



OFBF Confab In Salem Monday

The Oregon farm bureau federation will hold its 29th annual convention under way in Salem Monday with headquarters in the Senator hotel.

The convention will be presided over by OFBF Pres. Marshall Swearingen.

Earl Kerns, Klamath Falls, chairman of the state livestock department, and Fred Rueck, Langel Valley, third vice president of the OFBF, have been programmed for the affair.

The Jackson county farm bureau will be accepted into the federation at this year's meeting.

Icelander To Attend 4-H Congress

A young Icelandic farmer now in Oregon is on a free trip to the National 4-H club congress in Chicago, November 25 to 29 as one of seven essay winners among the 277 international farm trainees in the U. S.

He is Gunnar Halldorsson, 26, who has been living with the Paul Jaquet family near Silverton. His essay on "The Benefits from My Training Visit" praised the extension program in this country, especially 4-H club work, for its contributions toward improved rural life.

The trainees are sponsored by the ECA in cooperation with the USDA and state agricultural extension services. James C. Moore, OSC extension specialist, supervises the farm trainees in Oregon.

Alfalfa hay prices at Portland were the highest in mid-November at any time since 1949, according to a USDA report.

150 Hear Experts Discuss Weeds, Bugs at Tulelake

TULELAKE—Some of 150 Tulelake basin farmers heard a covey of agricultural experts on bugs, weeds, and chemicals to eliminate both, discuss and present facts November 15 in reference to the Tulelake area specifically.

The meeting was considered by Farm Advisor Ken Baggett as perhaps the best of its kind held here.

Weed Specialist W. A. Harvey, University of California, explained three actions necessary for 2, 4-D to kill weeds:

1. Materials must get into the plant through the waxy layer.
2. Must have moving action to get it to the roots.

Supplies of animal proteins are more plentiful this season by comparison with other feedstuffs, according to the OSC weekly review.

this year—Five-Hooked Banana and Kochia.

He said Banasia is spread rapidly by livestock, farm machinery and human beings, is easily killed by 2,4-D but is difficult to control because of its late maturity.

A new chemical, MCP, was suggested as a possible new weed killer replacing 2,4-D since it has been proven less hazardous to cereal crops.

Sacramento bureau of reclamation week specialist Paul Baranek urged farmers to organize to control weeds on ditchbanks. He mentioned TCA and 2,4-D as effective killers of ditchbank weeds such as tules and cattails. He suggested sterilants during the winter month to keep the banks free of weedings.

Burt Hoyle, Tulelake field station, discussed aphid control in cereals and alfalfa, while Farm Advisor Norm Nichols, Alturas, described recent experiments on cattle insects.

Loring White, Siskiyou county agricultural commissioner, discussed clover weevil control around Tulelake.

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Nitrate Aids Gain In Wheat

SPOKANE, ID.—An eastern Washington farmer has suggested the use of a nitrate fertilizer makes it possible to crop a relatively dry piece of land every year and get good results.

Most farmers have been skipping a year on such land to conserve moisture in the soil.

John M. MacGregor of Whitman county, Wash., the nation's biggest wheat-producing county, told the Washington-Idaho wheat growers league of his experiments with "annual cropping" Tuesday.

He said Harley Jacquot, a Washington state college agronomist, suggested in 1947 that a deficiency of nitrogen in the soil and not the limited rainfall was the limiting factor in growing wheat.

MacGregor said he decided to check the theory and started annual cropping on 100 acres of his land in 1948. He added a nitrate fertilizer.

The average yield for land cropped annually has been 27 bushels for land planted every other year.

He put 500 acres under annual cropping this year.

"I estimate the additional cost of taking off two crops in two years at about eight additional bushels per acre," he said.

MacGregor said the annual cropping must be conducted for sev-

eral years to confirm preliminary conclusions. He said his land gets only 13 inches of rainfall a year.

About 50 delegates to the two-day wheat league meeting heard MacGregor's speech, one of the first on the program. Panel discussions were scheduled later today.

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