

# FARM DAIRY AND POULTRY PAGE

## Wheat at Dollar Again Looms For Oregon Growers

PENDLETON, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—The wheat farmer's dream—a bumper crop at a dollar a bushel—was beginning to come true this week in the eastern Oregon grain belt.

Harvesting of what gives every promise of being the best crop in history at the best prices since 1921 is under way in such granaries as Umatilla, Gilliam, Wheeler, Wasco, Union and Grant counties.

Here and there the summer rains damaged the fields and crickets gnawed away at the edges, but by and large the stands were thick and heavy-headed.

Umatilla county took five million bushels from its wheat lands last year. Farmers say the county harvest will reach six this year despite retirement of a good deal of land for soil conservation. A lot of good land went to mustard, canning peas and crested wheat grass instead of wheat, but it is the lighter lands that are bountiful now. Many a farmer who counted 15 bushels a good take from any of his acres is getting 25. Acres that usually yield 35 or 40 bushels are good for 50 and 55.

Surrounding counties report like increases, some more and some less, but all well over average.

At Pendleton triple-A officers estimate that No. 1 bulk wheat will bring 90.6 cents here at established loan rates which is what the farmer expects when wheat is at a dollar on eastern markets.

There is much rejoicing among Oregon's wheat people but they figure it's about time some prosperity reached them. Many a farm wife is mentally getting rid of her 1929 furniture in favor of some streamlined 1941 stuff, and warning her husband that dollar wheat and a new wardrobe go hand-in-hand. The old man wants a new car and intends to get it, the rearmament program permitting. He also has his eye on a lot of new farm machinery.

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## Organization Of Farmers to Fight Wheat Penalty

INDIANAPOLIS, July 14.—(AP)—Alva O. Bitner, farmer, said he believed from 100,000 to 150,000 farmers in the United States "are waiting to join a national protest organization" to fight the 48-cents-a-bushel penalty for marketing wheat over the federal quota.

Bitner, who farms 250 acres near Wendell Wilkie's Rush county property, said he based his estimates on communications from other states. The newly formed Indiana Marketing Quota Protest association, of which he is secretary-treasurer, was planned as a nucleus of such a movement, he said.

He has received letters from farmers from Ohio to Iowa, he said, and in Indiana alone 30,000 have shown interest through protest meetings in "almost 60" of the state's 92 counties.

Earlier this week a group of Oklahoma farmers joined with others in Kansas and Missouri in a similar movement. The Kansas parent body announced it would become the National Agricultural Producers association to wage its fight on a nationwide scale.

In May the nation's wheat growers approved by a better than two-thirds vote marketing quotas for this year under the agricultural adjustment act. They decided farmers selling more wheat than the normal produce of their allotted acreage should be charged a penalty on each excess bushel.

Before the referendum, congress had fixed the penalty at half the basic loan rate, thus increasing it from 15 to 48 cents.

The association obtained a pledge from Senator Van Nuys (D.-Ind.) to support pending bills to lift the 48-cent penalty.

The senator said he himself was liable to the penalty because he had planted five acres over his wheat quota on his Maryland farm.

"I think we can get legislation through to remedy this penalty business," the senator said.

## Pomona Picnic Is Awaited by Grange

An annual event that all grangers are eagerly awaiting—the Pomona picnic—will be held at Kellogg next Sunday, July 20. The main speaker of the day will be Judge W. A. Johnson of Grants Pass, who is a member of the state grange executive committee. Community singing will be led by Jerry S. Saylor of Portland.

Orchestra music will enliven the day and prizes of \$10, \$7.50 and \$5 will be awarded the best drill teams from the various subordinate granges. Sport events will be under the direction of Fred A. Goff and include races and games for youngsters, while horseshoe pitching will interest those who enjoy "barnyard golf."

An elaborate program is being prepared by Mrs. Paula Anderson, lecturer of the Pomona, and it is expected that one of the largest assemblies of farmers ever held in Douglas county will take place at Kellogg next Sunday when farm operators from all parts of the county meet in the beautiful grove adjacent to Kellogg grange hall to renew old friendships and enjoy a basket dinner.

