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Agricultural Committees, Business Agents of Douglas Granges to Meet January 6

Marketing Problems to Get Major Attention; Financing, Forestry Talks Also Listed.

Following is the tentative program:

10 a. m., opening of meeting by Fred A. Goff, Pomona chairman. Registration and reports on 1940 post hunt and other activities.

10:15 a. m., Mr. Powell or representative of Federal Land bank.

11 a. m., Eugene Fisher of the Production Credit association.

11:15 a. m., Paul Helwig, farm security administration.

11:30 a. m., Thomas Parkinson, local markets.

11:45 a. m., E. A. Britton, FH clubs.

1:15 p. m., R. H. Franke or representative of Safeway stores handling local produce.

1:20 p. m., Homer Grow, Future Farmers of America.

1:45 p. m., V. V. Harpham, forestry and farming.

2 p. m., R. L. Adams, R. E. A.

2:15 p. m., Nick Nuefeld, Roseburg Grange Supply.

2:30 to 3 p. m., marketing problems: Fruits, nuts, vegetables, melons, poultry, eggs, livestock, seed, and any other items.

3 p. m., define work of business agent and outline program for 1941.

Oregon High In Crop Production During This Year

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Oregon placed high in crop production for 1940, according to the general report of the United States department of agriculture.

Above normal precipitation and temperatures during October and September, and abundant rains greatly improved agriculture conditions. Although all sections of the state received plenty of moisture, precipitation was heavier in relation to the average in eastern Oregon than in western Oregon. Wet weather interfered with fall seeding in some areas, but general planting was above average. Early seedlings made good growth with many farmers reporting conditions to be satisfactory. Prunes and apples improved considerably and are now in a better condition than usual. Potato crops were above expectations.

Estimated crop production for Oregon as of Nov. 1, 1940, was:

Corn 1,705,000 bu.; potatoes 8,250,000 bu.; cranberries 13,000,000 lbs.; apples 3,100,000 bu.; peaches 1,420,000 bu.; other fruits 2,750,000 bu.; walnuts 4,000,000 bu.; filberts 2,510,000 bu.

Eggs produced per 100 layers were 21.9 per cent, an increase of 2 per cent over the same period last year.

Prune conditions were 90 per cent better compared to 72 per cent last year, and with production per acre was 15.4 per cent to 15.1 per cent for 1939.

Pear Cullage Heavy

Pears other than Bartlett's were of large size. In some districts, however, cullage was relatively heavy. Because of the loss of European export markets the quantity of fall and winter pears not harvested was larger than usual. The winter crop was of fair quality despite damage from blight and loss through cullage.

Filberts were of larger size than last year but percentage of blanks was heavier.

Hay and grain crops were about 2 per cent lower than in 1939 but 19 per cent higher than other previous years, with the exception of the peak year of 1938.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Wallace Cox of Garden Valley has purchased a purchased Dutch Jersey gilt from the High Valley farm at Ellensburg, Wash., operated by Allen Rogers. The gilt is the medium type favored by such men and analysts. It is deep white, joined with good bone and stands well upon its legs. The gilt will be shipped here sometime within the next six weeks.

Margorie Wright of Pass Creek has written in to the county club agent that she is planning to raise a dairy calf. This will be the first livestock project to be entered in Pass Creek, according to E. A. Britton, county club agent.

Mrs. John Weiss, leader of a clothing club at South River, was called at the county club agent's office during the past week. She is directing the first and second year projects and is advising that such girls in the club do a good piece of work and learn as much as possible about sewing.

The 4-H local leaders will hold their first meeting of the new year next Monday evening. Notices will be sent to all the leaders. Election of officers will be the principal item of business.

The grangers attending the an-

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EGAD, JOSEPH! HAMBURGER, HOT DOGS, CHILI AND FRIED EGGS—THE SAME MONOTONOUS MENU! WHY (HIC) DON'T YOU START THE NEW YEAR WITH SOME SUCH SALUTE TO THE PALATE AS A DISH OF TASTY CANAPES?

LISTEN, HEAVY SET! YOU SALUTE WITH THREE BOWLS OF CHILI AN' FIVE HOT DOGS AN' HOLLER FOR APPETIZERS? YOU'RE THE KIND OF A GUY WOT COMPLAINS BECAUSE THEY AIN'T NO COMMAS IN THE ALPHABET SOUP!

WHY DON'TCHA (HIC) GIVE 'EM 'AT MOP TO CHEW ON, JOE? —THE ONE YOU (HIC) USE FOR THE BEEF BOUILLON!

A SALUTE TO A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Potato Law Violations Cause Several Arrests

A number of warnings have been issued and several arrests have been made in recent weeks because of violations of the state potato law, reports the state department of agriculture.

The law requires that all potatoes moving out of, into or within inspection districts in lots of one ton or more must be inspected by the department field men. Also, all potatoes offered for sale must be graded and marked according to the state standards.

Grades for potatoes permit not more than one per cent of soft rot but some that have been offered for sale have run above this tolerance, field men report. Such lots of potatoes have been ordered resorted.

Four-H Leaders View Stock Farms

Four-H livestock leaders made a tour of successful stock farms Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. Outstanding farms visited were the Campbell Goodhue farm near McVay, the John Gasser farm thirteen miles down the Columbia from Vancouver and the T. J. Lakewood, Jr. farm near Spindale on the upper Columbia.

