

HOME INTERESTS' CONFERENCE SET

O. S. C. Expects More Than 500 to Assemble There for Program.

More than 500 homemakers from all parts of Oregon are expected to gather on the Oregon State college campus February 11 to 14, inclusive, for the sixth annual home interests conference under the auspices of the school of home economics and the home economics extension staff.

Interest in this annual home-makers' conference has grown rapidly. While attendance will be made up largely of representatives of home extension units, parent-teacher associations, clubs and other organizations, the public and anyone interested in the most up-to-date information in the varied fields of homemaking is invited to attend.

The convention will open this year with a luncheon Tuesday afternoon, February 11, at which the delegates will be greeted by President George W. Peavy, Miss Ava D. Milam, dean of the school of home economics, and W. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture. Following the luncheon Dr. F. M. Hunter, chancellor of the state system of higher education, will speak on "The Family and Education," and later in the afternoon Mrs. Sheldon Sackett will bring greetings from the board of higher education.

Among other outstanding speakers during the session will be J. Hudson Ballard, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, and Edward O. Sisson, professor of philosophy at Reed college. One feature that has been greatly enjoyed in the past and will be repeated this year is an informal afternoon with a group of noted Oregon authors, including Frances Gill, Phil Parrish and several others.

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings will be devoted to the presentation of the annual "festival of plays," at which time one-act plays chosen as winners in their county divisions will be presented for criticism and suggestions. Counties to be presented this year are Columbia, Clackamas, Multnomah, Jackson, Lane and Deschutes.

OREGON FARM DEAL RECORD IS PRAISED

Oregon has a noteworthy record in respect to changes in farm ownership, according to R. Brethaupt, agricultural extension economist at Oregon State college. Government statistics show that for more than two years Oregon has led all states in the union in percentage of voluntary transfers and has had the lowest percentage of forced transfers of any northwest state, Brethaupt says.

Figures show that during the year ending March 1, 1935, \$25 per cent of the farms in Oregon changed hands — 234 per cent being voluntary sales and trades and 244 per cent owing to tax, mortgage and related defaults. The number of voluntary transfers has increased steadily during the past three years, while forced transfers have decreased rapidly.

Commenting on the reasons for these trends, Mr. Brethaupt said that the increase in farm price from the 1922 level of 48 per cent of 1924 to 122 per cent in 1935, \$25.60 in 1934, and 68 per cent in 1935, had a good deal to do with improving the farm situation. He also attributed much of the enviable record of farm ownership changes, however, to the very effective work of the voluntary farm debt adjusting committee appointed by the governor for the purpose of assisting farm debtors and their creditors in making debt adjustment and refinancing arrangements.

HANDICAPPED YOUTH ASSISTANCE URGED

More attention in every community to saving for useful lives the young people handicapped by broken homes was urged upon Oregon State college students by R. F. Irvine, veteran editor of the Oregon Journal and a member of the state board of higher education, in a convocation address here recently.

Mr. Irvine has been making a particular study of youthful criminals in recent years and in convocation that the great majority are first turned towards a life which leads to crime through seemingly minor events arising from poor home life. He praised all elements in higher education which tend to encourage sound home making.

1935 FARM INCOME REVEALS INCREASE. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (AP)—Cash income of farmers from the sale of farm products in 1935 was estimated by the department of agriculture today at \$8,322,000,000, compared with \$4,517,000,000 in 1934.



OREGON GROWERS ARE URGED TO JOIN

Larger Producing Orchards, Better Harvesting and Grading Advised.

Prune growers of the state of Oregon are urged by the tree fruits committee of the Agricultural Outlook conference of Marion county to cooperate in the effort now being made to perfect a state-wide prune marketing organization.

In its report on the tree fruits situation, the committee points out price cutting, open-end contracts, consignment and warehousing evils, unfair dockage and kindred abuses, all operating to break prices, as evils that may be cured through affiliation of a substantial majority of the independent growers into a state-wide collective bargaining association.

The committee points out in its findings that growers should concentrate on securing large producing orchards, maintaining size and quality through the best possible cultural methods, better care in harvesting and grading and maintaining quality. A new grading system is recommended, and an advertising campaign is suggested to increase consumption.

