

'Agriculture Experts To Attend Field Day At KF Experiment Area Aug. 3

Dean F. E. Price, dean of the School of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station, and the Extension Service will attend the Klamath Experimental Area Field Day on Aug. 3 this year. With him from Oregon State College will be Dr. H. B. Chaney, Head, Soils Department and Dr. D. D. Hill, Head, Farm Crops Department. The local Station is a branch of the Central Experiment Station at Oregon State College and is under the administration of Dean Price. The other two men represent the two chief subject matter departments at the College with which this station is concerned. These men would like an opportunity to meet and visit with local farmers and others interested in agriculture in this area.

First National Declares Dividend

Directors of the First National Bank of Portland at their regular monthly meeting July 22 declared a dividend of \$90,000. It was announced by C. B. Stephenson, president of the statewide banking system. The dividend constitutes 80¢ per share on the 1,200,000 outstanding shares of the bank.

PANSY PICKING

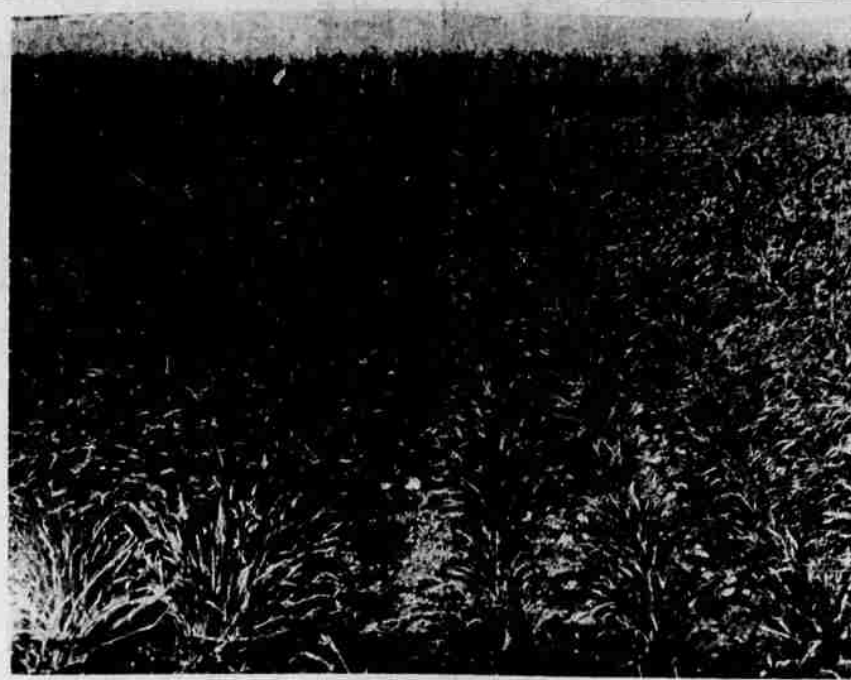
Prevent pansy plants from seeding by picking the blooms when they pass their peak. Do not go to the other extreme in picking, however. Picking every flower when it opens will make the plants lose their vitality trying to bloom.

Milk production has been cut by 15 per cent when dairy cattle are annoyed by excessive number of flies.

The field day this year will be in the nature of an open house. It will begin at 9 a.m. and continue into the afternoon. Two hours will be required to see the work on display at the main station. Those wishing to see the experimental work on the muck soils of Lower Klamath Lake near Worden will find it convenient to visit the main station in the afternoon and go to the muck area about 3:30 p.m. This area will be shown only once at the time mentioned.

New and promising varieties of forages (grass and legumes) and oat and barley varieties will be shown on both the main station and the muck area. Deep drainage, soil amendments and fertilizer responses will be seen on the main station. On the muck area some very striking fertilizer trials are under way.

An invitation is extended to all interested persons to attend this open house.



BARLEY RESPONSE to fertilizer treatment on the muck soil experimental area near Worden is clearly shown in this picture. The center rows were treated with an older type, while the outside, larger plants show the result of new work.

— Photo by Gross



Basin Spud Outlook Up After July Crop Report

The future outlook for the Klamath Basin potato grower appeared much brighter recently with the release by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture of the July 10th estimated potato production report. Actually, the July 10th report for the Pacific Northwest states indicated a decrease in production as compared to the 1952 crop. The 1,525,000 bushel increase indicated for Washington and Oregon is more than offset by an indicated decrease of 2,180,000 bushels for Idaho and California as applies to the late crop. Of the estimated 13,000,000 bushel increase indicated for the 29 late producing states the state of Maine accounts for over 11,000,000 bushels of this increase.

