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Visitor From Pakistan High In Praise Of Basin Irrigation, Drainage Work



AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR— Sir Roger Thomas, visitor from Pakistan, India, where he holds the honorary position of agricultural advisor, was deeply impressed with work on the Klamath project in irrigation and drainage.

The "finest example of land drainage by the open drain system" was viewed last week-end by the agricultural advisor for the Sind government, Pakistan, India.

The visitor, Sir Roger Thomas, Pakistan rancher and dollar-a-year man for the government, working in an honorary capacity, was shown around the Klamath Irrigation project by Project Manager E. Laton Stephens.

Sir Thomas, studying irrigation projects in the United States on a six weeks' tour of points recommended by the department of agriculture in Washington, D. C., said he was greatly impressed by the development of natural resources here of land and water to their fullest use. The constant vigil and maintenance to keep the land at its present high level of productivity and methods used to prevent it from slipping back to its former barren state, also impressed the visitor from India.

Of all the projects visited, including South Louisiana, Wichita Falls, Denver, Boise, Salt Lake City, Logan, Sacramento, San Joaquin and the Imperial valleys, Sir Thomas said he believes irrigation and drainage methods used here are most applicable to conditions in Pakistan, which, however, are on a much more gigantic scale.

Crops grown in Pakistan are cotton, wheat and rice. There is rarely any frost there, in fact the visitor said, "Pakistan has three hot months—and nine months hotter." Rainfall is low in Sind, only four to six inches in all. There are 20-30 million acres under irrigation now, two million of them have been abandoned to water-logging and excessive salt.

Deterioration of crop land is one of the major problems in Sind, Thomas said, about 50,000 acres are lost each year.

One big reason for the success of the Klamath project, the visitor believes, is the whole-hearted cooperation between the project engineers, irrigation officials and farmers. He noted particularly the appreciation of the farmers for what is being done in their interests.

Thomas has been in India farming for 28 years. He spends his winters there only now, spending the rest of the time with his family in Wales. Klamath project was the last on his tour agenda and he is now in Canada trying to "catch the biggest salmon in the country—or its big brother." He will leave from Canada for a visit at home and then go to Egypt to study drainage facilities there before returning to Pakistan in September.

"American missionaries in India have done an excellent job among the people," Sir Thomas said, because of their approach, educating them first and opening their minds for further development, guiding their thinking in the right direction, but letting them think things out for themselves, with the proper background of religion to work from.

His headquarters are in Karachi, capital of the new Mohammedan state of Pakistan. His own several hundred acre ranch is 200 miles up country from Pakistan. India has good roads for travel now but the Welchman usually travels by air.

Experiment Unit Plans Open House

Plans have been made for the open house field day at the Klamath agricultural experiment station, August 1, when visitors are welcome to see the progress made in various phases of farming improvements.

This year for the first time soils will be featured at the station field day. Dr. Alfred Halverson, a soil specialist newly come to the staff, is making extensive experiments with fertilizers on soils, especially in relation to barley. He has also studied soils in the area with a view to determining normal fertilizer requirements and minor element deficiencies.

Deficiencies studies include determining the amount or lack of manganese, cobalt, copper and nickel and so forth. While plants require these minerals in only minute quantities, their presence or absence shows up definitely in the crop. Halverson will point out in the field day tour.

Forage and cereal crop trials will also be explained by Gene Gross, station superintendent and all growers, implement dealers, soil men and reclamation bureau personnel are cordially welcomed to attend.

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A POSY OR TWO—A vase, artistic taste in balance and rhythm, make a flower arrangement pleasing to the eye. Mrs. E. B. Redman, (left) president of the Klamath Falls garden group, and Mrs. H. S. Stone were caught in the H & N photographer's lens sorting out and arranging flowers brought into the class under Mrs. C. A. Krause.



THE LIGHTER SIDE OF AGRICULTURE—Raising flowers is a happy homemaking hobby and arranging the blossoms in artistic displays around the home is the ultimate purpose of all the work of seeding, weeding and picking. Mrs. P. L. Goodwin, president of the Evergreen Garden club, and Mrs. G. A. Krause, member of the Klamath Falls garden group, an affiliate of the City Library club, talk over an arrangement of bar-cherries and snapdragons for a Japanese type legendary bouquet. It is displayed in a boat-like dish for welcome from or farewell to a sea-going voyage.

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Milk Price May Be Cut

Housewives may be able to pay less for milk and get more cream per bottle besides in the near future.

This good news comes from the meeting of dairy products producers, held Monday night in the Winema with Wilbur Belling, president of the Klamath Dairymen's association conducting. While no decision has been made on any reduction in dairy products prices, this pre-hearing meeting in preparation for the price control hearing slated this month, indicated that dairymen are looking at the possibility of lowering the retail price of milk and the possibility of putting more butterfat in each bottle of milk sold.

Production costs were discussed at length by the group of 14 association members present, together with different type pay offs, that is more money on solids and less on butterfat.

Farm Lands Drying Out

Farms along as well as forest lands are drying out in the Klamath basin with the continuous bright summer weather. Farmers are irrigating spuds every five days now, ditch riders are checking water issues carefully and in some areas a definite check is being made on water use, so that the supply will be distributed evenly.

In many farming states the water situation is getting more serious with suburban garden watering limited.

The warm weather is more welcome by farmers than foresters, who are looking askance at the drying out timber. If the warm weather holds, with plenty of water crops are just about set for a valuable recovery from frost damage and a good harvest.

Pineapple Ambrosia is a quickly made and delectable dessert. Peel, core, and cube a fresh pineapple sprinkle with sugar and mix well. Just before serving place a layer of the pineapple in individual sauce dishes or sherbet glasses, then sprinkle with coconut and repeat the layers once more. Garnish with fresh or maraschino cherries.

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Wild Rose Fence Proves Tight, Aid To Bird Life

A live, floral field fence, "strong enough to keep hogs out," pretty and useful as well, is the latest minor improvement on farm property.

Several Klamath basin farmers have already planted the new fence, multi-flora, a wild rose variety and its popularity is growing right along.

The new fence can be planted from slips, each plant is a separate unit—preventing its spreading all over a field. It stays where it is planted without encroaching on adjacent crop lands but grows thick and luxuriant making a heavy hedge which needs no trimming as old-fashioned hedge does, needs no mending as wire fence does.

This fence is attractive and adds to the appearance of farm fields with its copious pink blossoms besides making excellent cover for game and song birds alike.

This live fence was introduced here by the game commission which brought 25,000 plants into the

county this spring. An additional supply of plants will probably be available from the commission next spring for farmers who want to save fence costs and improve their property.

NAPA MAN TO SHOW PORTLAND HORSE

Harrison Cutler of Napa, Calif., has been selected as manager of the national horse show at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland, October 7-15.

The new manager, prominent among Pacific coast horsemen, plans to supplement English saddle and harness events with western horse classes, including Arabians, Palominos and quarterhorses.



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Library Club Garden Group Has Display

The garden group of the City Library club arranged between 30 and 35 flower displays at the class Monday in the library clubroom.

Arrangements followed the line of Japanese artistry, under guidance of Mrs. G. A. Krause, and were made from native wild flowers and foliage as well as choice garden specimens. Sage brush and wild oat grass were used in some very attractive ways, berries were teamed with blossoms in the same hues, odd containers were chosen to suit the type of flora and some pleasing results were obtained.

This group meets every two weeks to study flower arrangement and the next meeting will be held in the library on July 25. The group is invited to attend a tour of gardens in the Lost River area the following Sunday, July 26, with Lost River Garden club as host.

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