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Estimate Places \$2,600,000 Value on Output of Douglas County Farms During 1938

Figure About Same as Sum
for 1937; Total Number
of Rural Employees
Believed Less.

Farm products of Douglas county had an estimated value of about \$2,600,000 for the year 1938, or approximately the same as for 1937, according to J. Roland Parker, county agent. The figure, he states, is a purely estimate and is not based upon an accurate survey. No figures were available to show the total number of persons employed in the industry, but it is believed to be smaller than in 1937.

Cannery production was below that of 1937. The Hurd cannery in Roseburg reported disbursements of \$5,000 to growers for prunes and \$2,000 for tomatoes during 1938. The pack of prunes was as large as in the previous year, but the price was only half as much. The cannery packed 290 tons of prunes each year. In 1937 the local cannery disbursed \$27,000 for prunes, tomatoes and berries. Approximately 270 persons were given part time employment. The Hurd cannery added slightly to the total for the year, disbursing \$18,000 for prunes and tomatoes, employing a maximum of 42 persons at the peak of the season. The Hurd cannery did not operate in 1937.

"Because of adverse weather conditions, hay, grain and prune crops were quite short of normal yields during 1938," Mr. Parker said. "On the other hand, commercial egg production was higher than in 1937, as was the output of turkeys. There was little noticeable change in the output of sheep, fat lambs and wool but there was however, a 40 per cent decline in wool prices, fully offset, however, by higher prices for lambs."

OREGON HIGH IN ICED FOOD INDUSTRY

Four cooperative associations in Oregon and two in Washington are listed among 11 such organizations in the entire United States which are engaged in processing frozen pack fruits and vegetables, according to a survey made by A. Forehand, secretary of the Washington Packers, Inc., at Sumner, Wn.

Most of the experimental work in frozen methods carried on by public agencies has been conducted at the federal laboratory in Seattle and in the food products industries laboratory at Oregon State college. The four Oregon cooperative associations and the pounds processed in 1937 as listed by Forehand, are the Apple Growers' association, Hood River, 290,000 pounds; Green Berry Growers, Inc., 5,400,000 pounds; Springbrook Packing company cooperative, 200,000 pounds and Statton Canning company cooperative, 300,000 pounds. These four together accounted for 6,420,000 of the 28 million pounds processed in 1937.

"Frozen fruits and vegetables are an industry is still decidedly in its youth," said Mr. Forehand, "but I believe it will play an increasingly important role in the preservation of foods, and that in growing it will introduce many innovations in the transportation, storing and merchandising of foods."

Increasing acceptance of frozen food products has been noted on the part of hospitals, railroads, restaurants and steamship lines, in addition to individual home consumption.

CALIFORNIA GETS WESTERN FARM LAB.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace announced today the location of the western regional research laboratory to conduct experiments for new uses and markets for farm commodities.

The secretary said the department had acquired a 20-acre tract formerly owned by the University of California, which is located at nearby Berkeley.

This laboratory will be one of four farm commodity laboratories authorized by the 1938 farm act. The western laboratory will study fruits, other than apples which will be studied in the eastern laboratory to be located in the Philadelphia area, vegetables, fish, potatoes, wheat and alfalfa.

Congress authorized an annual appropriation of \$1,000,000 for each of the laboratories.

Secretary Wallace announced Dr. T. L. Swenson had been named director for the western laboratory.

STOCKMEN'S MEET
SET AT CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS.—February 9 and 10 have been selected as the dates for the annual meeting of the West-

ern Oregon Livestock association, which chose Corvallis as its 1939 meeting place. While the detailed program has not been completed, preliminary arrangements call for the convention to open Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with the first half day devoted to committee meetings and other business matters, according to H. A. Lindgren, secretary of the association and extension livestock specialist at Oregon State college. The second day's program will contain both educational and business matters.

HOP GROWERS ASK FOR FEDERAL LOANS

SALEM, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Hop growers of Oregon, Washington and California, taking advantage of the \$2,300,000 loan made available by the Federal Commodity Credit corporation on the 1938 crop, already have applied for advances on 30,242 bales. M. J. Newhouse, secretary-manager of the Pacific Coast Hop Stabilization corporation, said.

The total amount of loans has not been computed. Most of the applications have been completed and checks mailed to growers. Oregon leads the three states in number of bales coming under the loan, with a total to date of 22,741. California, 7,589 and Washington, 5,331 bales. The loans provisions provide for a maximum of 50,000 bales.

News of 4-H CLUBS

At the local leaders' meeting held last week action was taken on the matter of increasing the age limit of those attending the 4-H club summer school and upon holding a summer camp for 4-H club members.

Mrs. J. M. Bartley, president of the association, presided. Those leaders present felt that they should not definitely make a change in the age limit of those going to summer school and that the matter should be left to the people of each community or sponsoring institutions such as granges, P-T-A's, and clubs. Therefore the age limit stands as set by the state extension officials at 12 years. The leaders did, however, make recommendation to people of all communities that the age limit be raised from 12 to 14 years in Douglas county.

