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Green Pea Harvest Ends

The Oregon Employment Service has announced that the green pea harvest in northeastern Oregon was concluded this week with a "normal to good" crop being brought in completely without the help of Mexican National agricultural workers.

John A. Norton, Unemployment Compensation Commission administrator, said, "We are particularly happy to make this announcement. It reaffirms our earlier conviction that we must not authorize the importation of foreign labor when larger numbers of our own citizens are without work."

Employment Service offices in the Pendleton, Athena, and Milton-Freewater areas report that there has been no labor shortage at any time during the pea harvest. The fact that a 54,000-acre crop can be harvested by domestic workers must certainly be encouraging news to other growers throughout the state.

Next on the Oregon harvest schedule is the Rogue River Valley pear crop, which starts on or about August 1. Growers there have agreed to undertake the harvest without importing Mexican Nationals, as long as the domestic labor market fills the need.

Employment Service offices throughout the state are now recruiting workers for the Medford area. The pear harvest uses as many as 2,200 pickers and an additional 2,500 to 2,600 workers in the packing houses. At times up to 400 Mexicans have been brought in to meet the demand.

Oregon Traffic Law Explained

Many motorists still do not understand the Oregon law permitting turns against red lights, as evidenced at most intersections controlled by traffic signals.

The law, in effect for a number of years, permits drivers to make a right turn against a red light, after stopping. It also permits a left or right turn against a red light, after stopping, when entering a one-way street.

These turns are always legal unless otherwise directed by a police officer or a sign at a specific intersection, the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles said.

Failure to take advantage of the law causes unnecessary traffic congestion. In making all such turns, officials said drivers should proceed with caution so as not to conflict with traffic going through on the green light.

GM Plans To Resume Work

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. planned today to resume producing at two plants in Detroit shut down yesterday by a wildcat strike. The strike idled 4,600 workers.

Leaders of the United Auto Workers ordered a return to work. The union has banned work stoppages during no contract operations at GM, Ford and Chrysler plants pending a decision later this summer by the top leadership on possible strike action.

General Motors said 52 employees at Fisher Body's Fleetwood plant walked off their jobs yesterday in a dispute over seniority, resulting in 1,600 workers at the plant and 3,000 at the Cadillac assembly plant being sent home.

The union filed unfair labor practice charges against Chrysler with the National Labor Relations Board.

The union accused the company of discriminating against union stewards and shop committeemen during no-contract operations. The company said the charges are not true.

CORNHUSKERS PICNIC

The Nebraska Club will hold its annual picnic at Jantzen Beach near Portland Sunday, August 10. There will be a picnic dinner at noon and a program at 1:30.

The program will include the presentation of an honorary Navy commission, signed by the governor of Nebraska, to Miss Rain Drop of Oregon; International Folk Dancers, Rose City Kitchen Band and other features. The next three social meeting dates are August 24, September 27 and October 25 in the IOOF Hall, 8130 Southeast Thirteenth Street, Portland.

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Farm Bureau Meet Slated

The Klamath County Farm Bureau will be represented at the annual mid-summer resolutions conference of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation in Bend July 31 and August 1.

This conference is designed as a review of present policies and a study and action on current county resolutions. Committees on land and water use, agricultural labor and education will also meet to discuss issues facing agriculture in those fields.

Attending from Klamath County are President Lloyd Hankins and Mrs. Hankins, Leland Cheyne, state board member, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kerns, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burlingh Jr. and John Urbach.

Woman Allowed To Cast Ballot

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Miss Ella M. Green cast an absentee ballot yesterday in next Tuesday's Michigan primary election although she isn't going to be out of town.

Miss Green planned to ride to her voting place Tuesday but when the deal fell through she caught a ride to the City Hall.

City officials said an excuse about a ride would not apply to all voters, but they let Miss Green cast an absentee ballot because she is 100 years old.

Hemline Dropped Several Inches

PARIS (AP) — Dior designer Yves Saint-Laurent today lowered the hemline by several inches—to about 15 inches from the floor.

Saint-Laurent's hemline was up to five inches lower than those of other Paris fashion houses whose fall and winter collections have been shown so far. Their skirts have cleared the floor by as much as 20 inches.

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