

Conservation Tasks in Farm Program Need Federal Aid to Insure Completion on Time

Assistance to farmers as provided under the Agricultural Conservation Program is necessary to get the conservation job done in time, says J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the Douglas County Agricultural Conservation Committee.

The chairman quotes the following from a recent statement by Ralph S. Trigg, administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration and president of the Commodity Credit Corporation:

"My feelings are strong about this basic conservation problem. We in PMA know that direct government assistance to farmers— incentive payments to cover part of the out-of-pocket costs—are absolutely essential if adequate national conservation is to be achieved before it is too late.

"Conservation research is important; high technical standards are a 'must' in any sound program; education and demonstration will provide the needed background of understanding; but without financial assistance—to stimulate immediate action and provide the incentive for a great majority of our farmers to conserve now—the job just won't be done in our time."

From the secretary of agriculture's annual report, Bonebrake quotes the following in support of his belief that assistance is necessary to get the conservation job done in time:

"Getting conservation practices actually applied on the land requires more than a desire to carry out conservation farming. Almost a third of the nation's farmers in 1944 were tenants who had only a temporary interest in the

land they were farming. Many landlords are interested only in the immediate financial return from the farm, and their lack of interest is an obstacle in getting conservation farming applied to tenant-operated farms.

"Then, too, only a small proportion of farmers have the financial resources required to install the conservation measures needed to protect their land fully. Many farms are operated by producers whose incomes are not adequate to cover the running expenses of the farm, family living costs, and an amount necessary to install needed conservation practices.

"In 1944, about 50 per cent of the farmers in the country had gross incomes, including the value of food raised on the farm, of less than \$1,500. On many farms with a much greater gross income, the net income is relatively small. It has been estimated that in 1948, about a third of the farmers had gross incomes of less than \$1,000.

Peas Market Outlook Poor, Acreage Cut Looms

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP) A group of Pacific Northwest members of Congress has decided the market outlook for peas next season is not good and the planned acreage will have to be sharply cut.

Rep. Horan (D-Wash.) said this was the consensus of the lawmakers after hearing government officials tell of lessened demand.

Army officers said the Army now is buying peas only for troop and refugee feeding. The Economic Cooperation Administration said it is having difficulty in disposing of what peas it now has in foreign countries.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

Unpredictable Stay-Homes Blamed For Unreliability Of National Election Forecasts

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 11.—(AP) A nationally-known Republican opinion sampler expressed doubt today about the justification of pollsters forecasting election results.

Archibald Crossley, who with other pollsters missed on the presidential election winner last November, made the assertion in a paper prepared for a symposium at today's session of the Iowa conference on "Attitude and Opinion Research."

At the same time he vigorously defended the methods used in sampling and interviewing.

George Gallup, another well-known opinion tester who also missed in November, appeared with Crossley. The conference is sponsored by the University of Iowa.

Crossley listed as the greatest problem today in polling as trying "to find out who will vote."

Referring to forecasts, Crossley said that he now doubted if pollsters were ever justified in making them "because in so many elections so many electoral votes are decided by such an extremely small percentage of the voters that calling results in those states involves a considerable factor of chance."

Dewey Misses Narrowly

Crossley said the election was so close that slightly over 29,000 voters could have elected Dewey. He said 3,000 votes in Ohio, about 9,000 in California and 17,000 in Illinois would have done it.

"I personally do not believe that we have enough evidence yet to prove that sampling was con-

sistently and positively the cause of substantial error," he declared, "nor that we are quite so stupid in this respect as it is being bandied about sometimes for competitive gain."

The Crossley poll, taken three weeks before election, showed a possible error of 1.7 to 2.7 per cent, Crossley said, based on the actual results.

"I think that most statisticians would agree," he said, "that a disparity of two percentage points, and perhaps more, between sample results and known facts would be considered 'allowable error.'"

It is in the field of determining who will vote, Crossley said, that "we really are experimenting."

The problem is one of measuring stay-at-homes.

"My frank opinion is that if we neglect the solution of the problem we are wasting valuable time," he declared. "There is an extremely important job to be done here and this conference should get it started."

Northwest Flood Loss Of Farmers \$25,807,000

PULLMAN, Wash., (AP)—Last spring's floods cost Pacific Northwest farmers \$25,807,338, a special representative for the Department of Agriculture said.

George Hudson, area representative for the Secretary of Agriculture, in a flood damage survey, said the total covered damage in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. It includes \$14,732,130 in actual losses to farm families and

Spud Raisers Have Price Slash Plan

HOOD RIVER, Ore., (AP)—Potato growers have proposed changes in the federal price support program that would permit lower consumer prices in years of large spud crops.

The plan, unveiled at the closing session of the County Agricultural Conservation Committee here, was proposed by the Malheur County Potato and Onion Growers' Association.

Klass Tension, president of the growers' group, said it would permit potatoes eligible for price support to go on the open market. Price support funds would pay the difference between the market price and the support price.

Only growers who have complied with acreage allocations would participate. Tension said the plan would discourage "wildcat" growers who operate principally to benefit from the support programs.

Committees urged that the public be told how consumers benefit from soil conservation practices and that each county have more power to select its own conservation practices.

\$11,075,208 in losses in crop production during 1948 and 1949. The flood loss to farms totaled \$15,406,105 in Washington, \$6,615,628 in Oregon, and \$3,785,605 in Idaho.

