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Welcome Growers

It is with sincere appreciation of an industry that has played a major part in the building of this community that Heppner today extends hearty welcome to attendants at the fourteenth annual Eastern Oregon Wheat League conference.

The rolling wheat fields come to the western edge of town as a constant reminder that without wheat there would not be much of a city or much of a county here. And what is true in Heppner is true in a majority of towns and cities throughout eastern Oregon's broad wheat belt, one of the breadbaskets of the world.

Heppner felt somewhat skeptical of having sufficient facilities to take care of so large an assemblage as was present at last year's conference in Pendleton. But, with expression from every hand that the folks would like to come here, the powers that be got busy. The local committee has done a good job of lining up all available facilities. We can but hope now that they will be adequate. Certain, it appears, they will be strained, for attendance figures this year show promise of exceeding all of former years.

So, in greeting you, growers, and you who are otherwise connected with the great wheat industry, we humbly offer you our best. We are proud and glad that you have come, and when it is all over, we sincerely hope that you will want to come again.

3557 Elk Taken in Eastern Oregon

A total of 3557 elk was killed in the eastern Oregon area during the recent elk season, according to figures released by the Oregon State Game commission.

Records compiled at checking stations maintained by the commission showed that 8733 hunters checked into the hunting area, and considering the duplications, it was estimated that approximately 8000 hunters engaged in the elk hunt.

Of the 3557 elk killed, 1169 were bulls, 1727 were cows and 661 were calves.

Late last August, an elk season was held in portions of Coos and Douglas counties. A total of 972 hunters checked into this area and brought out a total of 184 bulls. The western Oregon season was confined to bulls only.

More Pastures to Save Farm Labor

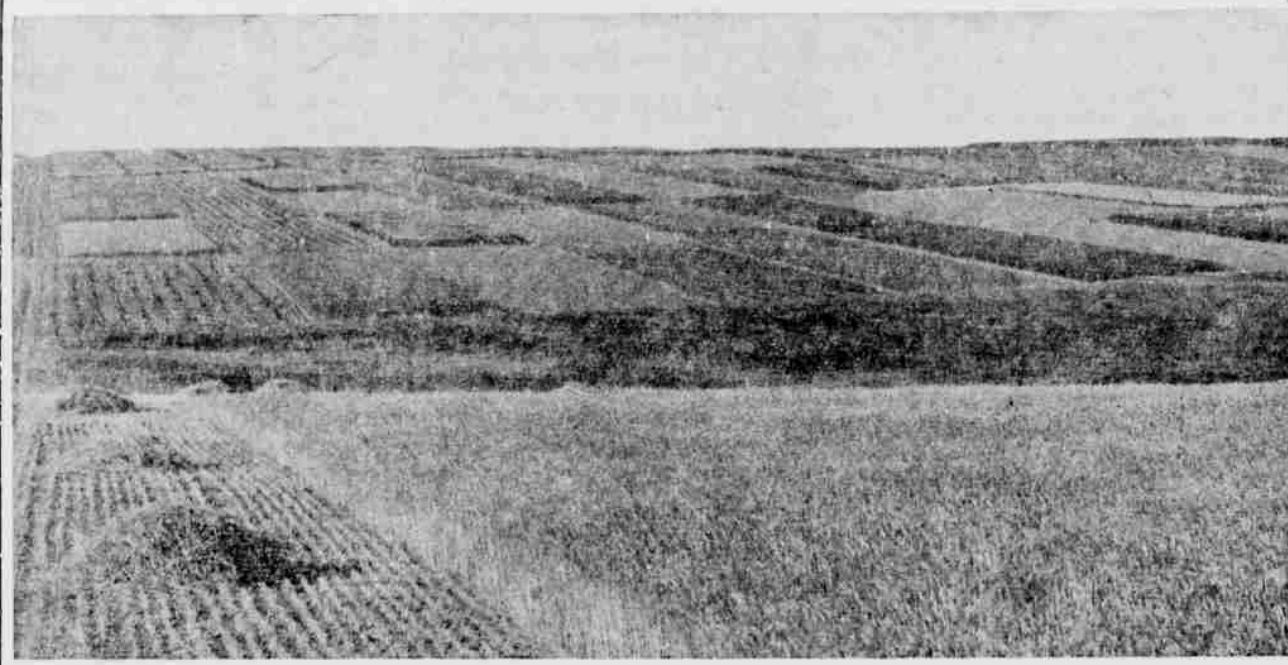
The more nearly dairy farmers can arrange for a year-round pasture system, the less they will be bothered by labor shortage next year, points out E. R. Jackman, extension farm crops specialist, in listing a number of ways Oregon farmers can prepare in advance to cheat next year's labor shortage bogie.

