

Company, OSU To Study Cropping Systems in State

Corvallis — Co-sponsorship of an agricultural research program to explore new cropping systems that could place one million acres of Willamette valley farmlands under irrigation and perhaps double or treble income per acre, has been announced jointly by Pacific Power and Light company and Oregon State university.

Describing the program as one offering the prospects of greater diversification in the agricultural economy of the entire state as well as more intensive cropping in the Willamette valley, spokesmen for Pacific Power and OSU said initial studies indicate a tremendous untapped potential for upgrading valley crop production.

Announcement of the program followed action of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education in accepting a \$50,000 grant from Pacific Power to be made available over a five year period.

Research Project
The OSU Agriculture Experiment station is adjusting its program to conduct the research project, which has been urged by farm leaders throughout the valley, it was said.

Objectives of the research are to learn how to best drain, irrigate, fertilize and crop the older alluvial soils to raise more profitable crops than are presently produced," explained F. E. Price, dean of the school of agriculture at OSU. Soils under study include Dayton (white land) and Amity types and Woodburn soils, the latter classed as better drained.

"We are especially enthusiastic about the benefits that will be shared by the communities and farm areas we serve if more acreage can be brought under electric-powered sprinkler irrigation and produce more cash income for the region," McClung said.

McClung said the economic benefits could extend to the food processing industries that would expand payrolls and to the growth of firms that supply and service agricultural production, including irrigation equipment and fertilizers.

The research field plots are to be established this summer on the Linn county farm of Glenn Jackson, Medford, vice chairman of the board of directors of Pacific Power, and on the OSU George R. Hyslop Agronomy farm between Albany and Corvallis. The Jackson farm has Dayton and Amity type soils that are poorly drained. The Hyslop tract Woodburn soil is of moderately well drained type.

Crops Noted
Although a variety of crops not presently grown commercially in the valley ultimately will be tested, the initial work will be carried forward with brush-type green beans, sweet corn, field corn and legumes. It was explained there is a growing market for beans and corn, and silage crops must now be shipped into the valley for livestock feeding.

Arthur S. King, OSU extension conservationist, reported the non-irrigated soils under study are now largely down to ryegrass, which is surplus, and barley, which is suffering from disease. He noted the Willamette valley watershed yields sufficient water to handle any projected increase in irrigation.

Much of the needed water is already stored and allocated for irrigation, he said.

King said that in addition to the beans and corn, some ten or twelve other crops will be grown to determine their potential production on the Dayton and Amity soils.

Dr. D. D. Evans, OSU soils scientist, will coordinate the research effort of the agricultural engineers, agronomists, horticulturalists and agricultural economists at OSU.

Boy Injured When Bike-Auto Collide
Ralph Lee Mobley, 16, of 3070 Crater Lake highway, was reported in good condition at Sacred Heart hospital Tuesday, where he was taken for injuries he received when his motorbike collided with a car about 7 p.m. Monday.

Driver of the vehicle which collided with the youth's motorbike was John Dewayne Manning, 31, Sparks, Nev. The collision occurred at Peach and 13th sts. Investigating officers issued no citations.

Melvin Allen Pieper, 66, of 820 Bennett st., was cited for making an improper turn after the car which he was driving collided with a vehicle operated by Marie Viva Haugen, 47, Central Point, about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at Fourth st. and Central ave. No injuries were reported, officers said.

A citation for making an improper turn was issued yesterday to Nicholas Reiss, 71, Burlington, Wyo., after his car collided with a vehicle operated by Donald Earl Masie, 40, of 115 Almond st., about 9:30 a.m. at Maple st. and Riverside ave. Investigating officers said there were no injuries.

According to police reports, a car registered to Lea Motors, 440 South Riverside ave., was damaged by an unidentified vehicle sometime Sunday night while it was parked at 437 South Central ave.

A vehicle registered to Waters Equipment company, San Francisco, was damaged by an unknown vehicle sometime Sunday night while it was parked on North Riverside ave. between Sixth and Main sts.

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MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1963



BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE—Lovely Janet Parker, 21, flashes a big smile after being selected "Miss Brooklyn" during a beauty contest in New York. The Brooklyn belle won the right to represent the borough in the New York state finals of the "Miss Universe" competition. (UPI)

Permit System Allows Export Of Raw Logs

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Timbermen got a permit system to let them export raw logs from public lands when the logs aren't wanted by Oregon mills. They also got some tax revisions.

Ranchers who lease state grazing lands got a program under which they can borrow from the state to improve the range.

The elderly with limited incomes got a broader program of medical assistance and some tax relief on their homes.

For the needy, the legislature gave a greener light on food stamp and surplus food programs, but said the welfare commission can cut off the aid to dependent children program if it wants.

Ambulance Law Killed
Small communities got rid of the 1961 law they said would wipe out their informal ambulance services.

The biggest cities and their suburbs got a chance to improve relation through metropolitan study commissions.

The agencies dealing with banking, corporations, real estate, insurance, planning and similar business activities got grouped into a commerce department for a four year trial period.

The Sunday shopper kept

his market, after business and religious groups split on a measure to limit Sunday sales and the House killed it.

