

SPECIALTY CROPS OUTLOOK OFFERED

Oregon's Production Trend,
Price Prospects Dealt
With in Circular.

Information on specialty crops and animal products is featured in the current issue of the "Agricultural Situation and Outlook" Report from the agricultural economics department of the OSC extension service.

The report contains the first printed discussion of the data gathered in the last two years showing the volume and trend of specialty crop production in Oregon. The trend of Oregon agriculture has been toward the production of specialty crops owing primarily to the distance from market and the consequent advantage of producing relatively high priced commodities for long freight hauls the report points out.

Latest data obtained by means of surveys supported by special legislative appropriation show that specialty crop production in Oregon, including small fruits, amounted to just under twenty-two million dollars in 1937. Of this amount approximately eight million dollars worth is not accounted for in regular statistical reports on principal crop output.

The current report deals with forage needs such as Austrian peas, clover seed, vetch, alfalfa and grasses, and with the production of peppermint, sugar beets, flax, and fur-bearing animals. Latest surveys indicate that cash income from fur and game farms in Oregon amounts to about \$540,000 a year and that milk numbers are increasing while fox numbers are decreasing.

Price Indexes Included
The report also includes the latest information on farm price trends and shows the general level of prices received by farmers in the county as a whole stood at 91 per cent of the 1910-1914 average level as of March 15. Compared with March 1938, the general index is down five points. Low prices for grain, dairy products and poultry are chiefly responsible for the decline during the past year.

The Oregon mid-March farm price index is the same as for the previous two months and is also unchanged from March 1938. Prices for hogs, horses, and beef cattle are in the best relative position in Oregon compared with the 1925-29 average, while wheat, butter, fat, prunes, eggs, and potatoes show the lowest prices in comparison with that period.

SMITHS TOP SOCIAL SECURITY ROSTER

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(AP)—The social security board selected today the "first fifty families" in the United States—not the wealthiest, but the most numerous on its rolls of workers having old age insurance accounts.

The Smiths, 418,000 strong, head the list. The Johnsons, Browns, Williamses, Millers, and Joneses follow in order.

"Approximately 10 per cent of the 43,000,000 account numbers assigned under the old age insurance system are held by workers with one of the 50 names," said John J. Corson, director of the insurance bureau.

It is possible, he said, to find any individual's card in less than five minutes. And that's a bigger job than it sounds, for 5,000 Thompsons—as an example—are named John.

The records show that more than 10 per cent of all the workers have a last name beginning with S. In second place is M and in third B.

After the six most common names, the others in the first 50 rank as follows:

Davis, Anderson, Wilson, Taylor, Thomas, Moore, White, Martin, Thompson, Jackson, Harris, Lewis, Allen, Hall, Green, Robinson, Baker, King, Nelson, Adams, Roberts, Phillips, Evans, Turner, Rogers, Edwards, Bell, Bailey, Fisher, Bennett, Butler, Foster, Walker, James, Cohen, Jenkins, Ellis, Jones.

dan, Burke, Brooks, Johnston Elliott, Black, Nichols, and Owens (last two tied for 50th place).

200,000 LOPPED OFF WPA ROLLS FOR MAY

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(AP)—The Works Progress administration today fixed May employment rolls at approximately 2,000,000, a reduction of 200,000 from April.

Reductions were made in each state in accordance with WPA plans to curtail enrollment under the \$100,000 supplemental relief appropriation granted by congress. President Roosevelt had asked for \$150,000,000.

WPA officials said had congress made available the full \$150,000,000 the May enrollment would have been approximately 2,200,000. It has been planned to cut about 100,000 off each month during April, May and June.

LIFE TERMS GIVEN PAIR OF KIDNAPERS

YUBA CITY, Calif., May 2.—(AP)—Robert and Ollen Grimes, brothers convicted of kidnaping Mrs. Norma Meeks, 55, last September 1, were sentenced today to Potosi prison for life.

Defense attorneys filed notice of appeal from the jury's verdict of April 26, which declared the Louisville, Ky., brothers guilty also of kidnaping to extort money. The brothers, arrested at Louisville January 30, denied they were in California the night of September 1 when Mrs. Meeks was abducted from her Rio Oso home and her husband, William H. Meeks, fruit rancher, was bound and ordered to produce \$15,000 for her release. She escaped from her captors' hideout three days later. The ransom was not paid.

AMELIA EARHART'S WIDOWER TO WED

LOS ANGELES, May 2.—(AP)—Friends of George Palmer Putnam, publisher and husband of Amelia Earhart, feminine flier given up for dead, said today he will marry Jean-Marie Consigny James shortly after her divorce from William Robert James becomes final.

Putnam refused to confirm or deny the statements. The divorce of Mrs. James, prominent in Beverly Hills social circles, becomes final May 18.

CHILD HEALTH DAY GOES BACK 11 YEARS

This year marks the eleventh anniversary of the congressional resolution authorizing the president to issue an annual May day proclamation. But the history of May day—Child Health Day—goes back more than 11 years.

Once a festival characterized by Maypole dances, May day has a long and pleasant tradition among English-speaking peoples. Many people helped to bring about the celebration of May day as a day for assessing child health needs.

In 1916 the first nation-wide Baby Week was promoted by the Children's bureau and the General Federation of Women's clubs with the endorsement of the president, governors, and mayors. Over 2,000 local campaigns were reported to the children's bureau by the states. Julia C. Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau, in her annual report of that year suggested that May day "might well be chosen . . . as a day which should be not only a festival but also year by year a celebration of some increase in the common store of practical wisdom with which the young life of the nation is guarded by each community." The year 1918 was celebrated as "Children's Year."