It was decided to hold a summer camp for boys from June 25th to July 2nd and for girls from July 2nd to July 8th. Any 4-H club member in good standing between the ages of 9 to 21 will be eligible to attend the camps. It is thought the camp will be held at the Wolf creek forestry school site which is the former site of the Wolf creek CCC camp.

Announcements made at the meeting are as follows: Plans are being made to hold monthly meetings in Roseburg for the benefit of all 4-H club livestock members and leaders who are able to attend. This also will be open to members. Programs will include parents and friends of the club instructions for the growing of livestock and crops along with entertainment. Health club members or leaders may secure bottles for taking samples of drinking water at the office of the county club agent.

The following granges have already pledged scholarships for summer school: Pomona, 1; Riverside, 2; Melrose, 1; South Deer Creek, 1; Sutherlin, 1; and Look Lake, 1. There is also one scholarship each from the Pacific Inter-national Stock show and the State Corn show, one each from the U. S. National and the Douglas National banks, and one from the Roseburg Dairy and Soda Works. Oakland people have raised \$150.00 for the purpose which will total more than ten scholarships and \$1400. P-T-A has approximately \$1000 raised for summer school purposes.

The local leaders' conference, which will be held in Corvallis next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will be well attended by leaders of Douglas county. Those who have already indicated their intention of attending are Mrs. J. M. Bartley and Mrs. H. B. Carter of Roseburg; Raymond Marc of Glendale; Janet Davidson, Hazel Todd, Pauline Campbell, Jackie Weyforth, and Dorothy English of Oakland. There are several others who are considering going if at all possible. The time allowed in these three days is filled to the brim with interesting program material and discussion periods. Leaders will be able to meet in smaller groups interested in projects similar to their own.

Through the efforts of Mr. Ben Thimbleton, principal of the Glendale school, a meeting was held in the school Friday afternoon for boys interested in livestock and

FLAPPER FANNY

By Sylvia



"She even brought her knitting to the party."
"Maybe it gives her something to think about while she's talking."

Important Farm Facts of Oregon Listed in OSC Extension Report

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Oregon State college extension service is the theme of the biennial report just issued as an illustrated bulletin, as written by F. L. Ballard, vice-director.

"Cooperating for Rural Betterment," is the title of the bulletin which, according to Wm. A. Schenck, field dean and director of agriculture, epitomizes into terse paragraphs important work rendered by the agricultural extension service to the state of Oregon.

The bulletin includes an itemized statement of the facts which have formed the basis of the extension service program since 1915. These basic facts, as listed by Ballard, follow:

1. The farms of Oregon furnish annually about three-fourths of the cash income of the people of the state from basic resources, and about one-fourth of the total countable income from all sources.
2. Oregon's population can consume only a small fractional part

of the production of these farms.

3. Markets must be found at distant points.

4. To increase or even maintain this return from farm land requires understanding of national and international markets, their trends, adjustments and outlook.

5. Knowledge is necessary of the competition from other states in the markets, including production and market trends, and transportation trends.

6. Production and marketing guidance is needed in adjustment to this difficult export problem.

7. Because of the handicap of distance, unusual necessity exists for the most efficient management of production and marketing practices on the individual farms, under most recently developed scientific principles.

8. Prevention of erosion and increase in fertility is always necessary to profitable production but is especially so under these marketing handicaps.

On Friday evening of last week County Club Agent E. A. Britton presented a silver loving cup to the Edenbrow school for their having won the contest for excellence in 4-H club work among two-room schools last year. This cup is provided by the Douglas County Flour Mills.

On Friday evening of this week a community meeting will be held at the Glenora school, at which time a silver loving cup will be presented. This cup is presented each year by the Roseburg News-Review for excellence in 4-H club work among the one-room schools. There will be a splendid program by the community club during the same evening.

The first marketing projects to be completed are those of the Cleveland and Callahan Trail schools. Both were received at almost the same time. The Cleveland school is taught by Mrs. Margaret Paine and the Callahan Trail school by Mrs. Katherine Cory.

Boys of Glendale have organized a very interesting 4-H club and will carry a farm zoo engine project. Mr. Cecil Harris has been selected leader of the club and members are Cecil Thompson, president; Eugene Fox, vice president; Lawrence West, secretary; John Wright, Bob Reinert, Eston Dumont, Watson Talcott and Darrel Doss.

Lookunglass girls have organized a hobby club and elected Lela Crox president, Fern Bane vice president, and Margie Friedman secretary. Other members are Lola Hawley, Dorothy Klegger, Mary Huffman, Violet Anders, Olive Peterson, Maybelle Strickland, Miss Helen Wooten was selected as leader of the club.

