



# NEWS OF FARM LIFE

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kept them jogging along and confining the others in their stalls. Their feed rations were identical. This went on for three months before the cattle were slaughtered. Then the meat was analyzed. It was found that meat from the leaner, exercised cattle was more tender.

Prof. Bull explained it this way: "In the unexercised cattle we found the muscle cells laced together by cross connecting tissues, which when they drew together formed tendons connecting with the bone. These cross connecting tissues made the meat tough.

"In the exercised cattle there were more muscle cells which had formed without increasing the connective tissue. We could only conclude that the exercise caused the increase in muscle cells, making the meat more tender."

## TRUCK CROPS IN '37 MAY SET NEW HIGH

### Increased Acreage Points to Bigger Output, Due to Good Prices.

Production of commercial truck crops for fresh market shipment in 1937 probably will be larger than the record high volume in 1936, it was forecast by the bureau of agricultural economics in its annual outlook report on commercial truck crops.

The bureau, summarizing the outlook, said:

"In general, the production increase probably will be due largely to an increase in acreage ranging from 5 to 10 per cent. A rise of about 10 per cent in the general level of vegetable prices in 1936 is expected to bring about this increase in acreage.

"All sections of the country and all of the important truck crops, except celery, onions, and spinach, are likely to show an increased production in 1937. Ordinarily increases in production force prices to lower levels, but in 1937 it is expected that further improvement in consumer buying power will about offset the effects of increased supplies and maintain prices at about the same level as in 1936. If yields per acre in 1937, however, should be generally higher than average, it is probable that production would be so large that prices would average lower than in 1936.

### Prices Slightly Higher

"Food prices are slightly higher than they were in the fall of 1935. This is a favorable factor in the competitive position of fresh vegetables during the first half of 1937. Also the commercial supply of late cabbage, potatoes, and sweet potatoes is relatively short and the reduced carry-over into the winter months of the stored parts of these crops is expected to improve the market situation for winter and spring vegetables. The total supply of canned vegetables is also less than it was a year ago.

"In 1936 there was an increase over 1935, of about 6 per cent in the vegetable acreage harvested for market and yield per acre was up about 1 per cent, so production was increased by 7 per cent. This was a record high for acreage and production, and indicates that the sharp upward trend occurring in the last 15 years is continuing. Although commercial production was larger in 1936, prices for vegetables in general advanced about 19 per cent. This advance is attributed to the fact that consumer buying power increased over 1935 and the fact that the drought cut short the production of home and local garden crops in the central states, and created a larger market for commercial truck crops than usual.

## FOUR-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

Enrollments for five new 4-H clubs were received during the past week. The Winston school, taught by T. P. Peterson, sent in an enrollment of fifteen members. The membership elected Nancy Cook as president, Melvin Baker, vice-president, and Hugh Willis, secretary. Mr. Peterson leads the club.

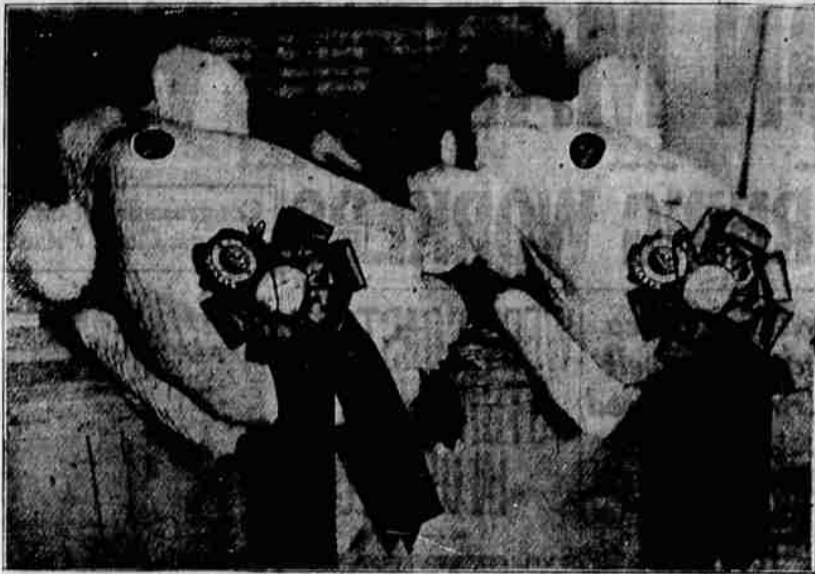
The Junior room of the Green school, led by Mrs. Florence Pfaff, teacher, has ten members in a 4-H Health club. Marilyn Preston is president; Evangeline Prowell is vice-president, and Olive Lewis is secretary.

