



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM

August 9, 1960

Mr. Gerald W. Detering, President
Oregon Farm Bureau Federation
Harrisburg, Oregon

Dear Mr. Detering:

For a third year, the Oregon Historical Society and the State Department of Agriculture is sponsoring the Century Farm program, to honor those families who have stayed with the soil for 100 years or more.

Again this year, the climaxing program and presentation of Century Farm Scroll will take place at the Oregon State Fair - on Tuesday, September 6, beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Our Century Farms roll for 1960 is small, compared with prior years, but those who were honored in 1959 and 1958 have been invited to join in the observance.

We invite you to share the speaker's stage again this year, and to extend brief greetings to the Century Farmers and their families. Would you please give me your acceptance soon, so Mr. Vaughan of the Oregon Historical Society may place your name on the program, which will be from the platform in front of the State Fair Administration Building. You will receive admittance tickets from Howard Maple, the Fair manager.

Also, it occurs to us that the state farm organizations which are contributing to the box luncheon for the Century Farm group might like to provide a brief program in keeping with the event at the luncheon. The Fair management joins with Tom and me in presenting this invitation to you. What is your pleasure with respect to a luncheon program?

Sincerely yours,

James F. Short, Director
State Department of Agriculture

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Same letter to:

Russell Sires, Pres. Ore.-Wash. Farmers Union, Woodinville, Wash.

Elmer McClure, Master, Ore. State Grange, Portland

Kenneth Tollenaar, Ex. Sec. Ass'n. Ore. Counties Salem, omitting last paragraph

cc State Fair

Ore. Hist. Society