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Interesting High Lights on the Federal Reclamation Projects

SEED peas have all been threshed on the Lower Yellowstone project and, in most cases, the yields were fairly satisfactory. Beans were being cut at the end of the month and gave promise of making a heavy yield. Corn is also in excellent condition and is being harvested in some of the earlier fields.

THE Arlington Heights Packing Co., of Riverside, Calif., has erected at Yuma a citrus-packing shed to pack the local citrus crop on both Unit "B" lands and the private groves adjoining. The packing shed and machinery represent an investment of approximately \$16,000 and are modern in every detail.

A FIVE-STORY modern office building for the Liberty Savings & Loan Association has just been completed in Yakima, and contract has been let and construction begun on an 11-story office building on the site of the old First National Bank Building, which will cost more than half a million.

THERE are about 7,000 acres of sugar beets on the Lower Yellowstone project, and this crop has never looked so well at this season of the year. Preliminary estimates by the sugar company place the average yield at close to 12 tons per acre. The sugar content on the September 1 tests was 12 per cent, which is also high for this time of the year.

FIFTEEN homeseekers called at the Ellensburg office during the month to make inquiry concerning project lands on the Kittitas division of the Yakima project and considerable interest was exhibited by the visitors. A large acreage under the North Branch Canal is being cleared of sagebrush preparatory to planting crops in the spring of 1931. Some settlers are erecting houses and other buildings and drilling wells on new land.

EFFORTS have been continued, with the possibility of a successful conclusion, looking toward the merger of the three poultry organizations marketing these products for the Grand Valley and Uncompahgre projects.

A HERD of select Guernsey cattle picked from the various herds of the South Side division of the Minidoka project was shipped from Declo during the month to be exhibited at the county fairs in southern Idaho. This herd attracted much attention wherever it was shown, and won many prizes.

ONE farm application was filed at the Vale project office during the month, and one homestead application for a farm unit acquired by assignment was made to the local land office. Eight tracts of private land were sold to new settlers.

THE Park County Fair on the Shoshone project had a better attendance this season and was of more interest to the people of the entire county than ever before. The community exhibits attracted all visitors. In the absence of fruit the Willwood settlers were forced to accept third prize on their exhibit, which was unique. One-half of the booth showed conditions in 1927, the display including sagebrush, cactus, and other native plants artistically arranged, and a few mounted sage hens. On the opposite side of the booth a horn of plenty poured forth a fine display of vegetables and grain. Several blue ribbons could be seen on the exhibits of the Willwood settlers.

THE Orchard Mesa district of the Grand Valley project has proceeded to take a tax deed to a considerable area of land and will soon have available many tracts at reasonable prices.

SUGAR beets continue to make good growth on the Belle Fourche project and there is general expectation that yields will average a maximum since the sugar factory was established. Cucumbers for pickles are yielding exceptionally heavy, and already \$200 per acre has been realized from a number of patches.

THE Big Horn Canning Co., of Cowley, Shoshone project, has finished the 1930 pack of peas, totaling nearly 25,000 cases. Corn and beans have been canned and the company is now engaged in canning tomatoes.

THE Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. sponsored a tour of farmers over the Belle Fourche project on August 26 in the interest of better farming and more beets per acre. The party visited the experiment farm at Newell and a number of other places where methods and machinery were fully explained to the visitors.

HARVESTING of fruit and nuts on the Orland project and surrounding vicinity kept all local labor well employed during the month at wages of \$3.50 and \$4 per day for laborers and \$6 for teamsters with two horses.

THE new San Carlos Hotel on the Yuma project was opened on August 23 and is proving to be very popular. The entire hotel and coffee shop are served by an air conditioning or refrigeration system, which appeals to tourists and salesmen as it assures them of unbroken rest at night.

WORK on the construction of the Great Northern Railway from Klamath Falls, Klamath project, to Bieber, Calif., was started on August 27.