At Pat Murphy's of Roseburg, a Nubia Thimble club meeting was held Friday at the home of the leader, Mrs. Wilson. Under old business the president found that not all of us had finished our pot holders and tea towels. Under new business we discussed the patterns and the cloth for our aprons. We gave the club picnic and movie. Those present were: president, Lela Elsworth; secretary, Ruth Hock; members, Geraldine Ste-

EXPERTS ADDRESS LIVESTOCK ASSN.

Advice Given to Growers at Meeting Held Here; Officers Elected.

Plenty of good hay, especially alfalfa, has been found to be an effective way of cutting down losses of sheep from parasites, states Dr. J. N. Shaw, veterinarian in addressing the annual meeting of the Douglas County Livestock association in Roseburg Saturday. Parasites will always be with us and cause a major portion of the troubles experienced by the livestock operators, continued Dr. Shaw. Good management, regular treatment, and plenty of good feed will in most cases cut losses from parasites to a minimum.

The need for better breeding stock, especially aires, was emphasized by H. A. Lindgren, extension animal husbandman. Markets are discriminating against poorly finished lambs and lambs that do not dress out with a high percentage of the more valuable cuts, and the increased use of ladino clover pasture in the fattening of range lambs in California will undoubtedly give western Oregon lambs keener competition in the California markets.

R. G. Johnson, in charge of range management at the state college, reviewed experimental work being carried on in range and pasture improvement. Investigational work so far, states Mr. Johnson, indicates that we have much to learn in the way of reseeding and pas-

ture management, especially the time of year that grasses and other forage plants may be grazed to the best advantage.

Officers elected by the Livestock association for the coming year were B. F. Nichols, president; R. R. Clarke, vice-president; J. Roland Parker, secretary-treasurer, and the directors, W. B. Garrett of Glendale, Paul Tulbot of Canyonville, Clay Uam of Milo, Remick Fate of Myrtle Creek, Joe Ledgerwood of Myrtle Creek, John Standley of Camas Valley, Harold Nichols of Brockway, Willard Smith of Glide, A. C. Marsters and P. E. Cooper of Roseburg, Irwin Rice of Oakland, Fred Bullock of Oakland, Clyde Beckley of Elkton, Dean Henry of Unquap, Lloyd Wise of Yonella, Harry Rice of Myrtle Creek, and A. O. Kobbe and Ward Cockerham of Oakland.

and 6th grades gave a report on "Food." Ralph Duncan gave one on "Good Foods for Supper and Dinner." Roy Houston on "Is Sugar Necessary for Health." Betty Jean Perdue on "Is Sugar Harmful." Alice Mae Welch on "Advantages of Sugar." Jean Duncan on "Disadvantages of Sugar." Wayne Moore on "How Much Sugar Do We Need?" Irvin Wooster on "Questions to be Answered." Maxine Wright on "Eating Too Much." Henrietta Uam on "Milk as a Food." Maxine LaChance on "The Value of Milk Chocolate." Carroll Miller on "Food Variety." Isaac Wright on "Food for Growth." Jean Mazie McGee on "Food for Energy." Lois Ellen Matthews on "Two Kinds of Sugar." Wayne Taylor on "Getting Too Hungry." and Leland Van Norman on "Be Careful Where You Eat." The 4th grade recited on different things. All members were present but Berdand Perdue and Elton Moore.

The president of the "Days Creek Stitches" called the meeting together on Thursday. Most of our time was taken with instructions and discussions from our local leader. Those present were: Josephine Wright, president; Violet Gohn, vice president; Marjorie Wright, secretary; Berdand Perdue, Alice Mae Welch, Maxine Wright, and the local leader, Mrs. Leona Hill.



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FARM CREDIT CORP.

SETS ANNUAL MEET

E. E. Henry, president of the Production Credit corporation of Spokane, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Medford Production Credit association, to be held in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium at Medford Monday, January 23. The meeting will open at 10:00 a. m. A luncheon will be served at noon in the dining hall in the Masonic building, according to word received by M. B. Green, secretary for Douglas county.

Members will hear a complete report of the association's business for 1938, to be given by Secretary Starcher. Charts will illustrate the association's progress.

Two directors are to be named. The board members whose terms expire are Jess D. Clinton of Myrtle Point and Clarence Zumwalt of Sixes, who have represented Coos and Curry counties, respectively. Dave Bisenbach is a holdover director for Douglas county. Recognition of the association's fifth anniversary will also be a part of the

program. The actual organization date was January 4, 1934. The association has since served the short-term credit needs of farmers, stockmen and fruit growers of Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties. It is managed by a board of five directors elected by the farmer-borrowers, who hold all of the organization's voting stock. Vern D. Brophy of Medford is president and Ben Hill-ton of Grants Pass vice-president. The association has approximately 60 farmer and stockmen in Douglas county as members.



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