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NORTHWEST WHEAT HEAVILY INCREASED

Output of Eggs, Chickens and Mlik Also Boosted, Bureau Reports.

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics said today wheat stocks in the Pacific northwest amounted to 22,064,000 bushels on January 1, compared to 13,942,000 a year ago.

The bureau said a similar situation prevailed throughout the United States. The world wheat production amounted to 4,448 million bushels, exclusive of Russia and China, or about 630 million bushels more than the 1937-38 harvest.

National and Pacific northwest milk, egg and chicken production also were high.

Over the nation as a whole, milk production per cow was 3.8 per cent higher than at the beginning of 1938. Coupled with an increase in the number of cows, the total increase "probably was fully 4 per cent," the bureau said.

New record high levels of egg production per laying hen and per farm flock were established for January 1. An average of 24.6 eggs per 100 laying hens in farm flocks was recorded, compared to 22.7 a year ago and a 10-year average of 17.3. However, in this region, the increase was estimated 3 per cent per 100 laying hens.

Chickens of laying age increased 2 per cent in the west, although pullets not of laying age decreased about 10 per cent in the Pacific northwest. The national seasonal increase in the number of layers during the last four months of 1938 was about 38 per cent compared to a 10-year average of about 31 per cent.

FARM SETTLEMENT IN YAMHILL PLANNED

McMINNVILLE, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Carl Francis announced the farm security administration had informed him it planned a migratory farm laborers' settlement in Yamhill county.

Francis, acting president of the Yamhill county chamber of commerce, said the proposed project would provide permanent homes for approximately 40 families, and temporary quarters for 300 seasonal agricultural workers.

The camp, to be erected in the triangular area between McMinnville, Dayton and Amity, would furnish permanent homes, each on a half-acre of land, for $8 a month rent. Transient shelters would rent for ten cents a day. A school, community recreation center, medical facilities with a registered nurse in charge, central heating plant, sanitation and garbage disposal system, and a machine shop would be included in the development.

FARM INCOME OF OREGON ESTIMATED

CORVALLIS, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The second annual report on special crop production in Oregon has just been issued by the extension service at Oregon State college, showing that cash income from these sources in 1937 amounted to approximately eight million dollars.

The survey was made under the terms of a legislative appropriation designed to obtain a more complete picture of Oregon agricultural production than was obtainable from the regular bureau of agricultural economics reports covering principal crops and livestock products.

The two reports cover production in 1936 and 1937 of such important Oregon products as vetch and field pea seed, various grass seeds, ladino clover and flax seed, fiber flax, filberts, peppermint, turkeys and some other products not heretofore accurately estimated.

Estimates of the bureau of agricultural economics placed Oregon's cash farm income in 1937 at $123,392,000 exclusive of $2,509,000 in government benefit payments. The survey just completed shows that to this sum should be added at least $7,924,000 in income from specialty crops not included in federal estimates. The figures are based on studies made in every county.

HOP GROWERS GET DEADLINE WARNING

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The agricultural adjustment administration warned hop growers the government loans on hops will no longer be obtainable after January 31, J. Newhouse, manager of the hop stabilization corporation at Oakland, advised growers still intending to borrow on the 1938 crop to have hops graded at once.

Papers showing the hops have been graded and weighed and stored in approved warehouses must be in the corporation's Portland, Ore., office by January 31, Newhouse said.

The government loans from 16 cents to 20 cents a pound, according to grade, and sets aside an additional 3 cents a pound to be paid growers when the loans are repaid in full.

Expansion of Market For Canned Prunes Considered By Growers of Douglas

Possibilities Will be Investigated by Committee of 7, Appointed at Meeting Held in Roseburg; Industry Now at Mercy of Buyer-Packer Speculation, Speaker From Medford Declares.

A large group of Douglas county prune growers, meeting at the courthouse in Roseburg Saturday afternoon, pursuant to an invitation issued by the Douglas county court, authorized appointment of a grower committee which will conduct a study into the possibility of profitable expansion of marketing canned prunes. The committee, consisting of seven representative growers, was instructed to call a future meeting at such time it is prepared to report its findings.

