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PROGRESS SHOWN BY FSA FARMERS

Substantial Gains Come of Rehabilitation Aid in Oregon Districts.

Oregon's 2,900 farm families co-operating with the farm security administration are making notable progress in placing farms on a self-sufficient basis, increasing net worth, improving tenure status and regaining economic stability, according to a survey announced by Walter A. Duffy, regional director, Portland, Ore.

County supervisors, providing operating credit for farmers who have exhausted other possibilities, completed loans totaling \$2,297,400 as of March 31, for purchase of livestock, feed, farm equipment and cooperative facilities necessary to place individual farms on a productive basis. Supervised farm and home plans, insuring a livelihood for the family, the repayment of the loan with average yields and livestock production, accompanied each loan.

Benefits Shown

A survey of Oregon families co-operating a year or more in the program reveals that they increased the net worth of their farms from \$3,111,000 before rehabilitation to \$5,586,000 after participation, an average of \$300 per farm. During the same period the number of work animals increased from 2,500 to 4,130, acreage of feed and forage crops from 52,500 to 110,200 acres and 800 farmers bettered their tenure status through improved leases.

Over 1,200 of the families in the program increased ownership of milk cows, hogs and chickens to meet food needs directly on the farm. FSA homemakers increased their canning of fruits and vegetables for use an average of 39 quarts for each member of the family or a total increase of 320,000 quarts. The value of products produced for home consumption during the period was increased from \$171,300 to \$480,200, an average of \$150 per family.

An evidence of progress in economic stability, FSA farmers repaid a total of \$506,275 on their loans, with schedules running up to five years. Supplementing rehabilitation, debt adjustments were effected for 530 farmers, resulting in a total indebtedness of \$1,068,000 to \$1,183,000.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Four-H club members will be interested to know that County Club Agent E. A. Britton has received from Oregon State college a number of samples of hybrid seed corn. These club members interested in experimenting with hybrid seed corn and in position to properly take care of and keep record of, will be given some of this seed for corn trials. The object of course of these trials is to find a hybrid corn that will be satisfactory and that will produce more than the open pollinated corn.

An achievement program was held at Fullerton school Friday afternoon. Teachers of the school were responsible for a splendid program and leaders of the clubs had arranged for showing of all 4-H club exhibits. The program at Fullerton was exceptionally well attended.

South Deer creek school closed Friday afternoon with a picnic and picnic dinner for pupils, parents and friends. Four-H club members exhibited the products of their work and ribbons and achievement pins were awarded. At that time, South Deer creek grange committee selected as their delegate to summer school, Betty Swift, and the P. T. A. group selected Lorraine Strickland. It was the desire to send two girls this year and plan to send two boys next year.

About 65 Kiwanis and friends journeyed to Laon lake yesterday where they were served a splendid dinner by the ladies of that grange. Following the dinner, the Kiwanis club put on their entertainment for the entire crowd. Funds for two 4-H club scholarships were raised yesterday.

The Kiwanis club also went on Tuesday night of last week to Myrtle Creek where they put on their program to an appreciative audience. They go tomorrow evening to the Coles Valley grange hall where they will entertain the Umpqua Community club. The last of the Kiwanis entertainments will be given one week from tomorrow night at Lookingglass.

The local leaders of Douglas county will hold their monthly meeting next Monday evening, May 9, at the home of County Club Agent E. A. Britton, who has promised to have refreshments which will be cooked under ground. This will probably be the last meeting of the leaders as-

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Farmers Unite

Colonel Walter E. Garrison of Lodi, Calif., has been named president of the Associated Farmers of the Pacific Coast, comprising farmers of Washington, Oregon and California. They plan work toward taking crops to market without interference.

Association until October. The 4-H club members and leaders, with the cooperation of school officials and teachers will hold a 4-H club achievement day on Friday afternoon. All exhibits will be in place so that judges may score them and ribbons and achievement pins be awarded.

