

State Seed Grower Meet Set Dec. 11-13 To Study Markets

Domestic and foreign market trends and discussion of federal marketing orders for Oregon's multi-million dollar seed crops will highlight the 21st annual Oregon Seed Growers league convention Dec. 11-13 at Portland.

Improved production and processing practices to help tap new seed markets will also be reported at the three-day meet starting with 9 a.m. registration at Multnomah hotel, announced Rex Warren, league secretary and Oregon State university farm crops specialist.

High quality seed and new markets to correct surpluses in some segments of the industry will be a major goal of the conference, stated Don Hector, Corvallis, president of the league.

Discussions of federal marketing orders will feature a report by G. Burton Wood, head of Oregon State university agricultural economics department.

Oregon growers of creeping red and chewing fescues used as lawn

grasses are now in the process of applying for marketing orders and ryegrass growers are investigating possibilities of such orders as a means of smoothing out surpluses.

Trends in national use of seed crops will be reviewed by J. R. Paulling, Washington, D.C., chief of federal extension service plant industry branch, and Roy Edwards, Kansas City seed dealer.

Two Oregon seed handlers, N. Stanley Fagg of Albany and Wallace Rice, Grants Pass, will report recent experiences in promoting foreign seed markets.

Dr. James H. Jensen, president of Oregon State university, will be speaker for the Dec. 12 banquet. C. B. Stevenson, First National Bank, Portland, will speak on new industries for Oregon. He is a member of the advisory board for the State Department of Planning and Development.

Outlook for Oregon's major farm commodities in 1962 will be reported in a panel discussion moderated by Gene Lear, associate director of OSU extension service. Panel members are OSU agricultural department heads—J. Ritchie Cowan, farm crops; Spencer Apple, horticulture; and J. C. Miller, livestock and dairy.

Growers of Mint Discuss Problems At Annual Meeting

Discussion of mint industry problems, adoption of by-laws and election of directors highlighted the first annual meeting of Malheur Mint Growers association held Nov. 28 at East Side cafe in Ontario.

Speaking at a noon mint industry luncheon of growers and agricultural credit people, Iain C. MacSwan of Oregon State university pointed out trends in mint acreage, mint outlook and problems that exist in the mint industry today.

A growers discussion continued in both the morning and afternoon sessions further identifying local marketing problems relating to the need for better mint oil quality standards and the possibility of increasing export marketing.

Brought up during these discussions were mint industry trade buying practices and the need for a better definition of oil quality. It was the feeling of many growers in attendance that this could then assist the industry in establishing grade standards for mint oil. Currently there are no federal grades established for this commodity.

Also receiving its share of attention at the meeting was verticillium wilt, a severe problem in many mint-producing areas. C. L. Alexander of the Oregon State Department of Agriculture outlined current regulations now in effect in Malheur county to aid local growers in preventing the introduction of this disease into the area.

Leland Fife of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture also reported that Idaho is now taking similar steps under its quarantine law to adopt similar regulations for the state of Idaho.

The first slate of directors to guide association activities during the coming year was also elected. Those elected were Dick Nelson, Nyssa; Bob White, Vale; Jack Sather, Charles Knox and Neil Venturacci, all of Ontario.

At a following board meeting Nelson was elected president of the group; Sather, vice president; and Knox, treasurer. Fred Hagelstein, Malheur county extension agent, was named secretary.



"He's a miracle man if he can take the limp out of a lame excuse."

Early Statewide Rains and Snowfall Brighten Outlook for 1962 Irrigation

Oregon irrigation water supply conditions that dipped to the critical point last summer have taken a turn for the better starting with statewide heavy rains and snows during the Thanksgiving period and early December.

W. T. "Jack" Frost, Oregon snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation service and Oregon State university agricultural experiment station, reports mountain snow cover greater than usually expected at this time.

Frost cautions, however, that continued above-average storm conditions are needed to "recharge" exceptionally dry watersheds, especially in eastern Oregon.

While snow cover is good for this early in the winter, carry-over water in all eastern Oregon reservoirs except Upper Klamath lake and the main Deschutes dropped to near rock-bottom during the past irrigation season, Frost reported.

Above average water run-off will be required during coming months to build up adequate supplies in reservoirs for next summer.

Early winter precipitation is especially valuable for replenishing underground water supplies that feed creeks and springs for the late irrigation season, the forecaster explained.

Dry Soils in Malheur County

Early frost in some eastern Oregon soils was taken out by the Thanksgiving storms and soils are now recharging their water supplies. Both Lake and southern Malheur counties report practically no streamflow with most of the present precipitation and snow melt going into the dry soils. Small amounts of Malheur run-off, however, are being caught in the Warm Springs and Agency Valley reservoirs in the west part of the county.

The Crooked river near Prineville is now producing excellent run-off, indicating that the soil is primed. Prineville and Ochoco reservoirs are starting to fill well, Frost stated.

Unity reservoir in southern Baker county is now storing run-off and the area appears off to a good start.

Frost gathered the preliminary reports from supervisors of reservoirs and irrigation districts and from U.S. Weather bureau cooperating stations throughout Oregon.

Precipitation Above Average

Scattered reports on November precipitation, not including the last two days of the month, showed the following comparison with the 15-year average from 1943 to 1957: Roseburg, 40 percent above; Baker, 70 percent above; Klamath Falls, "better than normal."

Areas showing below normal included Pendleton, Burns, Lake-

At the Library . . .

New books going into circulation Saturday, Dec. 9, at Malheur county library include the following volumes:

"The American Heritage Book of Indians" published by American Heritage Publishing company. A richly illustrated history of the American Indian from prehistoric times to the present.

"Play the Devil" by Henry Chafetz. The history of gambling in the U.S. from 1492 to 1950.

"Creatures of the Sea" by Capt. William B. Gray. The author recounts his adventures during a lifetime of collecting marine specimens.

"The Probable Cause" by Robert J. Serling. Borrowing for his title the wording used in every accident report of the Civil Aeronautics board, a United Press reporter tells how and why air crashes occur and what is being done to prevent them.

"The Rancher Takes a Wife" by Richmond P. Hobson. The adventures of the author, a pioneer cattle rancher, and his city-raised, interior decorator bride far back in the wilderness of British Columbia.

"The Endless Hours" by Wallace L. Brown. An Air Force captain who spent the years from

1953 to 1955 in a Chinese communist prison in Korea reveals how he fell into enemy hands, was confined and cruelly tormented and finally released after a 31-month ordeal.

"Leonard Bernstein" by John Briggs. This biography of Leonard Bernstein portrays him in his many roles as performer, guest conductor, composer, teacher and finally as the illustrious conductor of the New York Philharmonic.

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