

Truck Farm Pays Prather

Excellent Yields of Tomatoes, Watermelons, and Cantaloupes Without Water.

B. S. Prather, truck farmer, living about two and one-half miles east of Springfield on the Jasper road, has already harvested over 200 bushels of tomatoes from a one-acre patch which he is raising and he conservatively estimates that there are still 400 bushels of them on the vines ripening each day.

Truck farming has been a life work with Mr. Prather. He is now 79 years and as he puts it himself, "is as good in most ways as most men much younger than himself." This he attributes to the fact that he is living outdoors so much of the time and is engaged in an occupation which he enjoys. His son, Kern Prather, and his son-in-law, George Dotler, both work with Mr. Prather on the 20-acre farm which he purchased about a year ago.

Sticks to Two Varieties
Only two varieties of tomatoes are grown on the ranch. They are the Bonnie Best and the June Pink. The seeds from the earliest and choicest plants are always saved thus assuring them of early producing stock. These seeds are in turn planted in cold frames early in the spring and are not set out until they are approximately a foot high. The plants are set in checked rows six feet apart and cultivated with machinery most of the growing period. Mr. Prather says that he will plant his tomato plants eight feet apart next year as they have grown so large that they have almost formed a mat over the ground.

No vines are trimmed and no blossoms are taken from the plants, and no supports are used to hold the vines off the ground. There are a few more than 1000 plants on the acre patch and each one seems to have almost a bushel of nice large tomatoes.

Watermelons Also Grown
But Mr. Prather, says he is a truck gardener. He has two acres of watermelons which will begin ripening next week. He is especially proud of these. They are the kondike variety and are always a blood red clear out to the green skin, he says. He also claims the honor of having produced one of the largest watermelons ever exhibited at an Oregon state

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fair. He exhibited one at Salem a few years ago, he says, which weighed 57 pounds, and won first prize with it.

Only One Cantaloupe Variety
The third specialty of Mr. Prather's is his cantaloupe patches. He has two or three comprising about two acres. I have been raising the same variety of cantaloupe for the past 50 years, he declares. It was first known as the Heart o' Gold, and has later been changed to Improved Heart o' Gold.

One of the interesting things in connection with this ranch is that the crops are grown on dry land without irrigation. Water is not needed during the late summer period if the ground is taken care of properly, thinks Mr. Prather. He has been producing the same types of crops at Molalla for many years before moving to Springfield.

No market troubles bother this producer. He had a stall at the Produced's Public Market for a while, but he soon found out that he could sell all that he could grow by merely inserting a small newspaper notice stating that this or that crop is now ready.

And truck farming pays if one knows how to take care of it, he concludes. He made \$1500 with four acres one time and did not work very hard either, he says.

MEMBERSHIP EFFORTS ARE GIVEN RECOGNITION

Mrs. M. B. Huntly was honored twice for her work in the American Legion Auxiliary at the meeting of the group here on Friday evening when she was presented with a leather receipt case from the department office for being a winner among the past-presidents in the department membership contest. She also won in the district contest and was given a gold American Legion Auxiliary pin in recognition of this work.

Mrs. S. S. George of Eugene made the presentation. Other Eugene women who attended the meeting were Mrs. Della Borin, Mrs. C. M. Urey, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Clinton Chezem.

FEDERAL AIRPORT MAN VISITS AT LOCAL FIELD

J. P. Worthington, engineer in charge of United States airways airport lighting, was a visitor at the Springfield airport Friday afternoon. While here Mr. Worthington looked over the municipal field and commented very favorably on the work already done and that planned for the future.

Visits Aunt—Billy Dawson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dawson is visiting with his aunt, Mrs. W. E. Venable.

Attends Business College—Miss Marlon Rice is now attending the Eugene Business college.

POULTRY SPECIALIST TO BE SPEAKER FOR CO. CHAMBER PROGRAM

Discussion at the County Chamber of Commerce meeting which is to be held here on Thursday of next week will center around the poultry industry and H. E. Crosby, poultry specialist from the Oregon State agricultural college will be the main speaker.

The meeting will be held at the Community hall and will begin with a supper at 6:00 which will be served by the women of the Civic club. Mrs. I. M. Peterson will have charge of the dining room and Mrs. C. E. Wheaton will direct the preparation of the meal in the kitchen.

New officers for the county organization will also be elected at the meeting next week.

CIVIC CLUB PLANS TRIP INTO FAR NORTH SOON

The sum of \$35 was cleared by the members of the Civic club when they served the dinner for the visiting aviators here at the time of the Pacific Northwest air tour it was announced at the meeting of the club on Tuesday evening. Mrs. I. M. Peterson had charge of the dinner and was assisted by the club members and local high school girls. Plans for the dinner to be served for the County Chamber meeting here on Thursday of next week were also discussed.

