

## Farmers Should Receive Protection, Not Enticed Into Over-Production

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

The country's efforts to take care of its farmers show better than anything else how puzzling our affairs can be today.

At the root of the matter is the fact farmers can produce more crops than people can buy at present prices. To assure the producers a decent income, the government has built complex machinery for shoring up the prices of the things they grow.

But this in turn has acted as a lure to farmers to produce more and more. This year's corn output will be the second highest on record, the wheat crop the fourth highest. Production of many other commodities will be high.

Committed to supporting major farm prices, the government has no choice when market prices drop below support levels but to take the products off farmers' hands at an agreed figure. The operation of this plan has left the government owning mountains of eggs, potatoes, corn, wheat, tobacco, cottonseed and other items.

The situation has gone so far that alarmed officials are working hard to choke off this flow of unmarketable commodities into government warehouses. Next year cotton, corn and wheat all will be under federal acreage controls. Some crops already are restricted, and more may be added to the list.

In all this rush to halt rising surpluses there is an ironic twist. For while one set of government officials wrestles with unwieldy output, another group is bending all its energies toward stepping up both acreage and production. Some \$300,000,000 in conservation funds is being spent to help farmers improve their soil so

they can grow more and better crops. Agricultural researchers are busy driving toward the same goals. And these efforts are seeing surpluses in their sleep.

As if this were not enough, the Bureau of Reclamation is every year opening more western land for irrigation farming. For 1949-50 the addition to useful soil will come to more than 400,000 acres.

We can't stop trying to improve our often badly depleted soils or adding to basic farm resources, especially when all signs point to a population advance of about 25 percent in the next generation.

It looks as if the contradiction in this situation will have to be corrected at the other end. What we need is a price program that will protect farmers against heavy loss but will not act as a lure to production until the market demand warrants greater output.

## Dillard

By ROSA HEINBACH  
Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Apple- yard were surprised for Christmas, when they were presented with a set of silverware from their friends in the community. For dinner they entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brooks of Roseburg, Mrs. Nora Williams and Mrs. Mercy Buell. Their dinner was served from the table covered with a linen lace cloth presented to them on their 30 wedding anniversary, and centered with a hand painted plate group- ed with fruit, a gift from Mrs. Williams. The table was set with the dishes and glassware presented to them last Christmas and the new silver.

The junior high group of M. Y. F. held its Christmas party at the Dillard church Dec. 17. There were 14 present. Refreshments of punch, sandwiches and cookies were served. Christmas gifts were exchanged. The highlight of the evening was the birthday cake brought in by Mrs. Bea Post for her daughter, Velma Ruth's 12 birthday. Games were played.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McAllister were called to Palo Alto, Calif. Christmas day by the death of Mr. McAllister's sister, Mrs. H. B. Chenoweth, of that city, who passed away of a heart at- tack Christmas eve. Mrs. Royd Bruton of Roseburg, another sis- ter, accompanied the McAllis- ters. Mrs. Chenoweth was well known in Roseburg and had many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Getty of Kodiak, Alaska, were overnight guests Thursday at the O. D. McAllister home. The Gettys have been on an extended tour of the United States since September and are now on their way back to Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hult and family spent Christmas eve in Drain with Mrs. Hult's father, Claude Patchen, and the entire Patchen family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Hult of Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Leiken and family of Roseburg spent Christmas day at the Paul Hult home.

The crew of Andrus and Hult Lumber Co. enjoyed a get-together at the mill shop Friday afternoon. During Christmas week the mill is shut down for repairs and

## Rape Culprit Draws Five-Year Sentence

BELVIDERE, Ill., Jan. 3.—(AP)—George Frost, 34, convicted of raping a 13-year-old girl, was denied probation Friday and must serve a five year prison sentence. Circuit Judge William M. Carroll said he would have considered probation if Frost were about 17 years old. But, he said, he could not consider probation in the case because of the ages of the defendant and the girl.

