

Farm Life Easier But Lacks Lot Of Being Rose Bed

By Jack Stinnett
 WASHINGTON — For anyone who cares two whoops what is happening to United States farms and farmers, a fascinating piece of government literature recently rolled off the federal presses.

It is called by the unappetizing title of "Technology on the Farm"—but it is just about as full a survey of farm improvements and lack of improvements as the numerous bureaus of the Department of Agriculture could put together.

City folk (and I'm just like the next fellow who doesn't know a harrow from a combine) have fallen into the habit of saying that the farmer of today, with his electric lights, his radio, his telephone, the family jalopy, washing machines, hot and cold running water, indoor plumbing and a generous check from the government every year is sitting pretty on top of the haymow.

Now this is like a lot of statements that somebody who doesn't know what he's talking about picks up and passes along to other non-knowers until it gets to be sort of universal. It's about half truth and half breeze. At least that's the conclusion you'll have to come to if the agriculture department survey on farm technology is all facts.

Much to Be Done.

The farmer has come a long way from the ox-drawn wooden plow and harvesting sickle and flail, but what got me in this department report is how many of these "modern farm conveniences and luxuries" seem to be potentialities rather than realities so far as the modern farm home is concerned.

When the last general survey of farm income was made in 1935-36 (and no more accurate figure will be available until the census bureau comes through with its breakdown on farm population figures) about one-fourth of the farm families received direct relief or had incomes under \$500; a little fewer than a fourth had incomes of \$1,500 or more; and the remainder slightly more than a half, had incomes from \$500 to \$1,500.

With an average of 4.5 persons in the family (one more than average in cities of more than 100,000), you can start your budgeting. Take out for stuff you have to have to be a "modern" farmer—a tractor, other improved tools and machinery, better seed, fertilizer, etc.—and see what's left for telephones, radio, weekly junkets to the village movie and such.

Without Radios.

In a survey made as recently as 1935, it was estimated that 40 per cent of the farm homes were without radios. The 1936 census showed that only 31 per cent of all farmers had telephones and the boys at agriculture think the percentage has changed little since then.

Although the electric light condition is spotted, there are many sections where the kerosene lamp is still a standard fixture. In the southeast section of the country, the survey showed that even among the better-off white operators with incomes of \$1,000 to \$1,250, only 1 per cent had electric lights.

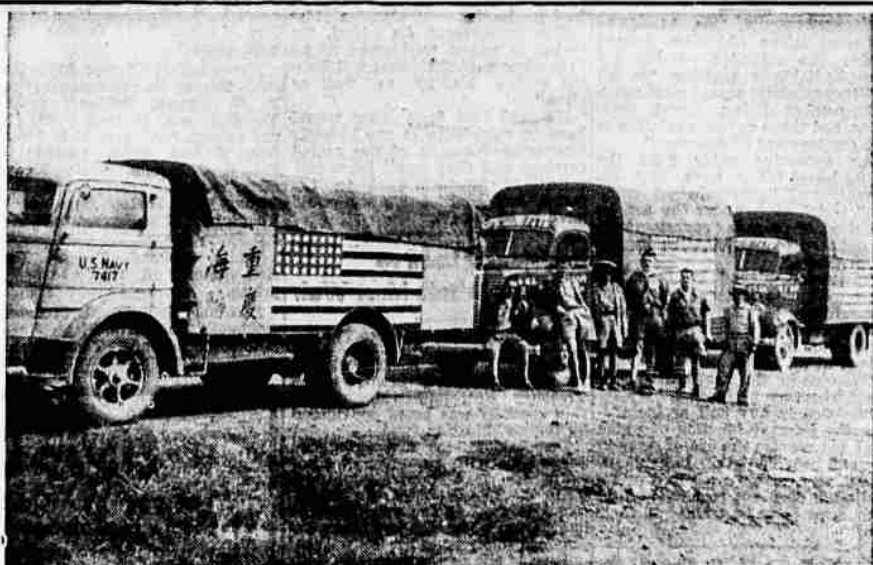
The report shows that in the whole country only 16 per cent of farm families in the intermediate income group (\$500 to \$1,000) had water piped into their homes and only 19 per cent had indoor toilets.

There's Plenty to Do.

This sort of summarizing could go on for a long time and include such items as 40 per cent of the counties in the United States have no registered general hospital, and 80 per cent of the lower income farm families have inadequate diets. . . . But that's enough to give you a rough idea.

