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FARM CREDIT ASSN. WILL MEET HERE

Business Review, Election of Directors on Agenda of Stockholders.

Roseburg has been selected, it was announced today, for the annual meeting of the Medford Production Credit association, the meeting being scheduled for January 24 at the Douglas county courthouse.

The meeting will begin at 10 a. m., and a luncheon will be held at noon at the Umpqua hotel.

For the past three years the meetings have been held at Medford, where central offices are located, but this year's meeting was moved to Roseburg in order to give the more than 80 stockholders in Douglas, Coos and Curry counties a better opportunity to attend.

Farmers Own All Stock

The association was organized under the farm credit act during the winter of 1933-34, having as its assigned territory the five southwestern counties of Oregon. It is a true cooperative corporation, whose voting stock is entirely owned by farmers who are eligible to use its credit facilities. Its activities are confined to what is known as short term credit extension. The purposes of its loans may cover any agricultural need, mainly, however, for operating expenses, equipment purchases, restocking of dairy and range animals, taxes, mortgage interest, etc.

The total number of stockholders is 135. Loans during 1937 totalled $639,480, much of which was used by the 41 members in Douglas county. Repayments have been reasonably good in all districts.

The association's directors for the past year were V. D. Brophy, Medford; Clarence Zumwalt, Sixes; Jess D. Clinton, Myrtle Point; Ben Hilton, Grants Pass; Loren L. Miller, Dillard.

To Elect Directors

The association is officially represented in Douglas county by M. H. Green, who also makes inspections of farm enterprises following the receipt of loan applications.

The year's business will be reviewed at the meeting by the officers, and an election of directors for the ensuing year will be held. Otto F. Allgatier, treasurer of the Production Credit corporation of Spokane, the federal advisory organization, will be present and give a talk of general interest relating to short term credits.

DEADLINE CITED ON FARM WORK SHEETS

Farmers who did not sign work sheets to participate in the 1936 or 1937 agricultural conservation programs, have until January 15 to which to file a work sheet for the 1938 program, according to R. F. Nichols, chairman of the county committee. Unless the farm is covered by a work sheet the operator is not eligible to receive benefits or to participate in the 1938 program.

In 1937 approximately 70 per cent of all crop land in Douglas county was covered by work sheets and it is expected that benefits received by farmers in this county will exceed $50,000 for carrying out recommended soil building practices. Possible benefits under the 1938 program will be materially increased if the remaining crop land is covered by work sheets and if farmers will give closer attention to the requirements of the program, states Mr. Nichols.

For the accommodation of farmers who have failed to fill out work sheets, all community committeemen have been supplied with work sheets and are ready to assist anyone interested in filling out a work sheet. The county committee suggests that operators desiring to file work sheets contact one of their community committeemen sometime during the coming week or to call at the county agent's office where assistance will be available.

News of 4-H CLUBS

The 4-H Livestock club members of Douglas county are again taking part in the national cow judging contest sponsored by Hoards Dairyman magazine.

This contest within the county is sponsored by the Douglas National bank as a part of its livestock program. This institution will provide a summer school scholarship to the winner of the contest. Blanks for use in judging are being sent to all 4-H livestock clubs which have their enrollments in at the 4-H club office.

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17, 18 and 19, have been designated as conference dates for the standard 4-H club leaders' association. This meeting will be held on the Oregon State campus at Corvallis and will begin promptly at 11 o'clock Monday morning. Last year there were 100 in attendance in spite of the snow storm at the time. It is expected that there will be at least 150 in attendance this year.

In addition to the general assembly programs there will be special classes for women leaders covering slips, canning, curtains, line in dress, posture, tailored finishes, food problems, judging and scoring, demonstrations, success with sponge cakes, "why" in food selection, and other subjects which the ladies will probably bring up for discussion.

Items of possible interest for men leaders will cover livestock, dairying, poultry, crops in general, judging and demonstrations, overnight trips, livestock and crops field tours, and items requested by the men themselves. It is expected there will be a good delegation sent from Douglas county.

The boys of Lookingglass enrolled in three 4-H livestock clubs during the past week. One of these clubs, known as the senior club, consists of high school boys; the intermediate club includes boys of 7th and 8th grades, and the junior club includes boys of the lower grades.

Leonard Buell is in charge of the eight junior members who elected David Jacoby as their president, Tom Zoeter as vice-president, and Lyle Buel as secretary. Other members are Terrance Hodges, Douglas Manning, Dwight Morgan, Delvin Zackary and Clyde Cooper.