When dairy cows are on pasture, labor is reduced by more than one-half, as compared with feeding harvested crops, Jackman points out. Hogs can also get part of their feed from pasture, with alfalfa and rape being the best bets for them. Pigs on such pastures need only half as much protein supplements for balanced rations.

For dairy farms a high percentage of land in hay and pasture has been found most profitable. Coast farms particularly have adopted this plan, preferring to buy grain produced in regions where growers specialize in grain crops.

Mrs. Ada Cason sustained a fractured wrist Saturday when she fell on the back porch at her home.

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TREE NURSERY AT MORO STATION



Hop Growers Get Premium Prices Through New Aid

A hop analysis service established at Oregon State college recently is making it possible for Pacific coast growers to obtain premium prices for certain grades of hops formerly imported from other countries. The method of analyzing hops for percentage of seeds and other characteristics was developed under a research program financed by a special legislative appropriation and now constitutes the only such official hop analytical service in the United States, if not in the world.

At the end of this season this laboratory, under the supervision of Dr. D. D. Hill, associate agronomist will have analyzed more than 2000 hop samples from this year's crop, an increase of 35 per cent over last year, and 800 per cent over the year before.

"Since war conditions have cut off supplies of foreign seedless hops, hop firms have been forced to rely on native production and to pay premiums for hops having a low percentage of leaves, stems, and seeds," Dr. Hill explains. "In most of the present buying and selling contracts, the percentages of impurities and seeds are stipulated based on reports from the college laboratory."

A small state appropriation in 1938 for hop quality studies resulted in the working out of a short method of analysis several years ahead of the current need or demand for analytical work. In 1939, the Hop Stabilization corporation, a federal agency created to stabilize prices of hops, requested analysis of about 250 samples. The farm crops department had the only suitable method of analysis and facilities to do the work. Last year the war condition caused a real need for hop analysis and the demand increased enormously.

Although the analytical work is being done by students in agriculture, the department has experienced difficulty obtaining enough students to keep up with the number of requests for analysis. The laboratory is now self-supporting by charging a small fee for each sample analyzed.

New Sheer Cotton Hose at Oregon Stores

The new type cotton stockings in full fashioned sheer and light weights, as well as those for heavier service, are now available in larger shopping centers in Oregon, reports Miss Lucy Lane, specialist in clothing and textiles at Oregon State college. The many new styles

Diet Quality Not Just Matter of Cost

The amount a family spends for food by no means determines whether it will have a good or poor diet, says Dr. Helen Mitchell of Washington, D. C., who recently attended the state nutrition institute in Portland and later addressed several groups at Oregon State college. Dr. Mitchell is chief nutritionist in the national organization concerned with furthering nutrition for defense. Studies carried out by Dr. Hazel K. Stiebeling of the bureau of home economics, were cited by Dr. Mitchell as showing that families over the country are getting diets varying widely in quality even when they spend exactly the same amount for food.

now appearing were designed by the bureau of home economics of the U. S. department of agriculture, and were ready when the shortage of silk and nylon developed.

These new stockings are full fashioned, which means that they are knitted to shape to the ankle and curve of the leg so that they fit snugly. Numerous other construction features include foot reinforcements for soles, heels, and toes, and two-way stretch tops. The new hose are provided in many popular colors and styles, both for everyday wear with house dresses and slacks, or in designs so sheer that they are suitable with dressier clothes and light weight shoes.

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FARMERS ASKED TO COLLECT AND SELL MORE SCRAP IRON

Oregon farmers have been asked to participate in the nationwide campaign for the collection of scrap iron and steel to aid the defense program. Farms of the United States are considered one of the most important sources of scrap supplies, which are now urgently needed for use by steel manufacturers for combining with pig iron.

Robert B. Taylor of Adams, chairman of the Oregon USDA defense board, is asking the cooperation of all county boards in carrying on a drive for the collection of scrap in connection with the current campaign to see that usable machinery is repaired early for use next year.

A graduated scale of prices for farm scrap throughout the United States, based on distance from consuming centers, has been set up so that farmers will know approximately what they will receive for their material at the various assembling points. For Oregon a price of 61 cents per hundred pounds at Portland has been established. The amount received by the farmers, however, will be this price less the cost of shipping to Portland and the cost of preparing the scrap for shipment to the steel mills, the latter being approximately 12 cents per hundred pounds.

\$2,106 TAX A MINUTE

It has been estimated that state and federal gasoline taxes amount to \$2,106 a minute, or \$35.10 a second, throughout the year, according to the Oregon State Motor association. Total state, local, and federal motor vehicle taxes amount to approximately \$3,333 a minute or \$55.55 a second.

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