

DEADLINE SET AUGUST 31 TO INSURE WHEAT

Closing date for winter wheat growers to make application for all-risk insurance on their 1941 crop is August 31 this year, hence little time remains for Oregon wheat growers to obtain this protection, warns N. C. Donaldson, state AAA executive officer.

The August 31 closing date is uniform throughout the country this year and no applications or premium payments will be accepted after that date even though the crop may not be planted at that time.

Federal wheat crop insurance has been gaining in popularity throughout the eastern Oregon wheat growing section, and is this year being taken by more western Oregon growers, according to reports received at the state office.

Hager

HAGER—The Hess brothers finished threshing grain on the Bruce Gattis ranch Monday.

L. Mills and son were threshing their grain Tuesday.

Don Valentine of Boise, Ida., visited last week with Tom Baldwin here.

Jo Ann Tracy from Sacramento visited at the Baldwin ranch one day last week.

Pete and Blaine Hays of Klamath Falls were helping Tom Hess Tuesday.

George, Orville and Ralph Kohler were helping thresh at the Mills ranch Tuesday.

Jim Whiteline and daughter from near Keno brought Bill Wagner here to get his team Monday.

Wayne Corothers of Klamath Falls was a business caller in Hager Saturday.

Forest Hess and wife are calling on old friends here now, having arrived from Baker, Saturday.

Tom Baldwin is helping Joe Liebling stack grain.

Sigfried Rohwer helped Tab Guber shock hay Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cornet of Eureka, Kas., and nephew and wife arrived here to visit Mrs. Cornet's brothers, C. W. Luther and Raymond Tarwater, last week. They moved into the Homedale district Monday.

Langell Valley

Marilyn Dearborn and Charles Dearborn are enjoying a vacation at Diamond lake with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Johnson.

C. B. Brown spent a few days last week with his sister and family, the John McFalls.

Walter Smith and daughter Mary and son Dick visited a few days with relatives at Live Oak, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones and family are rejoicing over the arrival of little Elinor Margaret, who was born August 6 at Hillside hospital.

John Miller, Ed Miller and Miss Madge Fitzhugh were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and

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Battle for Britain Seen as Important Air Power Test

By DEVON FRANCIS
Associated Press Aviation Editor

It becomes increasingly apparent, as Germany's violent air offensive against Great Britain's island citadel grows in intensity, that more than the existence of England as an independent political entity is at stake.

The battle in English skies is just as much a laboratory-pure test of the efficiency of air power as it is a test of British strength to resist the blitzkrieg.

Whatever the result, the repercussions will be world-wide. A Germany which built up its air power to offset British sea power can ill-afford to have its offensive unaccompanied by any concurrent land and sea operations—come a cropper.

Throughout the fall of 1939, the winter and the spring, Nazi armies cruised over the English countryside, from lands end to Scapa Flow, building up their "objective folders"—the pictures and maps which today are guiding them to their objectives. Unsatisfactory touch-and-go raids were made by both sides.

Now the issue is clear out: How long can the Germans

keep it up, and how long can the British take it?

The defenders are at a distinct disadvantage if the material damage from the raids is as heavy as the Germans claim. On a steady flow of fuel, ammunition, airplanes and pilots depends the ability of the Royal air force to maintain resistance at its peak.

And on the Royal air force falls the job of preventing damage to the things which are the very heart of air defense.

Germany has two advantages. It has the initiative in the attack, a prize in any battle, and its own vital centers of manufacturing, of warplane concentrations, and of fuel and armament supplies are far more scattered and less vulnerable than those of the British.

Men who know air fighting give the British an ample chance to beat off the attacks, despite the disadvantages under which they labor.

At the height of yesterday's onslaught an American, a partisan of air power and a squadron leader in the war of 1914-18, remarked: "The British give up? Don't gamble any money on it. The party is only starting."

FARM TOUR SLATED THURSDAY AT 9 A. M.

