

Benefits Outlined On Tree Planting By State Forester

Salem — (Special) — Oregon farmers may qualify for annual payments of approximately \$12 per acre for a period of five or ten years under the tree planting program of the Conservation Reserve program of the federal agricultural act of 1956, according to a statement issued today by State Forester Dwight L. Phipps.

It also has the added advantage of offering an excellent opportunity to realize a profit from poor croplands through forest farming, he said.

Not only will the farmer be eligible for the annual payments but he may receive reimbursement up to 80 per cent of the cost of trees and establishing the plantation. In all cases the planting costs are based upon a total of 1000 trees per acre, Phipps stated.

The tree planting program calls for contracts for periods of either five or ten years, depending upon the nature of the plantation. The former deals with shelterbelts, windbreaks or plantations designed for wildlife habitat, the forester said. The ten-year contract applies to woodlands which have been established for forest crop production.

Harvesting Restricted

Harvesting the crop is restricted, Phipps said. No products can be taken from the land during the contract period except upon the recommendations of a qualified persons where it would be in the nature of stand improvement.

"One of the recent changes in the regulations deals with the non-diversion acreages or croplands that have been planted to permanent crops since 1953," Phipps stated. "Annual payments have been increased from 30 to 50 per cent at the option of the county committee, but if all the eligible land on the farm is planted to trees the payments may be up to 100 per cent."

The administration of the program is under the county agricultural stabilization and conservation committee and any interested individuals should contact their county ASC office in order to get the entire picture covering the procedure and payments in the county, he added.

Stock Shortage Possible

"It is quite possible that there will be a shortage of tree planting stock this fall with about 3,000,000 trees available from the Oregon forest nursery near Corvallis," Phipps said. "However, there will be a larger supply of trees during the 1958-59 planting season. The state's new Elkton nursery will produce between 10 and 12 million trees for next fall planting while the Corvallis nursery will have five million trees.

"Inability to get the trees for planting under the program need not delay signing the contracts. These can be signed and the annual payments to farmers will begin immediately. The cost sharing payment will be made when the trees are planted. The contract period will be extended to fulfill the five or ten-year tree growing provisions."

The date has not yet been definitely fixed for the 1958 signing but it is expected to be some time this month. The forms have not yet been received by the various county committees, Phipps stated.

Camp White Domiciliary Member Returned To Useful Position Despite Handicap

John Peterson, 64-year-old member of the Veterans Domiciliary at Camp White, is a good example of a handicapped person who has been rehabilitated and returned to useful employment, according to Arthur Savard, chairman of the Jackson county committee of Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

Employ the Handicapped week, a national program to encourage employment of the physically disabled, is being observed this week.

Peterson, a war veteran, suffered a heart attack in 1947, and was told he had a short time to live, Savard said. In desperation, he turned to the Veterans Administration for help and was sent to Camp White.

Savard said Peterson had been active in the business world, as

a clerk and office manager. As his strength began to return at Camp White, he was given several minor positions, none of which took advantage of his background experience, the chairman stated. In due time, one of the Camp White officials suggested that Peterson help him in making studies pertaining to the cost of operation of the domiciliary.

Since the new job drew on his experience, Peterson tackled it with enthusiasm and the more time he put in on the study, the more his confidence in himself and his outlook improved, Savard said. Today Peterson holds a responsible Civil Service job at the domiciliary and one of his greatest pleasures is to help some other disabled person to rehabilitate himself, Savard said.

Accident Totals For Six Months Reported In State

Salem — During the first six months of 1957 a total of 30,404 accidents took place in Oregon, 419 of which occurred in Medford, according to the semi-annual summary by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

More than 24,900 accidents in Oregon resulted in property damage with Medford contributing 407. Oregon traffic deaths numbered 169 to which Medford recorded only one.

Cities in the 10,000 to 50,000 population class (Medford: 23,300) listed 4,743 accidents, seven deaths and 4,104 cases of property damage caused by traffic. The summary stated that Medford had 236 of its accidents on city streets while another 173 took place on state highways within the city limits.

The 18 to 24-year-old class led the persons killed in Oregon traffic accidents during the first six months with 35. The age group with the largest number of injuries was the 30 to 39-year-old group with 1,319. Thirteen accidents in the 30 to 39-year-old class contributed to Medford's total of 81 injuries.

The department's figures show more men injured than women. In the state 4,278 men were injured while 3,585 women were injured. Medford shows 47 women and 34 men injured for its share of the total.

Medford's most accident-prone time is the same as the state average, 4 to 4:59 p.m. The state recorded 3,303 accidents in this period during the first six months with 16 traffic deaths while Medford listed 56 accidents during the afternoon time.

Friday replaced Saturday as the No. 1 accident day. On Fridays, 5,339 accidents took place in Oregon with Medford also showing Friday as the heaviest day with 91 recorded. Sunday is the safest day for traffic accidents, according to the report. Medford shows only 39 accidents on Sundays while the state has 3,543.

Beat Russia To Moon, Scientist Urges U.S.

Editor's note: The race for the moon and planets is on and the "issue is supremacy," a distinguished scientist has told the United Press in an interview. He said every American should realize what this means. Because of his position the scientist felt it would be inappropriate for him to talk in his official capacity. Therefore his name is withheld from the following dispatch.

