

FARM DAIRY AND POULTRY PAGE

Douglas Grange Progress Told At Pomona Meeting

Douglas county granges are responding wholeheartedly to increasing calls for community leadership in the national defense program, members were told Saturday at the meeting of Pomona grange in Riversdale hall. Presenting the reports of the county grange agricultural committee and the grange deputy, Fred A. Goff, announced that the granges of the county have had a loss of 15 members, but a counter enrollment of 28 during the quarter ending June 30 made a net membership gain of 13.

He reported a general upturn on prices for all major farm crops, with good prospects for fruit and other crops still to be harvested. The grain crops, he said, were not up to normal and there was much loss of hay due to unseasonable rains. However, prices were good on both grain and hay.

Mr. Goff urged continuance of cooperative marketing efforts, stating that during periods of better prices farmers are apt to lose sight of the benefits and protection afforded by cooperative effort.

Attendance at Saturday's meeting was light because of the demands of the harvest and as a result the business session was considerably curtailed. Important matters being postponed to a meeting when a better representation of membership is secured.

Government Sets Prices on Program For Buying Apples

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (AP)—The agriculture department announced last week it would purchase apples from the 1941 crop under a program designed to offset the price-depressing effect of the loss of export markets.

Purchases are to be made from growers, associations of growers and their agents at prices subject to change from time to time in

in other words

by JOHN CLINTON



Mono Lake... where sheer below, some 2,000 feet, is a little sapphire chip that is Lundy Lake.

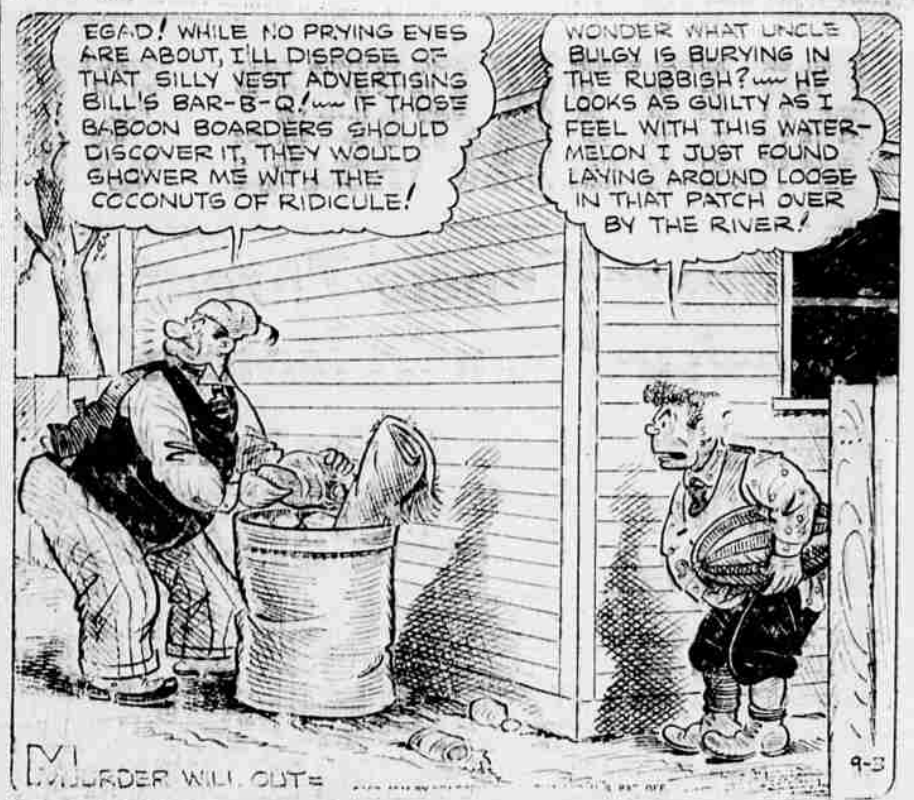
"No writing for John," I said, before we left to keep our annual date with the cut-throat and the rainbow, to play chinkers, check with the Coach.

But I can't help thinking about the Minute Men who helped us get here... the boys at Mojave who gave us cold water when the temperature was, I'm certain, 200°... about the boys at Independence who gave Mrs. C some free color post cards, and shyly asked if she'd send them some different Union Oil post cards from other communities.