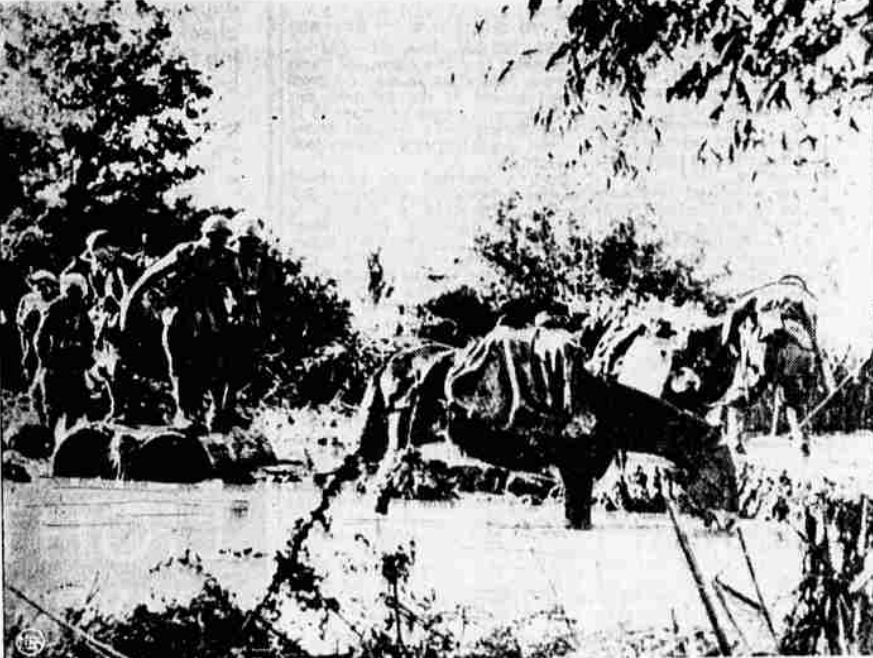
Of course, all of this isn't to minimize the work that has been done in modernizing the farm in the last 25 or 30 years. It's just to say that if the agriculture department boys have their figures right,

U. S. Navy Trucks Keep Rendezvous on Burma Road



A familiar sight along China's "lifeline," the much-bumped Burma Road, are these three U. S. Navy trucks, shown here with their crew during a stop at Siakwan. These trucks transport supplies from Rangoon to Chungking, China, for sailors aboard the U. S. S. Tutuila. American gunboat anchored in the Yangtze off the American Embassy.

Duce's Invasion Backfires as Gen. Mud Traps His Armies



Modern mechanized military equipment may be just the thing in some battles, but it caused trouble for Italians invading Greece as torrential rains turned roads into rivers and bough terrain into swampy seas. Scenes like the above forced Duce's invasion into reverse and cost the Italians tons of military equipment.

It'll take a lot more years of technologizing up to even a bed of wilted roses.

Riddle Postoffice Moved Into Modernized Quarters

RIDDLE, Dec. 11.—The Riddle post office which has occupied the small building owned by G. L. Grant for many years was moved last week to the building formerly occupied by the Riddle State bank. Mrs. Pearl Lawson, present postmistress, purchased the bank building and has had it remodeled into a convenient and up-to-date postoffice. New fixtures will be put in as soon as received from the government. Paul Gary, once owner of a grocery store here, has purchased the old postoffice building and will put in a stock of groceries. The building is being remodeled by Chas. Durbin, carpenter.

Riddle

RIDDLE, Dec. 11.—Mrs. I. P. Gardner left last week for Oakland, Cal., where she will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Schroener, until after the holidays.

G. E. Atkins and Tom Sims made a business trip to Leona, Saturday.

Mrs. Maurice Maxwell, who resides in northern California, visited here Friday and Saturday at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. A. Riddle.

Miss Nettie Moore, who has been employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith the past few months, has returned to her home at Days Creek.

Mrs. Fred Ball and daughter, Patricia, motored to Glendale Saturday where they visited at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Roy Gibbons.

Mrs. Owen Ledgerwood of Myrtle Creek was a guest at the G. L. Grant home here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Riddle and son, Don, left Sunday for Portland for several weeks' stay.

Mrs. E. Smith and daughter, Phyllis, returned Friday from Portland where they had gone to consult medical advice for Phyllis.

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Around the County

Elkton

ELKTON, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Reta Peart, of Medford, is visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Grubbe.

Asa Andrews has returned from Roseburg where he has been in the hospital.

Miss Evelyn Hudson, who is attending school at Ashland, spent the week-end at home.

Dinner guests at the Charles Hargan home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hargan and daughters, Twila and Edifice; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hargan, Miss Grace Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. George Book, Vaughn Book, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McMichael and children, Thelma, Joann and Jimmy, James Fairfield, Lloyd Blackford and the Charles Hargan family.

Miss Faye Bossen, who is attending school at Eugene, was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hudson, of Silverton, visited the Joseph Hudson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Listerud and O. Minde were Marshfield visitors recently.

Miss Helen Gill, of Portland, was a recent Kellogg visitor. Miss Gill is a daughter of Ray Gill, who is the state game warden.

