

Small Amount of Ragweed Found in Morrow County

After surveying ragweed infestations in eight eastern Oregon counties this summer, the state department of agriculture estimates there is now a total of 18,905 infested acres in this area. This is an increase of between 5500 and 6000 acres since the last survey.

According to George Moose, supervisor of the program for the department the total estimated infested area in Hood River county is 1500 acres. Apple pear and cherry orchards are infested, he said, as well as pastures, sod water ways and other drainage ways leading directly into the Hood River. Infestations were also noted along the highways in scattered spots near the town of Hood River.

Wasco and Gilliam counties appeared to have no infestations along the main highways, Moose said. Morrow county has a small infestation extending from the Umatilla county line near Irri-gon for about four miles west along highway 730. Road shoulders, pastures and waste areas have the heaviest infestations.

Previously, Umatilla county was estimated to contain 13,000 acres infested with ragweed in three locations—the Milton-Free-water area, a small area along U S 395 near McKay Dam, and an area in the western part of the county adjoining the Morrow county line along state highway 730. Additional areas found this year raise the total estimate to 17,000 acres in Umatilla county.

Moose said Umatilla infestations have spread or new infestations have been located along U S 30 at the Stanfield-Echo junction and west to include the irrigated corn and pasture on the "Stanfield Flats". Additional infestations were noted along U S 395 from Pendleton in scattered spots to "Camas prairie" near Ukiah, on highway 11 from Pendleton to the Washington state line and along tributaries to the Umatilla river.

No ragweed was located in Wallowa or Grant counties and the presence in Baker county is questionable, although Moose himself found none.

In 1957 the Oregon legislature enacted a law making 18 counties in western Oregon a ragweed control area, and set up a \$50,000 fund to find and spray ragweed on private lands in these counties. No provisions were made for control of ragweed in eastern Oregon.

WINS BLUE RIBBON

The Heppner Christian church was the winner of a blue ribbon for its booth at the Morrow county fair.

WINS AT STATE FAIR

Mrs James Thomson, Bernice and Bruce attended the state fair where Bernice won a second place in the 4-H style revue.

YES, we've heard that onions in the water made the BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI but you'll cry, too, if you miss this Best Picture of the Year, Star Theater, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Monument News

The Bob Holmes family visited in Bend last week.

Mr and Mrs Mike O'Rourke and family drove over from Joseph bringing her nieces, Miss Gwen Van Detta home for school.

The boys started training Thursday for football. The first game will be Friday, Sept 12 with Spray.

Mrs Stella McCarty helped three days at the Matteson home with the canning.

Mr and Mrs Charlie Roach drove to Pendleton Friday evening to meet their daughter, Mrs Norman Du Bosch of LaGrande then went on to Chehalis, Wash to visit his mother.

Mr and Mrs Clayton Sweek and two sons and her niece, Miss Elaine Reynolds returned from a two weeks trip to Yellowstone. On Labor Day they went on to their home in Springfield.

Private MacKennon, son of Mr and Mrs William McKennon, came home August 30 on furlough.

Lee Slocum who underwent surgery, Sept 2 at St Anthony's hospital in Pendleton returned home Monday. Maynard Hamilton stayed in Pendleton during the time to help care for him. Gerald Slocum brought them home.

Justice and Municipal Courts

Walter S Duran, violation of basic rule, \$25 fine.

Elbeta Louise Adams, drunk on public highway, 1 year probation.

Roland Donnelly Cassens, violation of basic rule (radar), hearing later.

Vincent Depaul Belloni, possessing alcoholic liquor contrary to provisions of liquor control act, 30 days in jail, suspended, \$35 fine.

Arthur Chester Weems, no tail lights, \$10 fine.

Myrtle Deloris Orwick, failure to stop at stop sign, pleaded not guilty, posted \$15 bail, hearing later.

Gerald Swaggart, violation of basic rule, forfeited \$30 bail.

Sylvester Shirley, drunk in public place, \$20 fine.

Jack Griffin, speeding, \$30 fine.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr and Mrs John Henry Hawk, Kinzua, a girl born Sept 9 weighing 6 lbs 8 oz.

Patients—John P Doherty, Heppner; Gene Hall, Heppner, dismissed; Mildred Morris, Heppner, dismissed; Isabell Kelly, Kinzua; Marion Olsen, Heppner, dismissed; Delpha Nelson, Lexington, dismissed; Barton E Clark, Heppner; Julie Arlene Way, Heppner, dismissed; Charlotte Hatter, Kinzua; Gwenneth Pape, Lexington.

GUESTS AT THOMSONS

Miss Meredith Thomson had as her guest during fair and rodeo week her roommate at OSC, Miss Sherrie Kadel of Sherwood, Oregon.

Overnight guests on Saturday night at the J G Thomson home were Miss Cecelia Parker, Hood River; Kathy Chisholm, Oswego and Janet Wright, Rhea Creek.

PONY EXPRESS TO RIDE AGAIN



Pony express riders will thunder down historic Oregon trails again next June as part of Oregon's great Centennial celebration. Here Harry Long, left, and Stan Thompson, both of Baker, rehearse a relay in the ruins of the old Oregon trail near Baker. Long is vice president and Thompson president of Centennial Pony Express, Inc.

HEALTH NURSE AT MEETING

Mrs Velma Glass, county health nurse, was at Wallowa Lake last week to attend a meeting of the public health nurses of Eastern Oregon. Members of the State Board of Health were present and the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the problems of the health nurse who works alone in a county.

