

NEWS OF FARM LIFE

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DAIRY PRODUCERS' OUTLOOK BETTERED

PORTLAND, July 26.—(AP)—A market survey shows increased production, higher prices in response to consumer demand and improved pasture and crop conditions in dairy states have created a more favorable outlook for dairy producers than a year ago.

Market officials said the promising harvest prospects probably would send food prices down.

With the season's peak already past, milk production on July 1 dropped 4 per cent below June 1 but it was still 3 per cent more than a year ago. The third quarter of 1937 probably will bring greater production than in 1936.

Manufactured dairy products are moving at about the same rate as a year ago but at higher prices. Milk and cream receipts on eastern markets indicate farmers may expect further increases in consumption.

SPARKS RUN HIS FARM

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The department of agriculture is riding roughshod over that old saw about not counting your chickens before they're hatched.

The department's economists have just concluded that poultry hatchings will be 7 to 10 per cent smaller in 1937 than in 1936. The high cost of feed, resulting from drought, is blamed.

NEW FARM BILL HEARINGS ORDERED

Action Probably Indicates No Crop Control Law at Present Session.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—The senate agricultural committee has authorized a series of hearings throughout the country on the administration's new farm bill, providing for more stringent production control of five major crops.

Senator Pope (D., Idaho), senate sponsor of the bill, said the committee action meant there was "virtually no prospect" that the legislation would be enacted this session.

The committee proposed to name a subcommittee of five to hold the hearings. A least one would be held in each of the five crop areas.

Pope said hearing sessions would be held in regions growing cotton, corn, wheat, tobacco and rice, and probably would continue until midwinter.

While the senate committee acted on the presumption that no general farm legislation would be passed this session, Speaker Bankhead expressed belief that congress should enact before adjournment agriculture price stabilization legislation embracing "ever-normal" granary control.

"Unless we do something about the farm situation, we'll be censured," he told reporters.

The speaker made this statement after discussing the legislation with Edward T. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

O'Neal said the enactment of a measure that would provide compulsory crop control by means of a marketing quota system and heavy penalty taxes.

Bankhead said action on such legislation this session probably would depend on outcome of a conference of senate, house and administration leaders, probably today.

In Praise of Gardening

By Helen Welshimer

THERE must be loveliness in one who plants a pansy bed, And trims the trees where roses grow In yellow, white and red.

WHO plants new seeds and feels the wind Move gently in her hair, Who cups her hands about a plant, And finds life stirring there.

WHO hears the surging of the earth, Providing for her strength to aid A seedlet pushing out of dark, Sun-urged, yet half-afraid.

A MAN can lead a horse, a dream, (And never be afraid!) To women who love gardening, And like to hoe and spade!



"Ever-Normal" Granary Bill Offered To Congress by Agriculture Group is Outlined in Question-Answer Series

(Editor's note: Chairman Jones (D-Tex.) of the house agriculture committee has asked congress to enact a broad program to stabilize farm prices through an "ever-normal" granary system. The following questions and answers outline his bill under provisions.)

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—How would the Jones bill try to establish fair prices and incomes for farmers and a stable food supply for consumers?

By regulating the flow of farm products to market under a quota system. Each farm would be given an acreage and marketing allotment of such major products as wheat, corn, rice, cotton and tobacco.

What would be done with surplus crops — the portion not needed for domestic consumption and export?

They would be stored in granaries for release in years of crop failures, thus keeping the supply "ever-normal." Surpluses of such storage would tend to stabilize prices for the benefit of both producer and consumer.

Would farmers be required to comply with acreage and marketing quotas?

No, but those who did not comply would be denied cash benefits

payments under the existing soil conservation act and other payments that might be authorized.

How would surplus products find their way into the granary?

The secretary of agriculture could require farmers receiving cash benefits to store up to 20 per cent of their crops. Loans would be allowed on the stored portion.

How would stored surpluses be released in poor crop years?

By calling in the loans. It is presumed that most farmers would place on the market such stored products to obtain funds to retire loans.

Suppose surplus filled granaries, what steps would be taken to bring production in line with consumption?

Processing taxes would be levied on the major crops. Funds raised by these taxes would be used to increase benefit payments to farmers complying with acreage and marketing quotas.

In what other ways is the bill designed to help farmers?

It authorizes the secretary to help farmers obtain lower freight rates on their products. It also authorizes expenditure of \$10,000,000 a year for developing new uses for farm products.

INCREASED FRUIT CROPS INDICATED

Prices, However, Expected to Average Below High Levels of 1936.

Larger than average supplies of all deciduous fruits are in prospect this year, the bureau of agricultural economics said in its current fruit situation report, and prices in general are expected to average somewhat lower than those recorded for the 1936 crop.