Junior high entertainers of Roseburg, under the leadership of Scott Williams will go to Clide Friday evening where they will give a program under the auspices of the Clide P. T. A. for the benefit of 4-H club summer school scholarships.

Information has been received by County Club Agent E. A. Britton from the state game commission that the first estate of China pheasant eggs will be shipped to Oregon. It is hoped that these eggs will be distributed tomorrow so that club members who have gotten hens may get started at once. Another case will be shipped within a very few days. It is thought there will be about four cases needed altogether. There is considerable enthusiasm over the county and quite a number of club members who are taking the projects for the first time this year.

Fifteen prospective members have signed up at Myrtle Creek to take this project. These are all new to the project and a meeting will be held with them one day this week and the project fully explained so that they may then make up their minds as to whether they want to carry on. Moving picture films will be sent to E. A. Britton by C. A. Lockwood of the state game commission so that they may be shown to every club member raising China pheasants. These films will be shown within the next two weeks.

A news item has been received at the county club agent's office from Leo Johnson of Fullerton school and is as follows: The bachelor sewing club met at the home of Donald Brand in West Roseburg on April 8. Sewing was the main event. Later in the afternoon, Mrs. Brand served delicious refreshments to Donald Brand, Virgil Polk, Ross Gross, Frank Wilson, Lester Baird, Harold Hines, Leo Johnson, Jack Loomis, Wesley Ashworth, Kelsey Roddy and the leader, Mrs. John Gross.

OREGON FARM WAGE EXCEEDS AVERAGE

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(AP)—The department of agriculture reported farm wages in Oregon April 1 were \$35.50 a month with board and \$53.25 without board, compared with a national average of \$23.86 and \$34.81.

Day wages in Oregon were \$1.55 with board and \$2.40 without board, or the Rockies, was higher than in Oregon, California led with \$48 and \$72.25 on the monthly basis.

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STRAWBERRY CROP BOOST INDICATED

Rather favorable prospects for the production of fruit and nut crops this year are indicated in the fruit situation report issued by the bureau of agricultural economics. Subfreezing temperatures in early April, however, affected the prospects for some crops. But it is yet too early to determine the damage, it was pointed out.

More than 187,000 acres of strawberries were indicated as of April 1 for harvest this season. This acreage is 14 per cent larger than that of last year, but only slightly above the 10-year (1927-36) average. In each group of states, the bureau said, this year's strawberry acreage is larger than it was last year. Extremely heavy yields were indicated on April 1 in most of the early and secondary states, where total production is expected to be well above average even though the early April frosts apparently caused considerable damage in some areas.

The bureau also looks for a larger strawberry crop in the intermediate and late producing states. It was pointed out that even if yields are no larger than average in these states, total production will exceed the 10-year average by about 12 per cent but will be slightly smaller than last year's strawberry crop when record yields were reported in these states.

SUMMER SESSION HAS 200 COURSES

Students attending the main summer session at Oregon State college from June 20 to July 29 this year will find some 200 courses offered in 31 different departments, according to the preliminary announcement issued by Dean M. Ellwood Smith, director. A second session offered this year from August 1 to September 2 will offer 57 courses in nine departments.

Characterizing the program this year as the strongest and most varied since the depression, Dean Smith emphasizes the fact that students in education and certain courses in science can now obtain 18 credits, or a full term's work, during the summer. Special needs created by new requirements for teachers are provided for in courses in Oregon school law and the Oregon system of education, Oregon history and health education, and an amplification of this field hitherto forced to seek advanced professional summer training outside the state, Dean Smith says.

Many nationally-known educators will be on the list of visiting staff members this year, and in addition Dean Smith points out that a number of prominent OSC faculty members, who have been engaged in out-of-state summer sessions for the past several years, will be retained this summer.