## Oregon Rye Grass, Clover in Demand

Greatly increased outlet for Oregon grown domestic rye grass and crimson clover seed is developing in Kentucky, Virginia, and North Carolina, believes W. L. Teutsch, assistant director of extension at Oregon State college, who visited the region recently with N. C. Donaldson, state AAA executive officer, following the annual national AAA conference in Washington.

Extensive trial distribution of rye grass and crimson clover seed was made in that area last year by the AAA in an attempt to encourage the use of winter cover

crops to halt the serious effect of erosion. Teutsch and Donaldson found that the seedings made early last fall had produced heavy cover crops which not only afforded winter protection to the soil but provided good spring pasture, which is much needed in that region. They learned that 26 per cent of the farms in Virginia have no cows even to supply family needs.

The grass and clover mixture is superior in this region as a cover crop to vetch and peas used farther south. This is a new practice in these states, which if it is generally adopted, holds tremendous possibility for expansion of the seed production industry in this state, Teutsch believes.

## Copper in Mineral Mix Cause of Sheep Deaths

Mineral mixtures containing copper are highly dangerous when fed to sheep, according to results noted in Oregon this year by Dr. J. N. Shaw, head of the veterinary medicine department at Oregon State college. A purebred Lincoln ram that died from causes unknown to the owner was found, upon examination, to have been killed by copper poisoning which affected the kidneys, which were four or five times as large as normal and discolored.

It was learned that the ram had been fed a mineral mixture composed of copper sulphate, sulphur, bonemeal, and salt. Sometimes sheepmen feed minerals containing copper in hopes of de-

stroying parasites in the digestive tract, says Dr. Shaw. Studies made in Texas have proved that such feeding frequently results in severe losses, he said.

The 1940 Census showed that approximately 28 million turkeys are raised annually in the U. S., compared with less than 17 million ten years ago. Despite this increase, production is still insufficient to provide each American family one turkey per year.

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## Storing of Excess Wheat Advised By AAA Chairman

Foreseeing a market price higher than the loan value for wheat before the first of the year if marketing quotas are successful in keeping surplus wheat off the market, B. F. Nichols, chairman of the county AAA committee, advises wheat growers who will have access wheat under marketing quota provisions to store the excess wheat as the most desirable method of handling it.

Pointing out that the purpose of marketing quotas is to keep the surplus off the market, Mr. Nichols said that payment of penalties and subsequent marketing of the excess wheat by the grower would defeat the purpose of the quotas.

Growers that store their excess wheat may obtain a loan on this wheat at 60 per cent of the regular loan rate, provided they fulfill one of four conditions, Mr. Nichols said. These conditions are given as follows:

Deposit of an acceptable bond with the treasurer of the county committee to secure payment of the penalty on the excess wheat. This bond must be in an amount equal to 48¢ a bushel for each bushel of excess wheat to be placed under loan.

Deposit with the treasurer of the county committee funds in payment of the penalty or to be held in escrow as the producer elects.

Name the treasurer of the United States, in care of the county committee, as payee in the loan documents for the amount of the penalty, such amount to be used in payment of the penalty or to be held in escrow as the producer elects.

Deposit with the treasurer of the county committee additional warehouse receipts covering an additional amount of wheat equal to the marketing quota excess. These receipts will be held in escrow.

Fulfillment of any one of these four conditions will allow the producer to receive the 60 per cent loan on his marketing quota excess, Nichols said. However, he warned growers that storage of the excess under loan does not take it out of the producer's hands, but rather defers payment of the penalty and gives the producer a chance to bring his operations into line with marketing quota provisions without an immediate cash outlay.

## Grade A Milk Good For Army Offers

Dairymen who have been granted the right to use the state grade A label on their milk will have no difficulty in meeting the requirements of the quartermaster department for sale to the army, says A. W. Metzger, chief of foods and dairies division of the state department of agriculture. Regulations for those selling milk to the army and to CCC camps are not more rigid than those for meeting the state grade A requirements.

Bids call, in most cases, for grade A pasteurized milk. The army purchasing officer has in-

formed the department that the army will take state inspection as it has been doing in the past.

Dairymen under the state grade A regulation have nothing to fear when they submit bids in the defense milk purchases, for these regulations are in many respects more strict than the standard ordinance of the U. S. public health service. The U. S. public health milk ordinance is a minimum requirement covering the various states.

