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Payment Rates in AAA Setup Listed

Rates of payments which will be made to participating farmers in the 1940 AAA farm program were announced this week by the state office at Corvallis following the official beginning of the new year's program December 1.

Among principal changes is the rate to wheat growers. They will receive a performance payment of nine cents a bushel on the average yield of their allotted acreage, as compared to 17 cents in 1939.

"This reduction is made necessary by the fact that the United States acreage goal for 1940 has been raised from 55 million acres to 58 million acres," explained Will Steen of Millon, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee. "This means that money appropriated by congress must be divided more, bringing a lower payment per acre."

It is expected that "parity payments" will again be made in 1940 to wheat growers. These will be made only if the 1939 average price of wheat is less than 75 per cent of parity.

Vegetable Rates Retained
There will be no changes in payment rates to growers of potatoes or commercial vegetables. Potato growers in those counties designated as commercial potato growing areas will continue to receive three cents a bushel on the average yield of their allotted acreage, if they comply with the farm program. Commercial vegetable growers cooperating in those counties designated as commercial vegetable growing areas will continue to receive \$1.50 an acre on their allotted acreage.

A rate of \$2 an acre has been set up for use in computing payments which may be earned by growers of commercial orchards and perennial vegetables such as strawberries and asparagus. The payments to growers of perennial vegetables who comply with acreage allotments are a new feature which has been added to the 1940 farm program.

News of 4-H CLUBS

The Northwestern Turkey show is topping the activities of 4-H club members for this week. Members brought their birds in today and have them in the coops for displaying and judging. The birds will remain in their coops throughout the entire show. Those who are exhibiting are Ward Todd, showing both Narragansetts and White Hollands; Clyde and Howard Mauph of Kellogg, each showing Bourbon Reds; Norman Rydell of Drain, exhibiting Narragansetts; Connel D. V. of Sutherlin, showing Brazos; Jim Goff of Oakland, showing both Brazos and Narragansetts.

The judging contest for boys and girls will be held Friday afternoon at one o'clock.

Four-H club exhibitors in the local corn show, sponsored by the Roseburg branch of the U. S. National bank, are leaving their exhibits for another two days this week. Considerable interest has been manifested in the hybrid corn exhibits and also in the open and future farmer classes of corn exhibits along the 4-H club classes.

Those placing are Alvin Heard of Lookingglass, first; B. F. W. of Brown, Sutherlin, second; George Marsh of Lookingglass, third; Labrie Ritchie of Garden valley, fourth; and Wilbur White of Canyonville fifth. First place provides for a summer school scholarship. If the winner of this scholarship is not in a position to use it, he may take the second place money instead and let the scholarship go to the second place winner. The second place provides \$9, third place \$7, fourth place \$6, and fifth place \$5.

The first place exhibit shown by Alvin Heard has proven to be worth considerable, as he has received from the state corn show a \$12 scholarship, \$8 in cash, an

4-H Sextette Called Nation's Healthiest



Picked in Chicago as the healthiest of 1,300,000 4-H club members were: Richard Crane, 17, Rushville, Ind.; Warren Cales, 18, Sandstone, W. Va.; Ruth Fitzerreiter, 16, Bel. La.; Joann Parks, 15, Liberty, Ind.; Carlisle Klein, 18, Black River Falls, Wis.; and Leslie Warrant, 16, Kasota, Minn.

\$8 cup and a \$12 scholarship, which brings a total of \$20. It is hoped that more will be interested in the corn-growing program which will begin this next spring.

The Garden Valley branch of the Umpqua Junior Livestock club met at the cabin on the Hugh Ritchie farm last Wednesday. Labrie Ritchie is leader of this club, which elected Wallace Cox president, Dean Fogel, vice-president and Bruce Douglas secretary. The other members include Bobby Brown and Jack Calkins.

A cookery club has been organized at Hayhurst school. This includes six members. Their officers are Lyla Jean Campbell president, George Miller vice-president, and Fannie Bell Phillips secretary. Their leader is Thelma Francisco.

A group of twelve boys have enrolled in a forestry hobby club under the leadership of R. C. Johnson, teacher of the Yoncalla school. This club will carry work in both forestry and camp cookery. George Marsters is president, Willard Williams vice-president, Earl Worman secretary, and the other members are Donald Higdon, James Shepherd, Jimmy Madden, Aaron Jadin, Clarence Peterson, Teddy Madden, Mac Malone, Douglas Morin, Keith Crow.

The boys in the Kellogg area have formed a "community" club. By a "community" club is meant a club in which there are different types of projects carried by the various members. Jimmy Bauer and Bobby Bauer enrolled in dairying. Paul Anderson and Dale Mode enrolled to carry chicken projects, and Donald Mode will carry a turkey project. Charles Minter, Harry Anderson and William Smith each enrolled in woodworking while Halldene Smith and Harold Minter will carry sheep projects. Miss Evelyn Powell and Logan Madison will give leadership to this club. Paul Anderson was elected president, William Smith vice-president, and Dale Mode secretary.