A suggestion that a larger percentage of fresh canned fruit would bolster prices on dried prunes, and that growers by concerted action and contract agreements with canners could realize a greater profit on canned prunes, was presented to the meeting.

Results of Study Given

H. B. Murphy, manager of the Pinnacle Packing corporation at Medford, a grower of pears and other fruits, who is interested in commercial and cooperative packing interests both in Oregon and California, was the principal speaker. Mr. Murphy has been making an extensive study of the canned fruit marketing conditions, and has returned recently from a trip through the principal marketing centers of the United States. He was invited by the county court to present a report on his findings.

He discussed marketing methods, stating that the grower is the victim of speculation on the part of buyers and packers, and that as the result an unstable condition exists, as the commercial interests are forced to pay low prices at a time when higher prices are justified in order to offset previous losses.

Marketing Cost Important

Declaring that the growers and packers have a joint partnership in the product, he contended that the grower should protect his interest by a knowledge of the actual costs involved in getting the fruit to the consumer.

He reported he had made a brief study of the situation with regard to Italian prunes in Douglas county and believed that from 40 to 60 per cent of the normal yield of ten million pounds could profitably be canned, and that this, by cutting down the volume, would bolster dried fruit prices.

He stated that various forms of grower participation in canning activities have been used, describing cooperative canneries; contract canning in which the canner and grower share on a percentage basis, and systems whereby canning is carried on under a cost plus agreement with the processing facility. The method most suitable to the needs of Douglas county growers, he said, should be carefully studied.

Committee Named

Following the presentation made by Mr. Murphy, J. John Eppinger of Myrtle Creek was appointed chairman of the meeting, and a motion was carried authorizing the appointment of a grower committee to make the proposed study. The committee was selected by County Judge Morris Bowker, A. C. Marsters and D. N. Busenbark. Those appointed were R. R. Clark, Oakland; Fred Bullock, Kellogg; T. B. Busenbark, Melrose; John Bacon, Umpqua; Clay Ulam, Milo; J. John Eppinger, Myrtle Creek, and Huron Clough, Canyonville.

GROWERS PROTEST TAX ON INSURANCE

A resolution protesting a three per cent tax on fire insurance premiums to provide a retirement fund for city firemen in Oregon was adopted at a meeting of prune growers held at the courthouse in Roseburg Saturday afternoon.

It was contended in a discussion of the resolution that insurance on farm property should not be taxed to create a pension fund for firemen employed in cities. Such legislation, it was contended, would tax property owners as a whole for the benefit of a comparatively small group.

The action of the meeting is to be reported to the Douglas county delegation in the state legislature.

PRUNE DATA WILL BE COMPILED HERE

A hearing to compile data regarding the fresh and dried prune industry of Oregon is to be held at the courthouse in Roseburg at 2 p. m., Wednesday, Feb. 1, according to an announcement by the state department of agriculture.

Petitions bearing signatures of 262 prune growers have been filed with the department, it is reported, seeking restoration of a method of crop control. The department is preparing to hold a series of meetings, at which testimony will be heard from interested growers.

The meeting scheduled for Roseburg is the first of the series, which will continue throughout the first half of the month at Eugene, Corvallis, Albany, Dallas, McMinnville, Forest Grove, Oregon City, Salem and Milton.

3 MEMBERS ADDED TO RIDDLE GRANGE

RIDDLE, Jan. 23.—Riddle grange initiated three new members into the first and second degree of the order at the regular meeting last Thursday evening. The candidates were Miss Ruth Williams, Miss Helena Riddle and Mrs. C. A. Riddle.

Ernest Pruner, acting master, presided over the degree work and was assisted by an able corps of officers.

Saturday evening the grange sponsored a public dance from which proceeds went to the building fund.

FEDERAL BUY EASES BUTTER SITUATION

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Future butter deliveries eased to lowest levels in five years today as the government stepped up its purchases of current surplus receipts to maintain the pegs on which wholesale prices hang.

