 12 in charge of Rev. Gray.

Thursday was the regular all day Missionary meeting at Kumfy Kamp dining room with a good attendance.

Mastitis Treatment Is Explained

Mastitis, garget, or caked udder is the cause of some 20 to 25 per cent loss of market milk, says a circular on mastitis in dairy cattle, just issued by the agricultural experiment station of Oregon State college. The circular, No. 163, explains in question and answer form the cause, treatment and control of mastitis which, it says, has made dairy production economically unsound in many dairy herds. Written by John O. Schnautz, assistant veterinarian of the experiment station, the publication is available from county agents

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- 21—Formally dedicate Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1892.
- 22—Sam Houston takes office as president of Texas republic, 1836.
- 23—Open Rice Institute in Houston, Tex., 1912.
- 24—Frankfort Land Co. begins settlement of Germantown, Pa., 1683.
- 25—States denied right to regulate interstate traffic, 1867.
- 26—42,000-ton liner, "Empress of Britain," sunk by bomb, 1940.
- 27—Lithuanian troops occupy old capital of Vilna, 1939.

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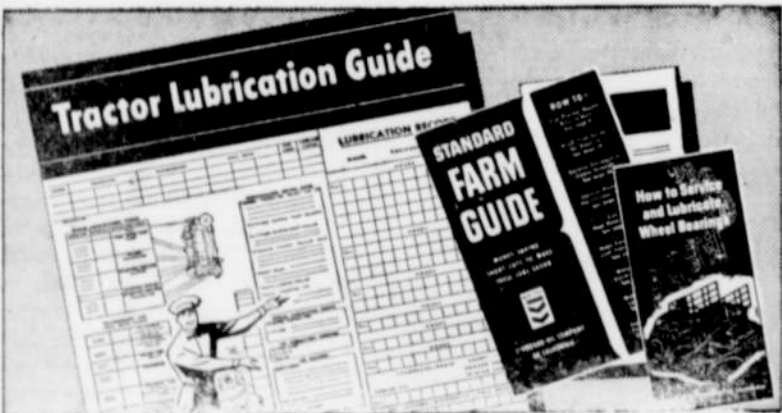
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