Living quarters for women students this year will be in Snell hall, one of the women's dormitories, and assistance will be given men students in finding suitable accommodations near the campus. The O. S. C. summer session will, as usual, live up to its slogan, "Education in a Vacation Set-

CROPS IN 1938 MAY GO OVER AVERAGE

Favorable crop prospects in Oregon are not unlike conditions generally in the country as a whole, according to the monthly review of the agricultural situation and outlook just released by the Oregon State college extension service. The season is starting off with prospects for crops, ranges and pastures moderately better than in any of the past several years, which is pretty good considering that crop production last year turned out 13 per cent above the 1924-1929 average.

Feed grain production prospects are below average, but the supply will be ample considering the near record carry-over and the somewhat reduced (but increased) numbers of livestock on hand. Conditions are favorable for heavy milk production, and surveys show increases in young chickens and turkeys, owing to favorable feed condition and better prices for animal products relatively than for crop products, statistics show.

BUYING POWER OF FARM DOLLAR DROPS

The farmer's dollar shrank 22 cents in purchasing power last year.

Agriculture department economists said that the same quantity of farm products that bought a dollar's worth of industrial goods and services a year ago would now buy but 77 cents worth.

Prices of goods farmers usually buy were said to be 30 per cent above the 1914-16 period—years when, the economists say, farm prices were on an equality with prices of city products and services.

Prices of agricultural products were said to be 25 per cent below the prewar period, and at the lowest level since July, 1933.

The decline in farm buying power resulted largely, economists explained, from increase in prices of such commodities as cotton, wheat, corn, hay, potatoes, hogs, dairy products and lamb.

Checks are now being mailed to farmers at the rate of about \$4,000,000 a day.

Expenditures by states and territories included:

Oregon, \$1,667,773.

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MEETING HELD BY DOUGLAS POMONA

Deportation of Aliens to Native Lands Favored in Resolution.

Owing to the lateness of the farming season, comparatively few of the 20 county units were represented when Douglas county Pomona grange was called to order by Worthy Master T. E. Bogenback, Saturday morning, at South Deer Creek grange hall. Granges represented included Melrose, Riverside, Kellogg, Glide, Myrtle Creek, Canas Valley, Evergreen, Sutherland Community, South Umpqua, Riddle and Sunnydale.

All granges were reported to be active, in good financial condition and with interest in degree work growing.

Urging that aliens in America be returned to their respective countries, the grange also adopted resolutions favoring bulletins, radio and other means of disseminating health information by the federal government, and recommending a study of labor conditions in Oregon with the prospect of initiating a measure to correct the evils.

Next Meeting at Clide. Glide grange, it was announced, will entertain the Pomona at the next meeting, to be held July 20. Riddle and Canas Valley granges also extended invitations for the July session.

Applications for membership were received from Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lindholm of South Deer Creek, Mary A. Willard and Mary L. Ferguson of Days Creek, George Clark of Canas Valley and Carl B. Heubner of Sunnydale.

Mrs. Paula Anderson of Kellogg was selected alternate to the state grange meeting.

A committee considering the annual picnic recommended that the event be held in the hall adjacent to Kellogg grange hall July 15.

A unique program, dealing with education, was presented under the direction of the Pomona lecturer, including recreational games, group singing, skits by South Deer Creek, Riverside and South Umpqua granges, vocal solo by Verne Lasswell of Teanille grange, short talks by grangers on subjects pertaining to education and a brief address by M. S. Shrock, master of Milwaukee grange.

TRENDS OF CATTLE PRICES ARE UNEVEN

Better grades of slaughter cattle may decline some in price during late spring or early summer, but prices of the lower grades this spring are expected to stay near present levels, according to the beef cattle situation report released by the bureau of agricultural economics.

The bureau points out, however, that prices of the better grades of cattle probably will advance seasonably in the late summer and early fall, although the advance may not be very marked or long maintained unless business improves substantially in the next few months.

Range and pasture prospects in the west are reported to be the best since 1931. And new feed prospects are very favorable in most areas of the country.

