

Crop Prospects Brightened By Showers Visiting Kent District Fore Part of Month

By Nancy Wilson
A heartily welcome rainfall soaked the Kent area the days of the third to the eighth with .38 of an inch, according to J. E. Norton, who checks local rainfall. The moisture was fairly well spread over the entire area.
According to Mrs. Harry Hooper, manager of the Grass Valley Grain Growers, there are 10,381 acres of wheat and 3,823 acres of barley in crop in the Kent area this year. It is too early to know definitely but there have been estimates that an increase as high as five bushels per acre in wheat and one-fourth ton per acre in barley could result. This could mean an increase of more than \$100,000 in the community income.

Jack Adams was acclaimed 1955 non-resident winner British Columbia trap champion, with a 16 yard target, and was presented with a trophy and purse at the Victoria, B. C. Gun club on July 3. He and Mrs. Adams returned by the coast route to Salem where they attended the Oregon state shoot which was held Tuesday through Friday. He scored another win on Friday when he won the Salem handicap and was awarded a silver belt buckle inlaid with gold. They returned to their home in Kent on Sunday.

Private John Schadwitz arrived home on furlough Saturday from Fort Ord, Calif., to visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadwitz. After a visit of 13 days he will return to Fort Ord.

Mrs. Nell Swick of Warren, Penn., who has been visiting this past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Mobley, has returned to Grass Valley where she is visiting at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Young of Goldendale were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Mobley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sondenna and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sondenna and family of Toledo were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amanda von Borstel over the 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reckman and family attended the Cattlemen's picnic Sunday at Tygh Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horner of Coquille were overnight guests Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jeffries.

Pat Jeffries spent the past week visiting his grandfather, R. P. Barnett, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jeffries went to The Dalles Sunday and returned with Pat.

Judy Helyer returned home the 5th from Bend where she spent the past several weeks visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Van Metre.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeffries were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadwitz Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schadwitz of Portland were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadwitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Harly McKay and daughter, Mary Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Junker and baby went to Brooks state park near Goldendale, Wash., Sunday for a family picnic. Mary Ann went on to Ellensburg with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Bucholtz, for a week's visit.

Mrs. George McKay returned Saturday from a three weeks visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Leatherwood, at Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and daughter, Peggy, were visitors Tuesday in Portland where Peggy had the casts on her feet changed.

Max Nogel won first on the second go-round in the calf roping in the rodeo at Roseburg over the week-end.

Mrs. Orval Tatnode and daughters of Seattle were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Nogel.

Mrs. Edna Koepke and Mrs. Max Nogel and children, Jill and Pat, were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Mart Kaiser at her mountain camp at Goldendale, Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Jeffries and children were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadwitz Monday afternoon.

Walter Wilson of The Dalles was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadwitz, Sunday.

Miss Betsy McInnes returned Monday from a few days visit with her aunt, Mrs. Chet Marrs, at Redmond.

Mrs. Luther Davis and children, Jerri Lee, John, Betty, and Charles, Nike Toole Mrs. Laetitia Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson and children, Jim, Erin, Nancy and Karen, and Jay Mitchell drove to Copalis, Wash. Tuesday and remained until Saturday. Mahlon Tracewell and Luther Davis were present Wednesday for the fishing but returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Kluppenger of Portland were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton Saturday afternoon and returned home with their daughters, Celia and Nancy, who had been visiting at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norton, for the past several weeks.

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Just received is the mid-year "Outlook" report released by the OSC Economist. Two hundred of these Outlook reports are being sent to Sherman county farmers, at random, this week. The report says that livestock markets will be under pressure most of the time during the rest of the year.

Extension agriculture economists believe that slaughter cattle and sheep also will probably stay below the 1954 prices. Even the people's higher pay checks are not likely to fully offset the larger meat supplies in Oregon or the nation. At the same time the report indicates that Oregon feeder stock may hold up better than fat animal prices. The report stresses that with the markets under pressure that you should attach more than usual importance to timing, and buying, and selling and breeding your livestock. More details on the mid-year "Outlook for Agriculture" are given in the Agricultural Situation Outlook circular 1955, No. 5. A copy may be obtained through the county agent's office.

A few Sherman county 4-H club boys and girls will attend the annual 4-H summer camp at Suttle Lake, July 17-22. The camp is held on the Methodist Youth Area, where the lodge building is used, and boys and girls sleep out in the open. The camp gives boys and girls attending an opportunity to enjoy a camping experience, learn new crafts and participate in swimming and other sports.

Johnny Buehler reports the production of two and one-half tons per acre of irrigated alfalfa on his ranch in the Finnegun area. John is pumping water from a large irrigation dam, with about 28 acres under water.

Folks who did not see the report of the Oregon state game commission regarding deer hunting results in Sherman county might be interested in the following figures: The game commission indicates that 592 hunters tried their luck in the county. Of this total, 325 were successful in shooting 227 bucks and 98 antlerless deer.

Horns and choice carcasses don't go together. Feeders having horns don't feed out as well as dehorned cattle. Dehorned cattle are quieter and badly bruised carcasses are at a minimum under these conditions. The Dalles 4-H Fat Stock Show and Sale is emphasizing the importance of dehorned cattle by putting on a restriction for cattle making that show. One of the requirements now will be to have all cattle dehorned to be eligible to compete in the show. In general, dehorned cattle usually command a better price in the market place than horned cattle of similar quality and condition.