Fresh butter for May delivery went begging at 22 cents, its lowest level since 1934. Goods from storage for November delivery were available at 23 cents without attracting buyers. This figure compared with 29½ cents asked by the dairy products marketing association for federally-financed holdings from 1938 production. February storage standards closed down 1-8 at a five year low of 24½ cents.

ONLY 3 STATES SHOW FARM INCOME HOIST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics reports only Iowa, South Dakota and Vermont had a larger farm income in 1938 than in the previous year.

The total American farm income, including government benefit payments, was estimated at $7,632,000,000 compared with $8,573,000,000 in 1937 and $10,479,000,000 in 1929.

Estimates by states included:

Idaho, $86,124,000; Washington, $136,187,000; Oregon, $100,434,000; California, $509,252,000.

FRUIT RATE PLEA DECISION DEFERRED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Northwest fruit shippers who asked ship lines to cut the rates on fresh apples and pears to Europe won't get an answer until May or June, a group of ship line representatives announced today.

The shippers were refused a rate of 25c a box on both apples and pears. Another request for lower rates without specific figures was made and the conference of ship lines promised to consider the request.

YOUNG GRANGERS' AIDES DATE PARTY

A Young Grangers auxiliary booster party is to be held at Riversdale grange hall at 8 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 28. The event is to be in the form of a social evening, and all young people are invited, according to Anne Heubner of Dean, secretary, who asks that all who attend bring cake or sandwiches.

NURSERYMEN WILL PLAN CONVENTION

SALEM, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The Oregon Association of Nurserymen will meet in Portland Thursday to make plans for the national convention of the American Association of Nurserymen, to be held in Portland July 11-13.

DAYS CREEK GRANGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

DAYS CREEK, Jan. 23.—The South Umpqua grange held a very interesting meeting Monday evening at the school house. With Master T. L. Weaver as installing officer, the following officers were installed: lecturer, Edith Matthews; overseer, Roy Matthews; lady assistant steward, Clara Weaver pianist, Margaret McGee.

The following standing committees were appointed: Agriculture—John Ferguson, chairman; Guy McGee and Jack Gaulke; legislative—Carl Hill, chairman; Roy Matthews, and M. J. Willard; home economics—Mrs. Leona Hill, chairman.

The group went on record as favoring the school tax equalization bill and also endorsed the 4-H forestry club which is being planned and which had previously been endorsed by the South Umpqua Rod and Gun club.

It was also decided that the local grange would join the county-wide pest hunt, the executive committee to work out the prize to be given the local contestants.

News of 4-H CLUBS

On Tuesday evening of last week a group of young people of the "Clark's Branch" neighborhood near Myrtle Creek met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bounds to discuss with E. A. Britton, county club agent, the possibility of organizing and conducting a 4-H livestock club. Following some discussion and explanation all adults retired to the kitchen while the young folks proceeded to organize the club.

Jerry Bounds, carrying a hog project, was elected president. A. J. Stephen, also carrying a hog project, was elected vice-president, and Ardene McLain, beginning a calf project, was made secretary. Other members of the club include Ray and Don Smith, both carrying hog projects; Delbert McLain, corn project; Billy McLain, hog project. Mrs. Pauline M. Bounds was selected as leader of the club.

Following the business session of the meeting, Mrs. Bounds served hot chocolate and cake.

A Cooking club, organized and carrying on a project, is located at Sylmon Valley school and is under the leadership of Mrs. C. E. Miller. Membership of the club is as follows: Alice Marie Bond, president; Georgia Maxine Sutton, vice-president; Ruth Ellenwood, secretary; Virginia Rose, Margaret Bond and Dorothy Bond.

Five girls of Garden Valley organized an advanced Clothing club and selected Mrs. Jean Ritchie as their leader. Officers of the club are Emma Leah Winniford, president; Darlene Niday, vice-president, and Jeannie McCoy, secretary. The other members are Thelma Graham and Carol McCoy.

