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Farm Loans Topic Of Meeting Here

Directors of Associations in Three Counties Confer With Executives of Land Bank.

Proposals that would assure farmers continued low interest rates on their mortgages with the Federal Land bank, and at the same time help the land bank system cut operating costs, were discussed in Roseburg Saturday by the directors of five National Farm Loan associations in Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, Oregon. The meeting was held in the Umpqua hotel, with A. W. Behrens, district manager of the association service department of the federal land bank of Spokane, and Frank J. Reff, assistant secretary of the bank, both from Spokane, participating.

The associations represented are composed of approximately 600 farmers who have Federal Land bank loans. These associations are stockholders in the Spokane bank.

Among the subjects discussed were the possibility of government guarantee of land bank bonds; a change in the structure of National Farm Loan associations from stock cooperatives to membership cooperatives, and a safe and workable mechanism for the adjustment of excessive mortgage indebtedness in appropriate cases, it was reported by U. D. Powell, secretary-treasurer of the associations represented, which maintain offices in the Perkins building.

Decentralizing Sought

"In the 23 years that the land bank system has been in operation," Secretary Powell said, "many changes have taken place in farming and in the organization of cooperative associations of all kinds. In light of their experience during these 23 years, members have made many suggestions for changes in the system. This conference is one of many being held throughout the northwest by the Spokane bank to obtain the reaction of its borrowers and stockholders to some of the changes most generally recommended.

"These conferences are part of the effort of the land bank to decentralize its operations—to transfer as much responsibility as possible into the hands of the members of the system, and to consult those members whenever important changes are being considered."

Loan Service Reviewed

Besides discussing the problems of the land bank system, the bank's loan servicing policy was reviewed. This policy, Powell said, is designed to continue desiring borrowers on their farms; to reduce farm tenancy, and to preserve the security—the farm with its soil and its improvements.

"Our aim," Powell explained, "is to make farm mortgage credit promote farm ownership, the well-being of the farm family, and at the same time protect the community and the nation from the loss of its human resources through tenancy, and the loss of its soil resources through erosion or other depletion."

Association Directors were Urged to become familiar with the work of county and community land use planning committees.

"These committees," it was explained, are the means by which local farm people are studying their own resources and problems, and are the channel through which voluntary adjustments may be made. Their work will have a direct effect on the lending, loan servicing and land selling program of the land bank and National Farm Loan associations. It was pointed out, and the associations should work closely with the committee so the best interests of the community will be served.

Production of Oregon's Creameries Shows Gain

SALEM, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Oregon creameries produced 17,012,000 pounds of butter during the first half of 1940, a three per cent gain over the first half of 1939, the state department of agriculture reported.

Output of American or cheddar cheese in the state totaled 16,709,000 pounds in the same period, a five per cent gain.

Fancy Tumblers, 2-6c

Fancy crystal tumblers at 2 for 6c—one of the many specials featured at Carr's 1c sale. Come in and see the bargains.—(Adv.)

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



With Major Hoopie

New Spray Found To Guard Cherries

A combination spray program recommended for the control of three leading pests and diseases of cherries has just been issued in the form of a circular information, No. 225, by the Oregon State college experiment station.

By using a combination of lime-sulfur and lead arsenate, applied at different intervals from the time the blossom petals fall until four weeks after the shucks fall, it will be possible to control leaf spot, syneta beetle, and the cherry fruit fly, according to the circular.

Irrigation School Dated in Roseburg

The annual irrigation school will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall in Roseburg Wednesday, January 22, beginning at 10 a. m., according to J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent, in place of Thursday, January 23, as previously announced. The school is open to anyone interested in irrigation. Arthur S. King, extension specialist in soils and irrigation of Oregon State college, will be present to discuss irrigation equipment and methods of irrigation.

Interest in irrigation is growing rapidly in Douglas county, states Mr. Parker.

Seventy-seven irrigation systems have been installed in various sections of the county during the past five years, and are now used to irrigate approximately 1200 acres of crop and pasture lands.