And the Minute Men at Bishop who practically rebuilt the Hispano-Plymouth while we had luncheon—just because I needed gas and oil... and for that matter other Minute Men who just did their jobs but—did 'em swell!

Yeah, I know. Minute Men get paid for service. But they don't get paid (because money can't be used for such stuff), for the manner in which they, all of them, pass along that service to Mr. and Mrs. John Public & Auto—on route from their various homes to their various vacations. That's why I'm thinking of them now—and why I'm going to give you an extra fish I get to the first M M we meet on this way home.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



This Pup's a Little Pig



Orphaned Duroc Jersey pig gets free milk from Dotty, registered pointer which has three babies of her own. Dotty and puppies belong to Russell Beatty of Springfield, Ill.

accordance with market conditions. Opening prices, f. o. b. shipping point, at which initial purchases would be made early next month, were announced as follows: U. S. No. 1 Jonathans, 24 inches and up, \$1 per packed bushel basket; U. S. No. 1 Grimes Golden, 24 inches and up, 95 cents per packed bushel basket; and U. S. No. 1 Wealthys, 24 inches and up, 95 cents per packed bushel basket. The department said these prices were about 20 to 25 cents above opening prices under a similar purchase program last season.

Prices for other varieties are to be worked out in the different producing areas. Officials said the apples would be available for distribution under domestic relief programs and for release to Great Britain and other countries resisting aggression under terms of the lend-lease program. Some of the apples would be distributed in fresh form while some will be dried prior to their release. Before the outbreak of the war, the United States annually exported more than 10,000,000 bushels of apples. Since the war started, shipments have been negligible.

Money Lost By Burning Straw of Vetch, Pea Crops

Douglas county farmers who burn the straw left after harvesting pea and vetch seed crops might just as well burn a handful of dollar bills, according to J. Roland Parker, secretary of the county AAA committee.

One ton of hairy vetch straw, already spread, is equal to four tons of barnyard manure in plant food value, the secretary said. Citing recommendations just received from Oregon State college extension specialists who make up the state AAA technical committee, he added that proper use of this straw can be measured in terms of actual cash.

In terms of plant food elements—nitrogen, phosphorus, and pot-

ash, one ton of hairy vetch straw is worth \$6.00, based on current commercial fertilizer prices. Similarly, Austrian winter field pea straw contains \$4.20 worth of these plant food elements.

"An average crop of hairy vetch will result in between a ton and a half and two tons of straw," the secretary said. "So after the seed crop has been harvested, there's between \$9.00 and \$12.00 worth of fertilizer left on each acre, all ready to be returned to the soil."

Vital to Conservation.

Inasmuch as western Oregon's abundant rainfall provides ready decomposition of the straw, Mr. Parker declared that farmers who fail to return these crops residues to the soil are overlooking a simple and inexpensive method of building up the soil.

"The county AAA committee agrees with the technical committee that proper utilization of pea and vetch straw is important to the conservation program," the secretary said. "We hope that every farmer will consider the importance of storing up fertility for future crops when he plans his year's farming operations this fall."

Marketing Quota On 1942 Crop of Wheat Probable

Douglas county farmers may plan their winter wheat seedlings this fall with the knowledge that wheat marketing quotas are almost certain to be in effect for the 1942 crop, according to B. F. Nichols, chairman of the Douglas County AAA committee.

Despite marketing quotas this year, a bumper crop and further shrinking of exports have combined to give the United States the largest wheat supply in history, Mr. Nichols pointed out. "Farmers are apt to forget that the present price of wheat results from the 85 per cent loan made possible because a large percentage of growers supported marketing quotas," the chairman said. "They need only to look at

Junior Citizens Of Oregon Should Have Green Trees

Trees grow. This is the fact of first importance on the chief resource of Oregon—it is renewable.

Trees burn. This is the fact of first importance to be dealt with in safeguarding Oregon's forest future.

Children grow. We must provide now for tomorrow's trees for tomorrow's citizens and breadwinners. This simply means the growing of trees and their protection from fire on Oregon's cut-over forest lands.

Thoughtful lumbermen, of whom there are many, have long since learned that timber is a crop. In Oregon, lumbermen supported the new reforestation law, now in effect, from idea to enactment. They are now co-operating with state forestry department inspectors, who are observing carefully the cutting methods of Oregon loggers to see that seed trees are left on all harvested areas.