Frost was convicted by a jury Dec. 6 of raping Clara Jane Gree- lee last October. He was the first of 10 men to be tried on morals charges involving five teen-age girls. Clara Jane testified she had been intimate with Frost.

a switch over to the new burner. The Walt Middlestadt's had as their Christmas guests Mr. Middlestadt's parents from Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Burgess entertained for Christmas on Sunday with a two o'clock dinner served buffet style. Mrs. Lulu Post assisted at the punch bowl. Those enjoying the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Burgess of Moscow, Ida.; Mrs. Velma Parker and sons, Deryl and Bobby, from Corvallis, Miss Martha Lawthor of Junction City; Mr. and Mrs. E. Post, Betty Jean, Bobby and Velma, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Osmer Burgess and baby of Cottage Grove made a surprise visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Burgess on Monday to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Burgess of Moscow, Ida.

Mrs. Lulu Post was hostess for a luncheon Tuesday noon. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Burgess of Moscow, Ida.; Mrs. Ronnie Burgess and two children Mr. Rosa Heinbach and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Nyal H. Boyd spent their Christmas vacation with Mrs. Boyd's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dean at Mill City. They were joined there by her other sister, Mrs. A. O. Thimsen and daughter from Portland.

Alvan Wade of Dillard who works at the mill spent his Christmas vacation with his family at Grants Pass.

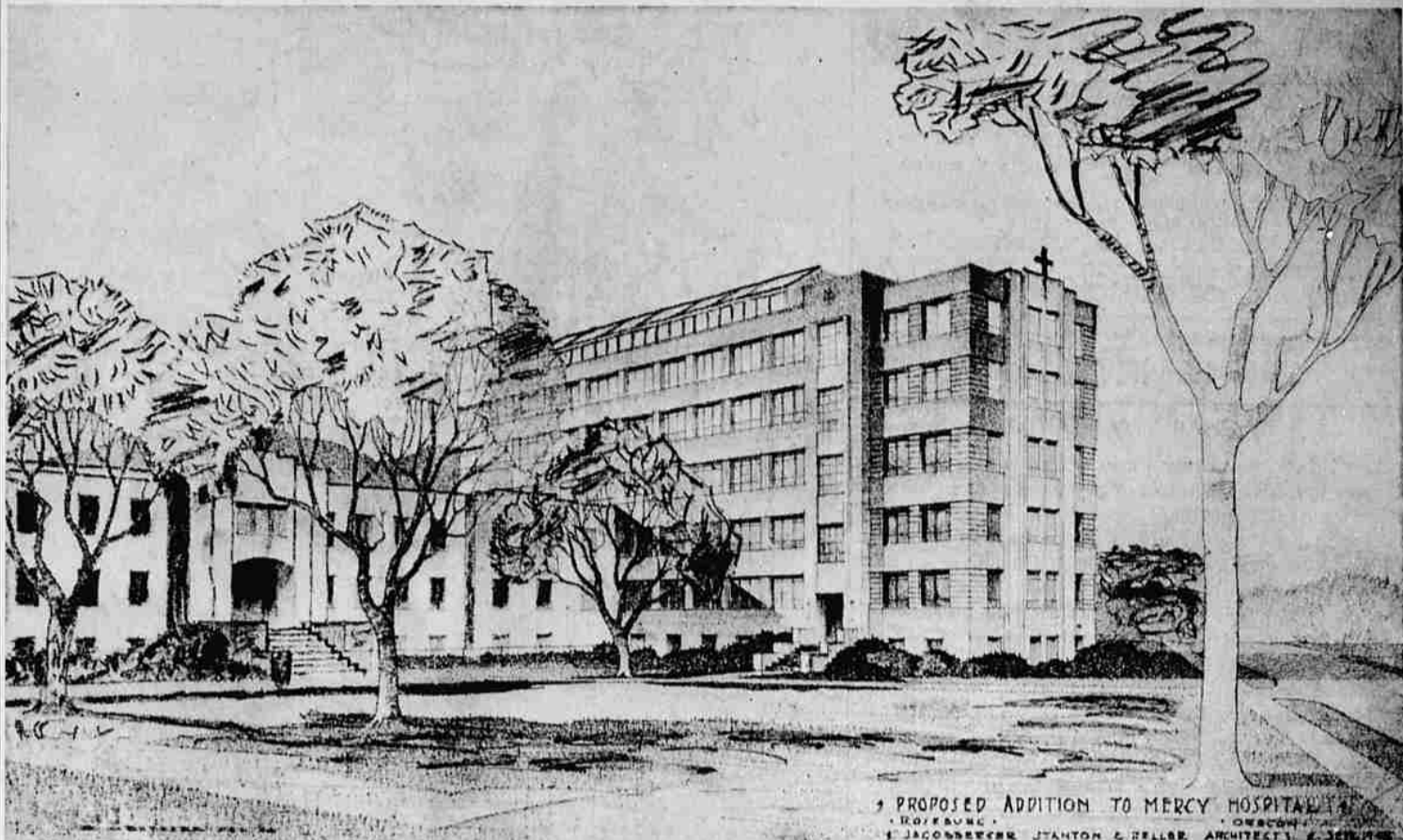
Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Jorgenson entertained at a Christmas turkey dinner party at their home in Dillard on Sunday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Swain and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Swain.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hansen from Eugene were guests in the Roy Rice home on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rice went to the Jim Laurance's accompanied by their niece, Vicki Peterson, for Christmas eve exchange of gifts from their tree.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cooper of Dillard were taken to Coquille to spend Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper, and son. Also joining them there were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Clark and daughter, Betty, for the turkey dinner. The Coopers had a pleasant week-end visiting among old neighbors and friends. They were accompanied home by Jack Cooper and family.