There are several types of systems, all of which have been found very economical and satisfactory under a variety of conditions. Flood irrigation has been found the most economical and most satisfactory where conditions will permit its use. On rough rolling land used especially for pastures revolving sprinklers have given the best results, in that the water is distributed more slowly, and a better penetration of the soil has resulted. Low pressure perforated sprinkler pipe is attracting wide attention owing to the fact that it can be readily moved from one location to another, and can be used successfully on land that is not too rolling, so as to cause the water to col-

Mrs. Hebard, Oregonian Newspaper Head, Passes

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Kate P. Hebard, 67, president of the Oregonian Publishing company, died yesterday of a heart attack.

She was the daughter of Henry L. Pitcock, who established the Oregonian as a daily morning newspaper.

Mrs. Hebard, who served as her father's secretary in the 1890's, was elected president of the company in February, 1939, when a 20-year trust established by her father's will expired.

Survivors include the widower, Lockwood Hebard, and three sisters, Mrs. Caroline P. Leadbetter, Mrs. Susan P. Emery and Mrs. Louise P. Gantenbein.

Portland Odd Fellows' Hall Hit by \$12,000 Fire

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Fire swept through the two-story Odd Fellows hall early yesterday, doing damage estimated at \$12,000. Fire investigator William Goetz reported.

Goetz said origin of the blaze was being investigated.

Around the County

Myrtle Creek

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the committee in charge.

The 65 club met with Mrs. Woods in her apartment at Myrtle hotel on Wednesday afternoon. They are busy with making a quilt and they plan to promote the work of looking after the cemetery during the year. Mrs. Margaret Way, a member of the club, is president of the Cemetery association.

Gaylord Skinner was in Roseburg Friday on business.

Mrs. Clara Strong of Roseburg has been with her sister, Arena Newton, who has been ill the past week.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Herrmann of Grants Pass came up Saturday for a visit with their sister, Miss Abbie Bond.

Miss Bond and Dr. Herrmann attended the official meeting of the Citizens State bank Saturday.

Three Circulars Issued On Horticultural Work

Three brief mimeographed and printed circulars in the field of agriculture have just been issued at Oregon State college for free distribution. Circular of information No. 228, which is a revision of a former publication, lists the insect pests of holly and makes control suggestions. It was prepared by Joe Shuh, assistant, and Don C. Mote, entomologist, at the experiment station.

A brief printed folder, extension bulletin No. 498, gives directions for the control of mosses and lichens on fruit and nut trees. Bordeaux mixture is recommended for this purpose. Extension circular 356 by O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist, contains suggestions for training boysenberries and youngberries, and includes drawings of two systems.

Wilbur

WILBUR, Jan. 17.—The Wilbur high school will play its second conference game on the home floor against the Camas Valley squad, Friday, Jan. 17.

Mrs. Virgil Smith went to Wendling Wednesday to bring her father, John S. McKay, home with her for a few weeks' visit.

Miss Wilma LaRaut is in Mercy hospital, recovering from an emergency appendectomy.

The Wilbur high volleyball team played a game against a Roseburg team on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

The program committee for the annual Wilbur homecoming of the Umpqua academy students will hold its initial meeting at the home of Mrs. T. E. Grae on Sunday, Jan. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hamilton and son, Layton, Ed Winston and Mrs. Joseph Hamilton of Willow Lake, Ore., stopped Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith. They were en route home from a six weeks' trip in California. Mrs. Hamilton is a sister of Virgil Smith.

The Wilbur sports caravan was the guest of Lookingglass high school on Jan. 10. The first conference game was played between these schools on that night. In charge of the caravan were Kenneth Barneberg, Mr. Vernon LaRaut, G. W. Ayers and Miss Mary Ristig.

Orin Baker of the Wilbur garage is sick of the flu.

Mrs. Ruth Sands spent Tuesday in Oakland visiting friends and attending to business.

Mike Gomes of Roseburg was looking after business interests in Wilbur Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunter spent Wednesday in Eugene attending to business and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sands were host and hostess at a dinner given January 14 for the teachers of the Wilbur school. The following persons were at the dinner, Miss Eileen Peil, Miss Mary Ristig, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ayers and family, Frances Stout and Dick and Doris Sands.

Rev. Weaver, who has been ill since New Year's was able to be back with his class in manual training in the Wilbur school this week.

Umpqua post, No. 16, American Legion, Tuesday, Jan. 21.—(Adv.)