Canned Output Increased. An interesting part of the committee's report is the great growth in the canned prune industry. In 1927, it is pointed out, the western canned prune pack amounted to 459,591 cases. This increased the following year to 715,749 cases, and held about even until 1934 when the pack went to 846,000 cases. In 1935, however, the pack increased to 1,300,000 cases.

"The pick of the western canned prune has increased from 459,591 cases in 1927 to more than one million cases in 1935," the committee reports. "This continued annual increase of the canned prune pack may be one solution to the marketing problems of Italian prunes. Growers and packers must take interest in the quality of prunes going into the canned pack, and provide means of advertising the product."

Poor Orchards Decried. Sub-marginal orchards are not profitable, the committee declares, and also expresses its opinion that new plantings should be discouraged.

"It is the opinion of the committee," the report says, "that under existing and probable future market conditions, cultivation and care of prune orchards which are not capable of producing an average yield of around 2,000 pounds of ripe prunes per acre, or less, is largely questionable, and owners of such orchards would do well to consider their removal."

"New plantings are discouraged for obvious reasons. Growers who wish to plant prune trees under present conditions must realize they will meet severe competition in marketing prunes on an over-supplied market."

Growers are advised to give every attention to cultural and pruning methods to the end that size and quality of prunes both for drying and canning be improved.

"The public cannot be expected to repeat orders for poor quality prunes, regardless of low prices," the committee says.

Greater Care Urged. The report also contains recommendations that growers use greater care in harvesting fruit, that prunes be picked at the proper stage of maturity, and that only the best prunes be harvested.

The committee proposes that instead of grading prunes on the present 11 size standards, a new classification be provided to grade on a basis of small, medium, large and extra large, and that satisfactory standards of quality be set up and measures taken to insure proper attention to quality by the ultimate consumer.

The committee also recommends the adoption of uniform Oregon brands and trademarks and that merchandising and advertising methods be maintained on a par with competing commodities.

Growers, packers and canners are urged to take concerted action before the interstate commerce commission to obtain revisions of railroad tariffs to permit shipment of mixed cars of canned and dried fruits, also frozen and barreled at their respective assigned rates, thereby opening markets of the midwest and south to Oregon products.

FARM ADVANTAGES OF OREGON CITED. McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 26. (AP)—The Pacific coast "honest" cut much less in agricultural taxes, F. L. Ballard, vice-director of the extension service at Oregon State college, told the Yamhill county agricultural conference.

NEWS OF FARM LIFE

State-Wide Prune Marketing Organization Plan Launched

New Deal Starts Co-operative Farm Colony

One of the most interesting experiments sponsored by the New Deal is the rural collectivist community which is now being established near Omaha, Neb. At Ak-Sarben the resettlement administration has started a co-operative colony modeled along the lines of a Soviet state farm. An 800-acre tract has been set aside, one-third of which will be farmed collectively. The farmsteaders will be paid daily wages and will share in the co-operative returns. Each colonist will own his own \$2,600 home, tool shed and chicken house. These buildings are cut at a central location and hauled in trucks, in knock-down condition, to the plot on which they are erected.



First residents. Houses ready to be erected. Farmsteader plowing.

News of Douglas County

CAMAS VALLEY. CAMAS VALLEY, Jan. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Robley Doyle of Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Doyle, Mrs. Daisy Doyle and Everett Doyle of Arago, visited Sunday at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martindale and Mr. and Mrs. Story Martindale. Mr. and Mrs. Doc Cook and children called on the farmer's aunt, Mrs. Rhoda Murray, of Green, while on their way to Roseburg Saturday.

Mrs. Phillip Standley and two daughters, Dorothy and Bonney Jean, of Ryedwood, Wash., arrived from Klamath Falls Monday evening where they had been visiting Mrs. Standley's mother. They stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Standley and also visited other relatives until Thursday morning when they went on to their home.

Miss Wilma Martindale, who is employed at Coos Junction, spent Monday visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Story Martindale. The county court was out Wednesday viewing road and drainage work which may later become a WPA project.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett McFall attended to business matters in Marshfield Wednesday morning. Little Billy Farmer, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Theimer Farmer, has been seriously ill for the past week. It was thought at first he was suffering from a relapse from the measles but was decided later that he had scarlet fever, as there have been several cases developing during the week. The health doctor and nurse went out Wednesday and investigated several cases of illness, pronouncing them scarlet fever.

