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COMPETITION FOR MARKETS RELATED

Oregon Needs Good System Because of Surpluses, OSC Expert Says.

No keener competition exists in any business than in the marketing of agricultural products, F. L. Ballard, vice-director of extension, told bankers of Oregon at their annual convention held last week in Corvallis.

As an example, Ballard cited Washington and New York as the two top states in apple production. When both have a good crop there is the keenest competition, with New York usually winning because of nearness to markets.

While the marketing question is a vital one, no marketing procedure within present knowledge can bring prosperity to farmers unless based on sound management measures within the farmer's own line fences, the speaker continued.

"Recognizing good production character of Oregon lands and reasonably good management, as is the case, we must have wise marketing because this is a surplus shipping state," he pointed out. "Oregon is a surplus state both as to staples and the newer specialty crops such as bulbs, seed, canners and frozen processed products."

Farmers Well Organized.

The men out on Oregon farms are not unfamiliar with this competitive principle, the bankers were told. The different farm interests of the state are quite well organized. Current questions of industry direction have for more than 15 years been continually under consideration by various commodity groups.

A substantial start in production adjustment has been made which will of necessity be continued for a long time as still wider understanding develops.

Ballard cited the growth of the processed foods industries as a trend in the right direction. Oregon, Washington and California, he said, pack 55 per cent of the nation's processed foods, 61 per cent of the frozen foods, 82 per cent of the canned fruits and 30 per cent of the canned vegetables. The score is mounting as rapidly in Oregon as in either of the other states. Two million cases of canned prunes packed in Oregon in 1935 were equivalent to 24 million pounds of dried prunes.

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club members' homes.

A canning club was organized at Days Creek June 22, under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. Rhoads. Officers elected were: president, Josephine Wright; vice-president, Maxine Wright, and secretary, Betty Rhoads. There will be various divisions carried out in the club. The members and the divisions they are taking are as follows:

Gene Rhoads	Division II
Maxine Wright	Division I
Mildred Spore	Division I
Betty Rhoads	Division III
Marjorie Wright	Division II
Josephine Wright	Division III

The meetings will take place every Friday, 2:00 p. m. at the J. A. Rhoads home.

CHEAP VETCH BEST FOR COVER CROPS

Oregon-grown vetch and pea seed which becomes mixed either as vetches or otherwise could profitably be used within the state for soil improving purposes, rather than placed on the out-of-state seed markets, says E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist at Oregon State college.

Such seed, which has to be sold at a lower price, often demoralizes the general market, while if it were used within the state, it would not have this effect. The mixed seed is just as good as pure seed for use by Oregon orchard men in planting fall cover crops. A dollar and a half per acre for this cheap cover crop seed will bring better returns than \$10 spent for commercial fertilizers, says Jackman.

OREGON SECOND IN BANGS DISEASE WAR

CORVALLIS, June 27.—(AP)—A bureau of animal industry survey from Washington, D. C., placed Oregon among the leaders for the control of Bangs disease.

The state was second in the percentage of breeding cattle under supervision and third in the number under test. No other state was as high in both classifications.

Virginia had 78.8 per cent of its breeding stock under examination and Oregon 75.5. The percentage of tested cattle was higher in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

TENANCY LOANS TO BE MUCH INCREASED

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—The government will move to double its loans by the 1939 fiscal year to reduce farm tenancy.

Congress appropriated \$25,000,000 for this purpose for the year ending June 30, 1939, compared with \$10,000,000 in 1938.

Distribution of funds by state includes: Montana, \$93,100; Idaho, \$97,192; Washington, \$115,612; Alaska, \$1,297.

WEST GAINS 4 PERCT. RURAL POPULATION

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—America's migratory population went both east and west in search of better economic opportunities last year.

An agriculture department survey for 1937 showed Pacific coast and New England states made the largest gains in rural population. The increase in the western states was nearly 4 per cent.

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LAMB-WOOL SHOW PRIZES AWARDED

Quality of Exhibits Better Than at Previous Fairs, Competition Keen.

