

Sugar Beet Seed Growing Assumes Oregon Importance

The growing of sugar beet seed throughout western and central Oregon is rapidly assuming considerable importance in the state's agricultural development. Before conditions in Europe became unstable, nearly all sugar beet seed was imported from central Europe, Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia, as well as neighboring countries, all contributing to American seed requirements. Even before the war started, local sugar companies were experiencing difficulty in getting the quantity and kind of seed needed. This resulted in the beet sugar companies of the western states forming an organization for growing and improving their own seed.

This was first set up in southern California, seed being grown throughout that area as well as in the neighboring state of Arizona. The committee decided, in addition to trying out seed growing in the northern states, small trials being established in Klamath county, Jackson county, and different parts of the Willamette valley. Right from the first, results were outstanding in both quality and in yield. Seed production varied from 1,000 pounds to 4,000 pounds per acre, the average being around a ton of seed for each acre planted. The acreage in Oregon has been enlarged each year and as growers have better understood this crop for seed, better yields have been the rule rather than the exception.

Total acreage in the state for 1941 is 1,750 acres, and the Western Sugar Beet Seed company wishes to extend this acreage to 3,500 acres to be harvested in 1942. This means that there is considerable room for new growers who wish to try out this crop on a reasonably safe basis.

In order that Willamette valley growers might become familiar with sugar beet growing, a field tour has been arranged to visit different fields. On Tuesday, July first, a tour starts at 9:30 a. m. at Jefferson, starting out again at 2 p. m. from Brooks. On Wednesday, July second, another tour starts at 1:30 p. m. at Junction City.

Growers in Klamath county who might be interested in contracting acreage with this sugar beet improvement committee might well plan on attending these tours, if possible. It is of particular importance to the committee at this time as planting is generally undertaken in August, as sugar beets winter over and produce a seed crop the following year. Sugar beet acreage this year is contracted at 7 1/2 cents per pound of cleaned seed, and this year's planting for harvest in 1942 at 8 cents.

Oregon is rapidly becoming famous as an ideal seed growing state and unquestionably eventually will produce a major portion of all sugar beet seed required in the United States. While Klamath county is now producing several hundred acres, the quantity grown here could easily double or treble without affecting any other crop now affected. Unquestionably, Oregon farmers growing sugar beets last year made about as much or more net money from their sugar beet seed than from any other general farm enterprise.

Women Horn in On Men's D. T.'s, Says Scientist

SPOKANE, June 26 (AP)—One more field formerly occupied almost exclusively by men—that of being treated for alcoholism—has been invaded by women, Dr. Louis J. Karnosh of city hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, told 200 northwest physicians today.

Speaking to the opening session of the Washington Medical association's annual meeting, Dr. Karnosh said the affliction, known to laymen as "the shakes" and "D. T.'s," had become the most numerous as well as the "most interesting" form of polyneuritis seen.

Polyneuritis, he explained, is nerve starvation. In alcoholic polyneuritis the victim loses part of the sense of touch, has a knee jerk and in some cases has a form of delirium in which recent happenings are forgotten and replaced in the memory with occurrences several years back.

"Women are now beginning to show alcoholic polyneuritis where before it was noted al-



Sweepstakes and first place ribbons were won by Klamath county boys and girls in the poster contest held at the 4-H summer school at Oregon State college this month. Left to right, Georgia Tocka, Alice Trewartha and Ruth Hagelstein, all of Algoma, and Calvin Worley and Bob McClain, both of Fairhaven. Alice Trewartha, with her "vitamin" poster, won sweepstakes honors.

New Poison Plant Said Menace to Humans, Stock

A relatively new poison plant has invaded many parts of Oregon recently and constitutes a distinct menace to those who may not recognize it, says Dr. Helen Gilkey, curator of the herbarium at Oregon State college.

This plant is known by various names such as poison hemlock, wild parsley or even wild parsnip, though it is not the familiar large-leaved wild parsnip. The scientific name is Conium maculatum. First specimens of this plant were reported in Oregon as recently as 1933, when it was found near the Corvallis-Albany highway. It has since been reported from almost all sections of western Oregon and may be present in parts of eastern Oregon as well.

The plant is just as poisonous as the dangerous water hemlock, and constitutes even more of a menace because its hollow stem

might be used by children for making whistles, says Dr. Gilkey. It makes a showy growth and, when growing in its favorite peat or swamp soil, will attain heights of five or six feet or even more. It is found on drier ground but does not grow so large there.

Two ways of identifying this plant are from characteristic purple mottlings on the stem, and by the fact that when parts of the plant are taken indoors, they give off a distinctive mouse-like odor. Because of its rather attractive appearance, with fine-cut leaves, white flower heads, and seed pods that resemble dill seed, this plant has even been found growing in shady places in private gardens.