The Green school has organized a Clothing club of seven girls, each carrying the second division under the leadership of Miss Rena Lewis. These girls are Georgene Johnson, president; Olive Lewis, vice-president; Vada Betts, secretary; Erma Schmidt, Mildred Bourne, Louise Mathews, Maria Austin and Marilyn Preston.

It has been reported by Mrs. Agnes Wilcox, teacher of Green school, that a club of six boys will organize to carry a bachelor sewing project under the leadership of Mrs. George Holm.

In addition to the large number of 8th graders already carrying the 4-H marketing project, Dillard school sent in an enrollment of seven members, Winston two members, Sylmon valley six members and Wilbur eight members. Other eighth grade pupils are expected to enroll soon, as the project must be completed by April 1st. All are looking forward to the Marketing day program sponsored each year by the Roseburg chamber of commerce agricultural committee.

A Camp Cookery club has been organized at Lookingglass school with Betty Fritts president, Lola Hawley vice-president and Lucella Crow secretary. Other members of the club include Olive Peterson, Maxine Buell, Constance Elliott, Mary Huffman, Dorothy Kreiger, Fern Bane and Maybelle Strickland. Mrs. Pearl Montgomery has been selected to lead the club.

Plans are being made by the various livestock clubs within driving distance of Roseburg for the four monthly meetings scheduled for the last Monday evening of January, February, March and April. It is planned to show some good moving picture films dealing with livestock and livestock practices, along with a good comedy for the first meeting. L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader in charge of the livestock program in the state, has been requested to be present to assist in the beginning meeting. Requests have also been made for an extension specialist to be present and lead discussions in the following meetings.

Four leaders left this morning for Corvallis, where they will attend the fifth annual 4-H club leaders' conference, which is sponsored by the extension service, Oregon State college, and the state organization of local 4-H club leaders cooperating. The meeting will continue through Wednesday.

Topics which will be taken up for discussion at this meeting include "Selection, Exhibiting and Judging of Poultry," "Keeping Livestock Healthy," "Canning," "Undergarments Make the Costume," "Record Keeping," "Active Games for 4-H Club Meetings," "Hog Judging and Management," "Training Judging Teams," "Preparation and Care of Wool for Show," "Judging and Scoring in Home Economics," "Color in a Girl's Room," and many other subjects of like material will be discussed for the benefit of those interested in the various projects. The agricultural leaders will have their discussions apart from the home economic group.

While there these leaders will enjoy social programs on Monday and Tuesday evening, returning home Wednesday evening. Those attending from Douglas county include Mrs. J. M. Bartley of Roseburg, Raymond Marr of Glide, Janet Davison and Dorothy English of Oakland, and County Club Agent E. A. Britton, who is caring for the transportion of the group.

Silver loving cups awarded each year for excellency in 4-H club work for two-room schools have all been awarded for this year on the basis of last year's work.

The cup to high schools, provided by Fisher's Department store, was awarded at a high school luncheon just before Christmas to the Lookingglass school.

A cup which the Douglas County Flour Mills awards each year was won by Edenbower school, which is in the two-room class at a program held in the Community hall last week. On Friday evening of last week the cup awarded annually to one-room schools by the Roseburg News-Review was presented to the Glengary school group. This cup has been won twice by Glengary and twice by Loon Lake. If either school wins it this year, it will retain permanent possession of the cup. The same is true of Edenbower and Green schools, each having won that trophy two years. The fight for permanent possession of the high school cup is on between Glide, Days Creek and Lookingglass.

(By PAT MURPHY, Roseburg.)

The Nimble Thimble club held a meeting Friday at the home of the leader, Mrs. Wilson. Each one told some current event. Under old business it was found that two girls had finished their aprons and the others intend to have theirs finished for the next meeting.

(By ANN CARTER, Roseburg)

A new club was organized at the Fullerton school Friday, January 13th, with Mrs. P. O. Ackley as leader. The girls chose the name "Marigold Club" and they are planning to take up doll dressmaking.