With indications of an apple crop a fifth larger than the 1936, 35 average, the bureau expects apple prices to average below the relatively high prices received for last year's small crop but perhaps slightly higher than those of 1935.

The larger crop this year is attributed to greater production in some of the principal producing regions in the central and Atlantic coast states. In these two regions the prospective 1937 apple crop is 26 per cent and 28 per cent above average, respectively. With a larger than usual proportion of the crop in the eastern half of the United States and relatively close to consuming centers, prices may be expected to average somewhat lower than if supplies were distributed more normally.

Indications point to a peach crop a fifth larger than the small crop of last year but only slightly larger than the 5-year average. Smaller shipments and higher prices than a year earlier have been reported for peaches arriving from the southern states. Rather sharp price declines are likely to occur, the bureau pointed out when peach shipments begin in volume from the late states.

Conditions on July 1 pointed to the largest pear crop on record. The largest grape crop since 1928 also is indicated this year. Lower prices than last year are expected for grapes. Although encouraging factors in the demand situation are the increase in the level of consumers' incomes over last year and relatively small stocks of raisins and wine.

Home Town Girl Gets Film Role



Not temperamental, but just plain boss is Hollywood's newest feminine star, above, guaranteed to put a kick into the new movie about the great Chicago fire. Her name is Daisy and she was chosen from scores of candidates for her ability to stick her foot into trouble, mainly by upsetting the lantern in Mrs. O'Leary's stable. Daisy is making good as one of the original hoopers from Stockton, Calif.

"NORMAL" GRANARY BILL GIVEN HOUSE

Crop Control by Processing Taxes and Payments of Benefits Provided.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—Chairman Jones (D., Tex.) of the house agriculture committee proposed recently a new general farm bill embracing the "ever-normal" granary and crop production control figures.

The bill, which Jones introduced when the house convened, would use the present soil conservation benefit payments and penalty processing taxes as machinery to effect crop control.

It would give the secretary of agriculture authority to establish a marketing quota for all producers of such products as corn, wheat, cotton, tobacco and rice. Farmers who sold more than their quota would be denied soil conservation benefit payments, which last year totalled approximately \$400,000,000.

When the granary threatened to overflow, the secretary would have authority to establish processing taxes on the products of which there was an oversupply.

The tax would be as follows: Cotton, two cents a pound; wheat, ten cents a bushel; rice, ten cents a bushel; and 25 cents a hundred pounds on hogs when there was an over-supply of hogs.

(Most of the corn crop is marketed as hogs.)

The measure contained many provisions of the proposed "agricultural adjustment act of 1937," sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation and endorsed in principle by Agriculture Secretary Wallace.

It did not contain, however, a provision for cash payments from the treasury to supplement growers' income when farm prices fell below the "fair" price level. It was this provision of the federal farm bill that drew Jones' objection.

Would Disposal of Surpluses

The measure also would establish a fund for the purpose of disposing of surplus commodities both at home and abroad. It would give the secretary of agriculture authority to file applications on behalf of farmers for adjustment in freight rates.

The measure would direct the agriculture secretary to fix base acreages for each farm. To be eligible for soil payments, the farmer could not plant a larger acreage.

The total national acreage on which benefit payments would be paid:

Cotton, 45,500,000; wheat, 67,000,000; field corn, 102,500,000; rice, 225,000; flue-cured tobacco, 1,050,000; Maryland tobacco, 29,000; burley tobacco, 525,000; other tobacco, 480,000.

Surpluses of heavy production years would be stored for release in poor years.

The marketing quota system would go into effect when production exceeded the normal supply—amount needed for domestic consumption and granary needs—by the following amounts:

Cotton, 15 per cent; wheat, 20 per cent; corn, 10 per cent; tobacco, 10 per cent, and rice, 10 per cent.

The bill would establish a \$100,000,000 surplus reserve loan corporation with authority to lend to farmers on stored surpluses.

MEMBERSHIP OF A. F. OF L. MOUNTS

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor said the membership of unions affiliated with it totaled 2,106,429 on June 30, a gain of 66,362 since August 31, 1936.

Frank Morrison, secretary-treasurer, said this total did not include the membership of 10 unions newly founded last year for supporting John L. Lewis' organization of the committee for industrial organization.

SHORTAGE OF FARM LABOR REPORTED

From many sections of the country come reports of a shortage of farm labor. In some states for every 100 jobs available on the farm, there are only 75 workers. In the meantime, the cities and towns are infected with those who formerly were employed as farm laborers but who are now on the government relief rolls or engaged as WPA workers.

DAIRY CONVENTION OF WEST SCHEDULED

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—(AP)—The western regional dairy convention will be held in Oakland, Calif., November 17-19. It was announced by Dr. C. L. Roundhouse, president of the Pacific Slope Dairy association.