Dr. Gilkey reports that the plant is poisonous to stock as well as humans and may cause trouble in hay. It is a biennial, producing foliage the first year and going to seed the next.

most exclusively in males," he said.

Dr. Samuel Soskin of Michael Reese hospital and the University of Chicago Medical school, warned against "vagues" in curing diabetes, and recalled one treatment a few years back in which the diabetic condition was improved but the liver of the patient was diseased as a result.

"The diabetes got better but the patient got worse," he explained.

Military plane propellers are now painted a dull black to prevent flashing which is to easily seen by the enemy.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOYS STATE MADE

CORVALLIS, June 26 (AP)—A governor for the Beaver Boys state was being elected today with Cato Wray of Medford and Niel C. Allen of Grants Pass the nominees of the federalist and nationalist parties, respectively.

In yesterday's primaries at the American Legion-sponsored citizenship training camp, Wray won the nomination from Tom Spindle of Portland and Allen

Saiget of Astoria. Allen defeated Ray Strowbridge, a fellow townsman, and Gabe Anselmo of Portland.

Other nominations included: Federalists: Treasurer, Glen Kennedy, Klamath Falls; attorney-general, Gary Moessner, Corbett; state representative, Earl Higgins, Medford; Bob Duke, Eugene; Bob Hodgins, Eugene; Ben Ackley, Joseph; Elmer Bashaw, Medford; state senator, Jim Wamble, Walla Walla; Bob Shier, Grants Pass; Verne Scott, Salem.

George Summers, Roseburg, and Bill Braun, Forest Grove, tied for the final place on the representative list.

Nationalists: Treasurer, Bob Holmes, Medford; representative, Bob Baum, Union; Delbert Yantis, Klamath Falls; Ted Buselle, Salem; Lee Wimberly, Roseburg; senator, Jack Moffatt, Medford; Charles Beardsley, Salem; Joe Yada, Salem.

Non-partisan, supreme court: Bill Belt, Hermiston, and Ned Liebman, Medford, department No. 1; Earl Higgins, Medford, and Scott Kelley, No. 2; Dan Beyer, Grants Pass, and Camden E. Wheaton, Medford, No. 4.

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ALBANY RAM SALE TO ATTRACT MANY

Practically every sheep breeder in western Oregon who sells purebred stock will be represented by one or more animals in the first western Oregon ram sale to be held at Albany, August 1, reports Gene Hubbard of Corvallis, manager of the sale. Definite assurance has been received already from 38 breeders that they will consign a total of approximately 125 rams for the sale.

Ten different breeds will be represented, making it possible for farmers to obtain rams suitable for practically any type of flock. Breeds included are Hampshire, Suffolk, Cotswold, Lincoln, Romney, Shropshire, Oxford, Corriedale, Southdown, and Dorset.

Western Oregon sheep breeders are cooperating with representatives of the Oregon State college extension service in arranging the auction as a means of getting more good rams in flocks in this region. This is recognized as one of the important sheep breeding centers which can provide wool and lamb growers with adequate breeding stock, according to those in charge of the auction.

Homemakers Promised Rest In Camp at Lake 'o Woods

By WINNIFRED GILLEN

Home Demonstration Agent Do you homemakers of Klamath county need a rest? The homemaker's vacation camp to be held at Lake 'o the Woods July 20 to 24 is just the answer. It is especially for homemakers and absolutely no children are allowed. You get all the rest you need and fun besides.

There is swimming in the lake. The water isn't too cold and you can take as many dips as you wish. Mrs. Margaret Lamb will hold a class on flower arrangement which should be of interest to all flower lovers. Sylvia Hopkins from the county library will attend camp, bringing with her many books to read. She will also give book reports on the books of the day. You can sit in the shade of an old pine tree and read all the books that you have heard about and wanted to read, but never

found time. There will be other crafts taught at camp too, but as yet they are undecided.

A cook will be employed to cook the meals so don't worry about having to work while there. At night there is a camp fire at which everyone takes part. There is group singing and skits presented and always something going on to amuse you. You will get acquainted with many new people, and in all you will really enjoy yourself.

The fee for the camp is only \$5 for four days and you will get more than your money's worth of enjoyment.

Just send a card to Winnifred K. Gillen, home demonstration agent, postoffice building, and we'll count you in on all the fun we are going to have at camp this year. Don't forget it's July 20 to 24 at Lake 'o the Woods for all homemakers I'll be seeing you there.

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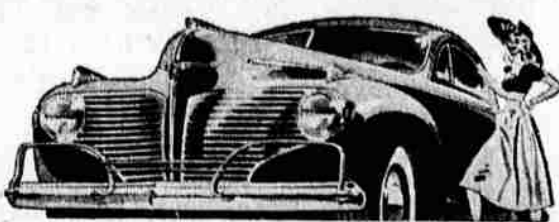
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