Boys of the intermediate and senior clubs have as their leader, A. A. Jacoby, who has led livestock clubs for several years. Members of the intermediate club include Willard Cros, president; Ovid Rogers, vice-president; Wayne Swan, secretary, and Jim Davidson, Bud Manning, Kenneth Andeus, Eugene Maddox, Ray Owens, Alvin Heard, Charles Sullivan, and Dean Eckes. Members of the senior club are Clare Meredith, president; Art Davidson, vice-president; Lynn Hodges, secretary, and Calvin Williams, George Marsh, Raymond Buell, Leonard Buell, Ivan Matthews, Bud Richards and Leslie Buell.

A new woodworking club has been organized at Green school. Wm. Austin was selected as leader and has the work of the club well under way. The officers of the club are Gene Myers, president; Bill Davis, vice-president; Wilma Porter, secretary, and other members are Charles Low, Gerald Claypool, Carl Schmidt, Theodore Insley, Robert Holms and Bill Goubl.

Though there are not enough boys in the Dixonville school to organize a standard club of five members, they have organized for their own benefit, a small livestock and poultry club of four members. Mrs. Joe Brumbach will direct the activities of the club which include Spencer Johnson, Maurice Webber, Donald Brumbach and Joe Brumbach Jr.

Enrollment of a new club has been received from Gardiner where Miss Grace Brown, teacher of the school has organized the five 8th graders to carry on this project (marketing). Officers and members of the club are: Earl Faull, president; Paul McAllister, vice-president; Donald Hodges, secretary, and Stuart Adams and Laura Mae Hurd.

Two more Health club enrollments were received during the past week, one from Millwood school led by Mrs. Margaret Leeper, with Bob Bassett, president; Caroline Teller, vice-president; Doris Leonard, secretary; Marcella Mohr, Kendall Allen, Marcena Bassett, Melba Leonard, Margaret Wagoner, Ken Wandell, Clifford Wandell, Hilda Gurney, Alfred Gurney, Roberta McKinney and Doris McKinney.

The other enrollment came from the Jones school and will be led by Mrs. P. F. Willhoit. Officers and members of the club are Jean Jones, president; Arlene Jones, vice-president; Millie Fogus, secretary, and Ardis Hurst, Dejora Hurst, Charlene Neal and Collene Willhoit.

On Wednesday morning of this week, County Club Agent E. A. Britton will go to Days Creek to present the Fishers' Department store cup to the student body of the schoo lthere. The cup was won during the past year by the Days Creek school for being outstanding among schools larger than those of two rooms, in 4-H club work.

The Douglas County Flour mill cup was won last year by the Eddenbower school by being the outstanding one of the two-room schools of the county. The cup will be presented Friday evening during P-T. A. meeting.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople

CORN BELT USING SEED FROM OREGON

CORVALLIS, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Latest addition to Oregon's seed business is the production in Malheur county of a considerable tonnage of seed corn for eastern shipment and use in the corn belt, reports G. R. Hyslop, head of the plant industries division at Oregon State college.

The fact that Oregon, a minor corn producing state at best, should be producing seed for the corn belt is based on well established reasons, Professor Hyslop explains.

Malheur county is a favorable region for corn production, having the advantage of a long growing season, warm summer nights and abundant irrigation water, he says. Malheur seed has been found exceptionally high in germination.

The advent of hybred types of corn which make necessary the growing of seed fields at least a half mile distant from other corn fields is another factor that has turned attention to Oregon, says Hyslop. In growing hybred seed two kinds of "pure inbreds" are planted in alternate strips in a field, then all the tassels on the one strip are taken off and seed kept only from that strip. About six rows of this "mother" corn is planted to two rows to furnish pollen.

GRANGE CLASS TO GET FIFTH DEGREE

Mrs. Ethel Rosenbark, degree captain of the Douglas county Pomona grange, announces a special meeting of Pomona grange to confer the fifth degree on a large class of candidates at Riversdale grange hall at 8 p. m. Friday, Jan. 14. The Riversdale grange will furnish coffee and cream and other granges will bring cake and sandwiches.

Grange members are rushing for degree work in order that they may be able to take the state, or sixth degree. Then follow up with the seventh, or national degree at the national convention to be held in Portland, Ore., this year.

AUTO PLUNGE INTO RIVER KILLS OWNER

LONGVIEW, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Noel F. Osborne, 27, was drowned yesterday when he was pinned under his automobile as it plunged to rest from the road into the Kalama river. His wife, Esther Osborne, was dragged from the submerged automobile by W. R. Blankenship, a third member of the party.

DATA GATHERED FOR FARM CONFERENCE

Committees Prepare for Economic Meet Dated in Roseburg, Jan. 27.

