

450 Visitors Attend Field Day at Experiment Station; Progress Told

The value of research work in agriculture and the benefits to be gained from applying research findings by farmers of this area were demonstrated Friday at the annual crops field day at the southern Oregon branch station of the Oregon agricultural experiment station.

More than 450 visitors attended the annual event, despite rain and cool weather. Crops research at the branch station is under direction of Harold H. White, associate agronomist.

Hear Work Discussion

Field day visitors were guided on a tour of the experimental farm and heard research specialists discuss the various phases of work including forage, seed grain and corn crop improvement, range improvement, and weed control in seed, grain, corn, truck and bulb crops.

Special note was made of the outstanding performance of the alfalfa, the fast-growing, high-yielding variety developed at the branch station and now being grown for seed increase in this area. Because of its early-season growth and its rapid recovery following cuttings, it is possible to get an extra cutting each season from talent compared with standard varieties, field day visitors were told.

Harry A. Schoth, senior agronomist for the United States department of agriculture who is stationed at Oregon State college, lead the party through the forage experimental plots and outlined the characteristics of the various varieties under test.

Grow 46 Kinds

Forty-six varieties of alfalfa are being grown on the farm to check their adaptability to southern Oregon conditions. Fifty varieties and strains of grasses are under observation for use in farm meadows, pastures, and for range reseeding.

A report by L. G. Gentner, entomologist at the southern Oregon station, on the remarkable

seed increases resulting from DDT dusting for control of insects in ladino, alfalfa, and lupinus seed, was one of the highlights of the seed production discussion.

More Than Double

Gentner pointed out that ladino seed yields were more than doubled last year as a result of dusting to control lygus bugs. Sixty-six ladino growers with a total of 852 acres of seed made dust applications and obtained an average yield of 141 pounds of clean seed per acre, he explained, while 98 growers with 566 acres who did not dust obtained an average yield of only 63 pounds of clean seed per acre.

For each dollar expended for control of injurious insects in this case, the grower got an increase in yield of seed valued at \$0.80, the entomologist said.

Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department at OSC, was leader of discussions on small grains and field corn im-

provements. In this phase of work more than 100 varieties of wheat, oats and barley are under test at the experiment station.

Planting Shown

The planting of carleton oats, a spring variety now being grown for certification, was outstanding. Seed of this variety will be available on contract in 1951. Winter club barley, formerly known as Utah winter and introduced by the experiment station in 1948, was also noted as making a particularly good showing.

Twenty-three varieties of field corn have been planted for test this year. Last year, the standard hybrid idahybrid 544 continued to show well in trials but several new varieties showed promise in preliminary trials.

Temporary control of arsenic residue in soils can be obtained by heavy applications of organic matter and soil sulfur but no permanent, economically feasible control is yet known, it was pointed out by Harold White.

White explained that soils treated with a two-year crop of sweet clover plowed under in 1947, plus 500 pounds of soil sulfur per acre applied in the spring of 1948, produced two grain crops with little if any apparent damage from arsenic. This year's grain crop is showing marked damage on the same soil, however, he pointed out to visitors.

As one phase of the grass seed production program, White is conducting trials to determine the comparative yields of alfalfa and harding grass in rows and in solid plantings. Also being checked is the best spacing of rows, best rates of solid seeding, and best levels of nitrogen fertilizer.

Members of the field day committee who helped plan the field day program and who assisted throughout the day in answering questions and in organizing the tours included W. B. Tucker and Earle Jossey, Jackson county extension agents; Jens F. Svinth and Clifford Jenkins, Josephine county extension agents, and J. Roland Parker, Douglas county extension agent.

J'ville Promised Help in Staging Gold Rush Jubilee

Jacksonville, June 24 — Over 65 persons attended Thursday's booster meeting for the Jacksonville Lions club Gold Rush Jubilee held in the U. S. hotel.

The meeting principally concerned preparations for Southern Oregon day—first day of the jubilee, August 5 — when ceremonies dedicating the old county court house as a museum will be held.

Other Towns Represented

Representatives from throughout southern Oregon attended the meeting, presided over by P. E. "Scotty" Matheny, general jubilee chairman. Speakers included County Judge J. B. Coleman, Ray Clark, chairman of tourist convention committees for Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Diamond Flynn, Medford mayor; Miss Claire Hanley, president of the Southern Oregon Historical society; Albert Hackert, Jacksonville mayor; Don Lane, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce manager; A. C. Van Galder, jubilee entertainment committee, and E. C. Ferguson, managing editor of the Mail Tribune.

Other speakers were Bob Snider, Ashland Lions; Lloyd Rupp, sponsor chairman of jubilee queen contest, and representatives from Medford, Crater, Central Point, Talent and Phoenix Lions clubs. The Phoenix representative also spoke in behalf of the Phoenix Community club.