Mrs. W. J. Hargan, Mrs. Floyd McMichael and son, Jimmie, Mrs. J. E. Haines, Miss Vera Haines, Mrs. Verona Daniel, Mrs. Nellie Binder and Adrian Frayle went to Oakland Monday to attend the 51st Douglas county convention of the Churches of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frost, of Forest Grove, visited Mrs. Elizabeth Owens and Wm. Frost over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall McCloy and son, of Klamath Falls, are at Elkton visiting relatives and friends.

Robert Griffith, who is working at Portland, Mrs. Winifred Ewing and Mrs. Margaret Selpe, of Portland, have been visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. William Binder and family and Mrs. Charles Binder went to Albany Saturday to spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pontus.

Mrs. J. P. Hutchinson is ill at her home.

Mrs. Rose Cook is ill in a hospital at Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Haines and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bunch and daughter, Mary Alice, were attending to business matters in Roseburg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Novak have returned to Medford after visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Binger.

Lloyd Mize has sold his place to Ernest Wade. Mr. and Mrs. Mize have moved to California. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wade, of Reedsport, are going to live on the place.

Mrs. Agnes Hudson and Mrs. Ives Haines went to Eugene Thursday to see the Robert Dunman home to see their mother, Mrs. Staudacher, who is ill.

Miss Helen Fox has returned to teaching in the grade school after being called to Ashland by the illness of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas, of Seattle, were called to Elkton Thursday by the death of Mr. Thomas' father, R. O. Thomas.

A number of Elkton people went to Seaside Tuesday to attend the funeral of Isaac Sawyers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Doney and James Doney, of Cottage Grove, and W. E. Powell, of Drain, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Clara Smith. Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Frayle, of Eugene, were also visiting the Smith home Sunday.

Mrs. B. E. Adams and A. B. Haines were Roseburg visitors Monday.

Mrs. Stacie DeMint, who has been visiting Mrs. Ella Penley, has returned to her home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Madison, who are working near Portland, were home for the week-end.

Mrs. Violet Mahon, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bowman, of Los Angeles, Calif., left

Offers Migration Problem Solution



H. Tooley, Agricultural Economics Bureau Chief, is pictured as he offered the House Migrant Committee a solution of the periodic mass migrations, one of the nation's most vexing social problems. He suggested development of the Mississippi delta where, he said, about 1,000,000 acres of rich loam can be obtained for \$2.50 to \$10 per acre.

for home Tuesday after visiting relatives and friends at Elkton a few days. Mrs. Reta Peart went with them as far as Medford to her home.

Yoncalla

YONCALLA, Dec. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Avery Laswell and family spent several days last week shopping and visiting relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Harry Steward and son, Earl, of Wolf Creek, spent the week-end here with Mrs. Steward.

Lawrence Radabaugh has been spending most of his time in Goshen lately due to the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. Edward Kelso and Mrs. Tommy Palmer motored to Roseburg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lambdin and family formerly of Nebraska have moved to Yoncalla to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Parks visited at the Henry Parks home in Scotts Valley last week en route to their home in Port Angeles, Wash., after an extended trip through Missouri and California.

Francis Bigelow broke one finger and badly tore another one, on

his right hand Tuesday while working with his caterpillar building roads.

Special meetings are being held at the Calvary tabernacle this week, with Warren Cornelius as evangelist.

W. E. French is holding driving lessons in Yoncalla every week, with the following students attending: Venola Marsh, Lois and Leta Brant, Donald Bigelow and Wayne Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunney of Nebraska have moved into the Smith house. Due to the starting of the new Kruse mill, houses in this locality are at a premium.

Miss Doreen Cokeram of Eugene spent the week-end here with her parents on Red Hill.

Laurette Fretwell and Mrs. Edward Fretwell of Eugene spent the week-end visiting at the Palmer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams and daughter, Dorothy, of Port-

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Azalea

AZALEA, Dec. 11.—Andy Leeper and son, Leland, from Roseburg were here on business Sunday.

Among those shopping in Roseburg Saturday from this vicinity included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, Dick Herriz, Mrs. Esther Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gaebecke, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith and Mr. and Mrs. John Feldmiller.

Ora and Ray Condray spent Sunday fishing on Rogue river.

Mrs. Ray Condray and son, Larry, visited Sunday at Tiller with Mrs. Condray's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fisher, Mrs. Millie Spaulding and granddaughter, Thelma Bell Laughry, were Roseburg business callers Monday.

Archie Smith from The Molines, Wash., visited at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith, several days at last week.

Archie Sharp from Medford, has rented and taken possession of the service station and garage formerly run by Ray Condray.

Dr. J. M. Ingalls from Portland was a business caller here Thursday.

Mrs. Carol Hill spent several days last week on business and visiting friends.

Mrs. Richard Nell and Miss Evans from Ashland visited friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gaebecke and daughter, Bernice, returned to their home here Sunday evening after visiting for the past ten days at Seattle, Wash., with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaebecke and Mrs. Minnie DeVolt.

Men's Glee Club to Practice—The Roseburg Men's Glee club, under the direction of R. M. Church, will meet Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at the city hall.

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