

Irrigation All-Important To Western Farmlands

Economists calculate that about one-eighth of this country's crop output comes from one-sixteenth of our total harvested cropland. And all this is due to irrigation. In the Western States practically no cropping would be possible without irrigation. In this State all but 100,000 acres of the 620,000 in cropland is under irrigation. Harvested crops in Nevada come from the 413,000 acres of irrigated cropland, while the balance of

306,000 acres is devoted to irrigated pastures. The remaining 69,246,000 acres in Nevada produce the remaining one-tenth of all crops produced in the State. Better than four-fifths of the production of crops in California, Colorado, and Wyoming is produced on irrigated land. Similar cases of the importance of irrigation are found in Idaho, where three-fourths of the crops are grown from irrigated land; one-third in Oregon, Montana, and Washington; and about one-sixth of all crops produced in Nebraska and Texas come from irrigated areas.

There is still some expansion of farm land being brought under irrigation. However, except for large projects such as the Grand Coulee in Washington, the remaining land in the Nation, both suited to irrigation and with water available, is largely confined to marginal areas. A better balanced system of farming has resulted from irrigation, but at great cost to farmers. Economists point out that irrigation farmers have extremely heavy investments in the development of wells, canals, ditches, land leveling, drainage and machinery.

4-H NEWS

WOCUS SQUEALERS

The Wocus Squealers, 4-H pig club was organized June 28, 1953. The first two meetings were held at our leaders house. He is Mr. David Hopper Sr. The third meeting was held at David Blevin's home. Officers are David Blevin, president; Larry Ash, vice president; Ralph Hopper, secretary; Robert Smart, treasurer; Eddie Estrada, news reporter; all six members were present. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Blevin. The next meeting will be held July 2 at Tony Bonetto's home. We hope Mr. Skinner will be present at this meeting.

Eddie Estrada

THE BONANZA TRIPLE B

The Bonanza Triple B Beef 4-H Club met at the Dale West Angus Ranch near Merrill June 28 for a tour of their ranch. Royal Champion of the West ranch, showed some of the West stock, giving pointers in showing and judging the animals. Following the showing and discussion of individual animals, classes of heifers and bulls were judged by the club members. Mr. Champion did an exceptional job in showing the animals, answering many questions, and explaining the fine points of showmanship. Many of the animals shown are to be taken by the West Angus Ranch to the Santa Rosa Angus event.

The following people enjoyed the tour and a picnic and swim at Malin; Mrs. Les Porterfield, Rex and Jim; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoefler and Joe; Mrs. Don Schoeller, Roger and Chester; Mrs. Scholler; Mrs. Lenore Sparks; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Deather, Paul, Mark and Teddy; Mrs. Tillie Challis, Vera and Vera; Mrs. Don Roberts, Joyce and Judy; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald West, Elliott and Cheryl; Mrs. Dale West and Sara; Mr. Leonard Pope; Bill Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reeves; Mr. and Mrs. Veri Reeves; Mr. and Mrs. John Heyden, Margaret, Linda and Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lisk, Bobby and Billy.

Catherine Dearborn

K. C. WRANGLERS

The K-C Wranglers met at the home of Howard Curry's Saturday, June 13. We decided to elect Sidney Kerns as our junior leader. We discussed the queen tryouts and what contests we would enter. We set an age limit of 15, so that no one in our club under that age could contest with the older men and women at the tryouts. Two new members were present at the meeting.

We had a potluck luncheon during the meeting. The next meeting will be held at our leader Howard Curry's on Saturday, June 20, and all members are requested to be present. Rosemary Granas

Klamath County is getting along fine at summer school and everybody is having a fine time. We have a lot of officers representing Klamath County. They are as follows: presidents, Marie Nicholson from Delta Zeta and Roberta Pruitt, Gamma Phi Beta; hospitality chairman, Kay O'Donahue, Sackett Hall; sports chairman, Nancy Pruitt, Sigma Kappa; and song leaders, Ida Sohrakoff, Sigma Kappa, and Glen Stayskol, Phi Kappa Tau.

Up here at summer school we have also been enjoying the assembly programs. Those that were extra good were put on by the Elks and the Bankers Association, and then there was a 4-H talent show put on by the 4-Hers themselves.

We hope you folks heard our radio program also; it was real good. At 4-H summer school there is always so much going on you can't help but have fun.

The delegation will return to Klamath Falls Friday afternoon, June 26.

