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PRUNE MARKET PROBLEM COULD BE MADE SERIOUS

The prune situation is such that there is no need for the growers to be discouraged, says C. J. Hurd, agricultural economist of the college extension service. Producers are in a better position than they were a year ago, reports show, production and holdover surplus considered.

"Crop production cannot be accurately forecast," says Mr. Hurd. "The set was unusually good but sizes hardly run to normal, which may bring the northwest crop pretty close to normal."

The California crop is estimated at 250 to 275 million pounds, the Oregon at 60 to 75 million pounds of dried prunes, giving a total of 334 million pounds, with almost no holdover surplus. The California output last year was 314 million pounds, the Oregon crop 41 million, with enough holdover surplus to bring the total to be disposed of to 405 million pounds. This was 71 million pounds more to go on the market than will be offered this year.

Prune drier capacity as well as production must be taken into consideration in estimating output of dried prunes, Mr. Hurd points out. Present capacity in Oregon and Clark county, Washington, is around 3 million pounds a day. The average time of drying season before the fall rains set in and spoil it, is 20 days. This somewhat arbitrarily limits output to 60 million pounds in the whole northwest, even though the crop should run somewhat above that mark. The present capacity may be increased slightly by converting natural draft to recirculation system, but of course unfavorable weather may tend the other way.

The 1926 prices have been slightly under the 1925 figure, owing to the fight started between different marketing interests. On the other hand the growers are getting the support of business and professional men of their communities. And present prices encourage wider consumption both at home and in Europe.

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Champ Hoosier Speller



Betty Robinson, 11 years old, is the spelling champion of Indiana and is now on her way to Washington, D. C., for the national spelling "bee" scheduled for June 17th.

HARVEST IS EARLY FOR ALL CROPS THIS YEAR

A general shortage of crops, due to the dry weather this year, is apparent in the local harvest. The only crops not hurt by the extreme dry weather are the fruit and nut crops, although cherries were light. The shortage is not serious, but hops, grain, and hay crops are all short.

Ordinarily threshing in the neighborhood of Springfield starts the last of July, but this year it was a full two weeks early. Hay is generally in the shock by July 4, while this season it was all in by that date. Hops also are early this year, the picking of the fuggles beginning next week in near-by yards. An early spring with hot weather during the growing season is the cause of the light crops which are general throughout the Willamette valley.

There will be a large crop of walnut and filberts of good quality in the local orchards this year. Last year the walnut crop was very short, but this season the trees have a very large number of nuts on them. Prune trees are bearing heavy, although there are lots of prunes falling now due to the dry weather. The quality of the prunes will be excellent, however.

Threshing is well under way, having started shortly after the Fourth. Fall grain is average, but the spring grain is light, as is the vetch and clover crops.

Welby Stevens, local farmer thinks a season like the present one shows the need of irrigation. The irrigated gardens show the contrast between irrigated and non-irrigated tracts and the value of irrigation. He believes the Benham ditch, which takes water from the McKenzie to irrigate the L. C. Abels ranch, could be extended at small cost to cover the land surrounding Springfield. Over 15,000 acres could easily be watered by this ditch at a cost of \$20 an acre, according to Mr. Stevens. "It is unusually dry this year, but there isn't a year but what irrigation would be a benefit to the farmers sometime during the season," he said.

Community News

By Special Correspondents

GARDEN WAY

Last Friday the Sunshine club met at the home of Mrs. Jay Fish for their bi-monthly meeting. It was decided to represent the community with a float at the "Trail to Rail" celebration. The members present for the meeting were: Mrs. Marvin Chase, Mrs. Homer Chase, Mrs. Lester Cyr, Mrs. A. W. Ferree, Mrs. George Fish, Mrs. A. C. Travis, Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Mrs. Henry Cook, Mrs. Wilson of Eugene and Mrs. Jay Fish.

Work on the new playshed for the school has begun. It is to be built so that the community may use it for a basket-ball pavilion and other games.

Dick Maxwell has returned from Newport where he spent the last week as the guest of John Koike.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schick and family left last Saturday for Rotan, Texas where they will make their home. Mr. Schick has been employed at Chase Gardens.

A. W. Ferree, a local dairy man, has returned to his home after an extended trip east. He spent some time visiting his father in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, his destination. Enroute he visited many friends and relatives, including his brother in Denver, Colorado, relatives in Constantine, Michigan, friends in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Salt Lake City, Utah, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Spokane, Washington, and Chicago, Ill. where he was in business before coming west. Mr. Ferree is glad to get back to Oregon and states that much interest is shown in Eugene by Easterners.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Chase and daughter, Jean, have returned from a vacation trip to Gate Creek.

Mrs. W. H. Anderson entertained Mrs. Eliza Stevens of Springfield, and Mrs. C. L. Anderson and daughter, Jane of Bend, Oregon, last week.

