

Weather Forecast Points To Definite Change; Good Growing Period For Basin

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The weekly weather forecast for the week starting Tuesday, June 10, at 8:00 a. m. was received at the county agent's office this morning. The summarized forecast for this week for Eastern Oregon is as follows:

"Partly cloudy skies with showers in mountains are in prospect through Wednesday with clearing on Thursday and fair weather in prospect for the balance of the week. No significant precipitation is expected. Sunshine will be ample. Relative humidity will be moderate but gradually falling during the week. Winds will be light to gentle in force and favorable for spraying and dusting operations. Daytime temperatures are expected to rise to a peak near 90 degrees about Friday and remain warm for the balance of the week. Nighttime temperatures will be moderate."

"This report indicates a definite change in the weather continuing throughout the remainder of the week with warm weather in prospect starting the latter part of the week. This should be excellent growing weather for the crops in the Klamath basin, which, following the rains of the past 2 weeks, should cause rapid growth and development of all crops. It should also enable operation of dusting and spraying to be brought to date. Ranges and dryland grains should make particularly good growth during this period."

Rainfall for the first 10 days in June has been particularly high, comparing favorably for this period with some of the highest record years. In general, rainfall covered the entire basin although considerable difference in total amounts of rain took place. The area immediately adjacent to Klamath Falls, as well as the western part of the county, received a heavy falling but in many sections of the east and southeastern part of the county, rainfall was considerably less, but in all cases sufficient to be helpful for crop and forage production.

During the 2 weeks just past, pest control operations were practically brought to a stand-still, although some experimental work with chlordane on grasshoppers indicated excellent results. The remainder of the week should be excellent time for grasshopper poisoning and dusting and spraying with new materials, particularly chlordane. Present indications are that some airplane dusting with this material will be undertaken. Also, application of DDT in the Fort Klamath district will continue, with both poisoning and dusting in prospect. In the southern part of the county some grasshopper control by baiting with possibly experimental dusting will be undertaken.

The new weekly weather and crop bulletin put out by the U. S. department of commerce, weather bureau, and received from the customs house, Portland, so far has past weather reports in forecasting types and kinds of weather affecting agricultural production. While this report is new, it has been uncannily correct to date in mapping general weather prospects for a week in advance. In addition, it also shows the kind of weather experienced in the different sections of Oregon during the past week. The summary of this reporting for the past week

Clover Keeps Banks Solid

Small scale as well as large scale soil conservation practices are in operation by farmers a great deal of the year, reinforcing ditch banks, sowing grass seed to hold the soil down, rotating crops and filling gullies.

Several Klamath basin farmers are seeding ditch banks with clover, crested wheat, smooth brome grass, larvina and alsike clover in a mixture with a hand seeder, which they walk with slung over their shoulder, turning a handle to sprinkle the seed along as they proceed along. This seeding prevents the banks from washing away and adds pasture for cattle conserving acreage and saving soil.

Other practices used to keep the top soil home where it pays dividends are contour plowing, plowing across the hillside in curving furrows and strip-cropping, planting alternate strips of crops.

Bankers Sponsor 4-H Club Day

Oregon Bankers' Day, Tuesday, June 24, will be a feature of 4-H Club summer school at OSC this year. Arrangements for the program are being made by Edwin H. Greenwood, secretary of the Oregon Bankers' association, who is inviting representatives from banks throughout the state for the occasion. The session lasts from June 17 to 27.

Featured speaker at the afternoon assembly of the summer school on that date will be Howard I. Bobbitt, Portland, special agent in charge of the FBI for Oregon. An evening show and entertainment, also provided by the Bankers' association, will feature Monty Brooks, Portland, with his band and five of his top vaudeville acts.

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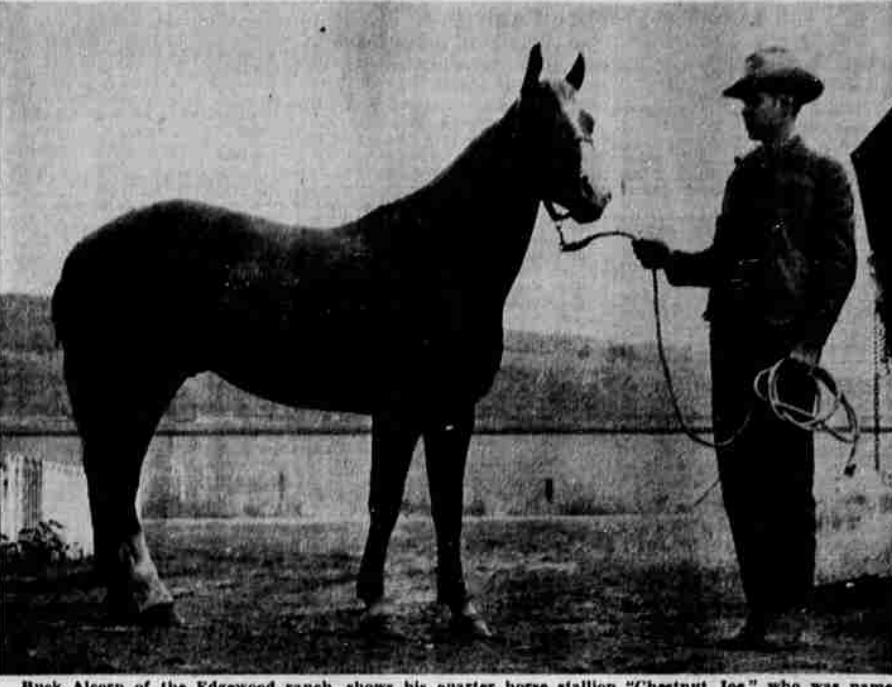
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Agricultural Committees Talk Over Weed Controls

Agricultural committee members from the Fort Klamath, Henley, Midland, Poe valley and Langell valley granges discussed weed and pest control as a major topic at their meeting at the county agent's office on the night of May 27. Harold Schieferstein, county weed control supervisor, pointed out that some of the new preparations are proving particularly effective in the controlling of certain noxious weeds. A new product, known as Shell-20, was effective on quackgrass when sprayed on at the rate of 2½ gallons per square rod. Where this was sprayed on 30 days ago the entire root system of the sprayed area seemed to be badly affected although a slight re-spraying might be required. Other weeds receiving attention were: dock, goldenrod, leafy amaranth, star thistle, and goat weed, with practical suggestions for best control now available.

Insects came up for some discussion, particularly grasshoppers, now in the Fort Klamath and Upper Klamath marsh districts and lygus bugs reported on alsike clover and alfalfa. Discussion indicated there was no information available on just how damaging a small quantity of lygus bugs might be to alsike clover although this particular bug was known to be particularly damaging to alfalfa for seed production. Grasses received some attention, particularly alfa fescue, meadow foxtail and smooth brome grass. These grasses are now being grown at the Klamath experiment station on heavy lands containing a high percentage of alkali and are making excellent growth. Grass silage was suggested as one of the topics for the regular June meeting of grange agricultural committees.

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