

Cooperation in 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program Urged On All Farmers of Douglas County

All farmers of Douglas County have an opportunity to cooperate in the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program, says J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the County ACP Committee. The program will be used to meet the most urgently needed soil and water conservation without favor to any class or group of farmers.

The farmers who cooperate in the program will be required to match the assistance provided under ACP with labor, money and experience. This program is a means of cooperation between the Government—representing all of the people in the country—and the farmer. Through the ACP, the Government helps to share the cost of approval and needed soil and water conservation practices.

According to Bonebrake, this program, based on conservation practices approved by each state's foremost technician as well as practical farmers, is proving the most effective and economical way for the Nation to obtain vitally needed conservation.

Work Commands Pride

Mr. Bonebrake said that the program is for all farmers—and all farmers are urged to take advantage of this nationwide effort to conserve the soil. The first step is to contact a farmer committee member or visit the county office for information on conservation practices being stressed in the local area.

Looking back on accomplishments of farmers who have cooperated in the program, Mr. Bonebrake said farmers can be proud of what has been done.

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Billie Burke and Don Wilson, popular movie and radio stars, head the all-Hollywood cast in "The Sugar Plum Tree" feature picture to be shown in the Roseburg Armory, Kane and Oak Sts., Jan. 12. The movie headlines the free John Deere Day entertainment and educational program for farmers and their families, which is being sponsored by Interstate Tractor and Equipment Co.

"The Sugar Plum Tree" is a rollicking comedy about two young people who have never been on a farm, and what they do when they receive one as a gift.

In addition to "The Sugar Plum Tree" several other new, all-talk pictures will be shown. They include "Big Operations in the Wheat Country"—a round-the-season picture on modern equipment and practices in the big grain-growing sections; "Built in the West for the West" a picture on the specialized western equipment built in John Deere's West-Coast factories; "Guardians of the Harvest"—a full-color picture of combines in action in various crops throughout the country; "Early Deere" a snappy picture with tips on timely care of farm machinery; "Greener Pastures"—an educational picture on pasture care and renovation; and "Gateway to Bigger Feeding Profits"—a movie that every feeder and dairyman will want to see.

All farmers, their families and friends are cordially invited. Tickets are not needed. The first showing of the movies starts at 10 a. m. with a free lunch being served immediately after. There will also be several models of John Deere equipment on display at the Roseburg Armory, door prizes and other forms of entertainment by Interstate Tractor and Equipment Co.

Oregon's first farmers were retired trappers from the Hudson's Bay Co., who settled on land in the Willamette Valley and along the Columbia River.

such as cypress, red wood, or white pine. When it is practical to assemble the frame outdoors, dig a hole in the ground slightly larger than the size of the frame. It should be at least a foot deep. Into this hole put the frame you have built so that 4 to 6 inches of it is beneath the surface and the remainder above. This will insure that no drafts enter from beneath. Place the frame so that the front slants toward the south where the winter sun shines. It is well to hinge the sash at the top of the frame, so it can be easily opened for transplanting purposes and airing.

A sunny spot in the garden, protected as much as possible from the full force of winds and driving rain, is the best situation for the cold frame.

Allied Control of Ruhr Prevents Germany From Starting New War

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There is an ominous sound in the deep-throated roar of protest from German political leaders over the Ruhr agreement of the Western Allies.

It is disconcertingly reminiscent of the situation after World War I. Then a bitter Germany—defeated physically but not in spirit—fought with set about preparing for World War II.

She wanted revenge—territorial expansion—"Deutschland uber alles." In a short score of years she had reared herself, and she struck.

It was the Ruhr which enabled the Hitlerized Germans to embark on fresh aggression. That great industrial area, built across coal and iron fields, is the heart of the nation's war potential.

But the Ruhr is more than that. It is one of the keystones of European economy. The well-being of the whole continent depends heavily on the fuel and the steel products which pour out of the Ruhr when its mines and factories are working.

Small wonder then that the Ruhr should become a dangerous issue with many angles. Russia's cold war against the Western Allies having forced a division of Germany, the Ruhr lies wholly within the Western zone and so is under jurisdiction of America, Britain and France.

The Western Powers have two main problems. They must get the Ruhr industries going full blast in order to speed the economic recovery of Europe, including Western Germany, under the Marshall plan. At the same time they must prevent this potential arsenal from falling under control of Germans who might again try to make war. France—three times attacked by Germany in seventy years—has been insistent on fool-proof safeguards against Germany again becoming a military power.

After much argument, and a good deal of heartburning, it has been tentatively agreed to establish an international authority over the Ruhr. This comprises the United States, Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. The authority's task will be to supervise the industries and make sure that they don't stray from the paths of peace.