The conference covers eleven western states. About 20 allied industry conventions will be held in connection.

Around the County

GLENDALE

GLENDALE, July 25.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis of Glendale Junction have as their house guests Mrs. Davis' sister, Miss E. McCracken, of Chicago, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. T. McCracken, of Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bohrer were Grants Pass visitors Monday.

Roy Tolson is moving his family to North Bend Sunday where he has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson of Grants Pass are visiting their niece, Mrs. Allan Hollar, this week.

Fred Cooper, who was wounded at the Ingram-Lambert company's logging camp Saturday, was taken to the Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass Wednesday for further observation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harvey visited their son-in-law, A. G. Heininger, at the Grants Pass hospital Tuesday evening and reported Mr. Heininger still improving, having set up a short while that day.

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DREW

BRFV July 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garvey and daughter, Gladys, of Moscow, spent the week-end visiting with the former's mother, Mrs. Wm. Garvey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCord, Fred Bailey and F. E. Thomas spent Thursday in Roseburg. The latter is planning to leave soon for Missouri, where he has property interests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eshore finished the interior of their home last week.

Mrs. Wayne Dean had the intention to break the home in the city of her town some time ago.

Mrs. Clara Todd and Mrs. M. Virginia Hollar of Medford spent a short time in town Monday. They recently returned from a pleasure trip to San Francisco and other cities along the way.

Chas. Thomas of Roseburg attended to business here Thursday and Friday.

Who's back of the Kibby? spent the week-end with his family here.

Mrs. Alton Fotheringham and her sister, Miss Elizabeth Hayes are spending some time in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hayes and family have moved to their new home on the Diamond rock road.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Freeman, Clinton, Wash., visited with the Thomason family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendell were at town yesterday (Sun) the Mother Lode mine.

WILBUR

WILBUR, July 26.—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Hurch and family who have been living on the Ochs ranch left Thursday morning for their former home at Ulysses, Kansas. Mrs. Hurch is an aunt of Charles Hot

FOUR-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

The first 4-H club livestock tour, which is to be taken through Clackamas and Multnomah counties for the purpose of giving 4-H club stock raisers an opportunity to judge some of the best livestock in the northwest and at the same time observe farming practices carried on by leading farmers, will be taken next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The boys will leave Roseburg at 2 o'clock next Sunday afternoon in a truck provided by R. H. Wilson of the Wilson Motor company and sponsor of all the Douglas county 4-H livestock tours. Sunday evening they will camp at the Lane-Benton auto camp a few miles past Junction City. They will meet in Canby at 9:30 Monday morning. From there they go to the Kraxberger ranch where they will judge hogs, then to the H. G. Belton farm for sheep judging, and from there to the Edwin Bidder ranch at Williston for more hog judging. On Tuesday they will visit the T. B. Wilcox ranch for sheep judging, the Mrs. Evans farm for Jersey cattle judging, and the E. McElvaine farm for more Jersey cattle judging. On Wednesday they go to the S. B. Hall farm for Holstein judging, and the E. J. Mahy farm for Greensey cattle judging. Early Wednesday afternoon they will finish up at the Leucher Enterprise farm with Holstein dairy judging.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings they will camp at the Dodge park in Clackamas county, where camp stoves and wood will be furnished and few swimming can be enjoyed by the boys. There will be a camp fire program each evening. On Wednesday afternoon the Douglas county group will go to the coast and spend Thursday along the beaches on the way home. They expect to arrive in Roseburg Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

The twenty-three boys who have signed up for the trip include the following: Lynn Hodges, Ivan Arns, Kenneth Andrus, Clarence Meredith, Wesley Meredith, Ray Owens, Alvin Head, Wayne Swan, Leslie Bell, Raymond Buel, Leonard Bell, Calvin Williams, all of Lookout; James Nichols of Bidler; Lewis Burns, Ward Crow, Don Harmon, Walter Marks, Ray Dwyer, Robert Marsh, all of Roseburg; Labe Britton, Willard; Hamlin Perkins, Brainer, Neil Talcott.

ANTI-HOME FALL GADGETS NEEDED

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—What this country needs is a couple of gadgets that will keep people from falling down in their homes.

The governments accident prevention conference, pointing out that 100 Americans are killed daily by home injuries, listed the much-needed inventions today as:

1. A light that will turn on automatically when you get out of bed.

2. A non-slip, non-tripping rug.

COUNT UNHATCHED CHICKS AND FIND THEM SCARCER

ARLINGTON, N. H.—(AP)—Electrically does a lot of farm chores on C. U. Cook's farm here. Hay is lifted to the loft by electric power, the dairy barn has a radio, tools are powered by electricity, and the house is equipped with modern conveniences.