After the world war the American Child Health association was organized and was responsible for making the annual celebration of May day nation-wide. The congressional resolution of 1928 and the president's annual proclamations raised Child Health day to a rank of national dignity. When the American Child Health association went out of existence the state and provincial health authorities of North America asked the children's

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bureau to sponsor May day.

The state health departments are largely responsible for the May day celebrations in the states. The state health officers appoint the state May day chairmen, usually the directors of the bureau of maternal and hygiene.

DOUGLAS TRAFFIC RECORD BETTERED

Benton, Hood and Klamath counties led their three divisions at the three-month mark in the 1939 traffic safety race. Secretary of State Snell announced this week.

Douglas county took fifth place among the state's eight group III counties on the basis of improvement over last year in traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities. Last month this county ranked seventh in its group.

Counties in this group ranked in the following order: Klamath, Wasco, Umatilla, Baker, Douglas, Union, Josephine and Deschutes.

ROOKIE NABS LONG SOUGHT QUARTET

WHEELING, W. Va., May 2.—(AP)—A 23-year-old rookie patrolman who has been on the police force as an extra man for three months received full credit from Police Chief Alonzo Hixenbaugh today for capture of three men and a woman FBI agents said were wanted for 100 separate crimes.

On his way home from work, Officer Elmer Hehr yesterday recognized the quartet's automobile as the one used in a \$1000 filling station holdup at Washington, Pa. He nabbed the driver then led a raid on a hotel room where the other three were apprehended. A U. S.

navy machine gun was found in the room.

Police Captain Albert Custer said the woman, whom he identified as Dolores Castle, 28, alias Billy Love of Tulsa, Okla., grabbed at Hehr's pistol when seized and declared "If I could have got hold of that gun, there would have been a couple of dead country cops around here."

Custer said the others were William Montgomery, 40, alias John W. Fox of Pittsburgh; Dave Rogers, 30, alias James Horne, of Detroit; and Eugene Booth, 21, alias James Mulane, of Bloomfield, N. J.

A U. S. commissioner held the four under bonds of \$50,000 each after FBI agents said they were wanted for a series of crimes that included 11 bank and post office robberies in Texas and Missouri. Hearing is scheduled later on their removal to Missouri where Custer said they escaped from the Neosho jail April 26.

WORK OR JAIL, LAW TELLS JOB DODGER

MEADVILLE, Pa., May 2.—(AP)—Andrew Wisniewski—charged with six times refusing offers of WPA jobs—was ordered today to go to work and support his family or go to jail.

Judge O. Clarke Kent, expressing regret he could not "inflict adequate punishment" under the non-support charge against Wisniewski, told the defendant:

"We expect you to go to work and if you don't we will instruct

the district attorney to bring a new charge against you and we will send you to the Allegheny county workhouse."

District WPA officials had identified Wisniewski failed to support his wife and six children and turned down the WPA jobs, complaining he was ill of lumbago.

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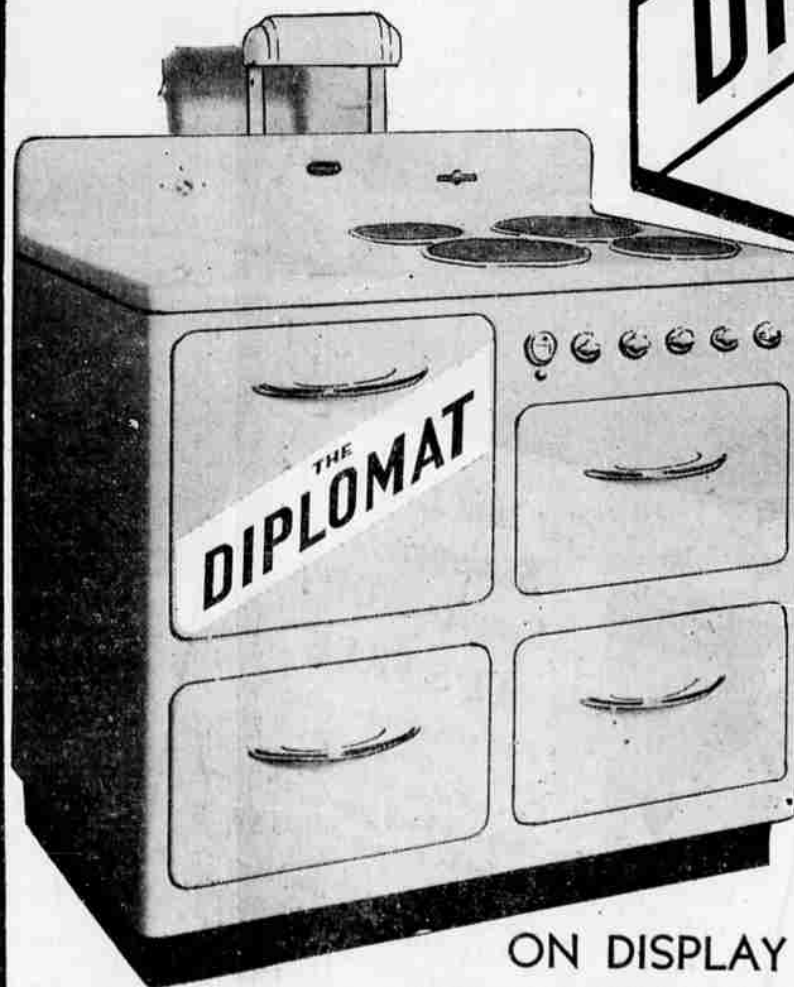
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