Entertainment was provided when each woman present was called on to tell something she had done about her home to improve it during the summer or to give her favorite recipe. One of the interesting things told at the meeting was the method of preparing candied strawberries after they had been dried. Mrs. J. Fulop explained all of the steps in the task and brought along samples for the women to try. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Van Valzah and Mrs. Wheaton.

The next meeting of the club will be on September 23, and on October 7, they are planning a travel tour to Alaska. A journey to Sitka, Alaska has been mapped out and various women have been assigned the responsibility for certain parts of the tour.

POTATO GRADING SCHOOL TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY

Two classes will be held during the potato grading school which O. S. Fletcher, county agent, and E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist of the State college, are to conduct at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in Eugene on Tuesday, September 15. One will be held at 1:30 and the other at 8:00 p. m.

The purpose of the school is to teach farmers and dealers how to comply with the new state law providing for grades and inspection of potatoes.

Among the more important requirements of the potato law is the grading and branding of them before sale, also all potatoes offered for sale or shipment in the State of Oregon shall have the container labeled with a legible label containing the following information:

1. Name of state in which potatoes were grown.
2. Grade of potatoes in the container.
3. Name and address or brand of the grower or dealer.
4. The name of the variety if sold for seed.

Any potatoes which do not meet the requirements of this act shall be known as culls.

The county agent states that the object of the school is to help the grower and dealers meet the requirements of the new law and to work for the improvement of the quality of potatoes offered for sale in Lane county.

All interested parties are invited to attend either of the sessions, and farmers who have a surplus of potatoes to sell and dealers in potatoes are especially urged to attend the meeting. Growers are invited to bring a sack of field run potatoes to the meeting to grade for practice.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS ANNOUNCED FOR WEEK

"The Rewards of Waiting" will be the subject of the morning sermon at the Baptist church on Sunday and in the evening Rev. Mulholland will deliver a sermon on the subject, "A Sermon No One Could Preach."

A new innovation will be tried by the young people at their Sunday evening meeting. Instead of meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 as they have been doing they are going to try holding a shorter and better program from 7:00 to 7:30.

At the Methodist church Rev. Pike will preach on the subject, "Quality or Creed" at the morning service. In the evening he will deliver another of a series of sermons on Christian Creed.

ROADHOUSE NIGHTS IS COMING TO COLONIAL

It is the unwritten law of talking pictures that Broadway's biggest favorites will sooner or later become the favorites of America's millions everywhere.

The most recent example of this is the case of Clayton, Jackson and Durante.

In Paramount's all-talking laugh riot, "Roadhouse Nights," the team that Broadwayites have raved over gets its chance to do its stuff for the rib-tickling benefit of the millions who have never had the opportunity of becoming Broadwayites.

Clayton, Jackson and Durante are combination performers and bootleggers' henchmen in this smash-hit of opera bouffe villainy in a roadhouse rendezvous for scrambled yeggs.

Helen Morgan and Charles Ruggles are co-featured in the romantic leads, Helen as a bootlegger's sweetheart—a girl whose man done her wrong and Charlie is the same type that made him famous on the talking screen, the drunken reporter type of "Gentlemen of the Press."

It's all red-hot, sock 'em and rock 'em rioting, and it is coming to the Colonial theatre Sunday.

Moved to Eugene

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morgan and family are moving this week to 437 22nd Ave., west Eugene. They are renting their home on Wilamette Heights to Mr. and Mrs. Warden who are new comers here from Santa Anna, Cal.

Move—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian have moved from their former residence at Fourth and B streets to the house on the southeast corner of Fifth and A streets.

Start Teaching—Miss Mary Elizabeth Whitney left Sunday for Marcola where she will teach in the high school this year.

To Attend School—Clifford Harris, former teller at the First National bank is planning on attending school at Corvallis this year.

Returns from Vacation—Cecil Mathes, operator at the Mountain States Power company steam plant here, has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent at Lakeview.

Visiting Daughter—Mrs. Ella Lombard is spending the week at North Bend where she is visiting with her daughter, Maurine, who is teaching there.

Visits Mother—Mrs. D. C. England of Westimber and her daughter, Lillie were visitors at the home of Mrs. Mrs. England's mother, Mrs. C. I. Gorrie Sr., the first of the week.

Visits in Montana—Mrs. George Prochnow and her two children, George and Marjorie, left Monday for Glasgow, Montana where they will visit at their former home.

NO HUNTING or TRESPASSING Signs for sale at the NEWS office.

Power Officials Here—P. L. Fitzpatrick, assistant treasurer of the Albany and Jack Cash, salesman for the company, were visitors here on Friday.

COLONIAL FRIDAY SATURDAY

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