Awards for the best pen of five fat market lambs at the seventh annual Douglas County Fat Lamb and Wool show went to C. O. Garrett & son of Glendale. Labrie Ritchie of Garden valley took first in the 4-H club single fat lamb class, E. A. Kruse first on medium and fine wool fleeces and H. D. Kruse first on coarse or braid fleece.

Keen competition was encountered by exhibitors in all classes. The quality of fat lambs was good and showed a marked improvement over previous shows according to H. A. Lindgren, who judged the various classes of fat lambs and fleeces.

Awards for pens of five fat lambs were first, C. O. Garrett and son, Glendale; second, George Kohlhaagen, Roseburg; third, R. C. Heater, Brockway; fourth, Labrie Ritchie, Wilbur; fifth, George Casbeer, Glider; sixth, Dale Buebnark, Melrose; seventh, Joe Matthews, Melrose; eighth, J. S. Marr, Glider; ninth, Henry Jones, Lookingglass; tenth, C. O. Critter, Melrose; eleventh, Paul Talbot, Canyonville; twelfth, Roscoe Conn, Melrose; thirteenth, H. L. Landler, Roseburg; and fourteenth, L. L. Patterson, Roseburg.

First in the 4-H single fat lamb class went to Labrie Ritchie, Wilbur; second to Ovid Rogers, Lookingglass; third, Marion Munson, Roberts Creek; fourth, Doris Sukadorf, Roberts Creek; fifth, Dale Sukadorf, Roberts Creek; sixth, Leslie Buell, Lookingglass; and seventh, George Marsh, Lookingglass.

Wool fleeces were exceptionally good in quality and were unusually



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LOW LEVEL STAYS IN LAMB PRICES

Lamb prices are expected to continue through the summer months at relatively low levels compared with a year ago, the bureau of agricultural economics reports in reviewing the sheep and lamb situation.

The less favorable demand situation for meats and the relatively low prices at which pelts and wool have sold so far this year have operated with the supply situation to hold sheep and lamb prices to a lower level than during the early months of 1937.

Present indications are that the lamb crop in the native sheep states, Idaho and the Pacific coast states, which supply most of the lambs for summer slaughter, is larger this year than last and more new-crop lambs are expected to be marketed this summer than last. The number of grass-fat yearlings from Texas, however, probably will be smaller than a year ago.

In addition to the larger supplies, continued weakness in the consumer demand for meats is cited as a factor expected to affect lamb prices during the next few months. As market supplies of new-

MEETINGS HELD BY YONCALLA GRANGES

YONCALLA, June 27.—The regular meetings of Elk Creek grange and juvenile were held Saturday. Five new members were obligated into the order. A basket dinner was enjoyed at noon, with the subordinate grange meeting during the afternoon. During the lecturer's hour, the juvenile grange was presented with an autographed Bible, winning third prize in the recent state-wide scrap book contest. A picnic will be held next grange day, at Boswell springs.

FARM IMPORTANCE TO WILDLIFE SHOWN

Farmers have better than a 50-50 interest in the land we live in. Their importance to the sportsman and other lovers of the outdoors is emphasized by the fact that the total farm acreage in the United States is two and one-half times as large as all the land under public control and the total farm acreage is more than half of all the land in the country.

Federal and state wildlife refuges take up \$59,456,500 acres. Federal and state forests cover 166,000,000 acres and 23,000,000 acres are de-

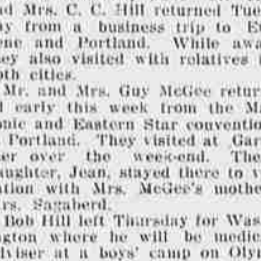
DAYS CREEK

DAYS CREEK, June 27.—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hill returned Tuesday from a business trip to Eugene and Portland. While away they also visited with relatives in both cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy McGee returned early this week from the Masonic and Eastern Star convention in Portland. They visited at Gardiner over the week-end. Their daughter, Joan, stayed there to vacation with Mrs. McGee's mother, Mrs. Scaherel.

Bob Hill left Thursday for Washington where he will be medical adviser at a boys' camp on Olympic peninsula.

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