Leaders were interested in watching the milking done on the Gasser place. Mr. Gasser has installed a new milking parlor wherein 85 heavy producing Holstein cows are milked in two hours. The cows come in on an elevated platform one at a time to fill up the seven milking stalls. The system has been in operation less than a month, but the cows are already well trained, and one can always see a row of cows waiting to enter the milking parlor. Many of the cows on this farm are milked three times daily.

Wheat Proves Good Grain To Keep Horses Thrifty

While wheat has never been considered a common grain feed for horses, tests conducted at the Oregon experiment station this past year indicate that it is entirely suitable. Processed rolled wheat fed to draft horses in direct comparison with oats kept the horses in a thrifty vigorous condition through a season of work. Results are reported on in detail in the new bulletin, "Surplus Wheat Feeding Experiments in Oregon," which can be had free from county extension offices.

Economists Give Praise to Prunes From Northwest

Pacific coast prunes, albeit without any special mention of the tart sweet prunes from the northwest, have just received some nationwide boosting through the home economics press service of the United States department of agriculture.

While the holiday season is not ordinarily chosen as the time to urge the purchase of such a year around fruit, a recent release from the home economics offices calls attention to the fact that prunes are a winter staple which belong on the pantry shelf right along with flour, sugar and spices. This sentiment is endorsed by Mrs. Mabel Mack, acting extension specialist in nutrition at Oregon State college.

Stomach Parasites Guard Roaches From Poison

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The secret is out of why it is hard to poison a cockroach.

He carries in his stomach some parasites which like poison and eat it, to his great relief. This trick was described to the American Association for the Advancement of Science today by four U. S. bureau of entomology men.

By dying the parasites they found that there may be more than one kind, each a "specialist" in one sort of poison.

Production Credit Association Will Meet in Roseburg

Douglas county members of the Medford Production Credit association are being notified of a meeting to be held at the courthouse in Roseburg on Jan. 28. The association's annual meeting is being held in two sections, one at Medford on the 27th and the other at Roseburg on the 28th, in an effort to promote larger attendance. Members in Curry and Coos counties will join in the Roseburg meeting, while Jackson and Josephine county members will attend at Medford. Nominations for officers will be given each stockholder 10 days prior to the meeting, and voting will be by secret ballot at each meeting. Ballots will be counted at Medford and the results announced there.

The meetings will be addressed by Ernest E. Henry of Spokane, Wash., president of the Production Credit corporation there, and Dr. Orlo Maushan of Spokane, statistician for the 12th farm credit district.

To put chopped prunes in a quick bread is another idea, especially good when made with whole wheat flour, to make a loaf of dark brown color, high in minerals and vitamin B1.

Oregon Poplars, Willows Accepted by California

Poplar and willow trees, cuttings or stems may be shipped into California from any part of Oregon as result of revision of the California salt marsh quarantine, the Oregon department of agriculture has been advised. Such stock from within north infested territory in Oregon may be shipped if it is treated or fumigated with a methyl bromide formula under supervision of the Oregon department of agriculture. A fumigation certificate must accompany the stock.

The approved fumigation formula is three pounds of methyl bromide

Further Slash in Crops, Increased Benefits Favored

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Demands for continuance of the existing farm program come from senators in both parties, and Senator Bankhead (D., Ala.), said he wanted present benefits increased.

Bankhead, who has drafted much farm legislation in recent years, told reporters that further curtailment of crops probably would be necessary to avoid increasing surpluses. He said it therefore would be essential to raise present farm benefits.

The existing appropriation of \$312,000,000 for parity payments, he declared, provides only about two-thirds of parity prices for various crops. Parity prices are based on the average for the pre-war period, 1909-14.

The Alabama senator said "there should be little difficulty" in continuing the existing program. The big question, he added, would be that of "obtaining adequate appropriations."

The senator said, too, that the farm tenancy program should be continued on its present scale, at least.

On the republican side, Senator Capper (R., Kan.), declared that existing parity and soil conservation programs should be continued. He said that while some refinements might be necessary, the fundamentals of the plan should be extended until a better system could be worked out.

Capper said that although it would be necessary to curtail many non-defense expenditures in the next fiscal year, farmers were entitled to a fair share of the national income and their benefits should not be reduced.

Cross Pollination Found Delicious Apples' Need

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Stunningly delicious apples are practically self sterile and require cross pollination for commercial crops, the Oregon State college experiment station announced today.

Tests conducted at the Hood River experiment station revealed that unless suitable pollen from other varieties is available, delicious trees will set fruit on from none to only 8 per cent of the blossoms.

If good pollenizers are available,

German Chemists Have Extracted a Satisfactory Sugar from Residue Waters Remaining from Synthetic Wool Production

on the other hand, fruit will set on as many as 97 per cent of the blossoms. Best pollenizers found so far are Blackhawk and Blackjon varieties, though Spitzenberg, Newtown, Golden Delicious and Orley—all commercial sorts—give satisfactory results.

Graveston, Starnared and Blaxtamen varieties were among the poorest pollenizers of Delicious.

German chemists have extracted a satisfactory sugar from residue waters remaining from synthetic wool production.

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