The Klamath Basin readily marketed 11,498 cars of potatoes last year and in spite of an approximate increase of 1500 acres of potatoes in the basin this year it is believed by both California and Oregon officials that production in the basin this year will not equal that of 1952 due to the late spring.

These officials further believe that the basin must have a frost free period extending into the middle of September to produce a satisfactory tonnage comparable to the 1952 crop.

It is believed that future government production estimates can only show a downward trend and that Klamath Basin potato growers should receive a profitable price for the high quality potatoes produced here and marketed throughout the 1953-54 season.

IRIS TIPS
Iris can be divided and transplanted now that the plants have stopped blooming. With a sharp knife, cut diagonally across the foliage, leaving four or five inches of growth. Dig the rhizomes and with a sharp knife, cut them to divide into separate plants.

For transplanting, dig a trench, then make a small mound of dirt on which to set each rhizome, allowing the roots to flow downward naturally. The trench should be well watered by mixing a bolster solution of any good fertilizer, using a teaspoonful to a gallon of water.

The rhizomes should be planted near the surface of the soil, with the top of the rhizome just barely showing when the dirt is tamped down.

Forest Bill Supported By Coon

WASHINGTON—Timber owners and logging operators will have a new source of credit if a bill supported by Rep. Sam Coon is made into law.

The bill is the Ellsworth bill on forest credit, which has been ordered favorably reported by the House Banking and Currency committee. The bill would authorize national banks to make secured loans on timber land. Sam Coon submitted a statement to the committee favoring the bill, said, it has not always been possible for timber owners, especially small operators, to obtain the credit they needed for efficient operation. Improved logging and conservation practices, and a strong market for lumber have now given timber enough stable value, according to the statement, to make it suitable security for a bank loan.

A new source of credit would encourage good forest management practices by making some premature cutting unnecessary and by financing improvements, the congressman said. The bill provides that no loan shall exceed 40 per cent of the appraised value of the economically marketable timber, in order that the salvage value of the timber will be enough to pay off the loan in case of fire.

The bill allows ordinary loans up to two years and self-liquidating loans up to ten years. The congressman urged the committee to consider the need for longer-term credit to make possible more tree-farming and other long-range practices.

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Beef Demand Still Steady But Feedlot Outlook For Winter Held In Balance

A steady demand for beef due to improved industrial conditions and a reduced supply of competitive meats has helped move the oversupply of beef during the last season, reports, H. M. Conway, director of research for the National Live Stock Producer, the nation's leading live stock magazine. With most of the fed crop marketed, some recovery in fat cattle prices is expected during the next several months, continued Conway.

There is still considerable fear of the cattle production cycle and there will be some hesitancy by many cattle feeders about refilling feedlots, especially with the supported price of corn boosting feeding costs. However, much of this increase in beef production is offset by a marked downturn in hog production. There is also a decrease in sheep production, giving cattle added protection from a consumptive demand as well as a feed supply standpoint. These two factors will tend to stabilize the overall supply of meat.

USDA reports indicate the 1953 spring pig crop was reduced approximately 10 per cent and breeding intentions indicate a 5 per cent decrease in the coming fall crop. Such a level of hog production puts the pork supply back in line with the previous cyclical low. This means an extreme shortage of pork. Hog production is far out of line with the supply of corn and with the per capita demand for pork, continued Conway.

There has been a tendency to maintain hog production in the Corn Belt but in other areas there is still a very pronounced downturn. This will continue until more adequate feed supplies are available and until there is a more favorable hog-corn ratio in these areas. Sheep producers are further cur-

tailing breeding flocks as the prices of lamb and wool are quite generally below the cost of production. This curtailment has increased the supply of slaughter lambs during the past two years and will tend to maintain the slaughter volume this fall.

This year, feeding and marketing the low prices during the past feeding season. This is resulting in extra precaution on the part of lamb producers and causing a very conservative feeding demand. Fur-

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Woodworkers Strike Expands

LEBANON, Ore. (AP)—Another 210 CIO Woodworkers went on strike in Linn County Tuesday in demand for a 5-cent hourly pay increase.

That brought the county total who have walked out this week to 760 men. Business Agent John Ball of the union said another 400 to 500 men may go on strike, too, in the Lebanon area. He said they are conducting their own strike votes this week.

The firms struck Tuesday were the Santiam Lumber Co. mill at Lebanon, and the Snow Peak logging operation of Lebanon.

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INSECT CONTROL IN POTATOES
We're checking quite a few potato fields; population seems to be very small yet. Should be able to cut down on the applications this season. LET US DISCUSS YOUR POTATO INSECT PROBLEM.

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