MERRILL SHEEP CLUB

The club met at 10 a.m., June 16, at the home of Patty Burleigh. Then we had a tour and saw all the member's lambs. The tour ended at the home of George and Richmond Carleton, where we had our meeting and ate our lunches. Three members were absent.

The next meeting will be at Kathleen Degnan's home on July 14.

Margaret Qualls

Tot Gets Head Into Tractor, Is Scalped

CADILLAC, Mich. (AP)—Four-year-old Sonia Poggi, Marie, Mich., was scalped yesterday when her long hair caught in the mechanism of a tractor. She was watching her grandfather make hay at Monton, 11 miles north of here.

Physicians at Cadillac Mercy Hospital said the child was in fair condition.

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MAYOR PAUL LANDRY addressed this week's breakfast meeting of the Toastmaster Club here. With Landry above are Bob Knoll (left), who presided at the meeting, and Walter Dalos (right), club president.

Canner Pay Figure Gains

Canners' and freezers' payments to Oregon growers for the four major vegetable crops grown for processing last year boosted farm earnings in the state past the \$98,829,000 mark for the last 10 years.

E. G. Gross, Oregon representative for American Can Company, explained that the state's vegetable farmers last year received \$12,285,000 from processors, sending the 10-year total well into the \$98 million dollar bracket.

"Canning this is an important source of farm income," Gross said. "Actually about 96 per cent of the income Oregon farmers have received over the past 10 years from the sale of these major vegetables has come from food processors."

The can-making official pointed out farm income from the vegetable sales to both processors and the fresh market has been benefited "by the constantly expanding year-round markets provided by metal food containers and present day canning methods."

"This is an outstanding example of how teamwork between farmer, canner and can-maker has made Oregon one of the most important providers of nutritional health and wholesome food for dinner tables the nation over," he added.

Dairy Cow Types Count

PETERBOROUGH, N. H.—There is a definite relationship between good type and breed characteristics and high milk production in dairy cattle, according to Dr. Gordon M. Cairns, dean of the college of agriculture at the University of Maryland.

Dean Cairns made this statement in a talk at the 1953 annual meeting of The American Guernsey Cattle Club, held recently in Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity.

A dairy cow of good conformation will stay in production longer than

one of poor type, Cairns said. Therefore, a cow of good type would generally be a more profitable one for a dairyman to own. The Maryland educator also said that the ultimate objective in breeding dairy cattle is high production for a long period.

Dr. George W. Trimmer, Cornell University dairyman, echoed

Dr. Cairns' statements, and added that there is also a definite relationship between good type and long life of a dairy animal. This relationship was illustrated specifically in Guernsey cattle during the talks, part of a type and production visual panel discussion staged at Franchester Farms in West Salem, Ohio.

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Fire Season On Modoc Now Open

According to Forest Supervisor Neal Rahm, the unusual amount of spring storm has greatly delayed the opening of fire season on the Modoc National Forest.

Lookouts and other seasonal protection personnel were not needed until the recent period of warm weather, which slowly increased the fire danger.

The annual fire school for training of seasonal personnel, was held at Hockanore on June 22, 23, 24 and 25. At the close of the school, all were assigned to their respective stations for the summer.

Under normal conditions all such positions would have been filled in late May or early June. The forest for the past 10 years has had an average of 14 fires for the months of May and June. So far this spring there has been no fire activity.

Supervisor Rahm states that certain restrictions on forest use will be placed in effect on July 1. These are simple aids in fire prevention, and if given full compliance by forest users, man-caused fires can be held to a minimum.

These restrictions are placed in effect under the authority vested in the Regional Forester by the Secretary of Agriculture under paragraph E, H, and L of Regulation TT-1.

Paragraph E provides that a valid campfire permit must first be obtained before building a camp fire on national forest land. Permits are free and can be obtained at any Ranger Station or Supervisor's Office.

Paragraph H specifies condition under which smoking will be allowed within the national forest.

Smoking is permitted as follows: 1. In improved campgrounds or places of habitation; 2. Inside vehicles on roads unless otherwise posted;

3. While stopped in a cleared or barren area of at least 3 feet in diameter; providing, however, that in all instances burning and glowing substances are completely extinguished before being discarded.

Paragraph L prohibits the throwing or placing of any burning cigarette, cigar, match, pipe, heel, fire cracker or any ignited substance in any place where it may start a fire; and the discharge of any fireworks on any portion of the national forest closed in order of the Regional Forester the discharging of fireworks.

Mr. Rahm asks the continued public cooperation in preventing fires, by using extreme caution with smoking, campfires and logging equipment.

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