Pupils of the Green school also organized a Cooking club, which will be led by Mrs. W. E. Stevenson. Membership of the club includes Erma Schmidt, president; Bill Davis, vice-president; Vada Mae Betts, secretary; Barbara Austin, Bobby Claypool, Genevieve Bohme, Lois Blake, Georgene Johnson, and Theodore Insley.

Miss Ruth Krohn of Cleveland community is leading a 4-H club organized to carry on a clothing project. The officers of the club are: Marjorie Taylor, president; Florence Nielsen, vice-president; Betty Joe Nelson, secretary; Roberta Taylor, Rosemary Neilson and Vivian Bishop.

The Sylton valley school has organized a clothing club which will

## Dressed Bird Contest to Be Repeated at Oakland Show



Turkeys such as those pictured above will be offered by turkey growers of the coast states in competition for the numerous prizes in the dressed bird division of the Northwest Turkey Show at Oakland December 8 to 12, inclusive. The dressed bird division has been growing rapidly as a department of the annual show, and the birds will be in competition this year for the finest list of premiums and trophies ever awarded. The birds pictured above were the winners of the highest prizes at last year's show.

be led by Mrs. Virgil Bush. Officers and members are: Anna May Sutton, president; Colleen Bush, vice-president; Maxine Sutton, secretary, and Francis Holm.

In spite of the fact that there were fewer boys and girls in Douglas county of club age during the school year of 1935-1936 than there were during the school year of 1934-1935, 4-H club work made a gain for the year of 1936 over 1935.

In 1935 there were 142 clubs, 1762 projects of which 1739 were completed. The value of the projects was \$624,907, the cost of producing the projects was \$3307,89 and the profit was \$2717,39. For the year ending November 30, 1936, there are 148 clubs, 1829 projects of which 1765 were completed with a value of \$7813,53 produced at a cost of \$4602,70 which leaves a net profit of \$3209,83.

Clubs completing 100 per cent, which means that every member completed, are 89.87 per cent. Projects total 96.55 per cent of the total begun.

In the matter of completing projects, the boys hold a slight lead over the girls as their record shows 96.14 per cent and the girls record shows 95.51 per cent.

## ACREAGE CUT IN CROPS REQUESTED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The AAA has indicated it may use its \$500,000,000 soil conservation program next year to hold down production of most major crops.

Officials have considered the suggestions of many farmers in an effort to map rules for payment of benefits under the 1937 program.

"Most farmers want us to hold down acreage of corn, cotton, tobacco and feed grains below what it would be if there was no program," said H. R. Tolley, AAA administrator.

With winter wheat already planted on what private reports say is a record acreage, and spring wheat farmers demanding an equal chance, Tolley said these farmers will face price-depressing surpluses next fall "if we have normal weather."

The AAA chief said high prices for many farm products this year had spurred some farmers to expand acreage.

Tolley said one feature of the program probably would be a "maximum conservation allowance" for each farm.

Under this, he said, a "farmer will know in advance of the planting season the maximum grant he may earn under the program. He will know what crops he may grow and what practices to follow, and in most parts of the country there will be more latitude in crops and practices required for carrying the grants."

## CRATER ROAD PARK FIXING PROJECTED

SALEM, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Recreational park development covering 400 acres along the Crater lake highway between Trail and Prospect in southern Oregon will start with improvement of Casey's camp on Rogue river, S. H. Boardman, parks engineer with the state highway department said today.

Work will start on the Casey camp as soon as final plans are drafted and will include picnic grounds, a water system, a bridge across the river to permit use of both sides of the stream, and general landscaping, Boardman said.