## News of 4-H CLUBS

Word has been received by County Club Agent E. A. Britton regarding the program for the Willamette valley livestock judging tour this year. The tour is open to boys of fifteen counties. The judging will begin on Tuesday morning, July 29. Instructions will be sent to each Douglas county member who signs up for the trip. The boys will leave here some time on Monday, July 28th. The following morning they will meet at Hubbard and visit Carl's dairy two miles from Hubbard, where they will judge cattle and look over irrigated pastures with equipment and listen to the farm management program. They will also visit R. H. Etzel's ranch, where they will judge Duroc Jersey hogs, and at Harms brothers for judging sheep and hogs.

The next day they will visit Leschur's Fairview Holstein farm, S. B. Hall's Hallrose Holstein ranch, T. J. Law's Lawbrook Jersey ranch and E. J. Mahy's Fairyland Guernsey farm. These are all successful ranches and will be interesting to the boys.

They will camp Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Dodge Park east of Portland on the Bull Run river. There will be swimming before supper, and a camp fire program each evening after supper. The boys will cook for themselves and bring their own bedding.

On Thursday the boys will be taken to the Portland municipal airport for an inspection of that institution, then to the Portland Union Stock yards for a tour of that marketing organization, and then four through Swift and Company packing plant. After that they will go to the Washington grounds over the zoo they will visit the Frost Kist Ice Cream company and Dairy Cooperative association plants in Portland. They will return home some time late Thursday evening, July 31. All 4-H club boys going on this tour must sign up with the county club agent by July 20th.

4-H livestock club members, as well as the 4-H canning club members, will be interested in the community fair dates which have been set as follows: South Douglas fair at Canyonville, August 23rd; East Douglas fair at Glendale, August 26th; Lookingglass fair, August 28th; Central Douglas fair at Sutherlin, August 29th and 30th; and North Douglas fair at Drain, September 12th and 13th.

Last week the Smith River Dairy club, under the leadership of Mr. William Cookson, held a visitation day, at which time the county club agent visited each of the projects on Wednesday. Then on Thursday the entire group

went to Triangle lake where they visited the Virgil Parker ranch. There they were shown purebred Shropshire sheep and 5000 pedigreed White Leghorn hens. In the afternoon they judged two classes of dairy cows and then listened to Mr. Parker explain his farm practices. Mr. Parker brought out a plentiful supply of homemade ice cream at lunch time.

A welcome bit of news to livestock club members and leaders is that Mr. O. M. Plummer, known as "Daddy" to 4-H club people, has been made a member of the famed "Saddle and Siroloin club" of the Chicago Union Stock yards. Mr. Plummer is the first Oregon man to receive this honor. A large portrait is to be painted of Mr. Plummer and hung in the club parlors in Chicago. Club members and leaders over the state are contributing to this portrait an amount of not more than ten cents each. Contributions may be made to the county club agent, Boys and leaders from Washington, Idaho and Oregon are assisting in the financing of this portrait. Mr. Seymour, state club leader, has requested that they have the name of each youngster signed by himself in connection with the portrait.

## Days Creek 4-H News

The Spring Blossom club and its local leader, Mrs. John Ferguson, held a meeting recently at the Lavadore school house. Roll call was answered by each club member naming three native wild flowers and describing them. The members did a fine job of naming the most beautiful ones of this locality. The local leader led the club in a discussion of flower arrangement. The need of knowledge to select vases, to mix varieties of flowers and the arrangement itself were discussed. The local leader then showed us pictures which illustrated vases, flowers, color combinations, and Japanese arrangement (which is very original and beautiful). The club will hold its next meeting at the home of Maxine and Margie Wright July 18th. A meeting will be held of all the members at the homes of the different members during the summer. Members unable to attend were Mildred Spore, who is working at the Alpine lodge, and Josephine Wright, who is employed at the Tiller ranger station.

## Names Make News in Agricultural Confab

GULFPORT, Miss., July 14.—(AP)—B. Z. Beamblossom, state poultry specialist, conferred here with Assistant Agricultural Agent H. L. Turnipseed, AAA Adjutant, B. D. Pepper missed the conference.

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