The boys choir of Dillard furnished the music for the Christmas party at the Eagles hall on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18. The choir was attended by the leader, Marvin Covey, fifth grade teacher of the Dillard school, and sponsor, E. O. Nickerson. On Tuesday night the members were also invited to the Moose hall in Roseburg for their Christmas tree party. They sang several numbers. The boys and their sponsor expressed their thanks for the hospitality extended to them at both lodges, and especially to thank the Moose lodge for bringing treats out to the Dillard school for all of the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Rice Sr. entertained with Christmas party and dinner for their family and relatives at their home in Dillard Sunday. The dinner was served at noon from a large table decorated with a flaming red poinsettia. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rice and daughter, Aneta Joe; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rice and daughter, Glenda Rae, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Rice and baby, Illis Faye, also Mrs. Della Beaty and daughters, Sue and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Enger and the host



AN ARCHITECT'S DRAWING shows the proposed Mercy hospital expansion program. Sister Mary Austin has announced that opening of bids is scheduled Jan. 18 for a new three-story hospital unit, to cost \$300,000, adjoining the

present building. The fire-proof structure of reinforced concrete will allow for use of 50 beds.

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and hostess. Following the dinner gifts were exchanged in a unique manner. One feature of this fun was the drawing of numbers placed on articles of rare antiques in china and crystal that Mrs. Vera Rice had collected over the years. Her three sons and their wives each participated.

Mr. Rice's gifts to his three sons were neatly printed papers which read: "To whom it may concern: This is to certify that you are eligible to one fat corned beef herford hog, either dead or alive." Ab Rice.

Mrs. Mercy Buell entertained with her Christmas party on Monday. Her turkey dinner was served at one o'clock from a decorated table covered with holly and tall blue tapers. Covers were placed for Mrs. Sue Rice of Roseburg, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gordon of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Laurance, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Laurance, Pamela and Nick, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Buell, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Paroz and the hostess.

## Elkton

By PHYLLIS A SMITH  
Cars reportedly driven by James Adams of Elkton and Fredrick F. Day of Corvallis were involved in an accident in Elkton the day before Christmas. No one was hurt but the cars were badly damaged.