The cost will be about \$10,000, but the improvement will not be completed for about a year. Boardman said the half dozen park areas for recreational purposes along the highway have been fire-guarded, and the entire forest strip in that section will be saved from the woodsman's axe as the result of recent negotiations between the U. S. forest service and the Rogue river timber company.

The recreational park work in the state highway department is a recent development, Boardman said, and improvements of various parks will be authorized as soon as funds are available.

## FRUIT, NUT OUTLOOK REPORTED BETTER

One of the most comprehensive annual market and price outlook reports on tree fruit, small fruit and nut crops ever published by the agricultural extension service at Oregon State college has just been released and is available from county agents. The circular also reviews the current farm price situation, showing a gain of about one point in the general level of farm prices in Oregon since mid-September.

The report was prepared by L. R. Brecht, extension agricultural economist, who says the most significant factor in the outlook is the conclusion reached at the recent national outlook conference in Washington that consumer purchasing power will be around ten per cent greater in 1937 than in 1936. This is expected to sustain the general farm price level fairly well, although gross agricultural production is expected to increase substantially and some items so much that prices will be lower next year.

## RURAL YOUTH UNIT NO. 1 ORGANIZED

TILLAMOOK, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Tillamook county claims first in organization of the Oregon rural youth movement.

Walter Farmer was chosen president.

## HOGS MOVING TO MARKET IN VOLUME

### Prices, Down Since August, Expected to Go Higher After December.

A seasonal decline in hog prices as a result of heavy runs of hogs to market is noted by the bureau of agricultural economics in its monthly summary of the hog situation. The number of hogs slaughtered under federal inspection increased sharply from 2,400,000 in September to 3,500,000 in October. In October 1935 the number was 2,100,000. This large increase was partly the result of the larger spring pig crop of 1936, compared with 1935, and partly the result of early marketings of spring pigs following the drought.

The average price of hogs at Chicago in October, at \$9.55 a hundred pounds, was about 34 cents lower than in September this year and 28 cents lower than in October a year ago.

Considering the entire hog marketing year—which began October 1—prices are expected to average about the same as or slightly higher than in 1935-36. The seasonal price decline which started in late August apparently has about ended as prices are now showing a tendency to strengthen. From December to March the price trend probably will be upward. Prices during the summer of 1937 are likely to average higher than in the summer of 1936.

The scarcity of corn and high corn prices compared with hog prices have led to a fairly heavy liquidation of breeding stock and a relatively small fall pig crop and will probably cause hog producers to raise fewer pigs in the spring of 1937 than last spring. Hog slaughter supplies in the calendar year 1937, therefore, probably will be smaller than in 1936 but probably not as small as in 1935.

## FORECLOSED FARMS SOLD BY OREGON

SALEM, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The state land board sold farms totaling \$259,004 which had been acquired by the state through mortgage foreclosures on loans during the past year, the clerk of the

## GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Arthur Brown, state deputy, and Fred A. Goff, county deputy, have been assisting in grange work at Myrtle Creek, Camas Valley, Lookingglass, Coles Valley and Kellogg during the past week.

The grange recreational school will meet at Riverdale grange hall Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Joint installation of officers of Camas Valley, Tenmile, Reseno and Evergreen granges will be held at Evergreen grange hall at 8 p. m. Thursday, December 3.

The county grange conference with officers of the state grange will be held in Roseburg December 9. The meetings will be in the I. O. O. F. lodge hall.

Joint installation of officers will be held December 16 at Kellogg by Kellogg and Fred Weatherly (Elkton) granges.

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## CANNERY RECORDS BIG TOMATO PACK

ASHLAND, Nov. 30.—(AP)—One of the largest tomato packs in the history of the Dayley Canning company has been completed here. The firm turned out 2,291,448 cans.

The apple pack amounted to nearly 80,000 cans. Two hundred and fifty persons were employed at the cannery during the 49-day tomato season. Two hundred more found jobs in the fields.

Growers received \$13 a ton for No. 1 and \$7 for No. 2.

Johnson county, Kentucky, high schools require every boy to study agriculture and every girl to study home economics. The requirement covers two years of study.

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