Oregon has adequate forest fire protection laws, and needs them. In summer logging is regulated by the readings of hygrothermographs which record the rise and fall of humidity. At a reading of 30, logging ceases. Every logging camp is equipped with hose, pumps and other fire suppression equipment. Many camps go to work at 3 a. m. and quit at noon, just when the humidity begins to fall.

The next great step forward in providing tomorrow's trees for tomorrow's citizens in Oregon must be made by the forest-using public. One cigarette can destroy a young forest of 2000 acres in six hours. And it is the young forests that must be protected if timber is to be a crop.

For your children—keep trees growing, stop trees burning, keep Oregon green.

the overcrowded warehouses and embargoes on shipments to all major terminal elevators for confirmation of the fact that the surplus is still with us."

Quotas have already been proclaimed for 1942 by the secretary of agriculture, and unless they are rejected by growers voting at a referendum next spring, they are certain to be in effect, Mr. Nichols said, adding that growers should plan their seedlings accordingly.

Penalty Provided.

The chairman also reminded growers of provisions of the 1942 agricultural conservation program which make seedling with acreage allotments important. There will be no tolerance in 1942. Instead, provision has been made for a 10 per cent reduction in parity payments for each 1 per cent that the allotment is overseeded.

However, the chairman warned, no overseeded farm will be eligible for wheat loans, and all farms seeded in excess of acreage allotments will have excess wheat under marketing quotas.

All county wheat growers are being contacted now or will be contacted soon to sign winter wheat plans for their farms, Nichols said. These plans, which signify the grower's intention to participate in the 1942 agricultural conservation program, must be signed before October 31.

Facts on Dairy Cows' Sterility Given in Bulletin

All the answers to the problem of sterility in dairy cows are still far from being found, but considerable information on some things blamed wrongly for sterility, and on other things that may contribute to it, is contained in a new experiment station bulletin issued at Oregon State college, entitled "Reproductive Performance in Dairy Cattle."

Studies of the cow families represented in the O. S. C. dairy herd for the past 25 years have definitely shown the importance of inheritance in good fertility. These and similar studies indicate that much of the low fertility in commercial herds may be traced to poor inheritance and close breeding practices.

Among factors studied and found to be either relatively unimportant or which so far have failed to show a vital relationship to the problem are vitamin A deficiency, the use of vitamin E injections, and the use of hormone injections, although the last named is still definitely in the experimental stage.

Many non-specific infections in both male and female dairy animals were found to impair the breeding efficiency, although Trichomonad infection has not been demonstrated in Oregon up to the present time. Losses through the sale of dairy animals thought to be sterile but which were not have been found to be rather severe. Between 20 and 25 per cent of dairy cows sold to Oregon slaughter houses as sterile have been found to be pregnant.

The bulletin, which may be had free, is written by I. R. Jones, R. W. Daugherty, and J. R. Haag of station staff.

Food Stamps Put On Basis of Size Of Family, Income

Effective September 1, the schedules for stamp issuance for the state of Oregon will go on a uniform basis of issuance. All persons in the state who are receiving some type of public assistance and purchasing stamps on a categorical basis will, in the future, make purchases based on the income and number of persons in the family. All groups are being notified of the new purchase amounts for stamps. Groups not having received a notice will be excluded from the food stamp plan, because they did not fall into the family size and income bracket agreed upon by the surplus marketing administration and the Oregon state public welfare commission.

Persons desiring more information regarding the new schedules can obtain it from the county welfare administrators or case workers.

Food List Announced.

Foods available during September for purchase with blue stamps by families taking part in the food stamp plan are as follows: fresh pears, plums, prunes, apples, oranges, and peaches, fresh vegetables (including potatoes), corn meal, shell eggs, raisins, dried prunes, hominy (corn) grits, dry edible beans, wheat flour, enrich wheat flour, self-rising flour, and whole wheat (graham) flour.

After September 1st, no more blue credit slips will be redeemed by butchers for pork products.

Holstein Cows at OSC Turn in High Records

Two registered Holstein cows owned by the O. S. C. dairy department have just been cited by the National Holstein-Friesian association for having completed herd test records of more than 629 pounds of butterfat per year, or 31 times the country's dairy cow average. In four years under test Oregon Inka Bess Mae has made the following records: 425.9, 356.5, 545.3, and now 649.7 pounds of fat in 365 days. Oregon Inka Bess Ida, the other cow,

has annual records of 356.9, 520.6, 631.5, and 629.4.