Fruit Industry Of U. S. Facing Dark Future, Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—A gloomy picture of the future was painted for the nation's fruit growers by the agriculture department.

In its annual report, the last prepared under the direction of Henry A. Wallace as secretary, the department declared that assuming no improvement in the export prospect, the "long-time outlook for fruits is no bright."

The period just ahead, the report stated, will "necessitate steady effort to lower the costs of production and marketing" even though rising domestic consumer purchasing power may offset somewhat probable continuing surpluses.

"Considerable reductions," it continued, "can be made in the costs of marketing some fruits. Lower-cost containers and motor-truck transportation may still further widen citrus distribution and increase the returns to producers."

"But fruit producers generally face a difficult problem. They need an increased consumption of fruit in this country at prices not much lower than those received in recent years. Solution of the problem may require some revolutionary changes in production and marketing."

Home Canners Told How To Avoid Botulinus Poison

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Dr. Karl Meyer, director of the Hotper foundation for medical research in San Francisco, inspected the canned beets which caused three botulinus poison deaths here, and issued some advice to home canners.

"The nation's foremost authority on botulinus said 'tell them to boil their home-canned foods thoroughly before eating. Tell them to process them right in the first place, to put them in sterilized jars and to throw out anything that looks or smells as though it might be spoiled.'"

Stringed beans, he said, have caused more botulinus deaths than any other single vegetable.

Botulinus spores, ever present in the soil on the Pacific slope, have caused more than 400 outbreaks of poisoning since 1899 and the mortality rate is 60 per cent, he continued.

Senator Holman Hands Out Fruit to Boost Oregon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Senator Holman (R., Ore.) who said he had been "shocked by the lack of knowledge and interest" of members of the United States senate in the state of Oregon ever since he came to the capitol two years ago, asserted in an interview he believed the best way to win their interest was to show an interest in their home states and show them products of Oregon.

Putting into execution his plan he passed Oregon apples and pears around the senate offices during the week and said it had caused many questions from other senators about the state's fruit.

Bill Affects Cooperatives Handling Oregon Apples

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Representative Hill of Washington has introduced a measure prohibiting cooperative associations from voting their membership in connection with orders for the handling of apples in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

6 QT. PANS, 2-21c

6 quart milk pans for 21c at Carr's 1c sale—and scores of other bargains. Shop at Carr's.—(Adv.)

REGULAR MEETING

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Taking a Gander 'Round the Stalls

Moose, stable mascot of the Macemere Farm, wanders by the stall of Puro Oro at Hialeah Park, Miami, Fla., to make sure everything's all right with the 3-year-old filly. Apparatus at lower left is an electrical device used to treat fragile limbs of racing thoroughbreds.



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Annual Short Course for Canners Dated at O. S. C.

Nineteen years ago Oregon State college drew nationwide attention by holding the first short course for commercial cannermen, who were invited to leave their own businesses long enough to come to college and "brush up" on newest methods. Every year since, a similar and enlarged course has been given, and now the twentieth annual Canners and Frozen Food Packers school is announced for February 3 to 15, inclusive.

Courses offered will include instruction in handling frozen fruits and vegetables, a course for food industry field men, a course dealing with fruit and vegetable canning, and a mechanical course in handling modern cannery machinery.

News Notes

Dale Weekly sold 50,000 lbs. of gobblers last week. Says they only weighed a little over 22 lbs. at six and a half months, but it was getting too muddy to haul much more feed up the mountain.

Joe Payne says he never did think much of Rhode Island Reds. His pullets are only laying about 71%. John and Gerald Ogden of Azalea are doing that well with 1200 White Leghorns.

Sheep Cubes

We see a lot of good sheep around the country these days. Grass has been good this winter. But we see a lot more where the mipping is getting a lot closer. Probably most of the good sheep are getting some protein for milk and wool, and the minerals they need so badly in this section.

Most of the better growers use cubes nowadays. They find they get better lambs, more wool, and keep their stock in better condition. Umpqua Sheep Cubes is an economical, well balanced feed, giving the ewe protein for milk and wool, and the minerals they need so badly in this section.

And our new machine is making them better in texture than ever before. Give the ewes something they like, and make yourself big money while doing it.