The general farm tour on Thursday, August 22, will leave the fairgrounds sharply at 9 o'clock, according to C. A. Henderson, county agent.

A definite schedule has been prepared and every effort will be made to keep on the schedule throughout the entire day. Many people perhaps will want to see one or two things on the tour and not stay with the tour throughout the day, and keeping on schedule will enable them to do this, Henderson said.

Scheduled stops are on Shasta way, in Altamont, near Miller hill, near Pine Grove, near Hildebrand, Bonanza and near Lone Pine. Schedules of stops for the day can be secured at the county agent's office.

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The Conn-Pastor fight is postponed three weeks because of "rain," but hinterland skeptics say: "That was no rain—that was the second deluge."

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RAILROAD NEWS

TROOP TRAINS DUE HERE THIS WEEK

Some 35 special trains, carrying United States army troops from Washington to southern points, will start passing through Klamath Falls August 22 and continue through September 1, it was learned from the Southern Pacific offices here Wednesday.

The troops are from various points in Arizona, California and Nevada, and have been north for several weeks at Fort Lewis, Wash., for summer maneuvers.

Women of the Southern Pacific club, organized here late in July, will meet Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. T. R. Skillington, 211 North Tenth street, to make plans for winter activities. Officers of the SP club include Tom Fante, president; Floyd Wilkes, vice president; C. J. VanDuker, secretary, and Mrs. Alda Kemp, treasurer.

The bridge crew of some 14 men has been transferred from the O&E to the main line of the Great Northern. The crew has been working all the way from Klamath Falls to Bly, since mid-May.

Joe Sexton, son of Frank Sexton, GN chief clerk, has been employed this summer as time-keeper on the extra gang working in the Sprague River district. Young Sexton will return late in September to continue his studies at Oregon State college, Corvallis.

EMBARRASSING QUESTION
KANSAS CITY (AP)—Kansas City's first experience in an old-fashioned town hall meeting, where the administration and citizens exchange views, took an unexpected twist.

After Mayor John T. Gage and City Manager L. P. Cookingham spoke on aims and accomplishments of their administration, the audience was invited to submit questions—and did.

Nine out of 10 inquiring citizens wanted to know "why hasn't the city given me a job?"

Willkie supporters are reported soliciting funds by chain letter. Just one way a gent can be linked with politics.

Silver Lake Fire Recalls Christmas Tragedy in 1894

By LOIS M. SMALL

SILVER LAKE — When fire started in a tool shed behind Oscar Parrein's service station Sunday threatened to explode a 200-gallon gasoline tank, many feared half the town would burn and old-timers recalled a tragedy of 1894 when 43 persons lost their lives here in a Christmas eve fire.

Parrein, however, braved the flames licking only 10 feet from the tank and continually doused pump and tank with buckets of water until the danger was past.

The burned service station is just across the Fremont highway from the scene of the 1894 disaster, and across a narrow street in another direction stands Silver Lake's first hotel, a vacant and decrepit building known as the "Beehive."

To this building the injured were carried for medical aid on that long-ago night of terror and despair when no home in the community was without dead or injured. Nothing but the lack of wind Sunday prevented spread of the fire

to the huge, tinder-dry Beehive.

The Christmas eve fire was one of the worst tragedies that ever visited an Oregon town. Pioneer settlers from miles around gathered to celebrate Christmas with a tree and program.

Trapped by flames when an oil lamp exploded in the hall above F. M. Chrisman's store, 40 persons perished. Three more later died of injuries.

Within the last 25 years as many Silver Lake buildings have burned, among them the historic Chrisman hotel and another hotel, two stores, two restaurants, a schoolhouse, the Silver Lake Leader building and several smaller buildings.

Parrein, who lived alone in his service station building, has been in business here 30 years, keeping pace with the times, first as a blacksmith, then a garage man and finally a service station proprietor. He carried no insurance on his property. Loss was estimated at \$500.

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