



Farm Flyers Add Fertile Touch to Klamath Crops

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Everything from making rain to spreading fertilizer—with a dozen odd jobs in between—has made agricultural flying tops in importance to the farming industry.

Add Klamath flyers have stepped out with flaps up to bring flying to basin farming. Individual flyers, many of them who flew with the air force during world war two, have set themselves up in business. And not a bad business, either, excepting certain aspects.

For a job combining danger, romance and excitement, there's probably none to compare with crop-dusters and their associated projects.

During the dusting season, and again during the spraying season, early-morning stretchers often blink and rub their eyes to see the small aircraft sweep across a field, wheels buried half way in the foliage.

Then the thrill—and the climax of tension—as the small ship lifts itself with engine screaming to clear those power lines or tall trees at the end of the field.

Some local pilots have organized full fledged companies in order to do their business on a larger scale. The Midland flying service and the Farmer's air service, both locally operated, handle thousands of acres of flying coverage annually.

Smaller operations, such as that of Kenny Huffman of Malin, also have their take in local farm aviation commerce.

Planes in agriculture are most famous, of course, for crop dusting. In that operation, time targets are insects of a dozen varieties which annually could cause hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage.

Planes, replace ground rigs in many operations spraying 2-4-D on grains to eliminate broadleafed

weeds. And again planes often replace the ground sprayers when used to create artificial frost—killing vines and clover so seed and vegetables will mature early enough to harvest before weather closes in.

Rainmaking is something that officially hasn't been tried here yet. But in the Medford area there have been successful uses of clouds which for years have been devastating fruit crops with hail.

Using all sorts of planes... Cessna, Stearman, Travelaire... planes have even been used to "de-mosquito" whole towns in this region. Early this year, Farmer's air service, under the management of Earl Liston, dusted the Moore park area, leaving some residents of that area flustered and confused.

One woman called in after one spray job there, and described an airplane trying desperately to get over the hill behind the park.

Every time the plane tried to climb high enough to get over the hill, she said, smoke would issue from the plane and it would have to turn back and try again.

In the long run, aviation has upped the production in many

Hamburger Sale Costly

EUGENE, (AP)—Hamburger at 1900 a pound?

That's what one particular pound is worth, anyway, to Eugene butcher Guy Greene.

Monday Greene stuck his day's receipts in a paper bag and wrapped it up in butcher paper. Then along came a customer—a

fields of Klamath farming, adding its touch to the fast-farming diversified crops of the Klamath country.

MORE DEER

LA GRANDE, (AP)—Hunters are getting 30 percent more deer in Union county this year, state police estimate.

young lady dressed in green, he thinks—to buy some hamburger. It was a few minutes later before Greene discovered he'd handed her the wrapped up money, too. Missing is about \$900 in cash plus another thousand or so in checks.

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DANGEROUS, romantic and exciting is the crop-duster's life, but his touch has become a byword for successful farming in this modern age. Top, an "artificial frost" defoliation spray job on a clover field just outside Klamath Falls. Bottom, the thrill of each sweep across the fields is when the duster pulls his plane high, wheels whisking near power lines and treetops. Kenny Huffman, Malin, pilots plane in both these pictures.

Grand National Opening Set for Bay City Friday

Livestock and horse trails of the nation all led to the San Francisco cow palace today for the Grand National Livestock exposition, Horse Show and Rodeo which opens there next Friday October 26 for a ten day run.

Here is a picture of this year's "Show of National Championships."

The official 1951 championship finals of international rodeo association competition in saddle and bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer bulldogging and Brahma bull riding—

The official world championship finals for 1951 of the National Cutting Horse association—

A million dollars worth of equine aristocrats in a national, full-division horse show—

The world premiere of "Roundup at the Range," a spectacular range camp scene from the old west, starring Duke Martin and his roundup gang—

to catch and ride without the aid of any gear whatever—

And a parade of 3027 of the nation's finest beef and dairy cattle, swine and sheep from 274 purebred ranches in 14 states.

There will be 14 performances of the great arena show, nightly October 26 through November 4 with matinees Saturdays and Sundays, October 27 and 28 and November 3 and 4. All seats are reserved. Tickets may be purchased at the cow palace, in San Francisco and Oakland downtown box offices and at all Pacific Greyhound ticket agencies. Prices for the reserved seats are \$1.20, \$2.00, \$2.50 and for box seats, \$3.60.

Wild horse stampede, a bone-crushing new rodeo event never before seen on the Pacific coast in which 50 wildly charging untamed and "naked" mustangs are turned into the arena at once for cowboy contestants on foot to try

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