Meetings of advance committees which are preparing material for the forthcoming Douglas county farm economic conference, to be held in Roseburg January 27, are resulting in the accumulation of many important facts and figures regarding the present trends and future outlook for agriculture in this county, reports J. Roland Parker, county agent.

The advance work for the conference is being handled through four committees this year, which are considering land use, crop production, livestock production, and farm home and rural life. The material being gathered by these committees will be submitted to the general conference for a full day's consideration, at the conclusion of which reports and recommendations will be adopted.

Similar meetings to the one being held in Douglas county are scheduled for every county in the state this winter. These are being sponsored by the extension service at Oregon State college at the request of farmers and farm organizations, in order to review and add to, if necessary, the findings of previous conferences of this nature.

The forthcoming conference is to be a "family affair," emphasizes county agent Parker, the idea being that the future welfare of the farm home is directly dependent on the economic success of the farm itself, and that plans for the farm and home should be made together.

TANK DIVER KILLED BY HEAD IMPACT

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Herman Kipperberg, 21, Y. M. C. A. lifeguard, died in a hospital last night of a broken neck suffered when he struck the bottom of a swimming pool in a springboard dive Saturday night. His head struck the bottom of the Y. M. C. A. tank when he tried to dive through an inflated inner tube.

National guard forces are being brought up to authorized strength of 265,000 officers and enlisted men.

FARM INCOME OF OREGON CLIMBS UP

Cash Receipts Will Equal Previous Peak in 1929, Compilation Shows.

Cash income for Oregon farmers for 1937 will be the highest since pre-depression days and will approximate the previous peak year of 1929, according to a compilation made by L. K. Breithaupt, extension economist at Oregon State college, and based on latest government estimates and other data.

"Sales of crop and animal products from Oregon farms during 1937 will amount to between $130,000,000 and $140,000,000, which is more than double the cash farm income during the 1932-1933 low years and equal to the 1928-1929 peak period," says Breithaupt.

"Oregon's agricultural manufacturing and processing industries, such as mills, canneries, and milk products plants, will add perhaps $30,000,000 to $40,000,000 additional to the farm sales income, bringing the total agricultural income up around $160,000,000 to $170,000,000. This equals if not exceeds the previous high mark of $163,000,000 in 1929, which figure includes $34,300,000 credited to agricultural manufacturing, but does not include returns from specialty crops estimated in this year's totals. Without either manufacturing or specialty crop income the latest government estimates for this state are $127,811,000 for 1937."

Specialties Important

Breithaupt calls attention to the growing importance of specialty crops in Oregon's income, even though milk production and wheat continue as the principal single items, with beef cattle, sheep and other livestock accounting for fully a fourth of the total. Tree fruits, nuts, small fruits and nursery crops together bring in about a fifth of the total.

Specialty crops include a half of all the hops produced in the United States, a large volume of eggs and fine baby chicks, and a turkey output that puts Oregon in the front rank of turkey growing states. Specialty crops often omitted from estimates include celery and other truck crops, field, garden and flower seeds; bulbs, peppermint oil, furs, and a great variety of nursery stock for both ornamental and commercial planting.

WEEDS OF OREGON TO BE DISPLAYED

CORVALLIS, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Latest displays of Oregon "products" to be prepared for the public are, of all things, weeds.

Weeds plain and fancy, but mostly bad, have been collected and mounted to form a sort of rogues gallery of the plant kingdom and have been distributed by the Oregon State college extension service to the county agent offices in all counties of the state.

Purpose of the displays, made possible in part by the work of students getting NYA help, is to enable anyone to see what the worst Oregon weeds look like and learn how to combat them.

More than 500 specimens of 70 different kinds of weeds were collected.

TENANT FARM BUY PLANS TO BE MADE

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Oregon's state farm security committee will meet here tomorrow to plan initiation of a threeyear tenant farm purchase program under the Bankhead-Jones act.

Walter A. Duffy, regional director of the farm security administration, said selection of the county in which loans totalling $37,166 would be made by July 1, 1938, would be the first step.

The committee will make nominations for a board of three local farmers to examine application and appraise farms, and recommend loans.

The loans in Oregon will be doubled next year and multiplied by five the third year, Duffy said.

STRONG FEED GRAIN MARKET FORECAST

The bureau of agricultural economics said today that "a comparatively stable corn market is in prospect during the next few months. Oat prices have been rather steady since mid-summer, and barley prices have advanced slightly."

Reviewing present and prospective conditions in its December feed grain situation report, the bureau said "there is nothing in the present situation that would indicate material change in prices of these grains until they are influenced by new crop prospects."