A group of eight girls of Glen Dale and Azalea formed a cookery club and will carry advanced work in the cookery project. Mrs. Pearlley Whiteman will serve as the leader of the club.

The cooking club met at the H. S. Teller home Sunday afternoon for a candy party and club session. All members answered the roll call with helpful hints on cooking. The club was named "The Hubbard Creek Special." One new member, Mervyn Waggoner, was taken into the club, and one visitor, Wanda Leonard, was present. The club will meet at the home of Marcelle Mohr on December 17.

The seventh and eighth grade girls of the Myrtle Creek school have organized a 4-H sewing club under the supervision of Mrs. Ruby Matthews. They started November 8 and elected officers as follows: President, Laurie Dyer; vice-president, Ruth Newton, and

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Wage Law Stands For Nut Growers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The wage-hour administration ruled today that the heavy demand for nuts during the Christmas holiday season was not sufficient grounds for granting western nut growers a seasonal exemption from the wage-hour law.

On the basis of this finding the administration denied applications from far western growers seeking a partial exemption from the statutory maximum work week for the receiving, grading and packing of unshelled English walnuts and unshelled almonds.

Harold Stein, assistant director of wage-hour hearings, found that climate and other natural factors controlled the receiving of new walnut crops at packing houses, but that once in the packing house, operations were governed by consumer requirements.

A partial exemption for seasonal purposes would have permitted the industry to work as much as 56 hours a week for 14 weeks without paying overtime compensation ordinarily required for work done in excess of 48 hours a week.

The administration's ruling on walnuts reversed a previous finding that a prima facie case existed for granting the exemption. The California labor department and labor union officials protested the proposed exemption and Stein was sent to San Francisco to conduct the hearing.

English walnuts are grown in California, Oregon and Washington, and almonds are grown in Oregon and Washington.

Walnut Surplus Program To Get Federal Support

Walnut growers in Oregon, as well as those in California and Washington, will receive government aid in the disposal of their surplus nuts above the established marketable percentage for this year, the federal division of marketing and marketing agreements has announced. The surplus for the 1933-1940 crop has been established at 25 per cent, which will make available approximately 320,000 bags of surplus walnuts for export or diversion to the shelled walnut trade.

Payments not exceeding 4 cents per pound are provided under the program for all unshelled walnuts exported, or diverted to the domestic shelling trade, by the walnut control board. Sales of walnuts for export or diversion must be made before July 1, 1940, and the transaction must be completed before October 15.

Yell leaders Benah Woodruff and Mable Jane Matthews. The name selected is "The Jolly Needle Workers."

Farm Cash Income Shows Increase During October

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The agriculture department reported that American farmers received a cash income of \$894,000,000 in October to bring their total for the first 10 months of the year to \$8,325,000,000.

Included were receipts from the sale of farm products and government benefit payments. The cash income for October last year totaled \$836,000,000 and for the ten-month period \$6,193,000,000.

The farm income by states for October and the January-October period, respectively, included: Oregon \$8,837,000; and \$71,909,000.

Horticultural Society of Oregon Chooses Officers

HOOD RIVER, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Chester Pitch of Medford was elected president of the Oregon Horticultural society here.

E. A. McCormack, Eugene, was elected first vice-president; Ray Hazeltine, Hood River, second vice-president; George B. Jean, Medford, third vice-president; D. T. McWhorter, re-elected secretary-treasurer; Lyle Melnae, Parkdale, re-elected trustee to serve with Raymond S. Peter, Medford, and Howard E. Merriam, Goshen.

Josephine County Grange Awarded Booster Medal

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Mrs. C. H. Brooks, postmaster of the Deer Creek grange, was notified by National Lecturer James C. Farney of Grants, N. H., that she and her grange have been awarded a medal for the best booster night program of all Oregon units under 250 members.



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Foul Brood Less In State Apiaries

American foul brood in Oregon bee colonies inspected in 1939 dropped to 9.5 per cent compared to 5.2 per cent in 1938, reports the state department of agriculture. The department's apary inspector, A. H. Black of Corvallis, inspected 1,491 apiaries or about 80 per cent of those in the state this year, these including 22,555 colonies of

the estimated 35,000 colonies in Oregon.

Funds for apary inspection work are not adequate to cover the entire state each year, so this year inspection was confined to those areas where reports indicated the disease was evident. Next year other areas will be checked as well as the worst areas rechecked.

Slightly fewer colonies of bees were found in 1939 than the previous year, but the number of apiaries remained about even. In the last three years, 275 yards where all colonies had American foul brood have been eradicated through

inspection. Honey production was spotted in Oregon this year, with the Willamette valley showing a 90 per cent normal crop; central Oregon, normal; eastern Oregon, 70 per cent normal; and the fireweed section in northwestern Oregon 30 per cent normal.

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