By JOSEPH L. MYLER
United Press Correspondent
Washington — A leading U. S. scientist called today for an all-out program to beat Russia to the moon and planets.

He told the United Press the program he envisions would cost billions but "the issue is supremacy."

The scientist, who asked that his name be withheld because of his official capacity, said the Russians are driving toward manned flight to the moon and planets and "we had better be there when they arrive."

He suggested setting up a government agency with wide powers similar to the Manhattan District that perfected the atomic bomb in World War II.

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Royal Family of Ethiopia Visible in Northwest Sky

By FAY BENTLEY
Would you like to meet a brave and daring young man, hero of many an ancient legend? Then look to the northeastern sky about 9 p.m. and well above the horizon, in a brilliant part of the Milky Way, you will see Perseus, the Rescuer. It was he who destroyed the sea monster thereby saving the beautiful maiden, Andromeda, who was giving her life to atone for the careless boasting of her mother, Cassiopeia.

At the time of Andromeda's rescue, Perseus was returning to his homeland after having slain the Gorgon, Medusa. Beholding a more than attractive young lady chained to a rock on the seashore with a man-eating monster rapidly approaching the spot where she was lying, Perseus, after advising the maiden to close her eyes, presented the snaky head of Medusa for the sea-dragon to look upon.

"And they are three, the Gorgons, each with wings and snaky hair, most horrible to mortals. Whom no man shall behold and draw again. The breath of life," wrote an ancient Greek poet.

Turns To Stone

To the great joy of everyone concerned, the monster instantly turned to stone and Andromeda was restored to her grieving parents. Andromeda's father whose sadness had quickly changed to rejoicing told Perseus to mention anything he wished and it would be given him.

"All I desire is to claim the hand of your daughter in marriage," replied the hero.

For many years, Andromeda and Perseus lived happily together, and when at last death claimed them, Jupiter placed them near each other in the starry heavens.

By 9 p.m. all four members of the Royal Family of Ethiopia are gracing the evening sky. Cassiopeia, the Queen and mother of Andromeda, is perhaps most resembles a rather sprawled out capital "W" as it lies, about midway between horizon and zenith, in the Milky Way in the northeastern part of the heavens. Cassiopeia will always be found on the opposite side of the sky from the Big Dipper with the North Star dividing the distance between them.

Below Cassiopeia, also in the Milky Way, we find the son-in-law and rescuer, Perseus. This star picture bears little resemblance to a man, but its position in the Milky Way just below

Cassiopeia makes it easy to locate. Perseus seems to have no head. The short line of three stars represent his body while the two uneven lines of stars extending out from the body are his legs. Pointing to the right or east from the top of the body a curving line of stars depicts the extended left arm with Medusa's head in his hand.

Andromeda to East

Andromeda lies just east of Perseus; between Perseus and the Great Square of Pegasus the Flying Horse. This maiden is attached to Pegasus just where the animal's hind legs would be fastened to its body if the horse had hind legs. (Pegasus is flying through clouds and only the front part of the body is showing).

The star farthest to the east or left in the Great Square forms the shoulders of Andromeda, like her rescuer she has no head. Two lines of stars extending towards Perseus from the shoulder star and forming a long, slender "V" outline the body of this princess. She is supposed to be in a reclining position as she lay while chained to the rock.

Back again to the Milky Way, we find King Cepheus, father of Andromeda, higher in the sky than his wife and queen, Cassiopeia, and also on the opposite side of the Milky Way from her. This constellation looks something like a church steeple with its point down.

It can always be located by imagining a straight line from the Pointers in the Big Dipper through the North Star and straight onward for about half the distance between the Pointers and Polaris. Such a line will touch the star in the top of the "steeple." The four members of the Royal Family of Ethiopia will be visible during all the winter months.

Fourth Quintuplet Succumbs in France

Toulon, France — Death claimed a fourth Christoffe quintuplet today leaving only one infant still alive.

Officials at Foch hospital said Roland, one of the two boys and three girls born last Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Christoffe, died at 3 a.m. (10 p.m. EDT) Sunday.

A brother and two sisters died within 16 hours of the birth, which was three months premature.

Doctors said the surviving girl, Michele, is in "satisfactory condition" but they expressed doubt she would survive.

UTILITIES EXECUTIVE DIES

New York — Eugene A. Yates, 76, a public utilities executive and a central figure in the recent Dixon-Yates controversy, died Saturday night.

Russian Nuclear Explosion Reported

Tokyo — The Japan Meteorological Board said today Soviet Russia tested another nuclear weapon Sunday night.

Weather stations throughout Japan recorded unusual atmospheric pressure and weather experts estimated the test may have been held around 5 p.m.

The shock duration ranged from 30 minutes to an hour, the announcement said. This was longer than the previous Soviet test held Sept. 24.

The test was located north-northwest of Japan, the same location as the last one.

The Sendai Meteorological Agency said it registered an unusually heavy count of radioactivity this week-end.

Strong Stand Wanted For Democratic Party

New York — Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan called upon the Democratic party to take a strong stand on Civil Rights even if it results in a loss of political strength in the South.

"We do not want to drive out the South but the Democratic party—the majority of the party—simply must stand on its own principles, whether the stand results in political gain or political disaster," he said.

In an article appearing in the nation, a weekly journal of opinion the Democratic governor said that President Eisenhower had no choice but to send Federal troops into Little Rock.

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