INVASION OF GARTER SNAKES STIRS CITY

FORT DODGE, Ia., May 2.—(AP)—Little striped garter snakes, harmless enough in meadows where they belong, are terrorizing the housewives in a Fort Dodge neighborhood by appearing in attic staircases, under basement washbenches and underfoot outdoors, almost anywhere over an entire block.

Where they are coming from no one knows, but one resident has killed 45 snakes, five of them in attic staircases, in the past five weeks. One woman found a reptile coiled on the upper ledge of a window as she shifted her bedroom this week.

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Carload purchases by states up to and including April 27, were: Idaho, 1275; Nebraska, 280; Oregon, 202; Colorado, 281; California, 161; Montana, 59; Nevada, 42; Washington, 6; North Dakota, 492; Utah, 35; Wyoming, 45.

BENEFITS PAID TO FARMERS SHOWN

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Heads Midwest Liberty League



President of the newly-formed Corn Belt Liberty League is Tilden Burg, above, of Sciota, Ill. Denouncing "compulsory" features of the new federal crop control legislation, 3000 farmers organized the league in a meeting at Macomb, Ill. The organization will seek repeal of the farm legislation.

FARM TRADE WITH CANADA BOOSTED

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(AP)—Agriculture department foreign trade experts gave credit today to a trade agreement negotiated in 1926 for a 33 per cent increase in commerce in farm products between United States and Canada. They reported that exports of agricultural products to Canada increased from \$43,844,000 in 1935, the year before the agreement went into effect, to \$56,629,000 in 1937, an expansion of slightly more than 30 per cent.

Farm imports from Canada, on the other hand, increased from \$64,328,000 to \$77,731,000, a rise of about 20 per cent.

Exports to Canada of all commodities, agricultural and non-agricultural, they said, increased from \$308,157,000 in 1935 to \$491,680,000 in 1937, while imports of all commodities expanded from \$286,112,000 to \$391,245,000.

Analyzing the expansion, the bureau of agricultural economics said the trade agreement had resulted in a marked increase in exports of American fruits, vegetables and hay, and a sharp reduction in imports of Chinese grown products from Canada.

It said imports of cattle from Canada continued large, chiefly because of higher prices and improved consumer demand in 1937 for meat in this country.

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ROAD BOARD URGES AID MONEY ACTION

PORTLAND, April 30.—(AP)—Immediate congressional action on the Cartwright bill, containing federal highway aid authorization for 1940-41 and now stranded in the house rules committee, was urged yesterday by the highway commission.

The commission sent telegrams to members of the Oregon delegation declaring 1940 construction projects would be jeopardized unless budgets were arranged the previous year and the amount of federal aid to be received determined before the 1939 session of the legislature.

The commission reached no agreement on proposed regulation of signs and bill boards. Funds for a highway beautification program were obtained from individual commission members after they rejected Mrs. Jessie M. Honeyman's request for a \$3600 appropriation because they doubted legality of supplying funds to the Oregon roadside council.

CERTIFIED SEED AVOIDS AAA BAN

Western Oregon clover seed growers making new plantings this spring are being warned to use only certified seed as far as possible as a means of avoiding present bans in common western Oregon seed for western use under the AAA program, says E. R. Jackman, extension farm crops specialist at Oregon State college.

Common western Oregon clover seed has been declared ineligible for planting by farmers in the middle west and east participating in AAA programs, because the offi-

cials say it is susceptible to damage from certain insects and diseases. Vigorous protests from this state have thus far produced no modification of the order. As the AAA action does not apply to certified seed, growers may protect their future production by using such seed. County agents can give information about certification procedure.

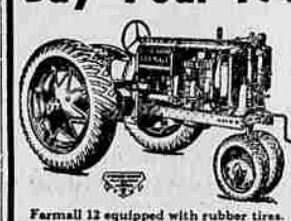


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