Jesse Clinton and Ellis Dement of Myrtle Point were business callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Story Martindale Wednesday. The mass meeting called by R. L. Richter, Wednesday night, to talk over the proposal of an electric plant for Camas Valley was well attended and a great deal of interest is being taken in the project. Mr. Richter is quite confident of being able to put in a plant.

Mr. Quinsee and Edward Smith of Roseburg attended the meeting at the schoolhouse Wednesday night. Adrian and Noble Standley and Wm. Porter made a business trip to Eugene Thursday morning, returning late that evening. Albert Kroegel returned to Seattle, Wash., Friday to resume his work as railroad engineer. Mr. Kroegel has been at home for some time recuperating from an eye operation which was entirely successful.

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Charlie Stetler was in town Tuesday delivering lumber from his mill at Myrtle Creek to George Melan at the Bruce tavern. E. W. Thomson of Los Angeles is moving into the Longton house on Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pardoe were Roseburg visitors Thursday. M. E. Manley and son Earl were business visitors in Leland Wednesday. From there they went to Grange creek, two miles from Leland, to see the large moving dredge at work. It is as large as a two story building and electrically equipped. It works in a large pool of water, scooping up dirt and rock and sifting out the gold. Large boulders which have been through the dredge cover a space of about ten acres and twenty feet high. This dredge was formerly in operation at Foothills near Grants Pass. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pardoe were Roseburg visitors Thursday. M. E. Manley and son Earl were business visitors in Leland Wednesday. From there they went to Grange creek, two miles from Leland, to see the large moving dredge at work. It is as large as a two story building and electrically equipped. It works in a large pool of water, scooping up dirt and rock and sifting out the gold. Large boulders which have been through the dredge cover a space of about ten acres and twenty feet high. This dredge was formerly in operation at Foothills near Grants Pass.

At Wolf creek examiners are busily engaged in working out plans for a large placer mining development. Twenty miles of ditches will be built through several mining claims. This work is being done by C. Hawley, son of Ex-Senator Hawley. The wind storm which visited Canyonville a few days ago uprooted a large fir tree which stood for 60 years near the Walter Corbett home. These woods have been a great deal of damage done but the neighbors offered their services, attaching a cable to the tree, which had lodged in a small cedar tree, causing it to fall free of the buildings.

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DOUGLAS GRANGES CONFER DEGREES

The third and fourth grange degrees were conferred at a meeting held Friday night at Riversdale grange hall, with grangers from Melrose, Kellogg, Sutherlin and Riversdale granges in attendance.

The work was given by the degree staff of Melrose grange. Kellogg had six candidates in attendance, while Sutherlin had six, Melrose four, and Riversdale nine. Mrs. Alice Goff, state lecturer, served at the post of master during the degree ceremony, which was very impressive.

Following the degree work, the home economics committee of Riversdale grange provided refreshments of cake and coffee, and games were enjoyed until a late hour. Charles Hartley announced a meeting of Sutherlin grange at noon February 1, with a dinner at 6:30 p. m., to be followed by an auction sale and entertainment. A. E. Dorman, master of Riversdale grange, announced an entertainment of cards and dinner Wednesday evening, February 26.

Free Seeds Halted in '23, U. S. Still Telling Millions. The flow of "free seed" letters is beginning again, but indications are there will be fewer than last year. For 13 years the U. S. department of agriculture has been trying to convince 100,000,000 people that it has no free seeds or plants. Yet each year, as spring approaches, thousands of requests pour in from farms, suburbs and neighborhoods. And all the writers of these letters meet disappointment.

Years ago—precisely to 1923—there was an annual appropriation for free seeds for congressional distribution through the department of agriculture. But in 1923 the government decided to discontinue the distribution of this great quantity of seed since it was only commercial garden seed such as could be bought from any good seed house and did not necessarily represent varieties better than those in common use.

Not only does the department of agriculture have no free seed, it has no seeds or plants for sale either. PRINEVILLE—A good many cows from Crook county dairy herds have been sold to California buyers recently and farmers of the county are saving more butter calves this year than they have for the past few years, reports County Agent E. L. Woods. Mr. Woods believes the latter fact shows that more farmers are becoming interested in dairying due to the increased sale for cows and the steady butterfat market.

