

County Agent Reports on Klamath Agriculture

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The Alsike clover crop in the U.S. is moving faster this year than last. Quality nationally is somewhat better than a year ago. Prices in the nation are average, slightly higher than a year ago. The current supply is now estimated at 12,910,000 pounds of which 10,285,000 are this year crop. Total supply available is 16 per cent less than in 1935 and 27 per cent below the 1941-50 average.

Apparently Klamath Basin will produce at least 40 per cent of the nation's crop this year.

A new safe and easy on-the-farm method of treating fence posts for longer life is under study at the

PI Steer Show Gigantic

The largest steer show in many years is widely predicted for the 1936 Pacific International Oct. 4-11, according to Walter A. Holt, Manager. As a feature of the National Hereford Show which is being held at the P-I this year the national Association is offering \$10,000 for the Grand Champion Steer of the entire show is a Hereford. The same offer is being made by the American Aberdeen-Angus Association if the Grand Champion steer is of that breed. If the grand champion steer is a Shorthorn the national Association of that breed will make an award of \$100.

In anticipation of this unusually tough competition the P-I Manager has arranged for one of the best known steer judges in the nation to handle the judging of those classes. The steer judge will be Glen Bratcher from the Animal Husbandry Department of Oklahoma A & M College at Stillwater.

Bratcher has been an unusually successful livestock judging team coach at the college, his teams having won first place at the American Royal in Kansas City and the International in Chicago the past three years.

Bratcher has judged various breeds of beef cattle at the Eastern National Livestock Show, Baltimore; the International Livestock Show in Chicago; the Southwestern Livestock Exposition at Fort Worth on two different occasions; the American Royal, and at San Antonio, Texas. In addition he has handled the beef cattle classes at several state fairs and this year will be officiating at the National Angus Show at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Informed beef cattle exhibitors throughout the western country are expressing gratification in the selection of Mr. Bratcher for the P-I steer judging assignment. Steers will be judged Sunday, Oct. 5 at 9:00 a.m.

The night show this year will be returning to the Horse Show-Rodeo and as a special attraction the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be appearing at each of the eleven performances.

OSC Plans Six Farm Reports

Six more of the 12 detailed reports prepared by committees at the recent state agricultural planning conference at Oregon State College are now available on request from county extension agent or from the college.

The latest publications deal with farm crops, farm farming, horticulture land economics, livestock and soil and water resources. Problems in each of these fields are reviewed and a statement of recommendations for future development presented.

Reports still to be issued include agricultural relations, farm forestry, poultry, rural life and specialty crops. They will be distributed in the next few weeks. The dairy report was issued in early August.

Oregon Forest Products Laboratory. The method consists of soaking green wood in two solutions of chemicals. These chemicals react within the wood to form a preservative compound which does not leach out. Barrels, water, and chemicals are the only items needed for this inexpensive method. Information of progress to date on this treatment can be secured at the County Agent's office.

The annual auction sale of breeding sheep at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station and the Western Sheep Breeding Laboratory of DuBois, Idaho will be held Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. A total of 300 rams will be offered at this sale. Breeds will be Columbia, Targhee and Rambouillet. A sale list can be secured by writing the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, DuBois, Idaho.

Calves larger at birth will tend to reach slaughter weight at a younger age and with less feed. Bulls gain faster and utilize feed more efficiently than heifers. Special work being carried on at Oregon State College Agriculture Experiment Station shows the average daily gain for bulls during a recent test period was 2.3 pounds as compared to 2 pounds average daily gain for heifers. Bulls required an average of 483 pounds total digestible nutrients during the test period while heifers required an average of 483 pounds total digestible nutrients during the test for each 100 pound gain.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture warned farmers to keep their cattle from eating grease or oil. Cattle should be kept away from farm machinery, grease racks, machine sheds, or any area containing a lot of oil. It has been found that some of the lubricants used on tractors, combines and bulldozers contain highly chlorinated naphthalenes which have been found to be at least one cause of the trouble. There are other sources for this disease from different animal feeds, but little is known of this source to date.

Friday PMA Vote Deadline

Sept. 12, is the deadline for mailing Production and Marketing Administration farmer - committee election ballots to the county PMA office, located in the Tower theater building.

William J. Burnett, chairman of the county committee, advised today that ballots have been mailed to all Klamath county farmers who are known to be eligible to vote in these elections. To be counted, ballots must bear a postmark not later than Friday.

A farmer is generally eligible to vote if he is an owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper of a farm and is participating in or carrying out practices in accord with programs administered by the PMA committee. Farmers who are eligible but who have not yet received a ballot should notify the county PMA committee.

Ballots have been prepared and the voting will be for three farmers to serve as members of a community PMA committee, a delegate from each community to the county convention where the delegates will elect the county committee, and alternates.

Burnett urges every eligible voter to get his ballot in the mail before the deadline and to vote for the farmers he thinks are most able and willing to take on the responsibilities of program administration in 1937.

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Hobson's Mon Luke Sells To American Breeder's Service

Cla-Ore Mon Luke, a top-producing Guernsey bull, has been sold to the American Breeders Service and is now in service at Palo Alto. It was owned and in service at the Ray Hobson, Reddale El Rason, near Merrill.

Mon Luke was owned by Hobson and Fred Rudat, Brownsmead. He passed the physical examinations required before entry into the ABS servicing. He is rated among the top two per cent of all bulls of his breed in the nation.

Top Dairyman Judge for PI

One of California's best known dairy cattle authorities will judge Guernseys at the 1936 Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Oct. 4-11 at North Portland, according to an announcement by Walter A. Holt, General Manager. The judge will be C. R. Knight, General Manager of the Peacock Dairies of Bakersfield, Calif.

In addition to the judging of county fairs over much of California Mr. Knight has twice judged at the Oregon State Fair and placed the ribbons on the dairy cattle at the Arizona State Fair in 1931. Knight also was official judge for the Dairy Cattle Conference for judges held at Adohy Farms, in California. Currently he is a member of the type committee of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, having attended their judging schools and conferences for many years.

Guernseys will be judged on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

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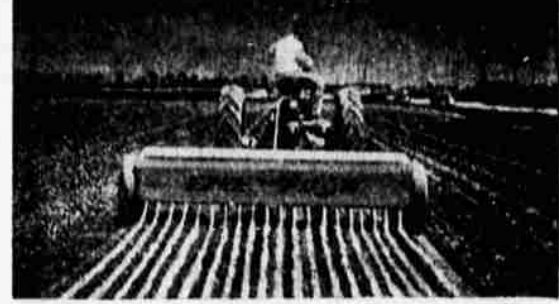
Entries for all livestock classes at the P-I will close Sept. 30, at the stock show office in North Portland.

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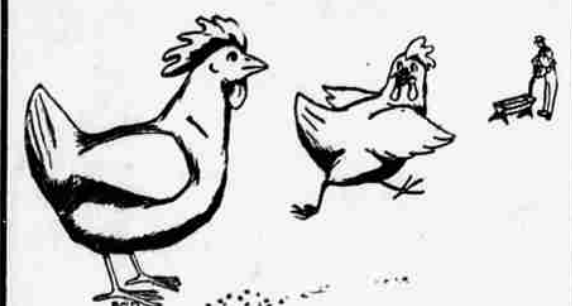
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