Cheese, Butter Maker Examinations Dated

SALEM, Sept. 1. (AP)—Examinations for cheese and butter makers seeking licenses to operate in Oregon will be conducted by the state department of agriculture in Salem on September 22 and 23.

A. W. Metzger, chief, division of foods and dairies, declared the tests, covering written, oral and practical work, would be "stiff."

Douglas County 4-H'ers Exhibit At Oregon Fair

Douglas county 4-H'ers are well represented at the state fair this week, as there are 18 exhibits made by as many exhibitors, says County Club Agent E. A. Britton. Judging was done Sunday and Monday and ribbons all placed. No word has been received regarding the placings yet.

Three former Douglas county 4-H club members are assisting with the state exhibits. Labrie Ritchie is assisting in the livestock division and Jean Ritchie in the cookery division in the 4-H club exhibit building. Lu Britton, another former clubber, is taking care of the Douglas county booth.

Wallace Cox, older club member, will attend the fair for the week. According to Mr. Britton, several 4-H'ers of Douglas county will attend the fair for a day or two.

Those exhibiting are: Suzanne Cockeram, Oakland, clothing one; Shirley Haines, Oakland, clothing three; Leta Mae Brant, Yoncalla, clothing four; Virginia Roselund, Barbara Ogle, Bonnie Bellows, all of Roseburg, "My Room" project; Jean Aekley, Roseburg, clothing two; Emma Leah Winniford, Roseburg, clothing four; William Harris, Roseburg, bachelor sewing; Norma Lee Donovan, Roseburg, cookery one; Faye Place, Glendale, clothing three; Josephine Wright, Days Creek, clothing five; Joyce Acker, Riddle, clothing one; Roberta Matthews, Myrtle Creek, clothing two; Joyce Kimmerer, Riddle, clothing two; Maxine Wright, Days Creek, clothing three; Marjorie Wright, Days Creek, canning "Kerr Special"; Betty Lou Weseman, Glendale, clothing four.

Those who will take part in the Dress Style Revue Friday evening at the fair are: Faye Place, Glendale, division three clothing; Leta Mae Brant, Yoncalla, division four clothing; Josephine Wright, Days Creek, division five clothing. Mrs. Britton will take them Thursday and return them Saturday.

Three More States Lift Quarantine on Alfalfa

State agricultural officials report that Nevada, Idaho and Montana have ordered revocation of alfalfa weevil quarantines, effective October 1. This brings to five to date the list of western states that have followed the recommendation of the western plant board in this matter. Oregon and California were the first two.

Silver Lining

EDINA, Mo.—If crop conditions had been normal, O. J. Rhoades still might be short \$105 he lost a year ago.

However, drought played havoc with his garden and Rhoades was removing dead tomato vines when his hand plow turned up a small purse.



COOKBOOKLET COUPON

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entitles bearer to a cookbooklet at the News-Review office, Roseburg, Oregon.

Irrigated Land Sharks Operating, Warning to Public

"Write the bureau before you buy" any land in a federal reclamation project and particularly in the huge Columbia basin project to be watered from the Grand Coulee dam.

This advice from the bureau of reclamation is being broadcast far and wide in view of persistent attempts of certain land speculators to unload practically worthless land on investors and home seekers by misrepresenting it as good land soon to be irrigated, says J. C. Moore, representative of the bureau of agricultural economics, stationed at Oregon State college.

A recent specific case cited is that of a young Montana couple who were induced to agree to pay \$500 for land in the Columbia basin project which proved to be so-called Class 6, or poor land for which no irrigation water will ever be provided under present plans. The land is roughly estimated to be worth about \$3 an acre instead of the \$23.50 per acre they agreed to pay.

The bureau of reclamation at Coulee Dam, Wn., is prepared to answer any inquiries promptly and without charge, in regard to land in the Columbia basin project, says Moore. Some land may remain without water for 20 years or more, as the plan is to bring under irrigation only small parcels each year.

Neither the bureau of reclamation nor any other agency of the federal government has land to sell and no one is authorized to represent them in the sale of such land, Moore adds.

Products Prices Rising Despite Crops' Increase

CORVALLIS, Sept. 1. (AP)—Farmers are experiencing the unusual sensation of having prices for their products rising in the face of abundant crops, L. R.

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