INVENTOR OF WAR DEVICE DIES POOR

BUDAPEST, July 24.—(AP)—Gabor Szalkai, 44, inventor of a flame thrower and other devices used in the central powers during the world war, died in poverty yesterday after a kidney operation.

Szalkai was believed wealthy, but gutter and his only respectable suit of clothing was in pawn.

CROWS SPURN PITCH CORN

Corn dipped into tar pitch before sowing will not be eaten by crows, according to the U. S. department of agriculture. The method is to thoroughly stir a half bushel of corn into a pint of tar

GLIDE: Dick Woods, Dixonville.

The second livestock tour, which is also sponsored by R. H. Wilson of the Wilson Motor company, will be taken into Coos and northern Curry counties. While the tour proper is dated for the 8th and 10th of August, the boys will leave on Sunday morning, August 8, at 8 o'clock, in order to have a full day at the beach preceding the judging work. The full program for Monday and Tuesday has not yet been announced but arrangements are being made with stockmen for the judging work. The boys on this tour have until August 1 to register for the trip.

County Club Agent E. A. Britton sent out information regarding a bread baking contest to members taking advanced cooking and has received in reply considerable favorable comment and request by girls that they be permitted to enter the contest. Each girl taking part will be required to exhibit one loaf white bread, one loaf wholemeal bread, and twelve rolls, any style.

Several girls taking 4-H club projects in divisions III, IV and V of clothing have signified their intention of entering the style review contest which will be held preceding the state fair in order that a participant to represent Douglas county may be selected. It is very probable that arrangements will be made in Roseburg for the staging of this style review.

Four-H club members of Days Creek are holding a 4-H club fair in conjunction with the Pomona Grange meeting Saturday of this week. Miss Irene Eiter, assistant in the office of the state club leader, will be present to judge the exhibits. The exhibits will be shown during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toops have returned from a week's visit in Stoughton with their daughter, Mrs. Iona Mead.

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Mrs. Gilbert Wagon of Minneapolis, Minn., visited last week with friends and relatives in Wilbur. Mrs. Wagon spent the week-end on a trip from Minneapolis to New York City, Washington D. C., Florida, southern California and Salem, Oregon, where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Narviss Laflant, before returning to Minneapolis.

Mrs. George Gracie of Roseburg was the honor guest last week of Mrs. D. E. Moon, hostess of a luncheon at the Epworth league encampment on Little River.

Miss Alberta Short returned Monday to her duties as student nurse at St. Joseph's hospital, Tacoma. She had been spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Short.

Miss Olive Walker of Seattle arrived Wednesday to spend her vacation with her sister, Miss Marie Walker.

Miss Virginia Smith is visiting at Marshfield with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith.

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HOPPERDOZER SAVES FIELD OF SOYBEANS

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., July 26.—(AP)—A home-made contraption that cost \$10—the inventor called it a "hopperdozer"—harvested a hushel of grasshoppers an hour and was credited today with saving a soybean field at Shirley, near here.

At the rate of 200,000 hoppers per bushel, the machine disposed of more than a million of the insects in a five-hour experiment by Avery Adams and Harry Morgan, farmers.

The machine is a 12-foot wide "catcher" with a tank containing poison. It was attached to the front of a truck which drove through the field, disturbing the grasshoppers and causing them to strike the backdrop and fall into the poison.

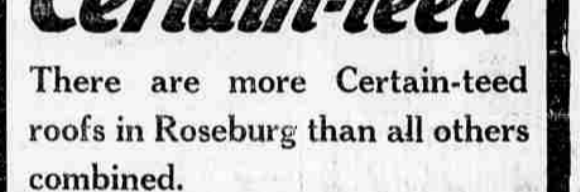
WAGE SCALE FOR FARM LABOR FIXED

HEPPNER, July 26.—(AP)—The Morrow county farm bureau suggested a minimum wage scale for agricultural employment during the harvest season.

The scale, including board, established the pay for truck drivers at \$3 to \$4 a day, sack sewers \$3.50 to \$5, jigging \$3, sacking and jigging \$3.50 to \$5, end skinner \$3 to \$4, separator tender \$6, header tender \$2.50, picking straw \$2 to \$2.50.

The proposed scale will vary according to the worker's experience. Men employed in fields where the wheat yield is higher per acre will receive more than those working on lowyield land.

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HIGHER MARKETING OF LAMBS FORECAST

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—An increase in the marketings of lambs from corn belt and western states is expected, the bureau of agricultural economics said, during the late summer and early fall.

This situation was expected to result in lamb prices remaining at present levels, or declining slightly during the next few months.

The bureau said world supplies of wool are below average for the present season and that demand conditions continued favorable both in the United States and abroad. For this reason, little change in wool prices was expected.

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