All were enthusiastic in support and plans for Southern Oregon day and the two-day jubilee.

Matheny brought out that the event had grown from a small beginning three years ago to where is now seeks participation from all southern Oregon and he asked cooperation of all the communities in backing it.

Phil Metschan, Miss Hanley announced that Phil Metschan, dean of Oregon hotel men and owner of the Roosevelt hotel, Portland, will be main speaker at the Jacksonville Museum dedication, August 5. Mrs. Metschan was born and reared near Jacksonville and the Metschans are well-known in the vicinity.

Miss Hanley also stated that identifying plaques will be placed on downtown Jacksonville's historic buildings.

Van Galder stated that plans had been made for routing traffic in such a manner as to avoid congestion such as experienced at last year's jubilee.

State Positions Open On Tax Board, Library

Salem, June 24 — Oregon civil service commission has announced that three classes of positions with promotion possibilities are open for competitive examination to qualified Oregon residents.

Two positions are with the state tax commission, income tax auditor 1, starting salary \$250, and appraisal engineer 1, starting salary \$280. The other, librarian 1, with the state library, has a \$210 starting salary.

Information and application forms may be obtained from state civil service offices, 102 public service building, Salem, or 614 Mead building, Portland, and any state employment service office. Last filing date for the tax commission post exams is July 15 and for the library position July 29.

Hoo-Hoos to Initiate New Members Friday

The Rogue Valley chapter of the International Concatenated Order of the Hoo Hoo will concatenate a large litter of kittens Friday, June 30, at Rogue River lodge in Trail. Scrivener Frank Rowe announced today.

In other words, the local group of the social organization of lumbermen, loggers and foresters will initiate a large class of new members, according to an announcement from the chapter's secretary.

Snark Robert Voegtly said that Supreme Custodian Art Geiger of the Supreme Nine of the Hoo Hoo will be here to assist with the concatenation.

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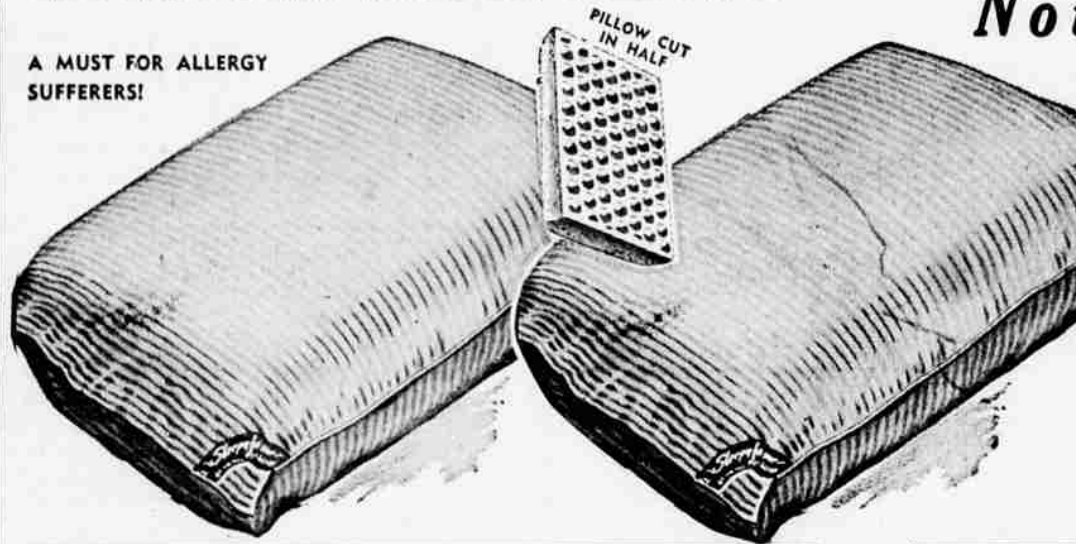
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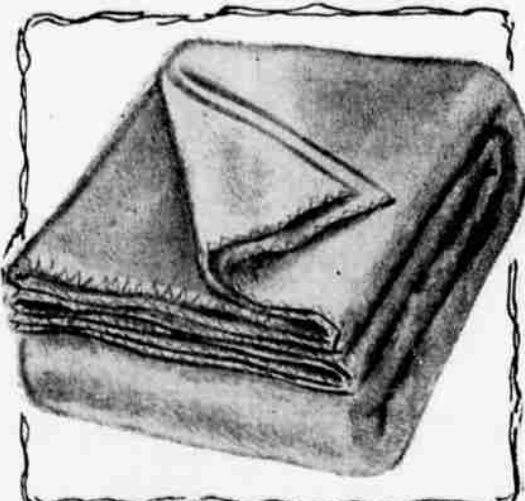
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