Folks contemplating buying an irrigation sprinkler system can find a lot of handy information in a new Oregon State college station bulletin, No. 548. Copies of the bulletin may be obtained from the county agent's office, by a call or post card. Handy charts covering several important parts in determining irrigation set-up are included in this new booklet entitled "Buying a Sprinkler System? Here's How!"

All weed spraying equipment should be cleaned up before storing for the remainder of the year. Several materials can be used to help clean out spraying equipment. Several commercial materials are on the market, one of which is Nutra-Sol, which is used at one quart can per hundred gallons of water. Regular household ammonia can be used at one tablespoon per gallon of water. This should be a handy material to use with a small weed sprayer that is used around the home, or for small spot spraying on the farm. Salsoda also is a good material to use to help clean out spraying tank and nozzles.

Sherman county farmers might find some use for a relatively new product known as "Sisalcraft". This is a reinforced waterproof paper which can be used for a good many years. The produce in our case might be used to cover hay piles, or to place in barns as insulation. The Ordnance Depot at Hermiston had a considerable amount of this material as surplus property, available for sale recently. Sheets 60x15 feet were selling for \$2.50 a sheet.

If you want to see a perfect job in a flatbed for a farm truck a trip to the Bill Holmes ranch will open your eyes to an excellent job. Bill and his son do a job that is plus perfect.

During the June educational meeting on acreage allotments and marketing quotas it was indicated that the change in the method of determining parity price formula was causing more of a reduction to wheat than the sliding scale 75 to 90 percent program. The following are a few comments about this situation.

Parity Price—Wheat is one of the four agricultural commodities which in recent years have still been using an "old" formula in determining parity prices. Parity for all other commodities has been determined on a new or modernized formula which recognizes change by considering relationships in the most recent 10-year period.

Wheat, and the three other commodities, start the transition in 1956 to parity levels under the modernized formula, as required by law. Under legislative provis-

First National Scores New Record in Loan And Deposit Highs

New record high June 30 deposit and loan marks were recorded by the statewide First National Bank of Portland, underscoring other business indexes that point to a generally favorable economic outlook for Oregon in the months ahead.

Semi-annual statement of condition figures for the Sherman county branch of First National show that on June 30, 1955, deposits at the branch were \$2,374,855 and loans were \$314,276, according to Manager B. C. Pinckney.

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ions, however, the downward adjustment cannot exceed five per cent in any one year. Wheat parity under the old formula as of May 15, 1955, was \$2.51 a bushel. Allowing for the five percent drop in 1956, we get \$2.38 as the estimated parity for that year. Taking 76 percent of this "transitional" parity gives the \$1.81 a bushel minimum national support announced on June 10.

Modernized parity for wheat would currently be about \$2.15 a bushel. The \$1.81 a bushel minimum average support for 1956 will therefore be the equivalent of about 84 percent of modernized parity, which would be in effect for 1956 if congress had not provided the five percent limit for the change-over in any one year.

as of June 30, 1955, according to bank president C. B. Stephenson.

All three figures represent large increases over a year ago, setting new records for the bank on June 30. Over June 30, 1954, deposits at First National have increased \$73,847,766, loans are up \$32,790,716 and resources have increased \$79,174,015.

Compared to March 31, 1955, loans are up \$9,450,119 and deposits have gained \$21,895,644. Stephenson said this is a normal trend in Oregon's economic activity, as deposit funds begin to build up again after having been drawn on heavily in the spring by agriculture needs, inventory building and expansion of production.

Lowell Mason and family of Seattle visited the Rolfe family at Grass Valley Monday. He is a former resident of Monkland.

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EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 at the court house in Moro. Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful to our many friends for the manifestations of sympathy in our recent bereavement. We want especially to thank Rev. Gearhart and Chris Schultz Post No. 71, American Legion for their part in the services. Everyone has been so helpful. Thank you.
The McLachlan family.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
After-Dinner Speaker Gets His "Deserts"

"Red" Thomas tells about a dinner party he and his Missus went to in Center City last week. He said it was a wonderful party—except for one guest who was a real "know-it-all," right from the start.

Whatever the subject, this fellow considered himself an "expert." Wasn't quiet about it, either. He told different people what automobile to buy, what books to read—even told some who they "just had" to vote for.

When it came time to leave, this fellow must've felt a pang of conscience. He turned to the host-

ess and said: "I suppose I was a bit outspoken tonight." Quickly she replied, "Of course not. No one could have out-spoken you."

From where I sit, it's all right to have opinions as long as you don't try to force them on neighbors. Take those who would deny me an occasional glass of beer simply because they prefer something else. They're welcome to their choice but shouldn't try to force me to be a "party" to it!

Joe Marsh
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County Ramblin's

By "Tommy" Thompson
The county finally got its weed spraying truck in operation, and started spraying the county roadways last week. Charlie Wallace, Moro, is handling the outfit. Due to the hold-up of equipment, the weed spraying program did not get started as planned and weeds along the roadbed in the county section are rather large. Attempts are being made to hold these in check on all county roads this year.

Complete kill may not be obtained due to the lateness, but it should hold the thistles back and keep them from being a menace to county road crews grading later this year, and to farmers in fence rows.

Following the once over for annuals on all county roads, return will be made to areas where perennial weeds exist to make sure that they are sprayed thoroughly and to initiate a stake system on all perennial locations. Stakes will be

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STARLIGHT	The Dalles
DRIVE IN THEATRE	ADULTS 50c
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY	
BATTLE CRY	Desperate Search
Cinemascope	Howard Keel
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