

Klamath Area Field Day Scheduled For August 1

The Klamath experimental area field day will be held at the county agricultural experiment station Aug. 1. These field days are held to give the public an opportunity to observe the work that is being done there.

Visitors at the station will observe the progress that is being made in the reclamation of Class V land (land considered too alkaline for profitable production). A small area of land in its original condition is being retained for the purpose of comparison.

Of special interest to farmers will be the varieties of winter

barley and winter wheat and a demonstration of how they fit into a desirable crop rotation system in this area.

In addition, many new and promising spring types of wheat, oats and barley are being tested. In these trials are some high yielding, disease resistant, stiff-strawed oat varieties. With the coming of the Quaker Oats company to the west coast area, there will be a demand for good spring oats. Most of these will come from high irrigated areas. Good spring wheat and barley of differing qualities are also in these trials.

Program Enlarged

The potato program of the station is being enlarged to include the development and testing of potato types. Seventy new varieties have been obtained. Many of these are being grown under cheesecloth gauges in the field this season to keep disease-spreading insects from them. This material will be used in the greenhouse this winter in a potato breeding program. Many of these new groups are very vigorous and disease resistant. Some of them may prove to have a place in the potato production program.

New forage trials are being established and alfalfa trials are being continued.

The agriculture office hopes that the farmers and other interested persons will plan to attend this "open house." Much of the day will be used this year so that it will be possible for visitors to see both experimental areas. A light lunch will be served at noon.

Early Spud Marketing Underway

Marketing of the Oregon early potato crop is well under way with shipments during the first week in July totaling over 200 cars. This information came from the weekly potato crop review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA market reports and other data.

For the most part these early potatoes move to the midwest and southern states of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana where the early crop has already been harvested. They encountered heavy competition from the greatly expanded production in California and Idaho. Harvest in California has passed its peak but marketings are still heavy.

This year, California's early potato crop is expected to total 30 1/2 million bushels. Since these potatoes do not stand up under storage, the entire crop has to be marketed in a period of about two months. In contrast, Idaho's late crop of around the same volume has a nine-month marketing period.

Shipments to fresh markets from California the past week ranged from 300 to 350 cars a day. Relatively few of the Oregon shipments have yet appeared at terminal markets. However, on July 8 Chicago reported the sale of some No. 1-A washed Oregon Bliss Triumphs at \$3.25 a cwt., carlot track sales. These were somewhat immature stock. No. 1-A California Long Whites were mostly \$4.15 to \$4.25 a cwt.

Big Hop Crop Seen For Year

PORTLAND, July 18 (AP)—A record hop crop is in prospect in the three coast state this year, the department of agriculture's production and marketing administration reported today, although Oregon growers are showing some concern over the spread of aphid infestation.

The official government forecast on July 1 placed Oregon's production at 21 million pounds, 3 per cent above last year's and 129 per cent above average. Private estimates since then, however, the administration said, place the prospective crop at about the level of last year's. Growth in the past two years, they report, has not been quite up to standard.

The government forecast for California is 22 million pounds and for Washington 15 million. Aphid infestation is appearing in many yards, the administration reported, but has not yet reached a critical stage. Concern is being felt, however, because of the shortage of dusting material. Should the infestation become general, it is believed there would not be sufficient supplies to cope with it.

Picking is expected to start about Aug. 15 as usual and today's report said there were some indications of a shortage of labor at that time.

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Oregon's Crop Outlook Good

PORTLAND, July 18 (AP)—Oregon's crop production picture continues favorable, with record yields expected for pears, berries, walnuts and filberts, the U. S. department of agriculture reported today.

Tree fruit prospects are particularly encouraging, with a 7 per cent increase over last year expected.

The field crop acreage is 2 per cent greater than last year and about the same as for 1944. Field crop production will equal the high 1945 level.

The July 1 pasture condition was less favorable than that of a year ago, but recent rains have helped to provide better than average feed.

Milk production per cow continues on a high level, but due to reduction in numbers, the June production was 2 per cent under June, 1945.

June egg production was 20 per cent under that for May and 7 per cent less than in June of last year. The total was 39,000,000 eggs.

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Farm Safety Week Slated

National Farm Safety Week will be observed in Klamath county July 21 to 27, according to C. A. Henderson, county agent. This yearly emphasis on safety is directed toward the farm as it is considered one of the most hazardous of occupa-

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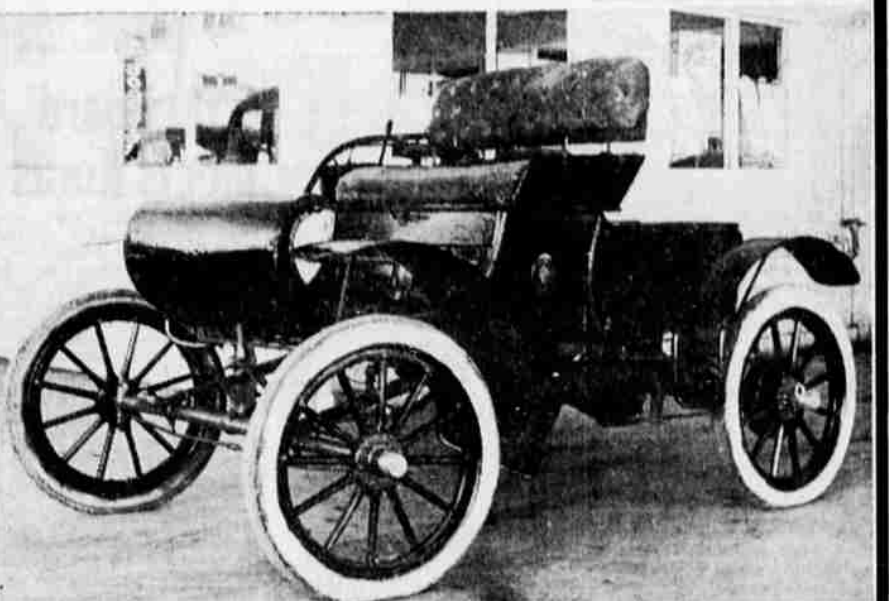
tions, Henderson added. Statistics indicate that there were 16,000 farm resident accidental deaths in 1945 or 44 farm people killed each day of the year. That accident rates on the farms as well as elsewhere are on the increase since the end of the war is emphasized by Dean William A. Schoenfeld, who has been appointed chairman of the Oregon Farm Safety Week committee.

Henderson reminds farmers

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