As would be expected, Moscow has denounced the agreement, calling it a triumph of American reaction. The Soviet insists on having a voice in the control. Washington diplomatic quarters retort that Russia can have a voice—provided she ceases her cold war.

Under the program of the Western Allies, Western Germany will be rehabilitated and made prosperous again. It will be helped to develop a democratic government.

But never again can the Reich be allowed to acquire the military strength which would permit of further aggression. It is going to take time and determination to drive that fact home.

The Indian figure as a cigar sign appeared as early as 1617, in England.

On-Farm Training Proves Attractive To Oregon Vets

More than 1,300 Oregon ex-GIs are enrolled in on-the-farm training at federal expense, one-third more than a year ago, Clifford Fields, Veterans Administration representative at the Roseburg Veterans hospital, said today.

Fifty high schools with agriculture departments are conducting the classes under a contract between the state department of vocational education and the VA. About 35 schools were participating a year ago.

The VA estimates that the cost of G. I. farm training in Oregon is approximately \$425,000 for the fiscal year 1948-49, Fields said.

Institutional on-the-farm training combines classroom instruction with actual experiences on a farm, he explained. Most trainees in Oregon are army or navy veterans, while only a small percentage are farm employees.

Veterans desiring farm training are advised to apply directly to the nearest high school offering agricultural courses. In this area, the Roseburg Senior High School is approved for ex-GIs.

State Marketing Pact Oregon Grange Proposal

PORTLAND, Jan. 10 — (AP) — State marketing agreements to cover farm commodities sold in the state will be proposed to the Legislature by the Oregon State Grange.

The Grange said the agreements would work in the same manner present federal laws authorize interstate marketing agreements. A vote of two-thirds of the growers and one-half of the commodity handlers would place the agreements into effect for any one commodity, under the grange plan.

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Oregon Farmers To Share in Land Bank Dividends

SPOKANE, Jan. 3.—More than 3,400 Oregon farmers and ranchers will share in a \$180,000 dividend declared by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane. Henry Matthew, president, announced here. The six per cent dividend, payable to all stockholders of record as of Nov. 30, 1948, brings to almost \$1,000,000 the total dividends declared by the bank in the last five years.

Matthew said approximately \$45,000 of the 1948 dividend will be paid to the 19 local, cooperative national farm loan associations in Oregon which make and service loans for the bank and which own \$755,000 of the bank's capital stock. These 19 associations, in turn, will pass the dividend on to their 3,436 member-stockholders, retaining only a small portion needed to assure a long-time, sound business operation.

"The Federal Land Bank of Spokane is owned by its borrowers through 75 national farm loan associations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana," said Matthew. "These associations own all of the bank's capital stock and approximately 15,000 farmers and ranchers own all the stock of the associations. As cooperatives, the bank and the associations, after providing for neces-

sary reserves, distribute their earnings to stockholders in the form of dividends."

Northwestern Wheat Brings Lowest Prices

SPOKANE, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Agriculture Department figures showed that Northwestern wheat farmers received lower prices last month than growers in virtually any other part of the country.

Alabama was high with \$2.27 a bushel, while Oregon received \$2.03, Washington \$2.00, Idaho \$1.87 and Montana \$1.92.

The prices showed declines from the previous December ranging from 86 cents in Montana to 68 cents in Washington. The Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Association said the heavy Montana decrease resulted from heavy rains which cut the protein content.

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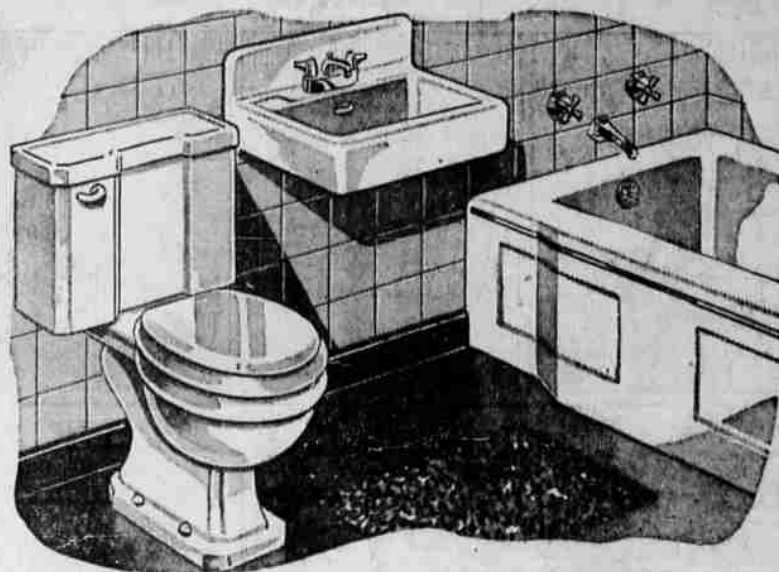
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