Boxers got new safety requirements.

Minority groups got stronger enforcement of Oregon's civil rights laws.

Movies were brought under the law against obscenity.

More Ocean Bottom
Harbor and river dwellers — public and private — got a procedure for acquiring "fill" lands. The state got more ocean bottom to lease because the federal government changed its map.

The law against air and water pollution was strengthened. The state got new power to use in acquiring remaining parcels of land to make up the Boardman industrial site. The Columbia River compact didn't get anywhere. Nor did pleas for bonds to improve "have-not" highways.

Lobbyists again escaped a law to make them register and declare their expenses.

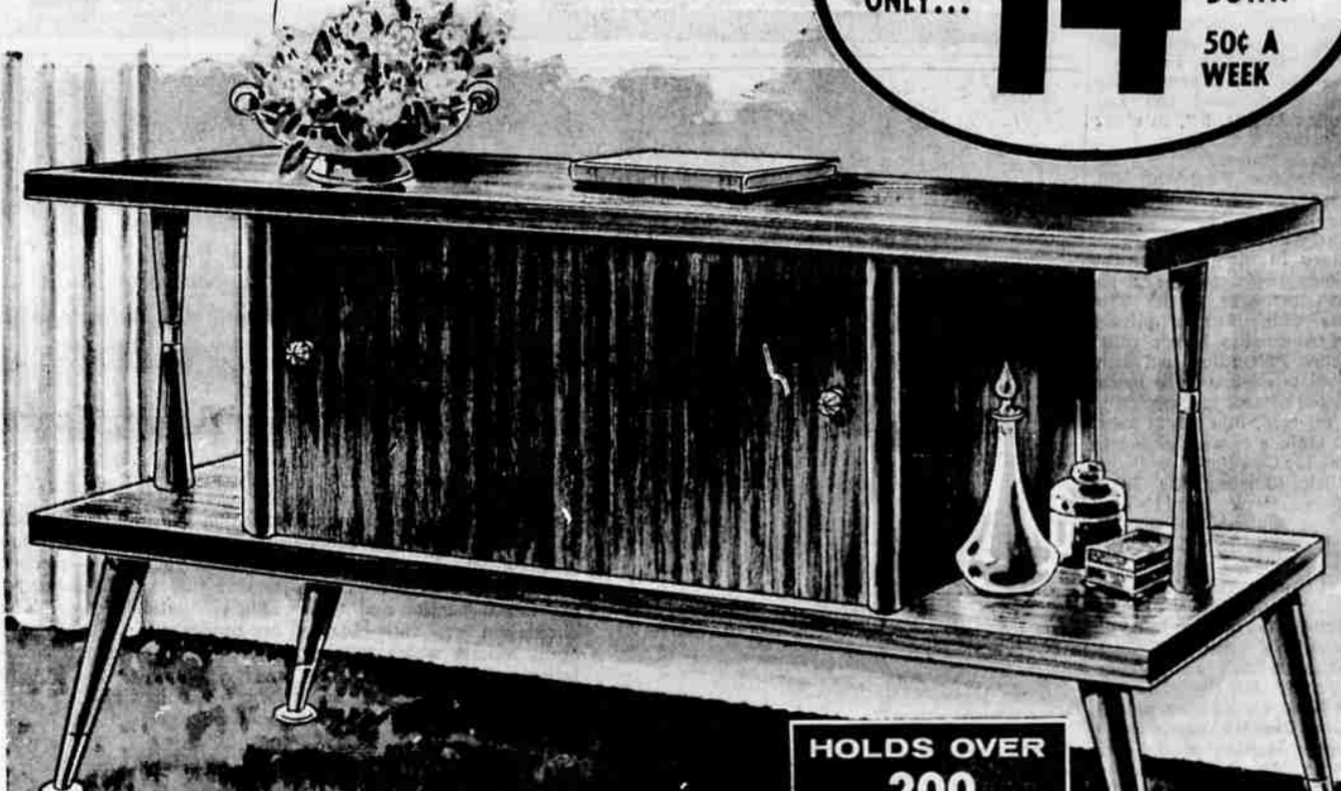
Even prisoner got something — a state-level public defender, in line with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that more attorneys must be supplied to accused persons who can't afford them.

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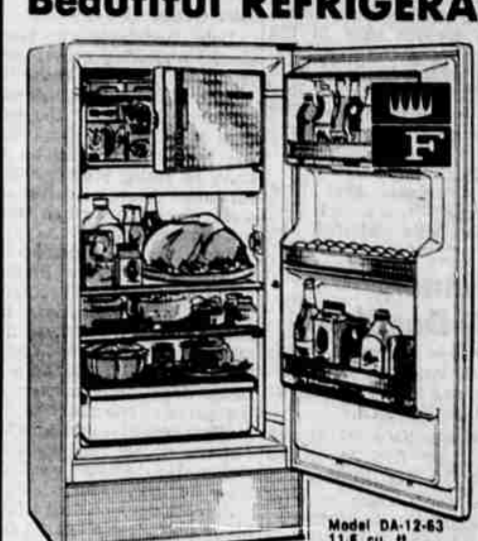
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