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The Roseburg 4-H cookery club, served the dinner for the Douglas county local leaders, which was held at the Riversdale grange hall on Tuesday evening. This club was led by Mrs. J. M. Bartley and consists of Maxine Bartley, Vivian Bartley, Dolores Cacy, Barbara Collier, Corinne Harbham and Mary Lee. This club is to be the guests of the local leaders, at the Indian theatre, this evening. This is the means taken by the local leaders, to show in part their appreciation of the efforts of this club.

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Some of the parents and pupils of Brockway school met at the school at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing their 4-H problems with Mr. Allen and Mr. Britton. The pupils there are anxious to get under way in club work and while there is a leader already selected for the girls, there is a need for a man leader.

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FARM CONFERENCE BENEFITS CITED

Douglas county agriculture is undergoing a thorough investigation, according to County Agent J. Roland Parker. Committees composed of prominent producers for the past two months have been collecting information on the major agricultural commodities of the county in preparation for the agricultural economic outlook conference scheduled for February 18 and 19.

"There is nothing mysterious about a farm outlook conference," says County Agent J. Roland Parker. "It is just a business-like attempt on the part of the producers of the county, with the help of the agricultural extension service, to assemble all the facts possible about the agriculture in the county and from these facts to decide as near as possible what is the most profitable program to follow in the future."

A similar economic conference was held by producers in Douglas county in November, 1925, at which time the possibility of a profitable poultry industry was brought to the attention of the people, resulting in the development of commercial egg production to a point where the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers established a local packing plant. Other benefits came from the 1925 conference which have benefited Douglas county to the extent of increasing the agricultural income thousands of dollars, states Mr. Parker. The value of alfalfa as a soil builder and feed crop was stressed, since that time the acreage of alfalfa has more than doubled and the planting of other legumes has increased.

Much benefit is expected to result from the outlook conference, is the opinion of many of those working on the various committees, as each committee is taking an inventory of a basic agricultural commodity and will report their findings at the conference. Committees working include those on horticulture, farm crops, dairy, livestock, poultry, turkeys, irrigation and economics, the later covering finance, taxation and land use.

SHORT COURSE FOR CANNERS IS DATED

Concentrated training for both experienced and beginning canners will be offered during the fifteenth annual canners short course to be held at the horticultural products department February 3 to 10. This course draws scores of canner technicians, foremen, managers and owners from Oregon, outside states and even foreign countries.

E. H. Wiegand, head of the horticultural products work, announces that a larger variety of instruction than usual has been included this year to appeal to the experienced man as well as the novice in the canning industry. The newcomers in the course will find information on the fundamentals of the various practices in canning and freezing fruits and vegetables while the experienced men will be able to find much of value in the later developments and technical improvements assembled for their convenience.

The two weeks course will include the usual mechanical instruction on double seaming which is being put on by the American Cane company. The mechanical course is optional with the students and may be combined with other work. Students may enter at any time or any part of the course in which they are most interested, says Professor Wiegand.

FOUR-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

So many things pertaining to 4-H club livestock projects, have happened during the past week, that the week might well have been designated "4-H Livestock week," in Douglas county.

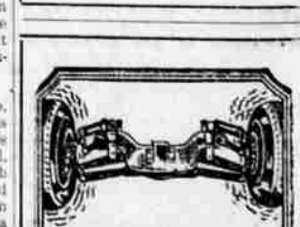
Beginning Monday, R. J. Allen, assistant state club leader and in charge of 4-H livestock and crops, spent five days in the county assisting County Club Agent E. A. Britton. Monday afternoon, the pair met with nine boys of the Glendale high school and discussed livestock and crop problems. They also visited several leaders and assisted them in their problems. On Monday night they were the guests at the Louisa grange livestock club in the grange hall. There were about 75 persons present at this meeting. Mr. Allen spoke to the group on livestock and Mr. Britton showed four reels of film, having to do with 4-H club work.

On Tuesday evening of last week, the 4-H club local leaders held their first meeting of the year at the Riversdale grange hall. There were 25 local leaders present at this meeting, which

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OREGON RAMS TO BE SENT TO ALEUTIANS

DALLAS, Ore., Jan. 26. (AP)—The McCaleb brothers and George Carrel will ship 45 purebred Romney wooling rams from their Polk county herds to the Aleutian islands this spring. The rams will be used as breeding stock by the Aleutian Livestock company and the Pacific Livestock company. The sale practically cleans up the surplus breeding rams of these two areas six months in advance of the usual marketing time.



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