W. H. Anderson made a business trip to Salem last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bailey of Bend and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bailey were guests at the Jay Fish home for a few days last week.

UPPER WILLAMETTE

Mrs. Frank Storer and two children, Melvin and Joseph, who have been visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Circle at Enterprise returned to her home at Portland Tuesday, August 3.

Otto H. Wangelin, father of Mrs. E. B. Tinker returned to Pleasant Hill Wednesday from Deerhorn Sanatorium where he has been taking treatments.

Douglas and Jerry Kabler, Belle and Emma Olson, Bonnie Jeanne Tinker and Marie Louise Elliott are picking blackberries for Taylor Circle at Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Laird are attending the Legion Convention at Marshfield.

D. G. Linton is plowing the Hyde ranch preparing it for seeding. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wheeler left for

a trip to northern California this week via the McKenzie pass.

Robert Doyle of Arago spent the week end at the Cooper ranch. Ernest Schink, C. C. Curtis and Donald Kabler are expected to return from Meadowview Thursday where they have been threshing the last few weeks.

Hop growers of Clackamas and Marion counties are securing their pickers for the 1926 crop. This year's hops, from present indications, are to be of the finest quality, and harvesting will be unusually early this year.

Apprehended while attempting to steal gasoline for their car, Joe Wallace and Charles Foster, trustees who escaped from the state penitentiary Monday, were recaptured at Hly, on the Klamath Indian reservation.

Elzie Conger of Beecher Rock on the Stuslaw, about 50, met almost instant death when the car driven by W. B. Neeley in which he was riding struck a truck on the Junction City-Florence highway about 17 miles west of Junction City.

Eight firemen were injured, one seriously, three were overcome by smoke, and damage in excess of \$100,000 was done when fire swept three floors of a brick building occupied by the Pacific Stationery & Printing company in Portland.

The public service commission denied a petition filed by residents of Lane county asking that the application of the Southern Pacific company for permission to substitute busses for street cars on the Eugene-Springfield line be rejected.

The Oregon hunter will find a great number of birds next fall when the season is open October 17 to 24, according to F. M. Brown, chief deputy state game warden. Chinese pheasants and grouse will be particularly plentiful, Brown reported.

Threshing of fall grain is virtually completed in the Harrisburg district and the outfits have gone right into the spring grain threshing. Fall wheat was the poorest it has been for several seasons, averaging only about 12 or 14 bushels to the acre.

Production of lumber by 104 West Coast Lumbermen's association mills was nearly 2,000,000 less for the week ended July 24, compared to the week previous. There was a decrease of more than 5,000,000 feet of new orders booked, and a decrease of more than 5,000,000 feet in shipments.

HOP PICKING IN LOCAL YARDS TO START SOON

Hop picking will start earlier than usual this year, according to Welby Stevens, local grower. Usually the picking does not begin until about August 20, but this year most growers will begin to pick the light hops or fuggles on August 9. The crop will be very light this year, only half a crop being expected.

The late hops will ripen about September 1, in the opinion of Mr. Stevens, which is the usual time for the harvest. He doesn't think there will be more than 85 per cent of the

average crop, in spite of reports to the contrary.

The hot weather early in the spring during April, combined with the dry season, has caused the hops to ripen early and to bear very lightly.

Hulberts Leave—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hulbert left July 24 for Newport for a vacation of three weeks. From the coast town they are going to Hood River to stay until the first of the year. Mr. Hulbert has been working at the Pastime Pool Hall.

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- Canary—First Wednesday, Third Saturday, Farmers Union Hall.
 - Cloverdale—Second and Fourth Fridays, Cloverdale School House.
 - Creswell—First and Third Tuesdays, Creswell, M. W. of A. Hall.
 - Coast Fork—Second and Fourth Thursdays, Farm Union Hall.
 - Danebo—First Tuesday, Danebo School House.
 - Dorena—Second and Fourth Tuesdays, Dorena Church.
 - Hadleyville—First and Third Thursdays, Hadleyville School.
 - Heceta—First Sunday of each month, Heceta School House.
 - Jasper—Second and Fourth Wednesdays, W. O. W. Hall, Jasper.
 - Lorane—Second and Fourth Wednesdays, I. O. O. F. Hall.
 - McKenzie local, second and fourth Wednesday, 8 p. m. I. O. O. F. hall, Waverlyville.
 - Mt. Vernon—First and Third Wednesday, Brasfield Store.
 - Silk Creek Meets First and Third Thursday at Cedar School House.
 - Spencer Creek—Third Friday, Pine Grove School House.
 - Trent—Second and Fourth Wednesdays, Pleasant Hill High School Bldg.
 - Vida—Second and Fourth Saturdays at Minney Hall.
- Secretaries will please send in time and place of meeting and changes of date as they may occur.