Those present at the meeting were President Joyce Mask, Secretary Janice Jackson, Vice-President Jeanne Ackley, Ann Carter, Fay Monroe and Virginia Ackley.

A second meeting was held January 20th with six new members present. A new member, Leota Pope, is included in the club. We decided to make five articles for our project and started on our dolls' pajamas.

On January 14th, the Marigold 4-H club went on a hike to Maple grove, below Umpqua park. We made a fire and roasted wieners. Those present were Ann Carter, Joyce Mask, Janice Jackson, Jeanne Ackley, Virginia Ackley and Mrs. P. O. Ackley.

(By MAXINE WRIGHT, Days Creek)

The 8th meeting of the Days Creek Luncheon club was held Thursday. After the regular business meeting, there was a discussion. Since all the members have most of their work completed, the rest of the meetings will be social and games will be played. Next time as roll call is called, each member will give her favorite recipe. Also Henrietta Ulam and Thelma Davis will give a demonstration on "preparing lettuce salad" and Violet Goin and Maxine Wright will tell how to make an "Angel Food Cake."

(By BERT YOUNG, Cleveland School)

January 16th the Cleveland Health club held a meeting. The president opened the meeting by announcing that Albert Lowell Young, vice-president, would lead with the club pledge. Stanford Arthur Nelson, secretary of the club, is ill and was not able to be present.

It was decided that Albert Lowell Young would bring the posts for the garden fence. The health club plans to have a spring flower and vegetable garden.

The president took note of the students that were going to take the Weekly Reader. Names were drawn for exchange of valentines at the valentine party which the health club is going to have on February 14th.

A surprise party was given Betty Nachter on January 13th. Refreshments were served and games including baseball, were played.

The three J's sewing club held a meeting on January 17th. The last meeting they worked on their pin cushions.

The Vim Marketing club corrected the work from their text books.

"The Days Creek Stitchers" held a meeting at the Days Creek school Thursday. Most of the meeting was taken up with instructions from our local leader. Those present were Josephine Wright president, Violet Goin vice-president, Marjorie Wright secretary, Derdean Perdue, Edna Mae Poole, Maxine Wright and the local leader, Mrs. C. C. Hill.

The Jolly Marketers held their meeting at the Days Creek school Friday. After the regular business meeting was held, Harry Wooster gave a report on the ninth lesson. At the next meeting Violet Goin will give a report on lesson ten. After several yells, songs and games the meeting was adjourned.

PEST HUNT LOSERS PAY UP WITH FEED

DRAIN, Jan. 23.—Climaxing the past season's pest hunt, the losing team of Sunnydale grange was host to the winners at a banquet given Saturday night. The losers paid off with a turkey feed for more than 150 persons. Mrs. Chester Rydell supervised the event, Carl Huebner, master of the grange, acted as toastmaster. Several guests were present from Kellogg and Fred Weatherly granges.

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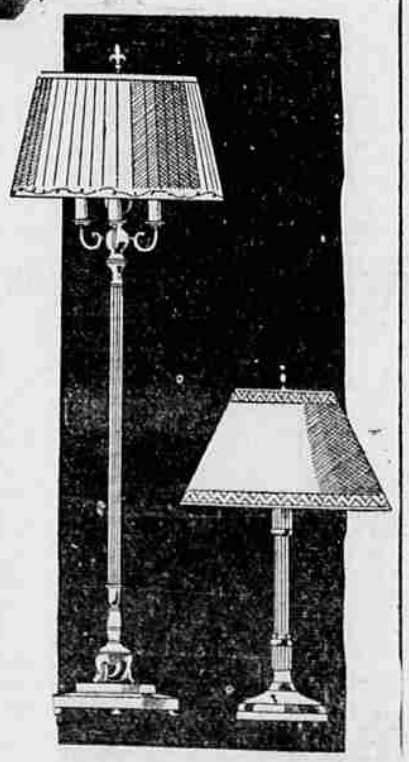

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