Total production of fed grains about equal to the 1928-32 average and 68 per cent larger than the small production in 1936 has been estimated by the bureau. The corn crop was estimated at slightly above the 5-year average, since high yields more than offset the reduced acreages. Production of oats, barley and grain sorghums in 1937 was somewhat below average.

Exports of domestic corn during the winter months probably will be large compared with other recent years. Last year a substantial quantity of corn was imported because of the very short supplies. Exports this year, however, are not expected to influence materially the yearly level of corn prices, since exports for the year probably will represent only a small percentage of the total domestic supply.

The bureau said that most of the export movement of corn probably will take place during the period from December through March, prior to the harvesting of the 1937-38 Argentine crop.

Young Mothers

Klamath Falls, Ore.—Mrs. W. E. Irwin of 2248 White Ave. says: "Before my little daughter I felt weak and out of sorts. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was highly recommended to me as a tonic, and I decided to try it. I used about four bottles and I can say that it stimulated my appetite and helped to build me up remarkably." Buy now at any drug store.

EXPLOSIVES USED IN WAR ON CROWS

Federal Bureau Asked to Join States in Move to Exterminate Pests.

NEW YORK.—No one has yet come forward with any evidence in defense of the crow, says Fred Jordan, director of National Wildlife Restoration Week.

"Dynamiting crows is being carried on in many states where there are winter roosts," Jordan reports, "and the bureau of biological survey is being urged to put crow control on a national basis.

"Crows are migratory, and it is urged that states where they gang up in winter roosts should not have to bear all the expense of removing crows which would be preying on wildlife in other states during the spring and summer.

"In Oklahoma about 500,000 crows are killed each year by state men using dynamite. Illinois was a pioneer state in wholesale crow killing, starting off with miniature cannon trained on the roosts at night.

"Crows are the chief enemy of wildfowl, causing heavy losses of eggs and young on the breeding grounds. They also destroy many other game and insectivorous birds and small mammals. They raid crops at times and are carriers of hog cholera and other epidemics among domestic animals.

"The most effective method of control is applied at the roosts where tin bombs charged with dynamite and bird shot are strung in the branches of trees where crows assemble, then touched off after the birds have settled down for the night. As many as 20,000 have been killed at one blast. Only trained experts should attempt crow dynamiting."

DAIRY MEETING PROGRAM SHAPING

COQUILLE—Details of the program of the annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association here January 21 and 22 are nearing completion, according to word received from state officers. Chief outside speaker will be C. T. Conklin, secretary of the national Ayrshire Breeders association, with headquarters in Brandon, Vt. Other Oregon speakers will deal with work of the Oregon milk control board, new progress in disease control, dairy products marketing and the state quality campaign.

JEANNE HUGHES LISTED ON HONOR ROLL AT OREGON U.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, January 10.—Jeanne M. Hughes, freshman in sociology at the University of Oregon, was among those students who were included on the honor roll for the fall term. Only undergraduates having an average of a high B or above are on the list.

Miss Hughes is a graduate of Roseburg high school.

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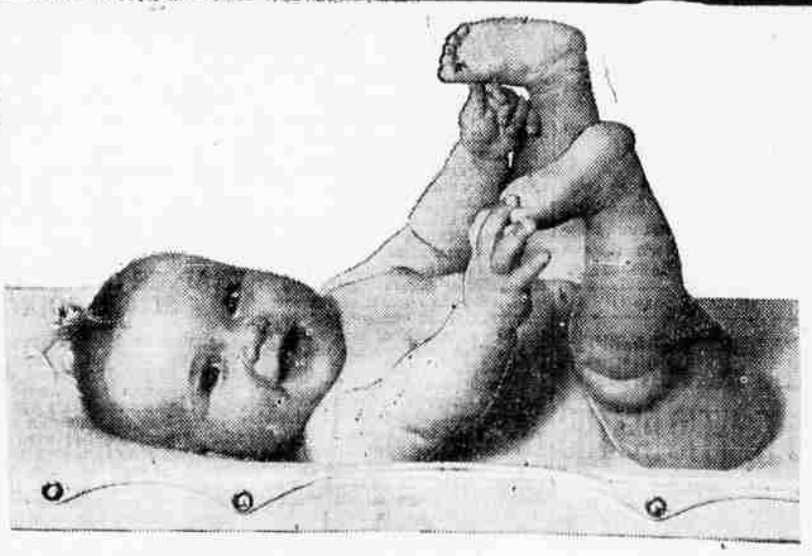

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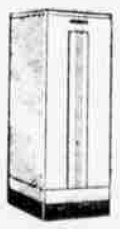

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