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Hog Prices Touch Highest Mark Since September, 1938

CORVALLIS, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Mid-January hog prices mounted to the highest level since September, 1938, agricultural extension service figures showed.

In a 10-day period prices rose \$1.00, reaching a top at Portland of \$9.50 cwt. for fairly large local pigs, an advance to \$9 at Chicago.

H. H. White, associate economist, credited the advance to increased consumer buying power, together with decreased marketings since the holidays and prospects of further decreases in the next few months.

Late 1940 hog prices dropped to exceptionally low levels after market supplies mounted. Federally inspected slaughterings in 1940 amounted to 50,400,000 head, an increase of 22 per cent over 1939 and 40 per cent over 1938.

White said producers were encouraged to increase numbers by the fairly favorable corn-hog ratio in 1938 and 1939. The 1939 pig crop, mostly marketed in 1940, was 20 per cent larger than that of 1938.

A reverse trend is now in sight since the low hog prices influenced producers to reduce the 1940 pig crop 10 per cent below that of 1939. That condition indicates smaller marketings through 1941, White concluded.

Soil Improvement to Be 3-Day Topic at O. S. C.

A three-day annual soil improvement short course at Oregon State college has been set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 30 to February 1, announces W. L. Powers, head of the soils department.

The first day of the course will be devoted to soil surveys, land classification, and land use. The second day will be confined largely to consideration of reclamation problems, including irrigation, drainage, and flood and erosion control. The final day will be devoted to discussion of soil fertility and the use of commercial or other fertilizers.

The course will provide an opportunity for growers and agricultural leaders to obtain up-to-the-minute information on the general subject of soil improvement. The relation of land use adjustment to national defense will be considered in one or more meeting discussions.

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Five Minutes Till Midnight (Continued.)

We still can't see any good reason for not raising turkeys and chickens this year. All reports seem to justify staying in. But if you are looking for something different, you could raise more sheep. Only thing is, such a program takes time to get into operation, calls for lots of range, and to do their best, even sheep should be well fed.

You can raise more milk cows, and that's a fine idea. But it takes time to raise a good milk cow, and the other kind takes the joy out of life. Besides, a little skim milk fed to the chickens and turkeys just makes a good thing better.

Meanwhile, suppose you decide on any of these alternatives. What about the groceries for THIS year—and the shoes—and the taxes—and the theatre tickets with the extra tax on them, and a lot of other little luxuries you have been getting out of the egg and turkey checks?

So, after all, you will have to make the decision just the way you have in the past. Considering our ideal climate for poultry, the excellent egg production of our turkeys, you can hardly afford to change to anything else. We are safe in saying chickens and turkeys are safe in 99% of the cases. Order NOW.

Cow Tales

Relative to your cow's size and capacity, is her inherited ability to produce, both as to flow of milk and percent of butterfat. Naturally, the quickest and surest way to control this factor is the use of the very best sires you can afford of the breed you like best.

Generally, the cows are from sires of unknown production and of dams in the same class. Therefore, to get any idea of your individual cow's ability to produce you a profit, she must have the feed to produce the milk she is capable of, and then test her monthly to get her production record and a yearly production record.

This testing is a free service to patrons of the Douglas Flour Mill and available to others at \$1.00 per cow year. Those who started with us last May and have continued to date, have certainly received some surprises.

Turkey Profits, and Outlook

All feed companies claim better profits for their customers, but we just invite you to ask the grower who fed Umpqua turkey feed last year. Several tell us they made from 87c to \$1.25 net. Figure it out yourself, a million turkeys will make you a millionaire. But think of the income tax?

Dr. Billings of Minnesota says there will probably be less turkeys raised in the Middle West next year, due to storm losses, and financial losses. But says if you can keep your production costs down, stay with it. And one is good authority. Umpqua turkey feeds will cut your production costs. We know the cause we see so many proofs!

Wet Houses

Everybody says the chicken house is wetter than ever before, but we think you are just getting more "dry house conscious." It's a good habit, and pays well, because it saves dirt eggs, improves grades and makes happy hens.

Try a little absorbent litter like peat moss or sawdust, mixed with some coarse stuff like straw or shavings. Sometimes helps. Also, let us suggest that you feed ALL your scratch in troughs during these "get like to take your fufers off the ground, how would you?"

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