



THE LAVA BEDS MUSEUM is a cool retreat while visiting the Lava Beds and is filled with interesting historical data. Here Danny Kettler and Ralph Walker get the low-down from Ranger George Hepburn.

Hay Wafer Use Outlined

New "hay wafers" for dairy cows are compared with baled and pelleted hay in a publication just issued by Oregon State College Agricultural Experiment Station.

Research by Dr. I. R. Jones, OSC dairy scientist, and Benjamin F. Magill, dairy technologist, is reported in detail in the illustrated 10-page booklet.

Chopped alfalfa compressed into a wafer combines the advantages of easy-to-handle pelleted hay and the feed value of high-quality loose or baled hay, the researcher explains.

Title of the booklet is "Baled, Wafered, and Pelleted Hay." Copies may be obtained from county extension agents or the Oregon State College bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Students Get New Course

A course in watershed management was offered this year for the first time to seniors in the School of Forestry at Oregon State College. The effect of sound forest management in protecting watershed values has gained increasing recognition among foresters. James Krygier was the instructor. . . . A report on 36 forestry schools around the country indicates that some 365 scholarships valued at over \$264,000 are available to students. Of this number, 170 are industry-sponsored. Other industry grants also finance special research projects. . . . Communist China claims to have succeeded in extracting synthetic petroleum from the turpentine of pine trees. . . . The industry-sponsored Tree Farm program to grow timber as a crop on privately owned forest land is nearing four million acres in Oregon. Well over 100,000 acres of timberland have been enrolled in the program so far this year, bringing total Tree Farm acreage in Oregon to approximately 3,985,000 acres.

Weather Aids In Fattening Cattle

Tests show that cattle gain considerably faster when kept cool. University of California and USDA researchers say cattle kept in wire corrals will gain faster than those kept in wooden pens, this is because wire fences do not radiate as much heat and have a greater air circulation.

At the University's Imperial Valley Field Station, the cooler cattle gained nearly a half pound per day more than those kept in wooden enclosures.



SHADY SPOTS along the roads are welcome in the hot weather at the Lava Beds. These bull pines, sprouting from seemingly almost solid rock, are a familiar sight along the many roads and trails.



A FAMILIAR SIGHT to duck and goose hunters in the area is this big sign on the Tulelake Reserve at the entrance to the public shooting area. The wildfowl reserve is adjacent to the Lava Beds National Monument and an interesting sidelight of a visit there.

Feeder Lamb Sales Prove Popular Over Oregon Now

Producer-sponsored feeder lamb sales are proving popular in Oregon with three of the new "grading and pooling" auctions scheduled this summer, reports W. Y. Fowler, Oregon State College livestock marketing specialist.

Auctions sponsored by county livestock associations are slated July 14 at Myrtle Point, July 23 at Corvallis, and August 18 at Enterprise.

Purpose of the association-sponsored sales is to provide buyers with more uniform lots of feeder lambs for pasture and dry-lot feeding. Lambs will be sorted, graded, and pooled into lots of more uniform quality than are usually available from individual flocks.

Fowler says this method of selling is gaining rapidly in popularity and is profitable to both buyers and sellers. Buyers are willing to pay more for lambs at such sales since it reduces their expenses for "beating-the-brush" to find what they want, the specialist explains.

It will be the second year for the Myrtle Point and Corvallis sales that last year auctioned a total of 4,500 lambs. Average prices for these lambs were better than the local "going price," Fowler said.

The "pooling" auction at Enterprise begins this year under sponsorship of the Willowa County Stockgrowers Association with Harvey Foster, Enterprise rancher, as sale chairman.

The Coos County Livestock Association, sponsor of the Myrtle Point sale, recently installed new pens, jump gates, and scales at the county fairgrounds to handle the large feeder-lamb consignment expected July 14, reports Hollis Mast, Coquille, association president.

Benton County Livestock Association, headed by Ed Albertsen, Philomath, will sponsor the Corvallis sale.

Farm Safety Week To Be Held July 20-26

Prevention of farm and home accidents which kill about 100 farm residents in Oregon each year will be stressed during national Farm Safety Week, July 20 to 26.

The governor's committee on farm safety, representing public and private agencies and dedicated to make life safer in Oregon, points out that farming takes more deaths from accidents than any other major industry. Home accidents take an even worse toll. Nearly 4,600 persons are injured in local home accidents each year. Carelessness in use of machinery, drownings, misuse of firearms, falls, electric currents, animals, insects and burns are cited as main accident causes.

The governor's committee is appealing to local professional organizations, such as vocational agriculture departments, the soil conservation service, county extension agents, state forestry, welfare, and agriculture departments to adopt year-around safety programs.

William C. Smith, director of farm programs, KOAC, Oregon State College, is chairman of local farm safety week observances.

Red Fescue Group Named

Reappointment of three original members of the Chewings and Creeping Red Fescue Commission for new three-year terms was announced recently by Governor Holmes.

Continued on the commission, which promotes and regulates the fescue grass seed industry in Oregon through collections from growers and handlers, were Carey Strome of Junction City, and J. D. Stanley of La Grande, both Democrats, and Robert F. White of Salem, a Republican.

Both Strome and Stanley are grower members of the seven-member commission. White is a handler member. The new terms of the three extend to June 30, 1961.

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