

Oregon wheat, potatoes, hay production up over last year says Dept. of Ag.

Oregon potato growers are winding up a 29.4 million hundredweight (1.47 million ton) crop for 1978, a yield anticipated to be 15 per cent more than was harvested a year ago.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's crop reporting service, the increase in production was due mainly to a 15 per cent increase in potato acreage statewide.

Washington expects to harvest 48.8 million hundredweight of potatoes, four per cent less than in 1977, and Idaho estimates a 93.3 million hundredweight potato yield, six per cent higher than last year.

Nationally, the output of

fall potatoes is forecast at 312 million hundredweight, two per cent above the U.S. production level in 1977.

Oregon wheat production is forecast at 51.3 million bushels, according to the USDA, about 13 per cent more than last year. Wheat production for the Pacific Northwest states of Oregon, Idaho and Washington is forecast at 244.1 million bushels, 24 per cent above 1977. Nationally, the wheat production is estimated at 1.78 billion bushels—12 per cent below 1977 yields.

Hay production in Oregon is forecast at 2.5 million tons, five per cent

above last year. On a national basis, hay production is expected to total

139.2 million tons, six per cent above the U.S. output in 1977.

Bird hunters warned of possible pesticide contamination

Pheasant hunters in Columbia Basin counties are again advised this year by the Fish and Wildlife Department to skin their birds and trim away any deposits of fat.

Sampling of pheasants and other birds in Umatilla, Morrow, Sherman, and Wheeler counties has found that some birds contain levels of the pesticide heptachlor which exceed the maximum 0.3 parts per million allowed by the

Food and Drug Administration in human food.

In all sampling, highest levels have been found in fat deposits with only a few birds containing more than 0.3 ppm in muscle tissue. In most instances nearly all traces of the chemical can be removed with the skin and fat.

Birds get the heptachlor from eating seed coated with the pesticide to control wire worm, a potential threat to wheat growers in the Columbia Basin.

Bill Bellamy tells Tillicum Club of campaign

Bill Bellamy, candidate for representative of District 55, told the Tillicum Club in Boardman last week that because he has always lived and worked in the district he feels he has an understanding of the needs of the people in District 55.

"I am sincere in wanting to

represent the people in District 55, and I will work with the people to solve the problems," Bellamy stated.

Before the Tillicum Club meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Peck of Boardman hosted a campaign coffee for the community to hear Bellamy and ask him questions informally.

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Why is it that time seems to fly faster the more we wish to stay its flight? A special day often seems to take forever to arrive while the events we dread rush to meet us.

So it is with the last few months here at home. Daily, the cleared lots increase... grass now covers the place where homes once stood. I try to visualize the scene when the last building is gone, the last board hauled away, when the tall smokestack falls and Jeffmore Hall is no more.

Already the Hall is silent and empty, the cafe and bar closed. No longer will Santa hand out treats to the excited children before the Hall's huge fireplace. The Hall was the heart of Kinzua for many years, it was the scene of union meetings, movies, dances, reunions, company gatherings and parties. With the heart dying can the body last for long?

Work on the tear-down at the mill is moving along, according to Tom Burgess. Mr. Burgess, whose company is dismantling most of the plant building, reports it will be quite some time before his company will be ready to pull down the smokestacks. The railroad out of Kinzua has been removed from this end. The Samuel railroad crew will move to Condon right away to complete the removal of the right-of-way from Condon.

News this week is again of those moving to new locations. Ronald (Skeesix) Benson and Rick Benson have both gone to work in Burns where their father is also employed. Skees, his wife and children went to Burns this morning.

Hazel Jackson has completed the move from her mobile home here in Kinzua. She is now living in The Dalles. Joe and Gwen Bennett and their infant daughter are now getting settled into their new residence.

Another long time Kinzuaite will be living in The Dalles. Virgil Miller moved to that city on Saturday.

Several former neighbors were back in the area this weekend, some like John Weaser were hoping to fill their dog tags and some like Verlin and Lavina Conner to pick up some more of their belongings. Arden, Marian and Bill Trip were here to attend the potluck at the Kinzua Community Church. Lynn Mai, daughter of the Reverend Bill Mais, was in town Sunday to attend the potluck. Lynn is on three months leave from her work with Village Missions in Trieste, Italy. She was a houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tasto in Fossil.

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