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U. S. Dried Fruits Gaining In European Markets

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep. Anderson (R-Calif.) says he sees evidence that a postwar market for U. S. dried fruits is gaining a foothold in Europe.

Anderson told reporters that Belgium recently ordered through the Economic Cooperation Administration 2,250 tons of dried fruits which will be purchased through private channels.

In addition, the ECA has approved orders for 40,000 tons of fruits for the United Kingdom and 1,500 tons for Austria which are being purchased from government-purchased surplus stocks held by the commodity credit corporation.

Anderson said the British and Austrian orders, equally divided between prunes and raisins, combined with purchases by the arm-

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Geese Eradicate Weeds, Ignore Strawberries

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., (AP) Jim Hulbert, Skagit County farmer, says he will turn 75 geese loose in his thirty acres of strawberries this spring and if they perform properly, he won't have to lift a hoe to get rid of weeds.

The geese will do it for him. Last year Hulbert paid \$5,000 in one month for labor to weed his patches. The geese? They just gorge themselves on weeds and nothing else. For some reason, they turn up their beaks at strawberries.

He got his idea from a farmer in Oregon who imported 200 geese last year for his strawberries and reported he has never hoed since.

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Our Valentine To You.

Yes, it is Valentine's Day again, so let's get sentimental. If you love us, like we love you.

Let's be sweethearts the whole year through.

And now that we are on such friendly terms, s'pose we talk about prices, and how the Douglas Mill figures them. Of late there have been severe fluctuations in grain prices back in Chicago, and even at Portland. Quotations have dropped like a shot clay pigeon. And you have wondered why in Sam Hill prices of feed haven't dropped in Roseburg in proportion.

It's a fair question. But if you have ever consigned a box of prunes, a sack of cabbage, a coop of chickens or a veal calf you soon found that you didn't get paid according to "quotation."

Trading is usually done at "2c above quotation," or "3c above quotation." Very seldom is trading done on the basis of quotations.

All right! Corn drops ten cents a bushel in one day. You read big headlines: "CORN HITS TOBOGGAN." But when you try to buy a car of corn you find the price is a quotation for delivery next May, or Sept. Sure, eventually the price of cash corn comes down, too. It has done that, and we have lowered the price you pay at the Douglas Flour Mill.

But! The car of corn we buy at a lower price in the corn belt today doesn't reach the Pacific Coast until two or three weeks later. But as soon as we get that car of corn into sacks, or in egg mash or Milkmaid or Hi-Lo Broil-Ration you get the benefit of the lower price.

Now it is true that prices of all feed grains have dropped very sharply in all markets. They have been too high in relation to other prices for months; yes, years. Prices are dropping; maybe in a "leveling off," maybe in a minor depression; maybe worse; tho' we hope not. But the government doesn't want lower prices, so they will buy wheat, corn and anything else that slips noticeably. So we can't be sure what the trend will be. Of only one thing are we certain, and we want you to feel the same way. The Flour Mill will always pass on the benefits of lower prices to its customers. That always has, and always will be our policy. That is our Valentine to you.

Peatmoss.

Yes, we have no peatmoss. Carload bought for Jan. 1 delivery. They tell us they have had a bad winter, the stuff froze, and they can't grind it. Well, they are not the only ones who had bad weather, huh? One peatmoss outfit burned a couple of days ago, and the other one will send us that car the very first one they put out. Goodness only knows when that will be—they don't, nor we don't.

But we can let you have straw. It isn't as good as peatmoss. And we can get you all the cedar tow-chingle shavings you want. It is really good, though damp. Dries pretty quick, and makes good litter. Cheaper than peat, too. Maybe you can find some sawdust. That's as good as anything, and cheap, too. How about planer shavings? Not very good, but better than nothing. Anyway, get some kind of litter on the brooder.

"\$200 for a new refrigerator! Too much! Just keep it," said the prospective customer. But next morning he phoned in and bought it.

"How come you changed your mind so quick?" asked the salesman.

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Sheep Cubes.

The cold winter has set the stage for the disease known as "pregnant ewe paralysis." Experts have found that even in very severe weather, ewes with plenty of good feed, particularly carbohydrates, seldom suffer from this fatal disease. They should be well fed for at least a month before they are due to lamb.

We have added corn to UMPQUA SHEEP CUBES, which is rich in carbohydrates. We have had no reports of "pregnant ewe paralysis" in flocks which have been fed plenty of UMPQUA SHEEP CUBES. In addition to preventing this costly disease, good feeding means better lambs, more twins saved, earlier fat lambs and more and better wool.

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We read of a woman suing for divorce because, she says, her old man went out about fifteen years ago for a couple of bottles of beer, and hasn't come back yet. Probably just about the time she gets the divorce he will come dragging in with the beer. Won't she feel silly!

Feed Down a Notch.

They had a big corn crop back east, and not quite so much stock to feed. So corn has dropped back there, and we can buy it cheaper. We are selling it cheaper, too. Whole corn \$3.50. Makes good sheep feed at that price. Feed it in troughs, of course. Scratch is down, too, and so is wheat. Here's how to have some fun: compare prices at the Douglas Flour Mill with prices all over town.

Good Old Oregon.

The writer and thousands of others came to Oregon to get away from cold weather, snow and wind. Just a minute now—before you make any more cracks, we could think of some ourselves. But just think of the poor devils in Nevada, Wyoming, Nebraska, California, sickness, death, dead livestock, lost oranges—30-foot snowdrifts, 60 mile blizzards, 40 below cold. We ain't sorry we came.



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