Mrs. Charles Hedden and Cyrus Hedden are reported improving in the Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene. Mrs. Hedden is in a cast. She received a fractured back and skull in a car accident a week ago. Mr. Hedden was hurt more seriously than was first thought. His ribs were broken and one had punctured a lung.

Mrs. Thelma Nordsten is recuperating from a recent operation. Dog tags are for sale at Taylor's shopping center. This year it is required that the tag be worn by the dog for which it is purchased at all times.

Students home for the holidays are Shirley Kynpstra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Kynpstra, who is attending Oregon College of Education at Monmouth; Freddie Weatherly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Weatherly, attending Oregon State college; Elsie Mae Mack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mack also attending Oregon State college; Donna Lee Winterbotham, daughter of Mrs. Jack Gorman and Tom Beal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Beal, from business college in Portland.

Service men home for the holidays are Glenn Hahn, Don and Kenneth Gossel and Bud Madison.

Mrs. William Carlson is visiting with her brother at Cahmere, Wash.

Michael Madison, who is receiving treatment for a badly infected thumb in Roseburg, is slowly improving and may be able to return home after the

first of the year. Miss Margaret Berger is spending Christmas vacation at Opportunity, Wash.

Gene Anderson is vacationing at Burley, Ida.

The Kellogg Sunday school presented its Christmas program Christmas morning at 10:30.

The Church of Christ presented the following Christmas program Wednesday night, a congregational hymn; prayer, welcome, Donna Compton; greeting, Sandra Cook; hymn, Oh Come All Ye Faithful; It Means You, Dixie Eselstrom; Christmas Wishes, Shirley Bullock; Grandma's Christmas, Dainely Band; What Christmas Means, Howard Weatherly; Clifford Alldridge and Ronald Bullock; Away in the Boy's Christmas, Dean Hendrickson; A Christmas Song, Weatherly children; Good Night, Doris Compton; A Christmas Prayer, Charles Henderer; solo, The Holy City, Elton Benedict and an original play, "No Room in the Hotel," by Carl Hershberger, Noreen Compton, Joan Alldridge, Barry Bloom, Mike Benedict, Wanda Compton, Ronnie Henderer, Lorna Alldridge, John Beckley and Joan Price.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Price enjoyed the company of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Barclay of Aleson on Christmas day.

Christmas day guests at Mr. and Mrs. Sharon Colley's were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Swearingen, Darrel Swearingen, Miss Doris Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Colley and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Baker. The day after Christmas Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ford and sons, Donald and Bob, of Eugene visited with the Colleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hancock entertained their sons-in-law, and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mowery, and their families Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alldridge entertained Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alldridge and family and Hero Alldridge and children at dinner the day after Christmas.

Miss Joanne Listerud of Portland spent Christmas week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Listerud.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Tydell entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cheever and family of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cheever of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. William Cheever, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cheever and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cheever and family.

Mrs. Ida Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Thomas spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas and family at Seattle, Wash.

Christmas weekend company at the Donald Hancocks' were Mrs. Hancock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo LaBranch; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wells and children of Coos River; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Meiers of Powers and Homer Wells of Coos Bay.

Christmas guests at the Ray Nelson's were Mr. and Mrs. John Burt and son of Roseburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ermin Parson of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Koburg of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hudson and family of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Suloff and children and Miss Evelyn Hudson spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Billick spent Christmas with the H. R. Petersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Deanne Smith had Christmas dinner with the Bob Smiths. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mode and Judy Ann had Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mode. Mr. and Mrs. Garold Madison and sons, Michael, Rodger, Stephen and Kenneth who is home on leave from Fort Ord, and Miss Muriel Cornwell spent Christmas day at the home of

Mrs. Madison's mother, Mrs. T. W. Thomson in Roseburg. The Charles Madison family, Frank Madison family and the H. Boyd Rader's were guests of the Homer Ladd's Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Solomon are visiting at Oregon City with Mr. Solomon's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacNeil and family spent Christmas vacation with Mr. MacNeil at Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fisher and daughters, Nancy and Janet, went to Astoria Christmas morning where they were the guests of Mrs. Fisher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beesley.

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