VISITS FROM NORTH DAKOTA

Miss Adelheid Kirmis, Lisbon, North Dakota, is here visiting her sister, Esther Kirmis, county extension agent. Adelheid joined her sister at Salem, Aug 31 where she was assisting at the Oregon state fair. A few days were spent at Florence visiting Frances Watts, Lane county agent and a former North Dakota resident. Adelheid will return home this weekend.

SORORITY COUNCIL TO MEET

The Eastern Oregon council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha will meet Sunday, Sept 14 at the home of Margaret Marston, one mile north of Arlington on the Condon highway.

A luncheon will be served at 1:30 p m and the charge will be \$1.50. Those going from Ione will leave at 12 noon and anyone wishing a ride should contact Betty Hausler or Eileen Padberg.

IONE NEWS

Mr and Mrs L A McCabe and daughters returned home Thursday of last week from a 4 weeks trip. They went to Yellowstone park, Glacier national park, Banff, Jasper, Edmonton, Dawson Creek and into Alaska to Fairbanks and returned by way of Prince George, B C.

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Oregon Farm Wages Rank 2nd in U S; Washington First

Oregon farm workers receive the second highest farm wage rates in the U S topped only by Washington, according to an Oregon State college extension economist.

Average hourly wage rate paid farm laborers recently in Oregon was \$1.12 an hour compared with \$1.20 in Washington and \$1.06 in California. Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts followed the three highest Pacific Coast states.

These average wage rate figures compiled by the U S department of agriculture include all types of wages whether paid on a monthly, weekly, hourly or daily basis. If a house, garden produce, or board and room are included in the farm wage, it is also totaled in the over-all or composite rate.

Oregon kept pace with the average 1 1/2 percent net increase in wage rates reported during the past year for the entire country and also approached Washington's wage level. While Washington rates remained almost the same, Oregon's increased almost 2 cents an hour. California wage rates went up about 1 1/3 percent while the entire Pacific Coast region increased less than 1 percent.

While farm wage rates increased for most of the country, they decreased in the midwest and the southern section—Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee—reports reveal.

Industry's competition for labor may be why East and West have been able to maintain steady wage rates, believes Mrs Elvera Horrell, OSC economist. Last year's business recession probably reduced the demand for farm workers, fewer people left the farm to go into industry, and some returned to the farm, she noted.

LEXINGTON

Recent callers in Lexington, and at the Eugene Sawyer home in Heppner were Mrs Sophia Kubeck and son, Eddie and Mrs Helen Sawyer. Pearl Lee and Walde Sawyer returned to their home in McMinnville with them for weeks visit.

W C Collins, Al Fetsch, Archie Munkers and Bruce Lindsay will leave Friday for Malheur county where they will spend the weekend hunting during the special deer and elk archery season.

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Local News In Brief

Harvey Miller left last Tuesday for his home in Philadelphia, Penn after a week's visit here with Bob Wightman.

Mr and Mrs Seymour Graham of Ogden, Utah visited over the weekend at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Claude Graham.

Guests over weekend at the home of Mr and Mrs Claude Graham were Mr and Mrs Hugh Ward of Forest Grove.

Mr and Mrs Bernard Damon of LaGrande visited the first of the week with her parents, Mr and Mrs Claude Graham.

Orville Smith of Seattle was in Heppner Thursday and Friday.

Mr and Mrs Jack Bedford left Saturday for Wenatchee, Washington where they will visit with her brother then they will go on to Long Beach, Washington.

Mrs Elaine S George and sons, Kit and David spent several days last week vacationing at Lehman Springs.

Mr and Mrs Jack Holt and family of Salem were visiting relatives in Heppner. They visited the C J D Baumanns and his grandmother, Mrs Lee Cantwell.

Bill Hughes, son of Mr and Mrs Joe Hughes, left Friday for Forest Grove, where he attends Pacific University, to report for football practice. He was accompanied by Julie Lee, Keith Lynn and Anthony Marshall of Sweet Home, who were returning home after visiting here with their grandparents, Mr and Mrs Hughes.

Mr and Mrs E E Gonty and son, Doug were in Beaverton last week where they visited Mrs Gonty's mother. From there they went to the coast and also visited at Redmond and Madras.

Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Raymond Gonty of Renton, Washington ran the store for them while they were away.

Rodeo weekend visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Roice Fullerton were his mother, Mrs Edith Fullerton, his sister, Mrs Jim Hawley and son Frank, all of Vale.

Robert Clark of Oceanlake arrived Wednesday to visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs Floyd Adams.

Mr and Mrs John Housman of Largo, Florida are visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Paul Hiler. Mr Housman is a former Morrow county resident.

Oregon Cow Total Hits Record Low; Production Drops

The number of milk cows on Oregon farms has dropped to the lowest point on record and milk production continues a downward trend, reports Oregon State college extension service.

Oregon has 178,000 milk cows this summer, a 2 1/2 percent drop from last year and the smallest number in 23 years of record, according to Stephen C Marks, OSC agricultural economist. The report is based on a mid-summer inventory by the state crop reporting service.

Milk production in Oregon last month dropped 2 million pounds below the same month a year ago, Marks said.

Hot weather throughout most of Oregon during the past month has also lowered milk production, says Don E Anderson, OSC dairy specialist.

When temperatures are 80 degrees or higher, farmers are advised to provide animals with shade and make sure fresh drinking water is near.

Pasture production has also dipped sharply during the hot weather. Supplement feed, especially grain, is now necessary, Anderson states. He adds that a good fly-control program to ease irritation of cows might easily boost a cow's daily production by two or three pounds.

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